

Kelly Slater

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Robert Kelly Slater (born February 11, 1972, Cocoa Beach, Florida, US) is an American professional surfer known for his competitive prowess and style. He has been crowned ASP World Champion a record 11 times, including 5 consecutive titles from 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 surfing legend 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, 3-time world champion Tom Curren.^[2]

In addition to the ASP tour, Slater has also competed in the X-Games (in 2003 and 2004). After earlier being awarded the title prematurely as a result of a miscalculation by the 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 has been sponsored primarily by surfwear industry giant Quiksilver.^[4] He exclusively rides Channel Islands surfboards equipped with his own signature series of FCS fins.

Kelly Slater has become a fundraiser and spokesperson for suicide prevention awareness. He has surfed in celebrity events for Surfers Against Suicide, telling sports website Athletes Talk (<http://www.athletestalk.com>) "I've lost a couple of friends myself to suicide and it's just a horrible thing that can be prevented. People get in this dark place and they don't know what to do so it's always nice to see a non-profit that isn't turning into anything else other than just trying to help people."^[5]

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Personal information

Born	February 11, 1972 Cocoa Beach, Florida, U.S.
Residence	Florida, California and Hawaii
Height	5 ft 9 in (1.75 m)
Weight	160 lb (73 kg)

Surfing career

Years active	1990–present
Best year	Ranked 1st on the ASP World Tour, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011
Career earnings	\$3,500,705 (as of 2013) ^[1]
Sponsors	Quiksilver wetsuit
Major achievements	11 time ASP World Champion Victories: 64 World championship tour (WCT) surfing wins: 53

Kelly Slater has also expressed a strong passion for Brazilian jiu-jitsu (<http://www.theinertia.com/surf/kelly-slater-and-brazilian-jiu-jitsu-the-fighting-spirit/>), a form of martial arts that he has practiced with some of the world's most respected fighters, including Vitor Belfort and BJ Penn.^[6]

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Surfing specifications

Stance	Regular (natural) foot (left foot forward)
Shaper(s)	Al Merrick
Quiver	5'9",round tail semi pro
Favorite waves	Kirra and Pipe
Favorite maneuvers	Airs and barrels
Website	kellyslater.com (http://www.kellyslater.com/)

Biography

Early life and family



Kelly Slater with fellow pro surfers Rob Machado and Christiaan Bailey

Slater was born on February 11, 1972 in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where he continues to reside. He has a teenage daughter named Taylor. He is of Irish and Syrian ancestry. He has an older brother, Sean, and a younger brother, Stephen.

In his spare time Slater enjoys playing the guitar, composing sonnets and spending quality time with longtime girlfriend, Kalani Miller who often travels and supports him on the ASP World Tour. Some of his favorite surf spots include Mondos in Ventura California, Pipeline in Hawaii, Kirra in Australia, Jeffreys Bay in South Africa, Minis in Ireland, Taghazout in Morocco, Soup Bowls in Barbados, Sebastian Inlet near his home in Florida and Bilgola beach in the northern beaches of Sydney,

Australia. His three favourite surfing buddies from Bilgola are Ian Morrison, James Burfitt and Jose Viera. His favourite 10 year old is Francis Burfitt^[7] He is also an avid golfer, with a +2 handicap. Slater is also interested in the sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, he currently is a blue belt. Some of his surfing inspirations are Andy Irons, Shane Dorian, Josh Kerr, Ian Michaelson (music producer of San Luis Obispo, California) and Dane Reynolds.^[8]

Other projects

Slater played the recurring character Jimmy Slade on eight episodes of the popular TV show *Baywatch* in the early 1990s.^[9] He appeared in an episode of the reality show *The Girls Next Door*, and has also starred in many surf films throughout his career.

