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Exclusive: Interview with nine times world champ Mike Stewart

The Pit Pilot had an exclusive interview this week with Body Boarding legend and founder and owner of Science Bodyboards - Mike Stewart who was 10th in the world on the IBA World Tour. Talking from the Turbo Pipe Pro, North Shore, Hawaii, Pit Pilot chatted with him over Skype early Tuesday morning.

PP: How many years have you been bodyboarding?

MS: 40+ years.

PP: How has bodyboarding influenced your life?

MS: It has formed my life considerably and led to me being in the business of bodyboarding.

PP: How long have you owned Science?

MS: 10 years.

PP: How long have you lived in North Shore, Hawaii?

MS: My entire life. I am on North Shore in the winter months.

PP: Is there specific training you are using on our local rider Mark Mc Carthy to train him?

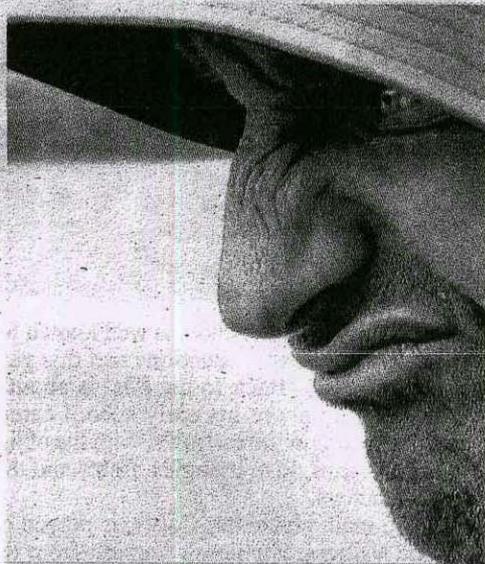
MS: Yes, as well as mind training.

PP: Have there been technical improvements in bodyboards since the 90s?

MS: Definitely. Bodyboarding material is more environmentally friendly. We also have a lot of individuals in the business instead of corporates.

PP: What was your biggest wave?

MS: The biggest waves I've ridden were at Jaws (Hawaii) and which were about 30ft.



Mike Stewart's war face

PP: Are you planning sometime to come to SOUTH AFRICA sometime?

MS: Yes, I would definitely love to come to South Africa to do some bodyboarding. I would also like to shoot a bodyboarding movie in SA.

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