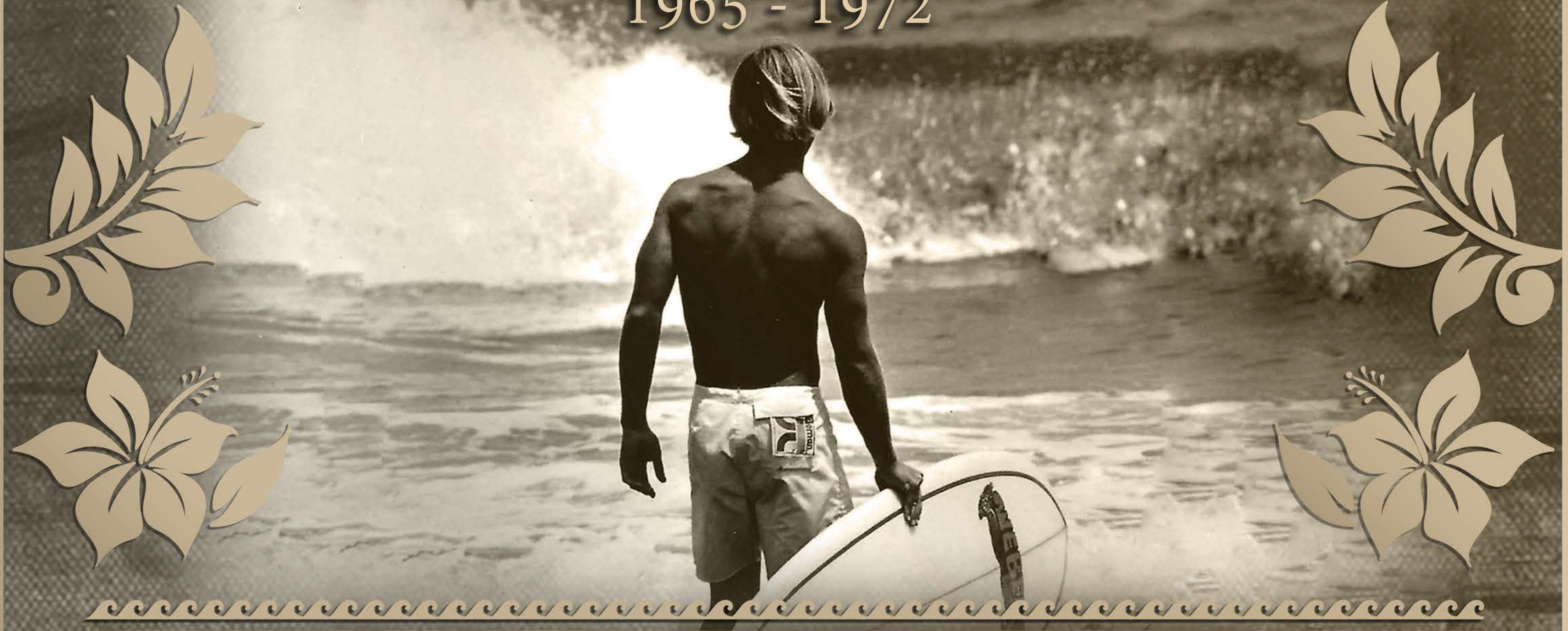

KIERNAN SURFING ASSOCIATION

1965 - 1972



The former Kiernan Beach at this location is the birthplace of organized surfing in New Jersey. A group of surfers established the Kiernan Surfing Association in 1965 and negotiated agreements with the private beach owner who agreed to lease the beach to them for riding waves. With its unique pilings and jetty, Kiernan Beach had the reputation of being home to some of the best waves and best surfers in NJ. During its years of operation, Kiernan became a destination for internationally recognized surfers from across the globe. Now buried by the sands of time, this beach is memorialized as the home of the legendary Kiernan Surfing Association, and the place where New Jersey surfing first gained the legitimacy and stature that it commands today.

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