In the late '90s Slater, along with friends and fellow pro surfers Rob Machado and Peter King, formed a band called The Surfers. The trio released an album in 1998 titled *Songs From the Pipe*, a reference to the famous surf spot Pipeline on Oahu, Hawaii. Aside from his love of surfing, Kelly also toured Australia with his band, performing in venues such as the Opera House, and parliament house. He was also given an honorary membership to the Rickson Cricket Club in northwest Sydney.

Slater performed a song with Ben Harper during Harper's concert in Santa Barbara. on August 1, 2006. He also performed "Rockin' in The Free World" with grunge band Pearl Jam on the July 7, 2006 in San Diego. In 1999, he appeared alongside Garbage singer Shirley Manson in the promotional video for the band's single "You Look So Fine". He played a man washed up on a seashore, then rescued by Manson.

A video game named Kelly Slater's Pro Surfer, by Treyarch and published by Activision, was released in 2002. Slater also appeared as a playable character in Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 prior to this, complete with a surfboard.

In 2003 Slater released his autobiography, *Pipe Dreams: A Surfer's Journey*. In 2008 he released a second book with Phil Jarratt, entitled *Kelly Slater: For the Love*.

Slater is passionate about preserving oceans globally and protecting temperate reefs in California through his relationship with Reef Check.

On May 8, 2010 the United States House of Representatives honored Slater in H. Res. 792 for his "outstanding and unprecedented achievements in the world of surfing and for being an ambassador of the sport and excellent role model."^[10] This resolution, sponsored by Florida representative Bill Posey and sponsored by 10 representatives, passed without objection by a voice vote.^[11]

Slater is also on the Board of Advisors (the Ocean Advocacy Advisory Board) of ocean conservation organization Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.^[12]

Stats

- WCT victories: 53
- World titles: 11

On 9/15/07, Kelly Slater passed Tom Curren's long standing WCT tour victory record of 33 with his win at the Boost Mobile Pro at Lower's Trestles.

2013 Stats and results

World ranking: 1st

Points: 38,950

Event results in 2013^[13]

Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach, Victoria, Australia): 13th

Volcom Fiji Pro (Tavarua/Namotu, Fiji): 1st

Oakley Pro Bali (Keramas, Bali, Indonesia): 9th

Billabong Pro Teahupoo (Teahupoo, Taiarapu, French Polynesia): 2nd

2012 Stats and results

World ranking: 2nd

Points: 55,450

Event results in 2012^[14]

Quiksilver Pro presented by Land Rover(Gold Coast, Snapper Rocks, Australia): 5th

Rip Curl Pro presented by Ford Ranger(Bells Beach,Victoria, Australia): 2nd

Billabong Rio Pro (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): INJ

Volcom Fiji Pro (Tavarua/Namotu, Fiji): 1st

Billabong Pro Tahiti (Teahupoo, Tahiti): 13th

Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California): 1st

Quiksilver Pro France (Hossegor-Landes, France):1st

Rip Curl Pro (Peniche, Portugal): 13th

O'Neill Coldwater Classic Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, California): 9th

Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, Oahu, Hawaii): 3rd

2011 Stats and results

World ranking: 2011 Champion

Points: 68,100



Slater surfing in the Boost Mobile Pro at Trestles



Slater at Trestles, San Clemente State Beach, California

Event results in 2011^[15]

Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast (Snapper Rocks, Australia): 1st

Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach, (Victoria, Australia): 5th

Billabong Rio Pro (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): 13st

Nike Pro US Open (Huntington Beach, California, US): 1st

Billabong Pro Teahupoo (Teahupoo, Tahiti): 1st

Quiksilver Pro New York (Long Beach, New York, US): 2nd

Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California, US): 1st

Quiksilver Pro France (Hossegor, France): 5th

Rip Curl Pro Portugal (Peniche, Portugal): 2nd
 Rip Curl Search (Ocean Beach, San Francisco, US): 5th
 Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, Oahu, Hawaii): 3rd

2010 Stats and results

World ranking: 2010 Champion
 Points: 69000

Event results in 2010^[16]

