

SURFERS RIP EUROPE

“ONE GIANT TAKE OFF FOR IA... ONE SMALL LEA FOR MANKIND...”

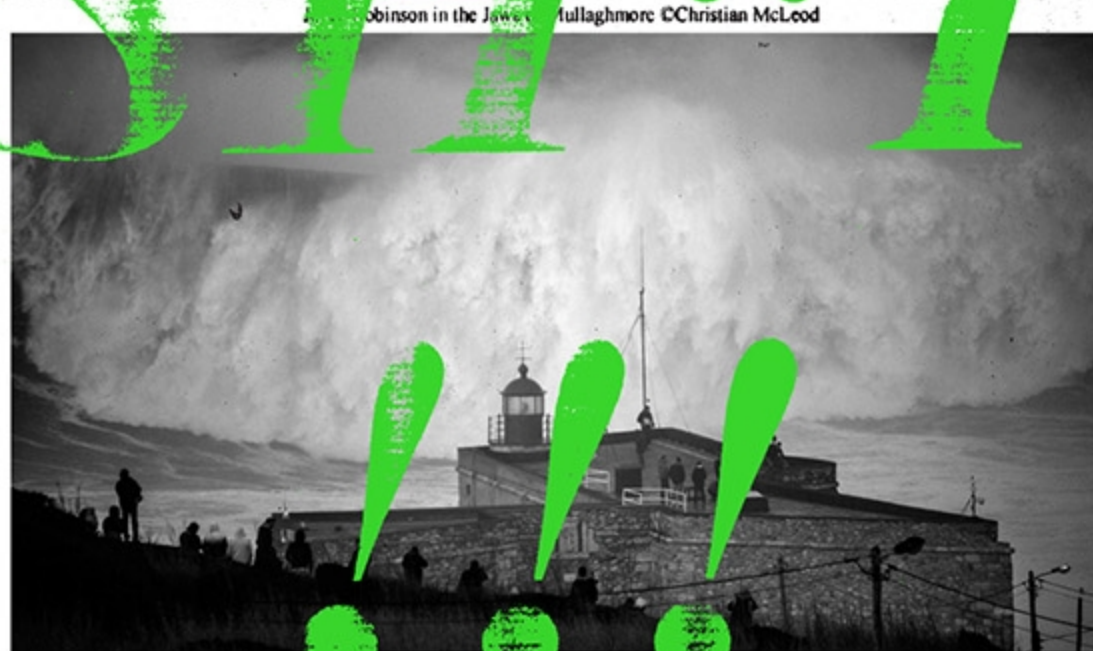
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MULLAGHMORE A VERY BUMPY SURFACE IS MASTERLY SURFED!

I predicted that something was going to happen. Weird goings on. Tides are bottoming out at 0:0 because of that damn black moon. The mood in the house is ugly. Winter has set her dark and stormy teeth. Wind all night. Snow splattered up against the window. Snow not just on top of the mountains, but all the way down.

It was way too big to consider paddling, and it was really nice to cruise around on some medium-tide ones, and after a nice round of a couple warm up waves, it started to get interesting. With every set coming it felt like somebody let the plug out of the ocean a little more, with every big wave you could see more contours of the bottom.

Peter Conroy pulled in too deep and got a very bad wipeout, which in his fireman stance is the XXXL Pedegree standards is saying that most of them didn't have survived it. Peter and Ollie came back in the lineup, when I was on the rope and told me about it - a harsh trip over the falls and then down to the bottom of the trench - the deep behind the shallow part of the reef. He hit the bottom. Peter said, after he got sucked way, way down - and that isn't best thing to hear from a goodyfoot at a giant left slab. Kurt promptly put me into a hot one, and I had a bunch of fun nervously fading to a semi-critical spot then pulling into a big pocket which spat at me. ▶ PAGES 14



VOICE FROM OAHU: “Belharra is mushy”

That French new wave has instantly altered the geopolitical surfing landscape. Before this, most of the world's biggest known waves were ridden along the shores of Hawaii or California, mostly by Americans. Judges of the contest, the XXX XXI Global Big Wave Awards, must now consider a wave that they have never seen, ridden by surfers they have never heard of. And worst of all, in the midst of Franco-American wartime tensions, they also must deal with American accusations that the French wave is -- mon Dieu! -- too soft. “It’s beautiful, but there’s no trough on that wave,” said Mr. Rothman, a Hawaiian surfing legend and the father of young Makua. “It’s mushy.”

“I’d take my 9-year-old son out to tow into that French wave,” Mr. Rothman continued. “I’m 55, and I want to ride that wave. But no way would you get it at Jaws.” “They’re just saying there is no way a prize can go to the French. Belharra is clearly one of the least dangerous big waves that’s entered our lexicon, and that kind of opens it up for ridicule.” Mr. Basse and Mr. St. Jean were diplomatic, even humble. “I was asked about the dispute. ‘Just getting to surf waves like this,’ Mr. St. Jean said, ‘we’re all winners.’” Mr. Basse added: “I recognize that these Hawaiians are better surfers than us. They are professionals, and they have the skills. One day, I hope they will come to surf Belharra and to help us evolve big wave riding further in our country. Surfing should unify people, not create politics.” ▶ PAGES 16-17 NYTIMES APRIL 2003

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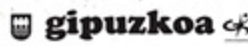
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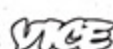
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