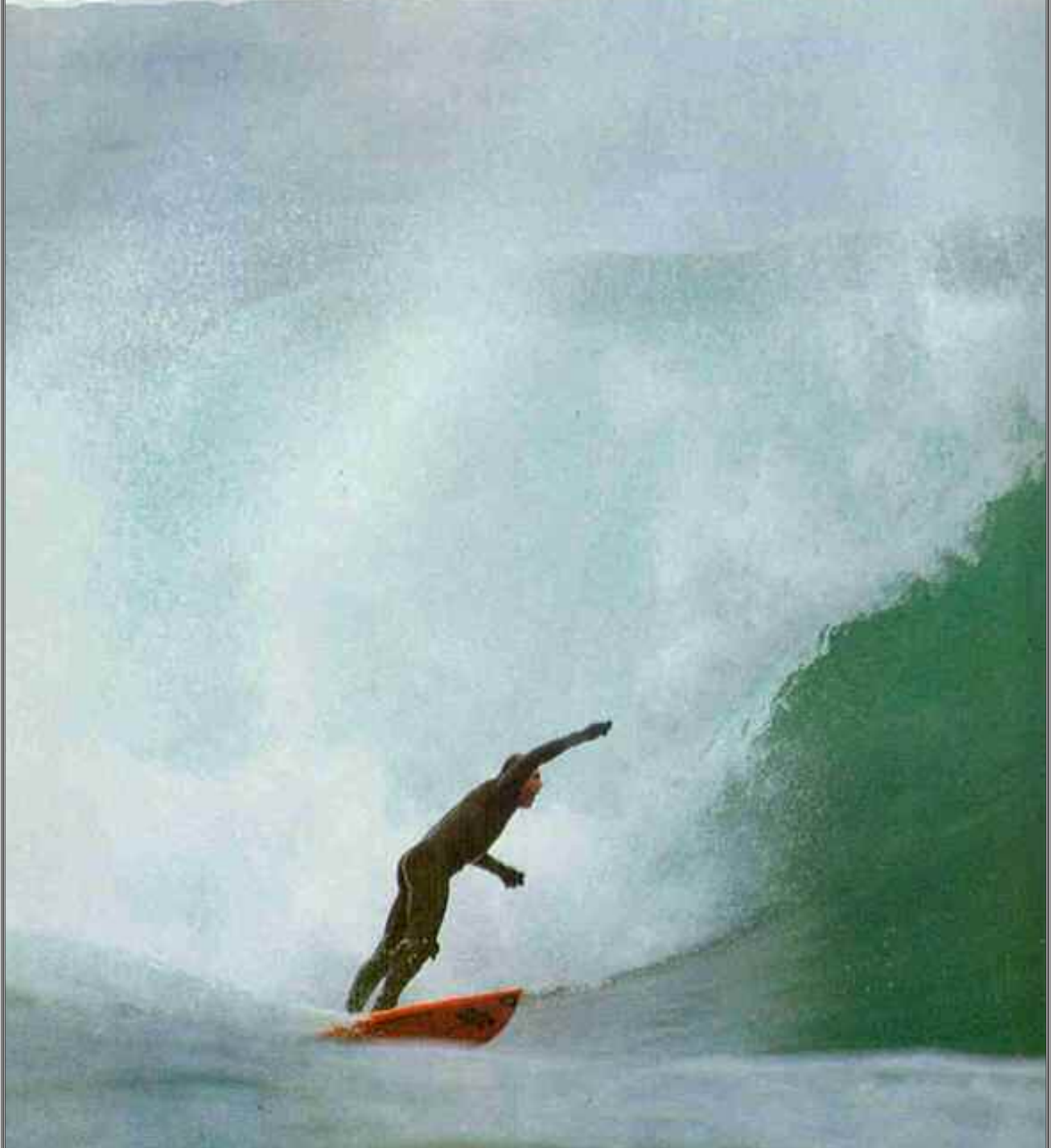


LES ALCYONS



LINE UP

*du Pays Basque*

## La Vie en Surf

CHRISTOPHER KEITHWARDY



kid's eyes. That was also my first big wave experience - it was 10ft and I was 10 or 11. After La Barre lost its famous sandbank I kept going back to Boucan for most of the 70's. The lefts were going off for years on the north side, barreling like a shorter version of Mundaka. It's not that good nowadays. But Gauthary soon became my land-base because the waves in the area were my type of waves. However, I had many trips in my mind and big wave destinations were high on my list.

