



Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater

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Spring 2007 – A lot of sailing ahead.

WET wasn't dormant over the winter. We were sailing, and we were lining up business for 2007 – most notably our Spring Regatta over the weekend of April 20, and the Introduction to Windsurfing event on May 19. Please take note of changes to both events.

The **Spring Regatta** will move from Willoughby Spit in Norfolk to Yorktown Beach at Yorktown Battlefield. We do not have prior experience racing at this site, but VIMS is across the river. We have members there, which gives us the confidence of proper clearance for race fins and other aspects, most noteworthy: We have a hotel on site. Check out the Notice of Race (NOR) at http://www.sailwet.com/MAS/2007/2007_WET_Spring_NOR.pdf for more information.

The **Introduction to Windsurfing** will remain at Ft. Monroe. We made changes to the format. We now charge students a \$5 entry fee, and we request students to reserve a spot. We decided to make this adjustment in order to promote a better student to instructor ratio compared to the past. It was great to see a big turnout, but we felt we could not reasonably instruct as many students as we have seen. Please let everybody know to either contact wetintros@yahoo.com, or to send a MySpace friend request to www.myspace.com/WETIntros. The latter is

news as well: We chose to set up a social networking site in order to address another problem we identified: Lack of follow-up after the event. This way, we hope we can stay in touch with students after the event. And we think it's got a cool factor.

A big group was out on a **trip to the Dominican Republic** in February. Stories about 15' waves and shredded gear were told. Kudos to Bob Rowland who organized the trip.

The **Twelve Month Club** is running strong again this year. Marcy Kennedy continues to cover logistics: Record keeping and collecting entry fees. There is always opportunity to score a planing session to cover a month. The **Santa Sail** last December saw some planing winds and Elfs got into the footstraps to square December away! [JP]



Santa sailing fin first

Photo: Beach Sports

Dominican Republic Trip Report... and pictures by Bruce Powers

I had a great time in the Dominican Republic with the Windsurfing Enthusiasts to Tidewater (WET) club trip. This trip was partly to commemorate my retirement from the Navy Reserve after 21 years in. The island is great to visit in the winter with plenty of friendly locals more than willing to take your money for just about anything. The 2m swell proved challenging at the beginning of the week, providing much water start practice. Since I usually sail flat water here in VA and NC, it was unique feeling the rhythm of the Atlantic ocean as it washed over me repeatedly (blub, cough) The 1m swell was better for me towards the end of the week, and I was able to crack out

a few good jibes on a 5.8 meter sail and 100 liter board. Also did some SCUBA diving. Got addicted to this great rum drink called a Mohito, I gotta figure out how to make those at home.. My hotel was really neat, it was like living in a rain forest for a week with many tropical plants and tree frogs chirping at night. Knowledge of Spanish as always in the Caribbean will get you your breakfast faster. No actual windsurf pictures since those are on the movie camera, still working on those.. Hopefully this experience will get me towards my goal of windsurfing the ocean here at home.



Spot the frogs I

Photo: Bruce Powers



Vela Center

Photo: Bruce Powers



Spot the frogs II

Photo: Bruce Powers



Only steps to the beach Photo: Bruce Powers

2007 Calendar of Events

APRIL

19-April to 21-April

US Sailing windsurfing instructor certification available (Beach Sports), contact Beach Sports <http://www.beachsports.net>

19-April to 21-April

Hatteras Windfest (non-WET). Frisco Woods Campground; Buxton, NC

27-April to 29-April

WET Spring Race. York County.

NOR at http://www.sailwet.com/MAS/2007/2007_WET_Spring_NOR.pdf

MAY

19-May

Intro to Windsurfing. Ft. Monroe; Hampton, VA

24-May to 27-May

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JUNE/JULY

19-July to 22-July

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AUGUST

4-August

Lotto Regatta. Anderson Park; Hampton, VA

23-August to 26-August

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SEPTEMBER

Date TBA

Intro to Windsurfing. Ft. Monroe; Hampton, VA

20-September to 23-September

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OCTOBER

19-October to 21-October

Hampton Roads Sailboard Classic.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Annual Party TBA.

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



Monthly WET Meeting

Alternating between the Southside and the Peninsula. Check the Letsrig email list, or contact us!

New WET Members

WET welcomes a new member!

Sheldon Franck

The Shred Column



Greg Giordano after an impact check at Windmill Point.

WET Intro Flyer – Print it out and invite your friends!



WET/Beach Sports Introduction to Windsurfing

Saturday, May 19th 2007

2:00 to 5:00

Mill Creek, Fort Monroe

Come out and experience the thrill of windsurfing.
Windsurfing gear will be provided by Beach Sports.

Certified Instruction will be provided by
the Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater.

Cost is only \$5 per person.

To sign up, e-mail wetintros@yahoo.com, OR send a myspace friend request to
www.myspace.com/WETIntros

Bring booties, old tennis shoes, or other foot protection.

Exit 268 off of I-64 to Mellen Street. Turn right and continue to Fort Monroe. After entering the gate, do a U-turn around the guard house, turn right onto Ingalls Road and then an immediate left onto Eustis Road. Continue along the water to the parking area on the right.

Alternate e-mail: webmaster@sailwet.com
See www.sailwet.com in case of rain date

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL & WAIVER

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ Member of "letsrig" e-mail list? Yes ____ No ____

New Member ____ Existing Member Renewal ____ Former Member Re-Joining ____.

Individual Membership.....\$20.00 US. Windsurfing Membership...\$30.00
Each additional family member...\$5.00 through WET (Normally \$35)

Total: _____

WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of acceptance as a member of Windsurfing Enthusiasts of Tidewater, Inc. (WET), I (the undersigned), intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my administrators and my executors, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages which may accrue to me against WET, its officials, employees and agents, for any and all liabilities or responsibilities arising from any injury or other loss received or incurred by participation in any event sponsored by WET. My release and permission is also given for the reproduction and distribution of any photographs taken of me or including me, for use in media coverage or any other use which WET and/or its representative(s) may deem appropriate. 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.

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