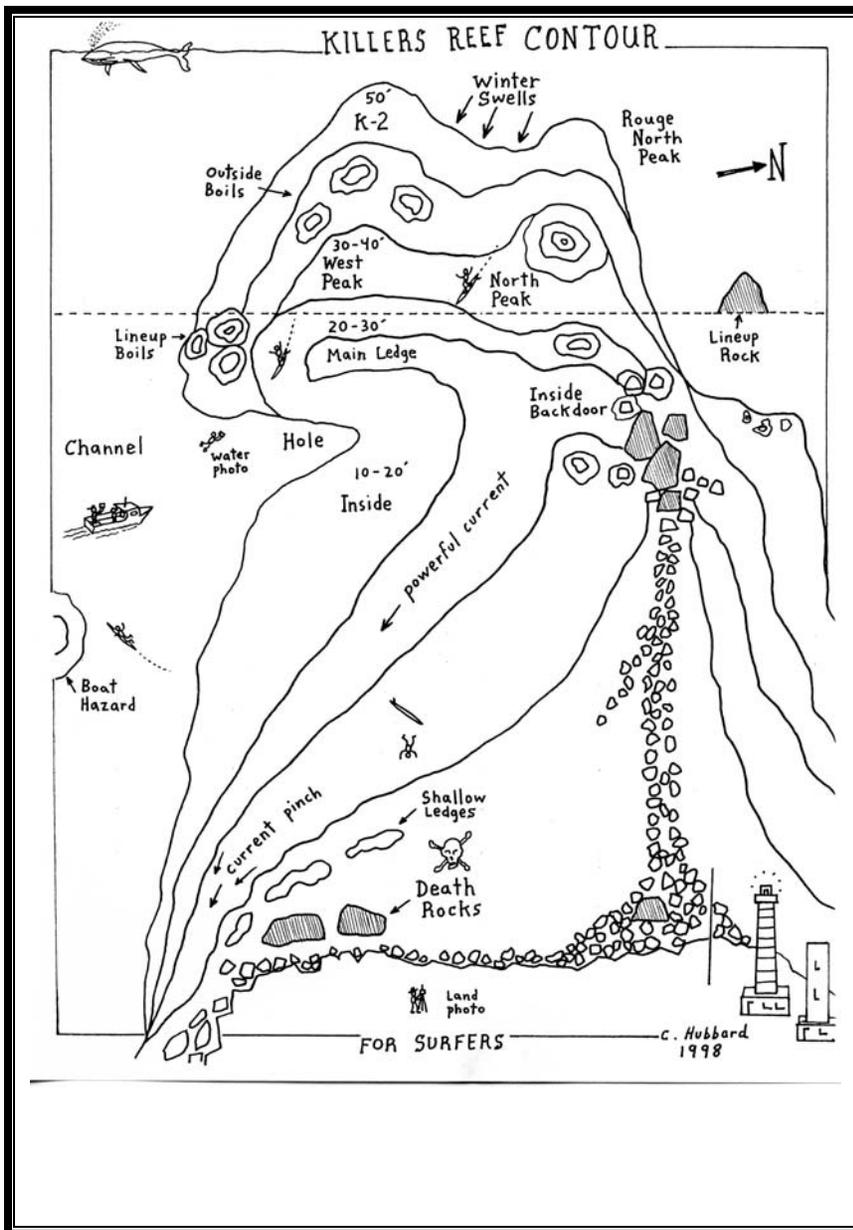


**Thor's Hammer:** South swells of heft rear onto the shallow reef of the hammer and grind into the channel. This is predominantly a left but some short rights exist if you kick out in time. This is a mean difficult wave not to be trifled with.

**Chickens:** North West swells wobble across the shallow urchin infested reef of Chickens, sometimes producing a decent right hand bowl but most often it is junk. South swells, on the other hand, can produce thick barreling rights that give you all you can take. This is a higher tide spot. Low tide exposes shallow boulders and increases the danger considerably.

**Killers:** A world famous big wave break. This break can be ridden in smaller swells at low tide. South swells do not work on this reef. North West swells double in size from the mainland and jack up to dizzying heights before exploding towards the deep water channel. The West peak of the wave jacks up quickly and often requires air drops into the wave and gives you a better chance to make the channel. The North peak allows easier access into the wave but more risk of not making the channel. The big rock boil helps for lining up the take off. Killers can be paddled into at max size.



The largest wave ever paddled into was Taylor Knox's 52 footer in 1998 during the K-2 contest. This is a world class experience never to be forgotten.

**Urchins:** Gnarly ledging suck out lefts on a shallow urchin infested reef. If you fall off in the wrong spot you will be washed into the rocks. Still, sometimes this can be a fast decent wall worth riding. West swells are best and can handle some South wind.

**Shitters:** Dump truck lefts on the North tip of the North Island that is hardly ever worth it. It's there but almost never surfed.

**Nevers:** Breaks only on the biggest North North/West swells. A lumpy little left wraps into the fisherman's cove on the East shore of the North Island. It handles a South wind and is never bigger than head high.

**Rarelys:** Big North or North/West swells and a low tide will create a clean peak over a shallow reef. These are mostly rights that finally shore break on the rocks. The waves are clean and straight off shore on a South wind. This is a good performance wave and a relaxing alternative from the life and death game of Killers.