### You're talking about Hawaii?

Yeah, but not only. I went to Tahiti first. The French championships happened there in 1976. Although I went into contests, I had done very few. I wanted to go to Tahiti. The contest site was crap at Papara but we went to Taap and the southern reefs at a time when there were very few locals on the island. Funny enough, an American sailor told us about Hushine island but he hadn't been there. Everyone had said, "Why the fuck should we go there, the surf is good here?" But we made the 1st trip there, the crew (Laronde, Arsene Harehoc, Rigaudin) was so good. We thought we could stay for ever.

But Hawaii was in my mind. After I graduated in 1976 I took a year off. I won the 1976 French Championships, the airline ticket to Hawaii was the prize. I spent 4 months there and happened to stay with Mike Taylor. He's a big rider and he made me confident about the North Shore. I had only hauled once - right when I got there. Waimea was breaking 20-25ft but I didn't have the experience nor the right gun and I didn't feel I could get waves out there. Unfortunately, the Bay never broke that big again. I got 11 winners in a row and my biggest Waimea was only 15ft. However, I had a killer time at Pipe, surfing third and fourth on the reef. At that time, the chargers were Jacky Donn, Brian Bulkeley, Rory Russell. It took me a while to catch up





et down fast. If the pressure is too much, I give up  
But I am back in the line-up, still paddling like a  
My victory at the 3rd Challenge was good,  
ically. The waves at Boucau for the finals were not very  
the day before at Guéthary was wild and messy and I  
a bomb. I also placed 5th at the World Oxbow  
ard Championships at Guéthary 2 months before. I  
been in contests since 1978 and it was good to make  
clear once again!

