



ITS ALL ABOUT WHERE YOUR MIND'S AT

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Still the World's Greatest Surfer at 42



Kelly Slater on the Quicksilver Competition (final wave) 2016.
Photo by: Arthur Grinberg

Kelly Slater (born February 11, 1972) is an American professional surfer known for his competitive prowess and style. He has been crowned World Surf League Champion a record 11 times, including 5 consecutive titles in 1994-98.

He is the youngest (at age 20) and the oldest (at age 39) to win the title. Upon winning his 5th world title in 1997, Slater passed Australian surfer Mark Richards to become the most successful champion in the history of the sport. In 2007 he also became the all-time leader in career event wins by winning the Boost Mobile Pro event at Lower Trestles near San Clemente, California. The previous record was held by Slater's childhood hero, three-time world champion Tom Curren.

After earlier being awarded the title prematurely as a result of a miscalculation by the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP), on November 6, 2011 Slater officially won his eleventh ASP world title at the Rip Curl Pro Search San Francisco, by winning his 4th round heat.

In May 2005, in the final heat of the Billabong Tahiti Pro contest at Teahupo'o, Slater became the first surfer ever to be awarded two perfect scores for a total 20 out of 20 points under the ASP two-wave scoring system (the corresponding honor under the previous three-wave system belongs to fellow American Shane Beschen who achieved the feat in 1996).

He did it again on June 2013 at the quarter finals at the Volcom Fiji Pro with two perfect ten waves, only the fourth person in history to do so.[3] Since 1990, Slater had been sponsored primarily by surfwear industry giant Quiksilver until his recent departure on April 1, 2014 to collaborate with fashion brand conglomerate Kering.

He exclusively rides Channel Islands surfboards equipped with his own signature series of FCS fin masons. As of 2015, Slater has been seen riding unlabelled Firewire surf boards.

"SOME PEOPLE CALL ME OBSESSIVE OR DRIVEN OR LUCKY OR WHATEVER.
I'M ALL OF THOSE THINGS.
SHOULDN'T WE ALL BE?"

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FLIP BACK

Start your bottom turn from in between the bottom and the middle of the wave at a 20 to 30 degree angle so that when you reach the top of the wave your board will connect with the close out. If you do too much of a bottom turn your momentum will carry you out the back of the wave when you launch off the lip so you have to be very precise. While doing your bottom turn watch the lip you are about to launch off.



ROLLING

Drop into the wave from just behind the peak. Drive straight to the bottom of the wave while being aware of where the lip you are going to use is coming down. Get low and start your bottom turn as soon as you reach the flats to conserve as much speed as possible. Lean into it hard and drive up the wave on your rail. Keep your eyes focused on the pocket of the wave. Where the foam meets the wave face is where you should be aiming.



FRONTSIDE

Getting on to the lip, riding the lip, and re-entering back into the wave. The first thing you need is speed so stay high in the wave, and generate as much speed as you can. Next, look for a section that is just about to break, and start your bottom turn from the middle of the wave face. Bottom turn at 20 or 30 degrees, won't go anywhere when you get on to the lip.



LAYBACK SNAP

You want to start laybacks early so you don't kick your fins out the back, and loose control. Half way up the wave is a good place to initiate the turn. Initialize the layback by leaning back, sticking your back arm in the water and pushing as hard as you can on your back leg. You want this to be a smooth motion. Your arm will serve as a pivot point and give you stability through the turn. Don't just kick you tail out of the water with all the power you can because you will lose control.

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