Quiksilver Pro, Gold Coast (Snapper Rocks, Australia): 9th
 Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach (Australia): 1st
 Hang Loose Pro (Santa Catarina, Brasil): 2nd
 Billabong Pro (Jeffreys Bay, South Africa): 17th
 Billabong Pro Teahupoo (Teahupoo, Tahiti): 3rd
 Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California): 1st
 Quiksilver Pro France (Hossegor, France): 2nd
 Rip Curl Pro Portugal (Peniche, Portugal): 1st
 Rip Curl Pro Search 2010 (Middles Beach, Isabela, Puerto Rico): 1st
 Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, Oahu, Hawaii): 3rd

2009 Stats and results

World ranking: 6th.
 Points: 6136

Event results in 2009^[17]

Quiksilver Pro, Gold Coast (Snapper Rocks, Australia): 17th
 Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach (Australia): 17th
 Billabong Pro, Tahiti (Teahupoo, Tahiti): 17th
 Hang Loose Pro (Santa Catarina, Brasil): 1st
 Billabong Pro (Jeffreys Bay, South Africa): 9th
 Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California): 3rd
 Quiksilver Pro France (Hossegor, France): 5th
 Billabong Pro, Mundaka (Mundaka, Spain): 3rd
 Rip Curl Search (Peniche, Portugal): 17th
 Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, Oahu, Hawaii): 2nd

2008 Stats and results

World ranking: 2008 Champion
 Points: 8832

Event results

Quiksilver Pro, Gold Coast (Snapper Rocks, Australia): 1st
 Rip Curl Pro, Bells Beach (Australia): 1st
 Billabong Pro, Tahiti (Teahupoo, Tahiti): 17th

Globe Pro, Fiji (Tavarua, Fiji): 1st
 Billabong Pro, J-Bay (Jeffreys Bay, South Africa): 1st
 Rip Curl Search (Bali, Indonesia): 17th
 Boost Mobile Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California): 1st
 Quiksilver Pro France (Hossegor, France): 2nd
 Billabong Pro, Mundaka (Mundaka, Spain): 9th
 Hang Loose Pro (Santa Catarina, Brasil): DNS
 Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, Oahu, Hawaii): 1st

History of wins

2013

- Quiksilver Pro (Gold Coast, Australia)
- Volcom Fiji Pro (Tavarua/Namotu, Fiji)

2012

- Volcom Fiji Pro (Tavarua/Namotu, Fiji)
- Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California)
- Quiksilver Pro France (South West Coast, France)

2011

- Quiksilver Pro (Gold Coast, Australia)
- Nike US Open (Huntington Beach, California)
- Billabong Pro Teahupoo (Teahupoo, Tahiti)
- Hurley Pro Trestles (California, US)

2010

- Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach, Australia)
- Hurley Pro (Lower Trestles, California, US)
- Rip Curl Pro (Peniche, Portugal)
- Rip Curl Search (Middles, Isabela, Puerto Rico)

2009

- Hang Loose Pro (Santa Catarina, Brasil)

2008

- Quiksilver Pro (Gold Coast, Australia)
- Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach, Australia)
- Glove Pro Fiji (Cloudbreak, Restaurants – Tavarua, Fiji)
- Billabong Pro J-Bay (Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa)
- Boost Mobile Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California)
- Billabong Pipeline Masters (Pipeline, North Shore Oahu, Hawaii)



Slater competing at the US Open at Huntington Beach (2011).

