

The Wild Coast

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**Key Contributors****Jeff Hakman**

A champion surfer of the 1960's and 70's, Hakman co-founded Quiksilver Europe and Quiksilver USA and helped grow them into billion dollar business while struggling with a decades long heroin addiction. Hakman was arrested for smuggling in 1972 and was caught using his Quiksilver corporate credit card to buy drugs in France in 1984. Hakman overcame his troubles and is now a legend of both the sport and the industry.

Miki Dora

'The Black Knight' of surfing, the charismatic Dora left Malibu Beach behind in the late 1960's and hit the road. He spent the next 30 years of his life smuggling diamonds, writing bad checks and living off kindnesses of his friends. Most of his time was spent near Biarritz, France and pioneered many of the waves in the area.

Robbie Page

An Australian top 10 surfer of the 1980's, Page was arrested for LSD possession in Japan and spent 40 days in solitary confinement. Upon his release, he flew to Hossegor where he fell in love with the 15 year old grand daughter of French President Francois Mitterand. He moved in with the family, found a French surf company to sponsor him and lived the good life for as long as he could.

Francois Lartigau

Lartigau was one of the first surfers in France, part of a crew who turned Biarritz into a "Little San Francisco." He bought and sold drugs at the legendary Steak House, hung out with American soldiers escaping Vietnam, surfed big waves and got arrested more than once. He gained fame for his surf inspired art, found a job designing for Quiksilver, and was one of the key figures in the rise of the French surf industry.

Maritxu Darrigrand

Darrigrand grew up in the Biarritz area and smoked her first joint with Billy Hamilton (Laird's father) at the Cote de Basques beach. Her family's house was the first headquarters of Quiksilver Europe and she helped take care of Jeff Hakman and Miki Dora. Her connections and generosity were key to the nascent development of the surf business in Europe in the 1980's.