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Hi Bangladesh Surfers and Surf the Nations

This project was inspired by a local showing of *Gum for my Boat*. The Ventura Hill-sides Conservancy in California hosted a local showing of selected inspiring films from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival; this is where I was lucky enough to see *Gum for my Boat*.

Learning about the first Bangladeshi surfer, Jafar Alam, and seeing the kids looking out for each other was inspiring and heartwarming. Since I work for a company that screen prints custom art for surf shops, I wondered if this was an opportunity for me to do something. I had the idea that maybe I could donate some shirts that are cool so the members could have a “club shirt” to wear.

I could not have done this without help. The company that I work for, Coastal Classics, generously let me have a discount for the order. The art is a new design called “Fins” from the Coastal Classics catalog of art by surf artists. Also I would not have been able to get them to the Bangladesh surfers without the help of Surf the Nations who is taking them when they go to host the upcoming surf contest.

I hope these shirts create happy smiles!

In Gratitude,
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