#### Do you see your surfing future?

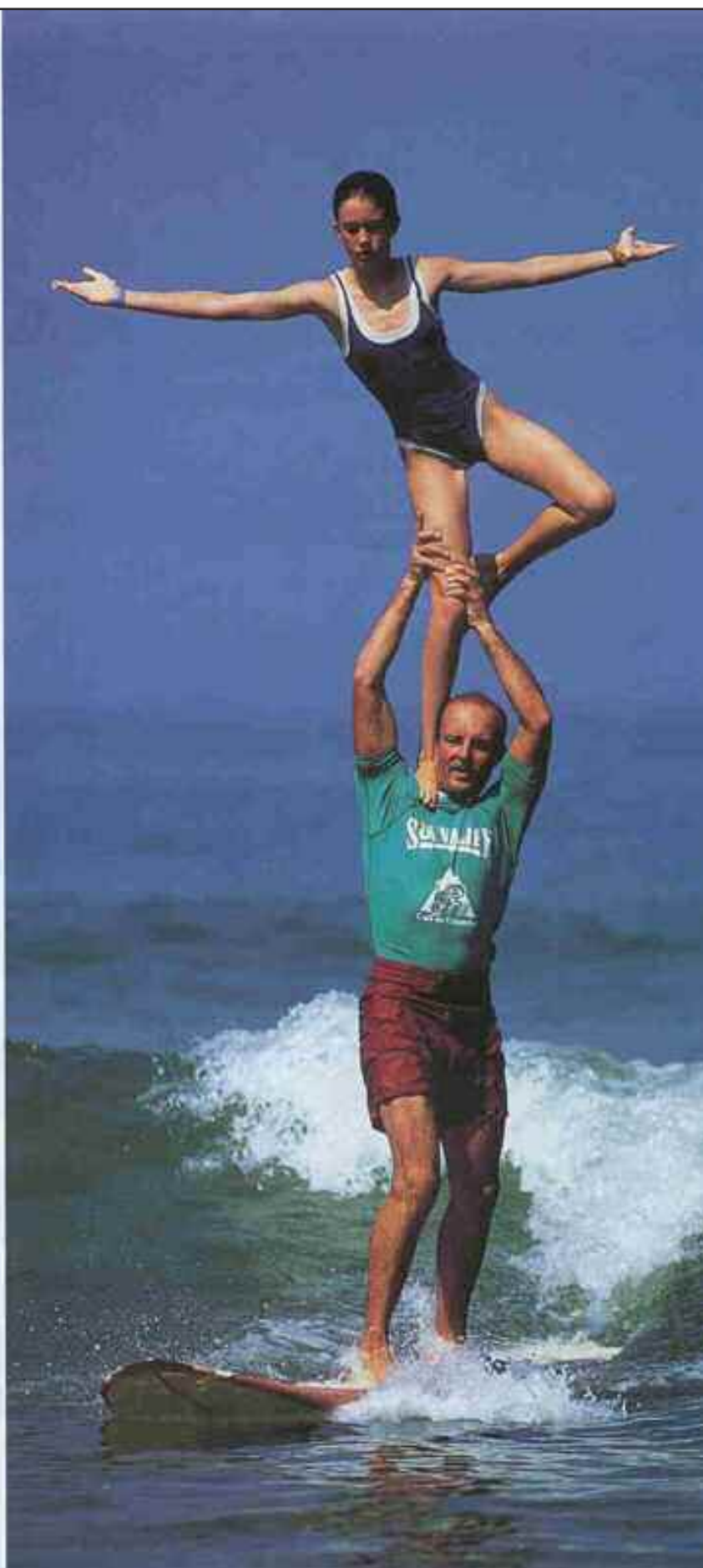
I and I know if I manage to keep in shape I can still go  
to the biggest Avalanche waves until I'm 50. Actually,  
the Session Challenge really pushed young hot surfers  
to Lizarazu and Xaby Lalitte to perform in big waves.  
December 1999 was the biggest day ever and the three  
took three waves each, taking off on the shoulder.  
With a little bit of rivalry we wouldn't have got there. It  
was probably 7m on the sets (25ft) - bigger than  
what is ridden by the regular Avalanche chargers like Gibus  
Lizarazu or Bernard Marcel. I am still looking for a deep  
tube at Avalanche. It's an unpredictable wave - I've had  
big tubes, deep tubes, but not ones I've got out of. I'd  
go backdoor the main peak and get the full 15ft open

Now I am learning to share the experience. With  
my school, I teach kids to surf and to stand up and ride  
waves properly. It's good to enjoy their first steps and to  
know that no matter how big the tube I'll get at Avalanche,  
I'm more stoked than I'll be because this feeling is  
a new energy radiating through their body and soul.  
I like tandem surfing - it was a good fatherly experience  
with Valentine (my first daughter). She loved it and  
it was good fun surfing together and doing the stylish stuff.  
It's Bruno again, my 4 year old son with my father's  
wheel of time is turning. My father made me enjoy  
surfing and it's my turn to help this little kid grow up with  
surfing relevant to a more mature surfing world.

I am also teaching surfing culture to the students at the  
CNPC school. It's a strange feeling. I'm explaining  
the roots to future Quiksilver Boardriders salesmen,  
and most of them will have to work in cities away from  
the coast.

I have been privileged to be an early surfer. I know it, but  
I don't forget - I still need my share of the line-up! Some say  
I'm a wave-hog, but I'm not as greedy as I used to be.  
I'm just the way I am.

Christophe. And bon voyages.

