



THE UK'S NO.1 KITESURFING AND WINDSURFING CLUB

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## Membership Rules

### WWWC Club Rules 2012 (please read this!)

#### Welcome

The windsurf club has been in existence since the early 80's, we took the Club over in 1991 when there were less than 60 members and windsurfing was going to be banned at West Wittering. We have worked very hard and spent many hours with locals, WVE & CME board members and local councils creating a workable safety system for West Wittering beach. When kitesurfing came along this created new challenges for the Club and now we spend most of our time resolving safety matters to do with kiting at West Wittering beach.

We certainly have strong support from West Wittering Estate, the landowners of the beach, who have invested with us in the new changing rooms and showers and are supportive of the clubs activities.

We hope and expect these good relations will continue and look forward to your support, when launching and recovery lanes are in place on the water from March to October and indeed throughout the rest of the year.

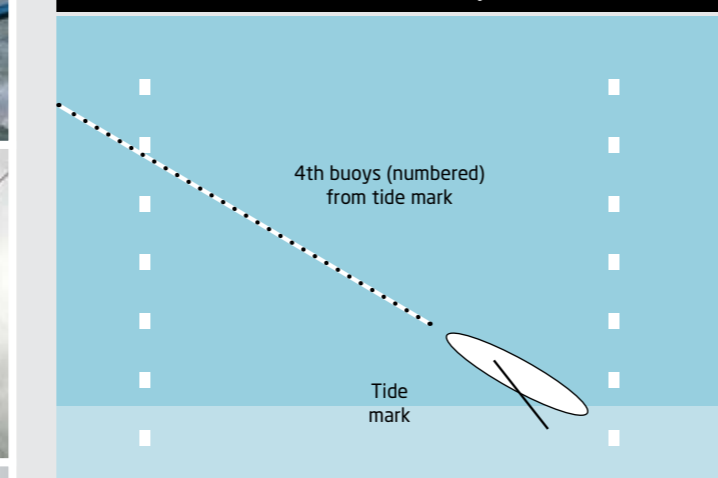
The contents of this should help you to prepare properly for your windsurfing/ kitesurfing and to avoid trouble on the water. Please take the time to read it fully and if you have any comments or queries please call me personally on 01243 512552.

Regards, Simon Bassett

#### WWWC Club Rules

- All members must abide by the decisions of the Safety Officer/ Club Manager. If in the interest of safety, particularly in the height of summer, it is deemed necessary, the Safety Officer may stop windsurfing/ kitesurfing temporarily if conditions dictate.

Rules 2 & 3 Launch and recovery lanes



- Launching and recovery is only allowed through the zoned lanes, marked with yellow buoys. Windsurfers/kitesurfers must launch 4 buoys from the tide line, through the laned channel. When on the water in summertime during the swimming season keep clear of the shoreline by a minimum of 2 mast lengths.
- Kitesurfing - no launching at high tide - launching only after tide is one metre to seaward from the green cardinal marker on groyne 13a which is the first groyne to the right after the windsurfing club.**

- Whilst on the water, all windsurfers must treat other beach users with the greatest consideration. Any swimmer in the water must be avoided by at least 100ft (6 mast lengths). Swimmers must always be passed to seaward.
- Any member who jeopardises the safety of a swimmer or another beach user will be temporarily or permanently banned. In the event of permanent ban membership and car parking will not be refunded.
- Club members will be required to wear a Club bib (available from the Club Manager) whilst sailing from mid-March to end of October. **Please sign in and out in the Club diary in the Clubhouse.**
- Please observe and abide by the car parking terms; all vehicles must be off the Estate by 8.30pm GMT.
- Members are allowed to bring guests (guest fees: adult £6.50, kids £4.50) during the summer months. **Total number of visits limited to four**, and subject to the following requirements:
  - Members must ensure that guests have paid the appropriate fee
  - The guest must have evidence of third party insurance
  - The guest must have read, and understood fully, the Club rules
  - Guests must wear the Club bib whilst sailing.
- Membership is not transferable. Please place your sticker on the right hand side of your windscreen so that it is clearly visible at the Estate entrance barrier.
- Children cannot be left alone at the windsurf club or whilst windsurfing/ kitesurfing, the parent or guardian must be with them at all times.
- Take special care when parking or reversing, small children are difficult to see behind vans or cars.
- Parents please don't let small children play in car park area.
- Membership is only for personal watersports use - no commercial/promotional use is allowed.
- Bibs are the property of WWWC and cannot be taken offsite, loaned or used by non members. Each bib has a value of £20 if lost by a member.**
- Car park fees are payable daily or you can purchase a season ticket from West Wittering Estate.

