

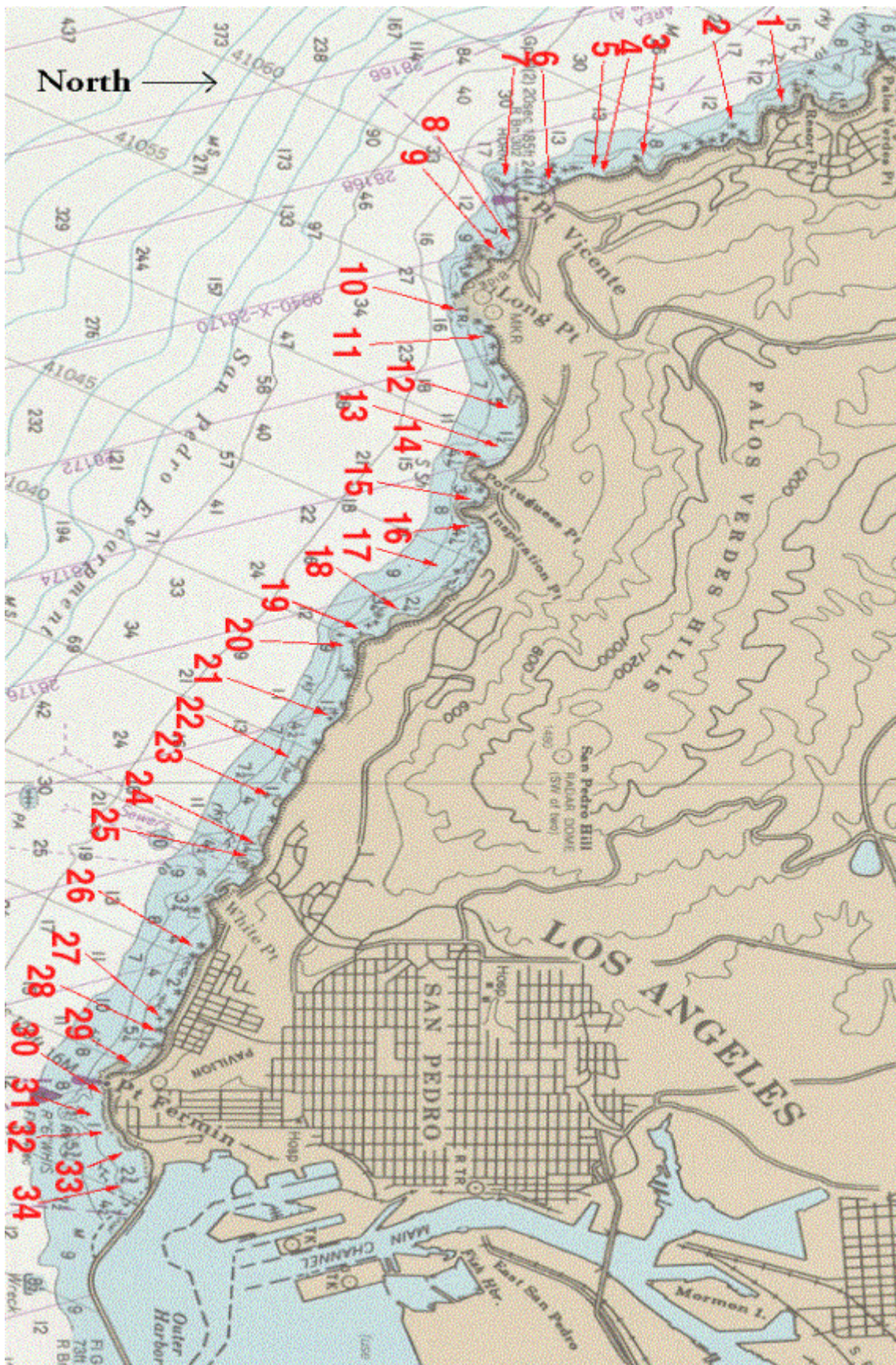


Figure 2. West and South Side Breaks

Note: Spots 1-11 below are usually not checked at all by anyone. It's drive-on-by territory for most surfers. Let's face it, it is usually a pretty sparse area for rideable waves. Find out for yourself. The area of spots 3-34 has the distinction of being able to pick up S to SE swells. The further south/east you go, the better the spots will pick up that swell. When a south swell is referred to in this area, that's the direction that is meant. Catalina blocks the brunt of normal SW's from the south side of PV, except for the few spots noted on the previous page which are actually on the west side. The south side of PV also has quite a few good winter breaks, as noted.

1. Wallies Left: A little left that most people just paddle past on the way out to Wallies. Takes a west or NW swell. Sketchy.
2. Mitchell's: Big reef slightly offshore with a funky left on it. West & NW swell Who knows when this place is ever good?