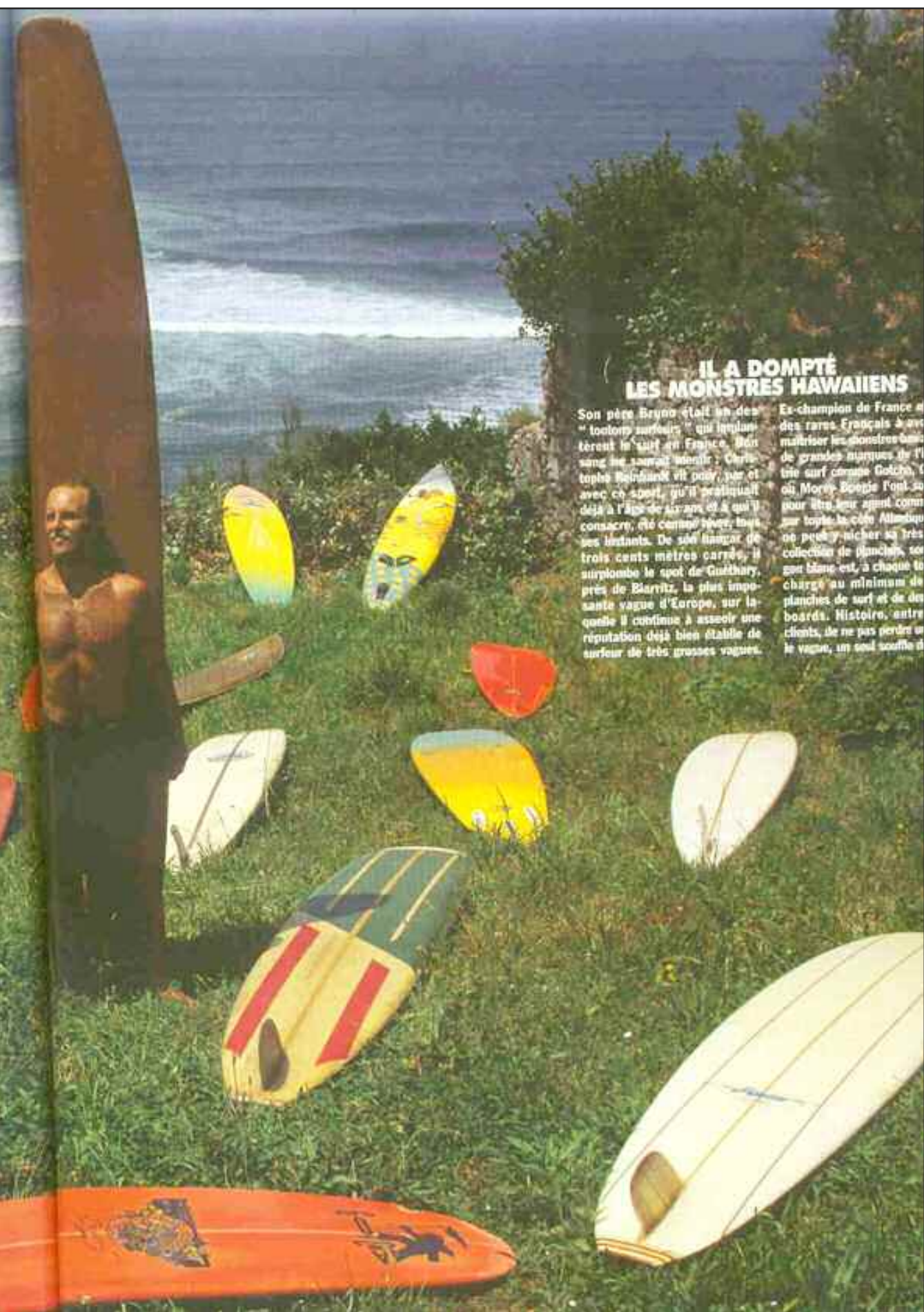




*Longues, courtes,  
pour le slalom ou  
le tube, de mousse  
ou de bois, en solo  
ou même en tandem...  
leurs planches  
c'est leur vie.*

