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"NEW SDWA MEMBER TAKES TO THE WATER"

by, Amy Bianchi

We have all taught potential windsurfers in hopes they will be hooked on the sport we love. But, when you meet someone like David Paulino who has taken to this sport by storm, you know you have a new windsurfer for life.

He has balance and finesse, and continues to improve his skills. Thank you to all who donated some equipment to him. So, if you see David out at the bay, feel free to give him a lesson or two, you will be surprised at what a quick study he is.



Summer almost over and it has been a great one!



Chuck Moffett
on a decent slalom day

Simplifying the Rules of the Water

By Karen Harrington



Here are Don and Chuck skillfully following the rules of the water.

Right-of-Way Rules in Windsurfing

Understand the rules and principles of windsurfing right of way to avoid dangerous crashes at high speed. These rules exist for everyone's safety. **Avoiding a collision** at all cost is the overriding rule of thumb, *even if it means going against any of the following right of way principles.* "You are obligated by law to avoid a collision even if you have the right of way." This is from the Dept. of Boating and Waterways document.

1. Recognize that, as in sailing, a starboard tack always has right of way over a port tack. As you face the nose of your board, starboard is the right side, and port is the left. Make eye contact and acknowledge the other board.



2. Understand that a leeward board has right of way over a windward board. This means that a board sailing upwind (windward) must give right of way to a board downwind (leeward) of it.



3. Overtaking windsurfer has the responsibility to stay clear of the lead board.



4. The tacking (or jibing) board must stay clear.
5. Realize that a powerboat should give right of way to a windsurfer, but doesn't always. Use caution in such situations. Often the larger tonnage tends to claim right of way for itself. Let it.
 - a. "According to Chapman Piloting, should a sailing vessel overtake a power-driven vessel, the overtaking rule prevails and the sailing vessel must give right of way regardless of the means of propulsion. This is an important guideline to follow on Mission Bay".



Tips & Warnings

- Common sense is the most important factor in dealing with right of way. Avoid collisions at all cost.
- More experienced windsurfers should maneuver around novice surfers and not expect them to completely understand the right-of-way rules or have full control over their vessel.
- Be careful about assuming your right of way, even when you are sure. Often other windsurfers don't see you or realize you are taking the right of way. Try to make eye contact with other windsurfers to ensure that they see you.
- Windsurfing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury or death. We recommend that you seek proper training and equipment before attempting this activity.
- Further clarification will be made in future newsletters if the need arises. Please ask questions hopefully this will have you thinking about safety while you are on the water.

Yup, they windsurf in Canada!

Do you mean to say that you have never windsurfed at Wasaga Beach? It is right on Nottawasaga Bay, which is on the southeast corner of Georgian Bay, which is on the east end of Lake Huron in Ontario, Canada. The resort town of Collingwood is just 30 minutes to the west and the Blue Mountain Ski area, owned by Intrawest, is just a few minutes above the town.

As you can see in the photos, the wind was blowing 30 to 40 mph with 10 foot waves on the outside (3.7 to 4.0 meter sails were the call).

What are you waiting for?

Kimo Hoffman



Wasaga kiting



Awesome Wasaga storm clouds



Wasaga windsurf

Mr. Andrew Cunningham Shares his cross border adventure

San Karlos trip Karma Kount (apologies for excessive use of letter 'K')

Karma is the law of moral causation.

+ means Karma gained

- means Karma used or lost

-1 crossing the border and not getting pulled into secondary

+1 giving \$1 to "ambulance people" in San Vincente

+2 giving \$2 to Mexican family stranded without gas

-1 for getting stuck for 30 minutes in road works S of Ensenada

-1 when two military types jump onto Carlos road with M16 to stop and inspect the truck

+1 for giving them two Gatorades

-1 for not getting a flat on the road

-1 for not driving off the road when I got the truck sideways at 40mph

-1 for only 3 or 4 other camps in San Carlos

-3 for three days of head-high plus surf and 4.7-5.2 conditions



+1 for helping Mexican fix flat on side on road out of San Carlos

-1 for them noticing I had a flat as well!

-1 for an empty line at SENTRI on the way home

Looks like I have to work on my karma!

By Andrew Cunningham

Plenty of local events happened this summer.

