

## Windfest 2004, by Bruce Powers

A good time was had by all in WET who attended Windfest 2004 at Frisco Woods Campground. April 15th proved to be the best wind day with 4.0-or-less conditions all day long, with many overpowered on even these small sails. Friday the 16th was very light all day. The 17th and 18th were great 5.0-7.0 conditions. Several industry reps were present and everyone had fun on the demo boards and the latest stuff that would heat up your Visa card. Friday night was the board toss event, with many in WET trying to hurl Chris Zeitvogel's vintage board for distance. Yours truly tried to throw it aft end first, which did not help in gaining any

distance. On Saturday the 17th there was an extreme sports video cameraman out on the water in a boat. We all took turns racing by the camera guy with our best tricks.

Saturday night we got to watch ourselves zooming around on a wide screen TV after the day's antics and met other windsurfers from throughout the East coast at the bonfire. On Saturday night we all went out for pizza, which was fun. All in all, Windfest 2004 was way better than Rainfest 2003, with better wind and sunny Spring weather. I'd highly recommend Windfest for anyone considering attending Windfest 2005.



Marcy and Kathy



James Douglas



WET at Frisco Woods



Board toss: Bruce – Chad – Marcy

# Thoughts about Racing, by Chris Zeitvogel

After years of longboard racing, I have absolutely no interest in buying, transporting, maintaining, or trying to resell race gear. Nor do I have any interest in attending any race where the sailing is more important than the eating. But in the end, what is a race supposed to be, anyways?

A race is supposed to be an excuse to go windsurfing...wind or no. And we all know that there is (usually) no wind at windsurf races. Racing took me to new beaches on Okinawa, lakes in New Mexico and Nebraska, up and down the east coast, all over Europe and to far corners of Korea, Canada, and Mexico. I met scores of sailors from all over the world through racing. Lots of wonderful people and a few a#!holes. Won a few trophies, tasted humiliating defeat, regret to this day breaking a few rules, and was motivated to learn so much more than I imagined there was to know about the wind and fleet dynamics on a race course at any given time.

What an ego boost it was to spend a winter studying racing tactics, get a clue, and come back the next season to actually win races. What a motivation to hit the gym in the winter and hit the lake after work in summer whether it was windy or not.

Every race had a hundred anecdotes to go with it. Sure, not every situation was pleasant. Like being two miles offshore in Spain in December after it had blown three hours almost 30 knots and then just frickin' QUIT. Except the waves. That really, really, really sucked. It makes you a hell of a better sailor having been in and gotten yourself out of that type of situation.

Had I not been a racer, I never would have taken the cruises down the York and across the Bay during summer 1995. I never would have seen the Northern Lights from Lake Winnipeg in summer 1999, I never would have sailed in absolute awe of the Alps on the Silsersee in Switzerland, and I never would have ghosted over a manatee in Miami. I mean, there is more to windsurfing than just windsurfing.

Yeah, though I am here and ya'll are there, I like to think that if I were there too, I would have helped Tom sail the committee boat around, been a gofer on the beach for Dave, helped the start crew with their thankless tasks, maybe snuck in a short session in the afternoon, and above all, helped eat the post race dinner.

Here's wishing you a windy spring and a fun 2004 racing season, wind or not.

---

## Calendar changes!

Canceled: May 15th / Saturday

Buckroe Beach Windsurfing Open - Long distance race, Freestyle, Intro to windsurfing

New event: June 12th / Saturday

Intro to Windsurf & Buckroe Beach Blast (contact Pete at Beach Sports). At Buckroe from 11-3. The WET tent will be set up. We want lots of windsurfers there to show the crowd how much fun we have on the water.

Date change: Lotto regatta now 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004. There was a rain date, Sunday, for the original weekend. I assume arrangement for rain date will be communicated in approach to the event. [JP]

# WET Calendar of Events 2004

## May

2nd / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

9th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

16th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

22nd / Saturday

Rigging clinic, Dr. Bob's. Glenn Woodell will host. This is a great way to get your rig tuned up properly and have some fun sailing with the crowd. Learn about sail and mast types, compatibilities, and how to rig properly. Look to letsrig for times.

23rd / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

18th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

30th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

## June

3rd / Thursday

WET meeting 7:00; Mona Lisa's Pizza, Buckroe

6th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

10th / Thursday

Race clinic at Willoughby and beach cleanup at Buckroe Beach

12th / Saturday

Intro to Windsurf & Buckroe Beach Blast (contact Pete at Beach Sports). At Buckroe from 11-3. The WET tent will be set up. We want lots of windsurfers there to show the crowd how much fun we have on the water.