#### Club Safety recommendations

- Always check local weather conditions prior to going on the water and ensure that an appropriate wetsuit is worn, together with an adequate buoyancy aid and helmet if required.
- A board on starboard tack has right of way over a board on port tack.
- Any person in the water should be avoided.
- Boards on opposite tacks - a sailor going out through the surf has right of way over a sailor coming in.
- Boards coming in on the same wave - the sailor closest to the shoulder of the wave (breaking point) has right of way.
- Sail with others - whilst windsurfing/kitesurfing is an individual sport, it is advisable never to sail alone. Always inform someone of your sailing plans and an expected time of return. Never sail too far offshore, even in good onshore conditions, as visibility is dramatically reduced when there is any swell running.
- Avoid strong tides, offshore winds and poor visibility:
  - Offshore winds - These winds will produce very flat water close to the shore, but the wind will increase in strength away from the land. If a problem should arise, the sailor will be blown away from the security of the point of departure.
  - Strong tides - Be aware of the tides; tidal streams can be hazardous depending upon the size and state of the tide.
- Check that your equipment is seaworthy before windsurfing/kitesurfing and that you have the correct equipment to suit the conditions.

- Be honest when assessing your own abilities, especially in extreme conditions. Do not go out in conditions which are beyond your own capabilities - if in doubt, don't go out!
- When leaving equipment unattended, make certain it does not endanger other beach users or cause damage to their equipment. Position/secure your gear to prevent the wind from 'picking it up'.
- It is advisable to carry a spare rope, safety flares and a mobile phone whilst you are on the water.
- If you are unsure about the conditions and how they might change throughout the day, please speak to the Club Manager on the beach or call us on 01243 513077.

