Daniel Thomson Bio

Daniel Thomson (Tomo) is a young surfboard designer from Australia who is at the forefront of modern surfboard design and construction. He has developed and refined the MPH (Modern Planing Hull) to almost its full potential, resulting in a board that both looks and rides incredibly.

Dan explains, “For me, it’s all about top end speed. The more speed I can generate; the more radical my performance potential becomes. The TOMO MPH is like an extension of a surfer’s body. A mind surfing experience, just pick your lines and the board does the rest. It’s almost as if you can forget about the board beneath your feet altogether and just interact with the energy in the wave”.

The excerpt below is from a recent Surfers Path article and speaks to Tomo’s unique DNA:

Tomo is a dedicated and inspired free surfer and surfboard designer, and while only in his early 30’s, he is already being touted as a forward thinker in the world of surfboard design with the arrival of his ultra Modern Performance Hull (MPH) planning concepts.

Daniel’s boards are a futuristic expression of his surfing. His surfing includes every imaginable maneuver all linked together with fluid lines. He speaks of progression as a virtue, “imagine wakeboards as surfboards, flips and multi-rotation aerials the new norm.”

“Firewire believes that minor refinements to the shape of today’s modern surfboards can only produce incremental performance benefits. Exponential improvements in performance require the ongoing development of new materials, construction methods and radical shape which, in turn, will fuel new design success.”