*Par Alain Gardiner, Patrice Gascoin,  
Olivier Chartier, Gibus de Soultrait et  
Michèle Lazzarotto  
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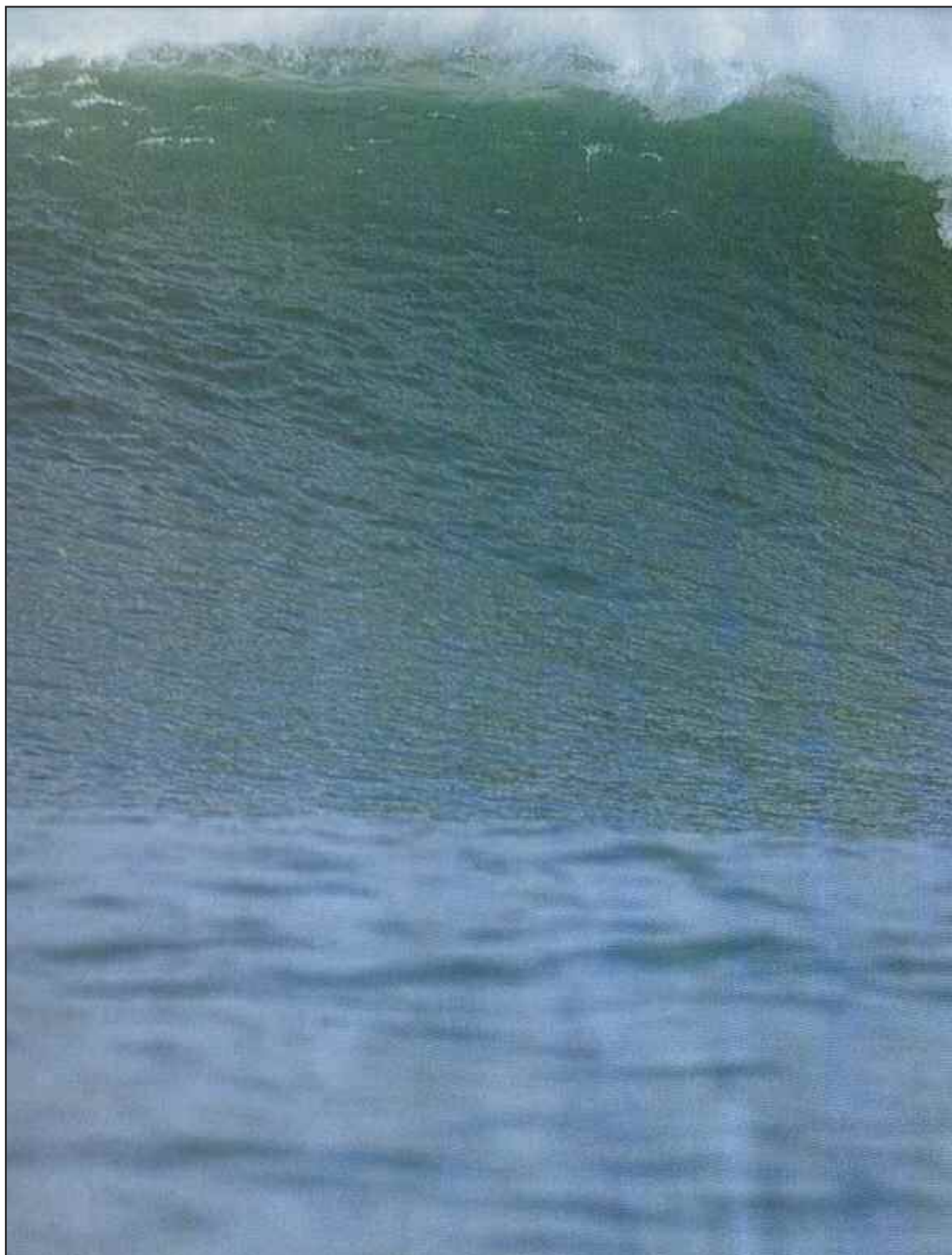
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## IL A DOMPTÉ LES MONSTRES HAWAIIENS

