

- belloomer A belly board popular in Australia.
belly The middle curved-contour on the under-
side of a surfboard or surf equipment.
- big surf A surf generally considered to be eight or
ten feet high or higher, usually seasonal.
The term is relative to one's experience.
- bitchin Very good; tops.
blast A helluva good time.
blend The functional unifying of the lines of a
surfboard; fairing.
- blind Riding backward on a surfboard.
blowhole In surf, an upspouting of water caused by
air trapped in the wave tunnel. An up-
welling of water from an underwater cliff
or obstruction.
- blowoff Being blown off a wave by the wind.
blowout A day when the wind is so strong as to
make surf riding undesirable or unfeasible.
- bluebird Any very large swell that rises up in blue
water.
- board A surfboard or *paipo* board.
board reverse A trick pullout accomplished by swinging
pullout the board around and off the wave in the
direction opposite to that of the slide.
- bodysurfing Riding waves with or without fins but
without the use of surfboard, mat or any
other equipment.
- bone yard The area where waves break; also known
as the graveyard.
- bottom-out The end of a drop down the face of a
wave; to ride near the trough in front of a
wave.
- bottom turn A sudden turn at the bottom of the wave
from a straight-off position at high speed
enabling the rider to commence sliding.
- bottom profile The contour plan for the bottom of a
surfboard.
- bow The forward end of a surfboard; the tip
or nose.
- bowl A bend in a wave where it builds up
higher, usually caused by the shoaling of

- the ocean floor or by waves merging from
slightly different directions; also known as
a hook.
- box seat Australian term for the hottest spot in the
take-off site.
- break The breaking crest of a wave. The area
where waves break. The moment when a
wave breaks. A big surf.
- breakaway edge The trailing edges of a surfboard (its rails,
tail or after-edge of the skeg) where the
member separates from the water.
- broadie South African term for a slide.
bucking Fighting ones way out through a surf.
bugged To be annoyed or disquieted.
canopy The curved overhead-crest of a wave.
catalyst Methyl-ethyl ketone peroxide used to initi-
ate thermal reaction and harden polyester
resin.
- catch a rail When a surfboard edge catches in the
water when rider attempts to turn from
too forward a position.
- chair Australian term for underwater cliffs that
create the wave-breaking site.
- chicken out To be overcome with fear; to hold back
from catching a steep wave or a high one.
- chine A definite edge where two surfaces meet.
cleanup set A large set of waves that breaks to seaward
of the take-off site literally cleaning the area
of surfboards.
- climb and drop A rhythmic course steered up and down the
face of a wave.
- climbing the wall Steering a surfboard up the sloping wall of
a wave for kicks or to gain position for a
speed run.
- close haul A very fast slide when the board-to-wave
angle is very small.
- closeout A period when big surf is breaking across a
bay or surfing area making it impossible to
get out to seaward. A section of a wave that
breaks ahead of a rider.
- cloud surf The biggest surf one can remember. Also,