

## **Sam Stevenson**

Sam was raised on the **Big Island of Hawaii**. He is the consummate waterman, an excellent surfer, diver, paddler and lifeguard.

Sam's father, **Mike**, grew up with **Alf** in the **South Bay** where both were fierce competitors in all nature of ocean-water sports. Sam's life has followed a similar path in respect to his life guarding and surfing.

Sam spent his youth honing his surfing skills over the shallow reefs in **Puako**, and sharpening his lifesaving skills through the **Junior Life Guard Program** there. As a teenager, Sam stood out among his Junior Guard peers when he won the **National Title for Paddleboard racing in Santa Cruz, Calif.**

After that, he spent **two summers working as a Santa Cruz City Lifeguard**. Recognizing his affinity for the occupation, he returned home to the **Big Island of Hawaii** and worked **eight years as a lifeguard there**.

Sam made the jump back to **California** to become involved in the **commercial urchin & sea cucumber diving scene**. (**Alf acting as his mentor**) Together they dive Alf & Mara's boat, the **Mar y Sol**, throughout the Channel Islands.

Alf and Mara have become Sam's mainland, **'ohana' (family)**.

Sam stepped easily into **The Surf Laws Surf School as key instructor in 2004**. His ocean skills and easy-going, fun-loving personality have endeared him to staff and students alike. Sam's love for teaching combined with his extraordinary water knowledge make him an invaluable part of Surf Laws.

