

Kivlin Balsa with Wooden Fin

Date

c. 1949

Primary Maker

Matt Kivlin

Medium

Balsa

Description

Matt Kivlin along with Joe Quigg were protégés of Bob Simmons. Matt Kivlin's uncle was legendary waterman Pete Peterson. Matt Kivlin surfed and shaped at Malibu where he was highly regarded as both a shaper and designer. This was during the formative period of the Malibu "Chip," and the exchange of ideas between the visiting Malibu crew (primarily Zane, Quigg, and Kivlin) and the Waikiki "Hot Curl" riders (primarily Rabbit Kekai and his brothers - a clan of Beach Boys that made up the Empty Lot crew - and the big wave riding group of Downing, Froiseth, and Brown). Renny Yater bought the board from Dick Perry, Yater's partner from his first shop on Anacapa St. This board is made of balsa, and it has a wooden fin.

Dimensions

Board: 9 9/16 ft., 22 1/2 x 3 in., 19 lb. (291.5 x 57.2 x 7.6 cm, 8.6 kg) Nose: 15 in. (38.1 cm) Tail: 13 1/2 in. (34.3 cm)