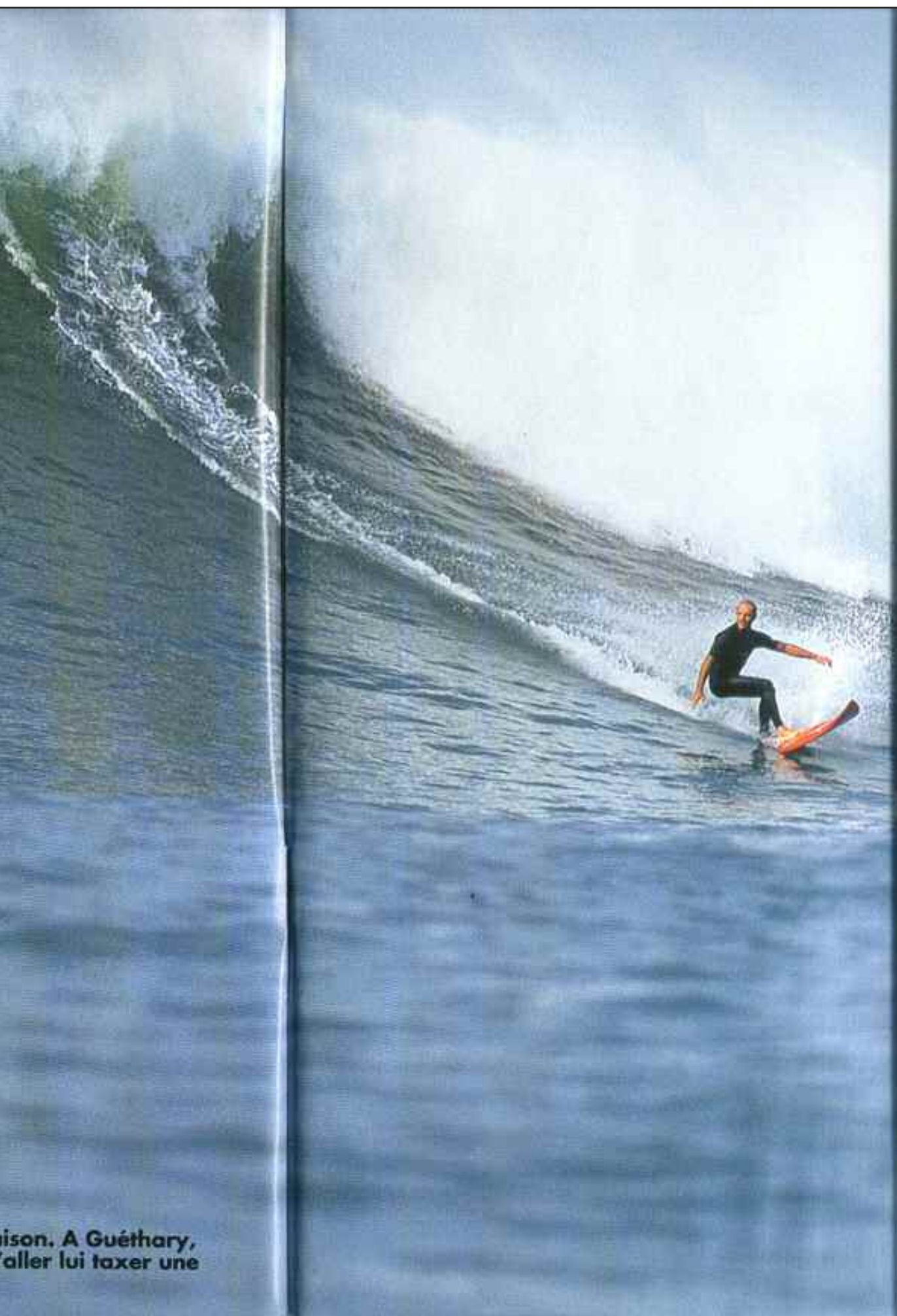
Son père Bryno était un des "loolopy surfers" qui ignoraient le surf en France. Mais sans le savoir mourir, Christophe Beuclant vit puis, sur et avec ce sport, qu'il pratiquait déjà à l'âge de six ans et à qui il consacre, et ce comme beyer, tous les instants. De son hangar de trois cents mètres carrés, il surplombe le spot de Guéthary, près de Biarritz, la plus imposante vague d'Europe, sur laquelle il continue à asseoir une réputation déjà bien établie de surfeur de très grosses vagues.

