

## **Adele Faba Berenda on Surfing in St. Augustine**

“I had just taught myself to surf the year before and was invited to compete by J. D. Motes, the NFL- ESA Director. I placed 2nd at the Eastern Championship in Hatteras held during Hurricane David. After the contest, I traveled with Gerry Lopes and Doug Deal and we stopped to surf breaks on the way back. Gerry Lopez took this photo at our last stop in V-Land and gave me one of his red lightning bolt boards.

While attending junior high, we lived in Orange Park, but I spent much of my time in St Augustine hanging with the locals. I moved to Neptune Beach while attending UNF, and after graduating, taught myself to surf.

Patrick Madden, who owned the surf shop on the Vilano Causeway, was my first sponsor. Local St. Augustine shaper Johnny Lucas made my competition quiver for many years. My parents, who loved the water, relocated to St Augustine in the 80's. My mother was the pastor at Grace United Methodist Church and founded the Chaplain program at Flagler Hospital. Even though I resided in the Jax Beach area, I surfed St Augustine frequently before moving to Melbourne Beach to train for the ASP tour.”