



As a survivor of cancer at age 4, my physical abilities were limited but I was able to do ocean sports. That was my favorite physical activity during my youth and I remember it fondly. After two more episodes of cancer I became an AK amputee at age 24. It wasn't until four decades later that distant memories of my love of the ocean were reborn for me when I learned about Ampsurf and began surfing at the Pismo Beach events.

Feeling again the pure joy of riding the waves, being dumped in the water, and just letting the ocean do its thing with me has been a unique experience unlike any other in my life. Dana and the other Ampsurf organizers and volunteers are caring and dedicated in a way that goes beyond friendship and to me feels more like an extended family. The fact that I could not only survive but thrive after coping with lifelong challenges owes a lot to the new vistas that participation in Ampsurf have opened up for me.



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