Ex-champion de France et des rares Français à avoir maîtrisé les monstres-bains de grande marque de l'île, le surf comme Gatcho, c'est où Morey Boegle l'ont su pour être leur agent, comme sur toute la côte Atlantique ne peut-elle pas être sa très collection de planches, son goût même est, à chaque fois chargé au minimum de planches de surf et de des boards. Histoire, entre clients, de ne pas perdre le la vague, un seul souffle à



## **uéthary jaune si tu rates le take off**

ristophe Reinhardt, grand pourfendeur de lames devant l'éternel et devant sa ma  
mbiance à l'eau est bonne. Normal : il y a peu de monde. Ça vous dirait, vous, d'  
gue comme celle-là ?...



ison. A Guéthary,  
aller lui taxer une

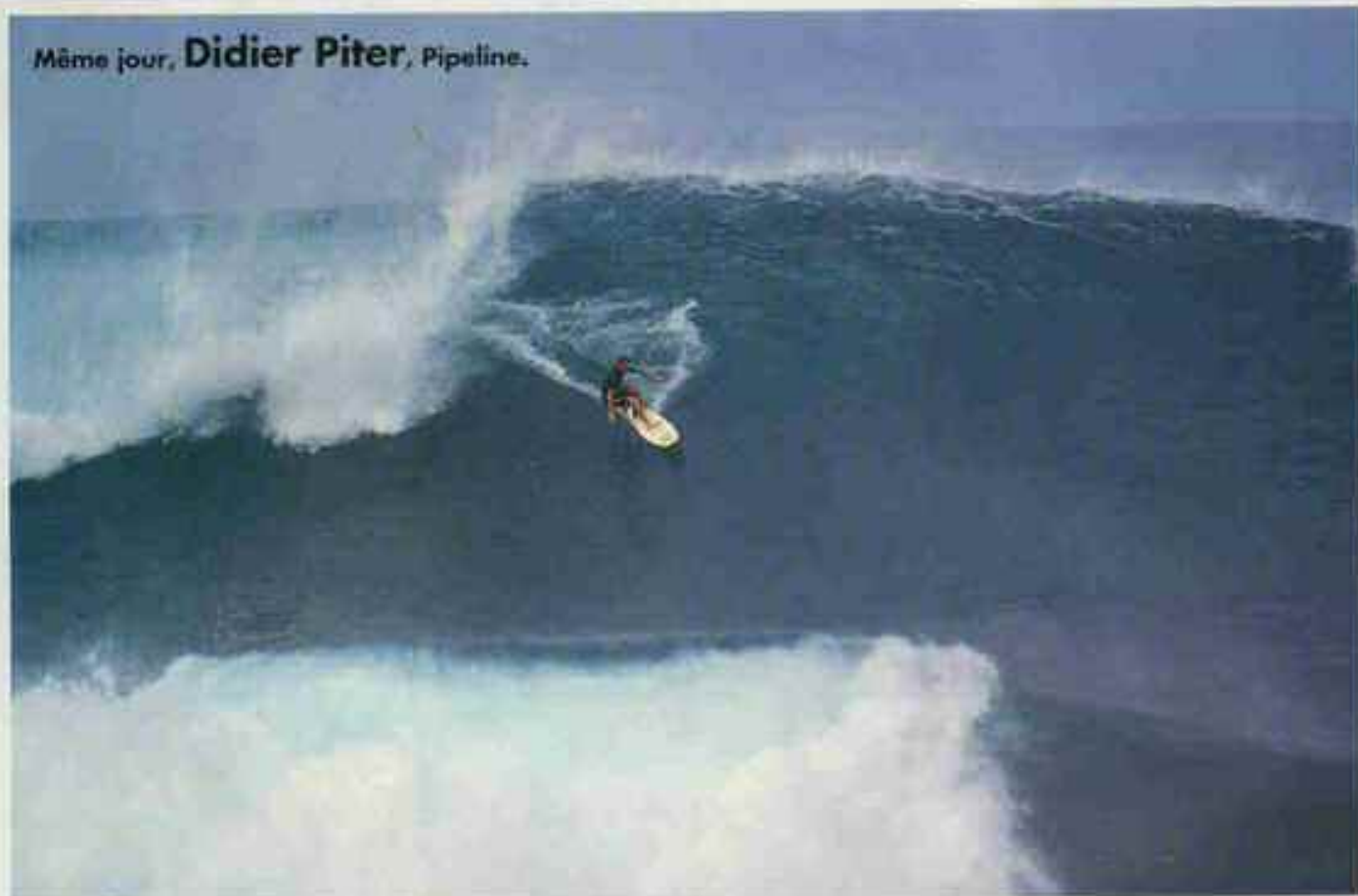


Mercrèdi 4 janvier  
**Christophe Reinhardt**  
et, devant, **Didier Piter**,  
Pipeline.



Dimanche 8 janvier,  
**Christophe "Hans"**  
**Mouginot**, gun Willis blanc  
de 9'6,  
et **Christophe**  
**Reinhardt**, gun Brewer  
rouge, 10'6.

Même jour, **Didier Piter**, Pipeline.



Même jour,  
**Christophe**  
**Reinhardt**  
(à gauche),  
Pipeline.

Même Jour, **Laurent Pujol**, Pipeline.



Lundi 16 Janvier,  
**Laurent Pujol**  
devant son quiver.

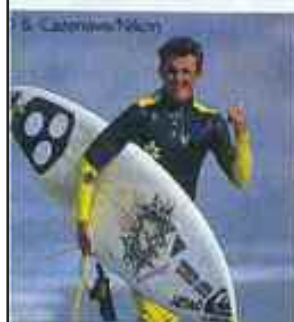
- Des surfers au Congo : ils sont d'origine russe ! (Surf Session n°79)
- Jawa, à Maui (Hawaï) devient le spot de tow-in avec Hamiton comme fer de lance.
- Essore et toujours là, le Maître fait rêver : Surf Session n°80