GOLDEN COVE AREA

3. Fred's: Very strange left right along the rocks on a perfectly round cove. Extremely rare.
4. Inside Farmer's: A delicate little hollow left that only breaks rideable on the rare direct south which is strong enough to reach it. Inside a little, shallow, very reefy cove.
5. Farmer's: Big left that breaks next to a large rock on the south point of aforementioned reefy cove. Usually looks spectacular but rides are short. West swell.
6. Whale Watcher's: Nasty, scary little right below Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center. Hazardous. West swell.
7. Pt. Vicente: Mysto left. If ever a 12'+ direct south comes through, this place breaks. Which is almost never. A great break when it's on. Which is almost never. Forget about the right on the other side of the point, which threads between giant rocks.
8. Right hander: Inside of the very long Point Vicente, directly on the rocks. Not likely.
9. Marineland Left: Not actually below the old Marineland site, but what the heck. Breaks directly next to a giant rock formation. Works in one specific condition, and one only: 4-5' westerly wind swell. Wind blowing from NW. Tide approx. 4' high and dropping. Will not be rideable in any other conditions.
10. Marineland: Reported peak directly off of the old Marineland site, not in the mini-cove to the north which has no rideable reefs. I've seen it from a distance but have never ridden it.

ABALONE COVE

11. Right hander: Another heard-of but never actually seen wave. An old friend swears by it.
12. Abalone right: A funky right reef. Breaks when small. I've never seen it look good.
13. Toilet Bowl's: A nice peak. Breaks on any swell that reaches it.
14. Abalone Point: A great little left. Primarily a winter break but will work on any swell that reaches it. Somewhat localized. A little bit smaller than other spots. Any tide, depending on swell size and direction.
15. Sacred's: Famous nude beach. Nice little left in front of the east side beach. Breaks on what is more of a collection of rocks than a reef. High tide. Takes direct south swell. In the winter a funky, poorly shaped peak breaks out in the middle of the cove.

PORTUGUESE BEND

- 16. Pier Point: Long, well-shaped right. Breaks only on very large direct south swells.
- 17. Portuguese Bend Beach: Occasionally well shaped beach peaks. Private beach. Usually not worth it.
- 18. Trendles: Left reef. South swell. High tide. Hasn't been breaking as good as it used to.

19. K.G.s: Big, beautiful A-frame left out on the point south/east of Portuguese bend. Large direct south or SSE swell. Must be big. Powerful A-frame take off followed by a long loping wall and occasional inside barrel. A real treat when it's on. Nasty, nasty rocks. High tide.

20. B.A.s: Very hollow right hander. High tide only. Sketchy section in front of rock. One of the best and most consistent barrels in PV. Best when 3-6' on a west or NW swell. Not good if it gets too big. Evil rocks, especially the one you have to skirt past on the first barrel section.

B.A.s and K.G.s are two sides of the same point. Lefts in summer, rights in winter. Directly below Ocean Trails Golf Course, which has provided an easy, well-maintained trail to the bottom of the cliff.

- 21. Dead Ducks: Lame little left on an ambiguous reef. Reminds me of Sacred's (sorry guys). South swell.
- 22. Japs Cove: Not really a cove but that's what they call it. Peak. South swell. Localized. Left has a rock in the lineup. Looks pretty good on the right swell.
- 23. T.C.s: Big, lined up, barreling right. The biggest and best wave in San Pedro. Very localized. Breaks on winter swells. A great wave. Worth trying to get in to the pack.

ROYAL PALMS

24. Palms Point: Sectiony, sometimes well lined-up right point. Breaks on every winter swell. Not as localized as TCs, but then not as good either.

25. Palms Jetty: Peak, mostly left. Not really a jetty, actually a jutting-out section of reef. Breaks on any and every swell that reaches it, but best on south. Very consistent. Sort of localized. East spot to surf. Sometimes a little peak breaks between the jetty and the point.

26. Left: I don't know why I've included this. I've never seen it good. Somebody once said they saw it good there. Wasn't me.

27. Left: Actually needs a SSE, as in hurricane swell. Breaks into the rocks but still looks good. Don't try it when it's too small, many rocks scattered about. Note: If it's a strong SSE, many other spots go left. I've seen T.C.s go left on a strong SSE. The whole town goes left. Being a union town, left is natural.

28. Roxbury: On the biggest of big and perfectly lined-up west or WNW swells, a very perfect right appears here. The reef is ruler straight. High tide only. Breaks maybe once a year or less which is about how often it gets big enough.

29. Mossy: Left, big south swell, high tide. This spot breaks pretty bad on any other conditions. Lots of swell comes in here, but only on the noted conditions is it good. At that time it's really good.

POINT FERMIN

30. Point Fermin: Mysto right, breaks right off of the rocks between Spunkies and the tip of Point Fermin only on huge west or WNW swells and only at low tide. Looks scary. Short ride. Probably not worth it. Point Fermin itself doesn't break since the water is too deep and the drop-off too precipitous.

31. Spunkies: Perfect A-frame peak, goes both ways. Direct south or SSE swell only. Must be big. Lowest tides only, minus preferred. Inside reef at medium tide called "Banner Reef", which can also break on a west

swell. The outer reef out by the buoy (way out there) also breaks but only in winter on really huge swells. Old-timers claim to have ridden it through Cabrillo Point.

32. Drainpipes: Excellent little right reef at high tide on W & WNW swells. On big swells acts as an outer Cabrillo Point.

33. Cabrillo Point: Breaks on any swell but always smaller than the other reefs. Looks better than it is.

34. Cabrillo Beach: Typical beach break. Smallest surf in the entire area, except on a big S or SSE. Sandbars don't usually form up well until a few swells into the season. Can have decent waves, mostly lefts, on a mid-winter SE squall (rare). Breaks OK on normal winter swells, better over by the cliff.