- 7/10 - Regatta (Hilton)
- 7/17 - Fun Race (Hilton)
- 8/7 - Regatta (Hilton)
- 8/14 - Poker Run (Hilton)



Fun at The Poker Run. 1st Place - Greg, 2nd Place - Xavier, 3rd Place - Nina



Lasse rigging up at Cabrillo for The Enduro photo by Nina Walker

Cabrillo Enduro 2010

- Aug 7, 2010 at 6:02 PM

7 August 2010: Windsurfing - The story of my recent trip to Cabrillo Beach Park to attend Cabrillo Enduro slalom racing event on 7 Aug 2010

My trusted phone, Nokia N97 mini, with free Maps and navigation helped me get there less than in two hours and I was registering to masters and open classes at the beach around 11am. It was very pleasant journey with the elegant English lady I selected to be the voice of the navigator.

Lot's of parking space left. Sadly the grassy rigging area next to the lifeguard tower looked like Sahara desert. Nina can obviously see the future and had her tarp open at the parking lot and ready for the serious rigging action in no time. I got the 2nd slot with \$30 fee ;-) after Nina rigged her 7.4 and took it to the beach, not sure how much Richard paid.



Richard rigging up photo by Nina Walker

Around 12.30 our race director Joe called the skippers meeting. It was time to understand what we are suppose to do here. Open class had 3mins **from the signal** to the start of the race and other classes (Women, Junior, Master and Sport) had 1 minute. This is the time guys and galls have to carry their boards through the shore break and get to the starting line. Being over early is not allowed, but on time or after the zero second. Sailing time is 10 minutes, actually very long 10 minutes with many jibes and winner is the sailor with the most figure 8 loops.

Each class can handle only 20 sailors. When I went to check how many masters they had on the list it was full. Last guy just registered in front of me. Big Surprise when I noticed my name was not on the list. Too bad, not sure what happened and had no energy to start any investigation. At least my name was on the list for the open class.



Peter with Race Director Joe photo by Nina Walker

Nina was the first familiar sailor to start. She ran against the shore break carrying her heavy formula board and sail as high as possible. This was not the normal Hilton launch where water is smooth like velvet and shore break comes from the speeding jet ski's. Without any fear she got her gear over the break to the safe zone and jumped to the board and accelerated to the course. Wind had picked up and even 6.x sail was getting big and she retired soon after. Well done!

In masters class Richard finally decided to use his slalom kit instead of heavy 10.0 meter sail and his formula board. Wise decision as he was the fastest guy taking the bullet. Race was tight and sailor at 2nd position got closer on the last inside jibe where Richard almost dropped his sail. Not because he was tired, he just wanted to wave to us and thank for our support :-). Sail stayed up and race was practically over after his last jibe at the outer mark. Nice job! Peter was testing his 10.0 in this race and came to conclusion to downsize to his smaller and faster 9.0 meter sail.

No notables in other races so I will jump to the open where we had many familiar faces, just to mention the ones I know: Richard, Peter, Gabor the kitemaster, Xavier and Laass :-). I think Peter and me with Formula gear and others with slalom kit. The 3 minutes was well thought-out time as it let everyone go over the break and find their own starting position. I stayed upwind wanting to have clean air some 30 sec before the zero moment and start. I got free air but was few sec late at start. There were only 2 guys in front of me when I jibed at outside mark, Xavier and Gabor.



photo by Nina Walker

That first leg felt great, I had selected right sail and fin for this weather. Sail was powered and board was flying over the chop taking me to the outer mark. After my first jibe I was pumping my sail and trying to get back to the plane when one local gentleman jibed over me, not just taking my wind but taking me down as his rig gave me headache and my left hand still shows the logo of his favorite slalom boom. This brave soldier got me swimming and uphauling my somewhat heavy 9.2 meter sail up without a chance of waterstarting as he was collecting his stuff on the windward side. Beware orange North sail if you are racing at Cabrillo Enduro. And I checked, it is not "legal" to take down your opponents in the slalom racing. Not even in Cabrillo Enduro.

Finally got that heavy cloth up and board was flying towards the beach. It was very difficult to know in what position I was, perhaps the last guy already. Full force forward, take no prisoners! Life was good until on my last jibe at the outer mark I got another visitor into my office, this time Xavier wanted to say hello and I was down again. Not as bad collision as my first one but slowing me down anyway. Final results made me happier when I noticed that I can swim twice and still beat some slalom boys. There were at least 5 guys slower than me.

