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When she's not selling houses, there's nowhere **Robin Pacquing** would rather be than riding the waves

TORONTO-BASED Realtor Robin Pacquing's family likes to joke that she's secretly Californian – and indeed, the Century 21 sales representative was drawn to surfing long before getting on her first board on a family vacation to Hawaii in 2000. "I didn't pick it up again until I realized people surfed in Canada, on the Great Lakes," Pacquing says. "I really learned from scratch."

Surfing also led Pacquing to her interest in paddleboarding, by way of a horrific accident in 2012. Although she's unclear on exactly what happened in the Costa Rican waters, "it felt like a board to the face – all I remember is coming up for air and my face was flapping off," Pacquing recalls. Paddleboarding eased her subsequent loss of confidence. "I liked knowing I was more in control," she says. "It's basically surfing

with one extra piece of equipment."

These days, Pacquing's interests have expanded to include paddle surfing and working toward becoming a paddleboarding instructor – but the common thread running through it all is the sense of calm she finds on the water. "When you're out there, you forget about the concerns of the day," she says. "It's a moment of peace – it's my zen."

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Number of boards Pacquing owns (four surf and four stand-up paddle)

\$650

The price of Pacquing's first surfboard

26

Stitches Pacquing needed on her face after her surfing accident

Pacquing says real estate allows her to 'subsidize this surf lifestyle'



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