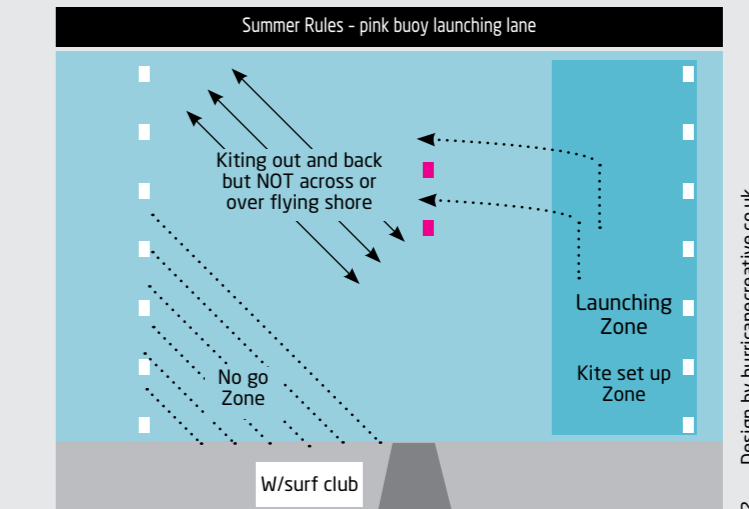
#### WWWC Kitesurfing Rules

- Kite surfers must sign in at Windsurf Club and check in with Club Manager before kite surfing.
- No more than 25 kitesurfers out at once.**
- The decision will be taken each day in the summer whether there is suitable space and conditions for kite surfing by the Windsurfing Club Manager.
- Launching and landing through the laned launching zone only
- Kite surfers must take absolute responsibility for their own safety, more importantly that of other beach and water users**, if you feel there are too many people either on the beach or on the water you should assess the situation and exercise restraint. Also if you see any kite surfer out of control or about to launch dangerously it makes good sense to assist and advise them. **Collectively kite surfers can create a safer environment, those who act irresponsibly will jeopardise the sport for everyone.**
- All kites must be fitted with a safety leash to the harness. It is advisable to test all safety systems prior to launching kite.
- Kite surfers must avoid swimmers, windsurfers and other beach users. You must ensure there is clear space on the beach to launch and land prior to kite surfing.
- Never 'over fly' people on the beach**, foot paths or horses. Be especially careful of children who are drawn to all kites thinking they are toys, but generally do not realise the dangers that a power kite can present.
- Safety advice from WVE staff or WWWC beach manager should be adhered to.
- All kite surfers to have 3rd party insurance.**
- Kite surfers must keep at least one line length (ie. 50 metres) or more from the shoreline, do not over fly the beach.
- Novice kite surfers must have had lessons and a reasonable level of proficiency before venturing amongst others; someone to assist landing and launching is essential for all levels of kite surfers.
- No launching at high tide - launching only after tide is one metre to seaward from the green cardinal marker on groyne 13a which is the first groyne to the right after the windsurfing club.**
- Kite surfing in offshore winds and strong gusty conditions should be avoided.
- The lagoon in front of WWWC should be avoided when there are swimmers, learners or many windsurfers.
- Jumping on land is to be avoided.
- Assessment of weather conditions is essential, in particular the size of kite for wind strength/ability.
- Kite surfers should keep clear of other water users, preferably downwind. Kite surfers should not try jumps or manoeuvres when there is a chance you could drift downwind onto another water user. Always check downwind prior to any manoeuvre. If you are too close to another windsurfer or kitesurfer put the kite into its neutral position and allow them to pass.

- Whenever possible stay out to sea away from other water users, the lagoon can only take 5 kite surfers safely at one time, then only if not busy with other water users. WWWC may divide lagoon to keep learner windsurfers at west end with other kite surfers at East, beach manager to advise this. Please keep clear of beginners kite surfing that are having tuition.
- Any kite surfer who endangers any other beach user, summer or winter will be asked to leave the Club, without any refunds.**
- Kites must not left unattended on the beach unless they are secure with sand bags. Lines MUST always be detached when kites are left on the beach.**
- Winter kitesurfing - all kitesurfers must wear bibs throughout the winter which will need to be picked up before 31 October at WWWC and registered at the Club. A £20 deposit will be required and this will be refunded when the bib is returned at the beginning of the following season.**
- Bibs are the property of WWWC and cannot be taken offsite, loaned or used by non members. Each bib has a value of £20 if lost by a member.**

#### Summer Rules (1st June onwards)

In the summer season the beach is busy with swimmers. This means we implement some extra safety procedures to ensure the safety of other beach users. We will drop two new pink buoys in line with the groyne to the right of the windsurf club (as you look at from the beach towards the sea). All windsurfers and kitesurfers are to rig and launch to the Hayling Island (or Windward) side of the new pink buoys. If you are unsure of this procedure please enquire in the Windsurf Club. The shore line to the East and West of the Centre must be kept clear by at least 50meters (2 x kite line lengths or 6 x mast lengths) at all times without exception. The lifeguards will endeavour to keep our launching zone clear of swimmers. If this does not happen we will chase up the situation on your behalf. Please do not kite or windsurf close to swimmers in between the yellow buoyed area. **The use of the lagoons will change daily depending on conditions please check with a member of staff for details.**



**Rule changes**  
Rules are constantly monitored and changes are made when required. Up-to-date rules can be found posted at the WWWC clubhouse and on the 2XS web site under 'WWWC kite rules'.



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# JOIN THE CLUB



## WEST WITTERING WINDSURF CLUB

West Wittering is arguably the UK's premier windsurfing/kitesurfing location - excellent conditions prevail at all states of the tide - flat, waist-deep water at low tide, moderate chop at mid tide and good waves at high tide.

## JOIN THE CLUB

WWWC is organised to provide facilities for its members and to promote safe co-existence with other beach users - both on and off the water. The purpose built clubhouse provides a lookout post and a place to shelter from the elements. Membership includes:

- Access to windsurf and kitesurf on private beach
- Showers and changing rooms - open all year
- Club kitchen and lounge area - with sea view
- X-train coaching
- GPS speed watch available for members
- Windsurf, kitesurf, SUP, kayak, surf and body board hire
- Equipment hire package available to members without gear
- Juniors - Rippers tuition and junior coaching
- Weekly weather info sent by email
- WiFi
- Full time Safety Officer/Club Manager on hand 7 days a week (mid March to Oct 30)



## RESCUE

We take water safety seriously, we can advise you on weather conditions, tides, currents and even check your equipment. We can help you learn techniques to improve your ability on the water.