Wind was holding up and we had 2nd start for the open class. At start I followed Xavier in the middle of the pack ducking the slower slalom sailors. I was at the start line at zero second. Good timing. Normally this would

result a good start but now bunch of guys were over early. There was no official and agreed way to recall the race so I ended up sailing some 8 minutes until Xavier or someone in front of me got the message and headed back to beach. Race was over and not counted on the final results.

Wind was averaging 15mph during the race getting little light at the end and some slalom guys with 6.8 sails started losing the power. My 9.2 was pulling ok all the way to the end of our race around 5.30pm. Cabrillo beach yacht club on 22nd street was serving the tacos and race committee the awards, so we all headed there to have some fun and replenish our lost reserves for the home trip. Just before the award ceremony Gabor noticed he was scored wrong and with 2 witnesses on his side got his well earned 2nd position in Open class, right after Xavier. Nice going for our kite master, Gabor!

This was fast paced and well organized racing, worth of going to have some slalom fun! Even with the formula board. Thanks Joe!

Lasse FIN-196

ps. Sail used in this stunt was sweet 9.2m TR-6 from MauiSails, board Mike's Lab L8 and fin Deboichet R16 60cm long



Lasse in Caviglia race

Rental Boards are flying out of the storage shed and onto the water!
The rental boards have been taken out 15 times this summer!! Lots of new people trying, lots of existing sailors giving lessons!

SDWA Fall Picnic is coming up – September 25, 2010
Please respond to the email asking if you can join us so we have enough food.

Once again a Huge Thank you to everyone who wrote stories and contributed photos!

THANK YOU!

SDWA is now on Facebook.

Check us out and become a fan!

Type in San Diego Windsurfing Association in the “Search” field at the top of a facebook page it should lead you there. Or click the link below and then select it from the offering:

<http://www.facebook.com/search/?q=San+Diego+Windsurfing+Association&init=quick>

Or try this link directly (which is the derived from the above)...

<http://www.facebook.com/search/?q=San+Diego+Windsurfing+Association&init=quick#!/pages/San-Diego-Windsurfing-Association/247499143562?ref=search&sid=1122849603.2806200873..1>

SDWA 2010 Road Trip/Events Agenda

9/25 - Picnic (Hilton)

10/2 - Regatta (J-st)

11/13 - Regatta (J-st)

12/11 - Regatta (J-st)

1/15 - Holiday Party - MBYC

SDWA

The SCRA Sailboard Fleet 2010 Membership Application/Renewal Form

About the San Diego Windsurfing Association:

- SDWA) is dedicated to representing windsurfing enthusiasts throughout San Diego County.
- SDWA facilitates communication and camaraderie at a regional level. Goals include promotion of the Sport through group sailing events, and addressing the issues of site access, water quality and safety.
- SDWA supports the efforts of the United States Windsurfing Association (USWA) and is an affiliate member.

Membership Fees:

Basic Membership \$20 per year (includes entire family).

Racing Membership: \$35 per year (required for participation in SDWA/SCRA racing events)
Annual membership runs from January through December (though potential new members are and welcome to join anytime!)

All Applicants:

Name (Last, First): _____

Current E-mail: _____

(used only for official SDWA announcements and Newsletters)

Note: Unless you specify otherwise, your Name, E-mail, and Phone will be published in the SDWA member directory. Check here if you do **not** want your information published in the directory. _____

New Members (or change of address for existing members):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Skill Level: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____ Expert _____

Enroll me in the following SDWA member e-mail lists (optional, check any that interest you):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sdwa@sdwa.org | Topics pertinent to windsurfing in and around San Diego |
| <input type="checkbox"/> racing@sdwa.org | Formula and other local windsurf racing forum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> kiteboarding@sdwa.org | Announcements from San Diego Kiteboarding Association |

As a member I understand that there may be inherent risks involved as a participant in windsurfing activities. I accept these risks and therefore release the San Diego Windsurfing Association/Santa Clara Racing participation in, its officers, directors, and members from any and all claims or liability that may arise from participation in any related SDWA activities; and indemnify and hold harmless from any claim by or liability to any quests of mine at any SDWA activity or event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to San Diego Windsurfing Association (or just SDWA) and remit to:

San Diego Windsurfing Association
P.O. Box 9494, San Diego, CA 92169-0494

CHANGES to THE RENTAL of our BOARDS
RULES FOR SDWA BOARD RENTAL

- 1. You must be a current SDWA Member.**
- 2. Rental is on a first come first serve basis one day at a time.**
- 3. Go to Nina Walker's home at 2175 Burgener Blvd, corner of August and Burgener, 92110.**
- 4. Call ahead the day before, to arrange for pickup (619-847-4896), as Nina needs to give you the combination of the lock.**
- 5. You will pay a \$5. Daily use fee to SDWA, to be mailed to SDWA, PO Box 9494 San Diego, CA 92169-0494.**
- 6. You will be responsible for all equipment damage or lost, please call Karen (619-987-7840) if there is anything missing.**
- 7. All equipment must be returned same day and must stay in San Diego County.**

Check List:

- Boards (2)**
- Fin with Screws (3)**
- Base/Extension (3)**
- Boom (2)**
- Mast (2)**
- Sails (2)**

**Thank you all for taking care of the equipment
and sending in the rental fee each time you use the gear.**

Classifieds

Adult Windsurfing gear for sale XXX -----

1. For the low wind blasting and early planing, especially suited to San Diego conditions providing best chance to sail always when you have time from your other sports or duties.

- MauiSails TR-3 formula sail in size 12.0 - perfect size for light wind days at Mission Bay when no one else is planing. This sail is lightest of these big sails.

- North formula sail in size 11.8 meter with matching 550cm North mast for the best performance

- Windwing formula sail in size 11.6 meter with matching Gulftech 550cm mast for the best performance

- F2 FX100 formula board with foot straps, fastest board of my formula boards

- Starboard 162 formula board with foot straps and matching fin

- F2 Double board bag to get your both formula boards with you

2. When wind picks up and you want to be the fastest guy or gal at the bay, also great light wind gear for smaller sailors

- MauiSail TR-4 formula sail in size 10.0 - when whitecapping occurs and you want to go really fast

- Windwing formula sail in size 9.2 meter with matching 490cm Gulftech mast for best performance

- Windwing slalom sail in size 6.8 meter with matching Gulftech 430cm mast for fastest set up

- Starboard Hypersonic for light wind slalom with two matching fins and foot straps, with board bag

- F2 SX-105 race machine for slalom or scary fast action, very light weight, with board bag

- Deboichet Slalom racing fins, set of 4 matching with F2 SX-105 or other Tuttle box boards like Hypersonic

- Gulftech carbon slalom boom with 210-260cm range, works with 6.8-9.2 meter sails

- Fiberspar all carbon slalom boom with 220-268cm range, very light weight

Note: All formula and slalom masts are 100% carbon and purchased at the same with sails.

3. Ready for Tourmaline some wave action or pump and jump action at Lake Isabella, here is your gear

- JP Freestyle-Wave board in size 91 liters with the board bag. This board has a nose guard and occasional problems of going over the handlebars or practicing forward loops do not cause instant nose cracks.

- Powerex Z-axis Wave carbon mast 430cm

If you want more details or feel you might benefit of new gear please send your email to kuvat08@yahoo.com thanks for you time

Lasse FIN-196-----

-2002, 4.0 EZZY SE WAVE, STILL IN GOOD CONDITION, WITH CLEAR MONOFILM. \$100

-2008, 4.5 EZZY SE WAVE, IN PERFECT CONDITION, USED MAYBE ONCE, NOT A MARK ON IT, \$300

-2008, 6.0 EZZY 2 CAM, INFINITY, IN PERFECT CONDITION. USED TWICE. \$350

-2008, 8.0 SAILWORKS, RETRO IN EXCELLANT CONDITION. JUDY USED IT MAYBE 12 TIMES TILL SHE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO EZZY. \$350.

OR BUY ALL SAILS FOR \$1000, OR 4.0 TO 6.0 FOR \$650, CAN SEND PICTURES,

CONTACT # 858 566-6302, OR jumpinjudy@sbcglobal.net

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