13th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

20nd / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

27th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

## July

1st / Thursday

WET meeting 7:00; Location TBD

4th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

17th / Saturday

Fun regatta

11th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

18th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

24th / Saturday

Introduction to windsurfing (age 10 and up).

25th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

31st / Saturday

Lotto Re gatta (rain date on Sunday)

## August

1st / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

5th / Thursday

WET meeting 7:00; Location TBD

7th / Saturday

Bring your own BBQ and windsurf at the beach, Buckroe



8th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

15th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

22th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

29th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

## September

2nd / Thursday

General meeting 7:00; Location TBD

5th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

11th / Saturday

Introduction to windsurfing (age 10 and up)

12th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

19th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

26th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

## October

7th / Thursday

General meeting at 7:00, nominations;

Location TBD

3rd / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

10th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

17th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

22th / Saturday

Buckroe Beach Challenge

23rd-24th / Saturday-Sunday

Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic at Buckroe Beach or Day's Inn. This is our last regatta of the year.

24th / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

31st / Sunday

1:00 Sailing at [Mill Creek](#). Bring your light wind and beginner gear so others can learn.

## November

4th / Thursday

7:00 General meeting (Elections) at 7:00;

Location TBD

## December

Date TBD

WET Christmas Party. No meeting this month

**WET Mail Editor-in-Chief:**

**Joachim Pfeiffer**

(757) 685-3448

[jpf18@yahoo.com](mailto:jpf18@yahoo.com)

**WET's Website!**

[www.sailwet.com](http://www.sailwet.com)



**President: John Perry**

(757) 357-5862

[wndsr4@charter.net](mailto:wndsr4@charter.net)

**Vice President: John Contos**

(757) 463-5830

[JONNYC@cox.net](mailto:JONNYC@cox.net)

**Secretary: Adrienne Woodell**

**Treasurer: Chad Perkins**

(757) 850-2294

[Shambhalawayne@aol.com](mailto:Shambhalawayne@aol.com)

**Members at Large:**

Earl Berkley, Allen Monfalcone,  
Bob Rowland

**Beach Access, Photography &**

**Web Site:** [Glenn Woodell](#)

**Membership:** [Marcy Kennedy](#)

**OUR NATIONAL  
GOVERNING BODY:**

<http://www.uswindsurfing.org/>



*Wanna know where we sail? Check out the  
launch map at*

*<http://www.windvisions.com/launches.html>*

*for all the information you need about the  
local sailing sites.*

**WET Officers**

President: John Perry

Vice-President: John Contos

Secretary: Adrienne Woodell

Treasurer: Chad Perkins

Members At Large:

Earl Berkley, Allen Monfalcone, Bob

Rowland

**Next WET Meeting**

The WET meeting will be

**June 3rd 7PM**

**Mona Lisa's Pizza, Buckroe**

**Directions :** Only minutes off I-64 at the last exit (268 Mallory Street) before you enter the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel East-bound. Turn left at the stop light onto Mallory Road. Follow Mallory for about 3 miles. You will drive down a long straight section of road and finally pass the second 7-11 at a light. Go 2 more blocks across Pembroke Avenue and Mona Lisa will be on the right.

---

**WET MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**203 Buckroe Ave., Hampton, VA. 23664**

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
E- mail:		
Individual Membership...\$20.00	U. S. Windsurfing Membership...\$25.00	
Each additional family member....\$5.00	through WET (Normally \$35)	
Total: _____		

**WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of acceptance as a member of the Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater (WET), I (the undersigned), intending to be legally bound, do hereby for my administrators, my executors and myself, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages which may occur to me against WET, its officials, employees and agents of any and all liabilities or responsibilities arising from any injury received or incurred by participation in any event sponsored by WET. My release is also given for the reproduction of any photographs taken of me or including me for use in media coverage. I understand that I am waiving rights which otherwise should have been mine by law and I do so of my own free will and consent.



**FOR ALL OF YOUR  
WINDSURFING NEEDS**

**Hampton Roads Local Windsurfing Shop**  
**Sales, Service, Lessons**

Equipment by  
MISTRAL F2 BIC CHINOOK

Just down the street from Buckroe Beach

Phone: 757-851-3224  
[www.beachsports.net](http://www.beachsports.net)  
email: [shop@beachsports.net](mailto:shop@beachsports.net)