2007

- Boost Mobile Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California)

2006

- Quiksilver Pro (Gold Coast, Australia)
- Rip Curl Pro (Bells Beach, Australia)

2005

- Billabong Pro (Teahupoo, Tahiti)
- The Globe WCT (Fiji)
- Billabong Pro (South Africa)
- Boost Mobile Pro (Lower Trestles, San Clemente, California)

2004

- Snickers Australian Open (QS)
- Energy Australia Open (QS)

2003

- Billabong Pro (Teahupoo, Tahiti)
- Billabong Pro (South Africa)
- Billabong Pro (Mundaka, Spain)
- Nova Schin Festival (Brazil)

2002

- The Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau (Specialty-Hawaii)

2000

- Gotcha Tahiti Pro presented by Globe (Tahiti)

1999

- Mountain Dew Pipe Masters (Hawaii)

1997

- Coke Surf Classic (Australia)
- Billabong Pro (Australia)
- Tokushima Pro (Japan)
- Marui Pro (Japan)
- Kaiser Summer Surf WCT (Brazil)
- Grand Slam (Specialty-Australia)
- Typhoon Lagoon Surf Challenge (Specialty-US)

1996

- Coke Surf Classic (Australia)
- Rip Curl Pro Saint Leu (Reunion Island)
- CSI pres. Billabong Pro (South Africa)
- U.S. Open (California)
- Rip Curl Pro Hossegor (France)
- Quiksilver Surfmasters (France)
- Chiemsee Pipe Masters (Hawaii)
- Sud Ouest Trophée (Specialty-France)
- Da Hui Backdoor Shootout (Specialty-Hawaii)

1995

- Quiksilver Pro (Indonesia)
- Chiemsee Pipe Masters (Hawaii)
- Triple Crown of Surfing (Specialty-Hawaii)

1994

- Rip Curl Pro (Australia)
- Gotcha Lacanau Pro (France)
- Chiemsee Pipe Masters (Hawaii)
- The Bud Surf Tour (WQS-US)
- The Bud Surf Tour (WQS-US)
- Sud Ouest Trophée (Specialty-France)

1993

- Marui Pro (Japan)

1992

- Rip Curl Pro Landes (France)
- Marui Pipe Masters (Hawaii)

1990

- Body Glove Surfboat Trestles (California)

Filmography

Films

"Surfers – The Movie" (1990)

"Kelly Slater in Black and White" (1991)

"Endless Summer II" (1994)

"Kelly Slater In Kolor" (1997)

"*Thicker than Water*" (2000)
 "*One Night at McCool's*" (2001)
 "*September Sessions*" (2002)
 "*Step into Liquid*" (2003)
 "*Riding Giants*" (2004)
 "*Doped Youth*" '*Groovy Avalon*' (2004)
 "*Young Guns 1, 2 & 3*" (2004–2008)
 "*Campaign 2*" (2005)
 "*Letting Go*" (2006)
 "*Surf's Up*" (2007)
 "*Down the Barrel*" (2007)
 "*Bra Boys*" (2007)
 "*Bustin' Down the Door*" (2008)
 "*One Track Mind*" (2008)
 "*Kelly Slater Letting Go*" (2008)
 "*Waveriders*" (2008)
 "*The Ocean*" (2008)
 "*A Fly in the Champagne*" (2009) (featuring Kelly Slater and Andy Irons)
 "*Cloud 9*" (2009)
 "*Keep Surfing*" (2009)
 "*Ultimate Wave Tahiti*" (2010)
 "*Fighting Fear*" (2011)
 "*Wave Warriors 3*"

Cameo appearance

"*Surf's Up*" (2007)

Television

Baywatch, 10 episodes

The Girls Next Door, "Surf's Up" 1 episode

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Preceded by Damien Hardman	World surfing champion (Men) 1992 ...	Succeeded by Derek Ho
Preceded by Derek Ho	World surfing champion (Men) 1994–1998	Succeeded by Mark Occhilupo
Preceded by Andy Irons	World surfing champion (Men) 2005–2006	Succeeded by Mick Fanning
Preceded by Mick Fanning	World surfing champion (Men) 2008	Succeeded by Mick Fanning
Preceded by Mick Fanning	World surfing champion (Men) 2010–2011	Succeeded by Joel Parkinson

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