- Champion du Monde Amateur (Hérou) : Sanha Stocker (Aut), Kalani Robb (Junior), longboard.
- Michel Demont (Taï), bodyboard, Capécaille second derrière le Benjamen Anoué.
- Pub Kama Beach (la marque bretonne) dans Surf Session n°84 : "eluding that makes you get high" (moins que les crêpes !)
- Sortie du premier n° de Surfer's Journal (créé par Steve Pezaman en 92) en version française.

- Slater revient en force sur le circuit ASP, et ne veut plus qu'on lui parle ! Mais cela reste l'hystérie sur les plages françaises.
- La France se découvre un autre monde d'Arctique (voicini au North-Siberia) : Laurent Puyol.
- Sortie les écrans de "Chasseurs de Vagues" (Zedovic Summer 2) du Best magazine du California, aussi en France le film fait près de 150 000 copies.
- Vincent de Nafise kalamazouka (Homme du Duke) au Hawaii Surf Festival.
- Carthou Lacanna Prix : Kelly Slater devant Stuart Hedford Brown, France.

Si Thierry Domenech n'avait pas hérité du "lion" comme surnom, Christophe Reinhardt l'aurait porté à merveille. A 40 ans passé, dont 36 de surf derrière lui, il reste le maître français du gros surf. Affûté comme jamais, majestueux, il incarne la force tranquille du big wave rider.



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Franck Lacaze, rédacteur en chef de Trip Surf.



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champion du monde amateur.



Thierry Domenech, dit "La Mouche"



Thierry Fernandez



Jacques Hélie à Newquay