From mid-March to October 30th a full time Safety Officer/Club Manager is on hand seven days a week to cater for rescue and safety, to advise on wind and tide conditions, and even to help tune your latest rig or launch and land your kite. Our recently purchased jet bike provides a rescue service at any state of tide.

Rescue services operate between 9.30am and 5.30pm every day from mid-March to October 30th.

Like most windsurfing/kitesurfing venues, conditions at West Wittering can vary daily. If you are in any way unsure, we can advise on what sail size to use and when the conditions are best suited to your sailing ability and experience. Check out our webcam for up to date details [www.2xs.co.uk/weather](http://www.2xs.co.uk/weather)

## ONLINE SHOP

West Wittering Windsurfing Club is run by the local online 'surf' shop 2XS who are happy to provide help and advice on all aspects of your sport and on the local conditions.

We also carry spares and essential items at the beach.

**Call 01243 512552 or email [sales@2xs.co.uk](mailto:sales@2xs.co.uk)**

## DIRECTIONS

### From London

It takes 1 1/4 hours from London via the A3 to Portsmouth, along the A27 to Chichester and then down the A286 to West Wittering. Just after West Wittering village, on the right hand side there is a turning to the beach and West Wittering Estate. As you enter the estate car park we are situated on the far left in the tarmac car park.

## CALL THE BEACH ON 01243 513077

WWWC, West Wittering Estate, West Wittering, Chichester, West Sussex PO20 8AJ



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# HIRE PACKAGE

## THE HIRE PACKAGE - HOW IT WORKS

1. Call the day before to book your gear over the phone
2. Arrive on the beach pick your rigged gear up and get out on the water, change sizes of equipment if wind speed changes.
3. Return gear to beach
4. Wind drops take out a SUP. A great light wind alternative!
5. Drive home after having a great day, no worries about putting gear in garage!

NB: If you are on a kite package you will need to pump and line up kites. We will help you launch and land.

We don't have many terms and conditions but these are the few. You will be required to provide a credit card deposit each time you hire against damage. If you damage any item you will be charged at our cost. You will need to keep to club safety rules. The hire package is only for you and cannot be used by anyone else. You will need to call the Club 01243 513077 the day before to book gear.



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RRD windsurf boards,  
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the beach.

# Join now for 2012

## Your details below please

Name (Family Membership - please list all family member's names):  
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 Address:  
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 Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel. (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of member (please tick): Windsurfer  Kitesurfer

## 3rd party insurance cover (required)

Windsurfing insurance	Kitesurfing insurance
Insurance company: _____	Insurance company: _____
Policy number: _____	Policy number: _____
Expiry date: _____	Expiry date: _____

## FOR WWWC OFFICE USE

Bib number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership number \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership runs annually. Car park pass is optional, but it is cheaper over a season than paying car parking fees each time you enter. If you would like to buy a car park pass they are available from West Wittering Estate office.

**SAVE £45**  
Introduce a friend to the club and get £45 off your next renewal!

**JOINING FEE** - applies to new members or those members whose membership has lapsed by over one month Please tick £85.00

## Plus choose one of the packages below:

- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** £285.00
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - includes two adults with children under the age of 18 £399.00
- LOCAL SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** Local single members must have permanent residence south of the A27 on the Manhood Peninsula £245.00
- LOCAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** Local family members must have permanent residence south of the A27 on the Manhood Peninsula £360.00

**HIRE PACKAGES:**  
- if you don't have any kit whether beginner, intermediate or advanced we have tons of gear you can pre book the day before. We will guarantee your gear, you can also change sizes during the day. Available from 1 April to 15 Oct, 7 days per week.

- SINGLE HIRE WINDSURF** (this excludes club membership which needs to be added) £650.00
- SINGLE HIRE KITESURF** (this excludes club membership which needs to be added) £650.00
- BIB DEPOSIT** (your own numbered club bib) £20

All membership prices include VAT.

**Total** £ \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose cheque/cash (delete as appropriate) made payable to: **West Wittering Windsurfing Club Ltd** to the value shown in the box above.

**Declaration**  
This is to certify that I have received a copy of the Club Rules and Safety Recommendations and have read and understood them fully. I am prepared to abide by these rules with regard to the safety of windsurfing and kitesurfing at West Wittering Beach.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block capitals \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: **WWWC** West Wittering Estate, West Wittering, Chichester, West Sussex PO20 8AJ