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Club Members; Alasdair, Bill and Jeff teaching windsurfing 101 to attendees at 9th annual NJWWA Funfest @ LBI (see page 6)
Letter from the President

I hope everyone is having a great summer and finding time to get on the water. This past spring offered plenty of good windy days and as we deal with the dog days of summer there are still opportunities to get on the water. Before you know it, fall will be back as will the need to get back into our wetsuits. So get out there because as Andy Brandt is fond of saying, “everyday of windsurfing is a great day of windsurfing”.

Here at the NJWWA, we’re off to another great year with a successful LBI FunFest in July and looking forward to upcoming FunFests in Lakes Bay (Aug. 6) and Sandy Hook (Sept. 10). Also, the annual Gala will be held at Marah Shields place in Fair Haven, NJ in October and will again be a backyard BBQ. Specific details will be shared in the near future. And lastly, we are planning to do our second annual fall trip to Cape Hatteras on Nov. 4–11th (see opposite for details). Last year’s trip was a blast and I’m looking forward to organizing another great group to enjoy the outer banks.

As I hit the 6 month point in my “presidency”, I would love to hear from you regarding ideas on ways that we could make the club more valuable and enjoyable for the members. Like any club, we need members to get involved and participate in order for the club to be a fun and vibrant association.

Enjoy the newsletter and I hope to see you on the water!

Jeff Bauer, President

Jeffreywbauer@optonline.net

2017 NJWWA Schedule of Events

Sunday August 6th / rain date: August 13th 2017: NJWWA Windsurfing Fun Fest @ Lakes Bay/Atlantic City.
Sunday September 10th / rain date 17th 2017: NJWWA Windsurfing Fun Fest @ Sandy Hook.

October 14th 2017; 5.00 p.m.: End of Season NJWWA Gala. Oct. 14th (5pm) at Marah’s featuring live music by, every windsurfer’s favorite band, More Downhaul.

November 4th-11th 2017: NJWWA trip to Cape Hatteras – see below for details

Our club schedule can also be viewed online at: www.Tinyurl.com/NJWWACalendar

NJWWA 2nd Annual Fall Trip to Cape Hatteras, NC

We are planning another trip to the outer banks of NC for a week of windsurfing, good eating and great camaraderie with fellow NJWWA members. The dates are Nov. 4 – 11th and the costs will be approximately $300 per person. The specific house or houses will be determined by the number of members that join the fun. Please email Jeff Bauer at jeffreywbauer@optonline.net to express interest and/or ask any questions.

East Coast ABK Camp Schedule:

Hyannis, Massachusetts: Fri, Sep 8 — Sun, Sep 10 2017; 3 day camp; freestyle available; > 6 spaces left.

Long Island-Tiana, New York: Fri, Sep 22 — Sun, Sep 24 2017; 3 day camp; freestyle available; > 6 spaces left.

West Atlantic City, New Jersey: Fri, Sep 29 — Sun, Oct 1 2017; 3 day camp; freestyle available; > 6 spaces left.

Hatteras, North Carolina: Mon, Oct 16 — Fri, Oct 20 2017; 5 day clinic; freestyle available; > 6 spaces left.

Hatteras, North Carolina: Fri, Oct 27 — Sun, Oct 29 2017; 3 day clinic; freestyle available; > 6 spaces left.

For more information and other dates, please visit: http://abkboardsports.com/

2018 NJWWA Calendar
For all those amateur (or even pro) photographers out there, please consider submitting some shots for inclusion in our 2018 calendar.

If you have any action photographs (taken in NJ or other windsurfing location) that you would like to be considered, please forward them to ancwsurf@gmail.com under the subject “2018 NJWWA calendar”. You still have until September 12th to get the photographs submitted so take your camera with you next time you go out windsurfing.

- Photographs preferably should be in JPEG format and at least 300 DPI resolution (roughly 1mB or greater) to be considered for inclusion.

- n.b. photographs taken on smart phones (unless of the above size) are generally not of sufficient quality or resolution to be expanded to calendar dimensions.

**Other Announcements:**

**Special NJWWA Chinook Equipment Deal**

The NJWWA has arranged a special opportunity to purchase new Chinook booms, extensions, bases and harness lines. Unfortunately, we do not have exact prices at this point but we expect the savings to be 30-40%. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Jeff Bauer at jeffreywbauer@optonline.net and let him know what you are interested in buying. Jeff will coordinate the details and make a group NJWWA purchase.

**Windsurfing Gear Trading Site**

Buy, Sell or Exchange Windsurfing, SUP and all Watersport Gear!

[To post your items please go to http://tinyurl.com/ExchangeYourGear](http://tinyurl.com/ExchangeYourGear)

[To access to what others have posted go to http://tinyurl.com/GearExchange](http://tinyurl.com/GearExchange)

**Windsurfing Instructor Collective**

[Do you want to take your windsurfing skills to the next level?](http://tinyurl.com/WindsurfingInstructors)

[Do you want to be a windsurfing instructor?](http://tinyurl.com/WindsurfingInstructors)

[Do you want to contribute to the growth of the windsurfing community?](http://tinyurl.com/WindsurfingInstructors)

If the answer is YES... you should join our group.

With us you will be able to participate in instructor clinics where:

1. You will be exposed to a variety of educational methodologies.

2. You will practice with expert windsurfing instructors.

3. You will develop your own windsurfing teaching style.

[http://tinyurl.com/WindsurfingInstructors](http://tinyurl.com/WindsurfingInstructors)
Tricktionary Windsurfing Bible Published

After a 3 year wait, the Tricktionary Windsurfing Bible https://www.tricktionary.com/en/windsurfing/tricktionary-3#basics has finally been published. This book has been put together by Austrian freestyle windsurfer, Michael Rossmeier and ABK windsurfing guru, Andy Brandt as the main contributor. There are almost 500 pages of full color pictures illustrating all aspects of windsurfing in great detail. As described on the above website, there are:

“7 main chapters: Basics, Slalom, Light Wind Freestyle, Planing Freestyle, Jumping Freestyle, Power Freestyle, Wave.

Extremely detailed high focus moves: Superbasics, Fast Tack, Power Jibe, Duck Jibe, 360s, Chop Hop, Speed Loop, Air Jibe, Wave Basics, Wave Riding.

Important: More than half of the book consists of non-jumping moves/topics!”

Some of the basics covered in the first chapter include:

- Equipment overview, trim and tuning guide.
- Expanded beginner part
- Beachstart and Waterstart are focus-chapters!
- Very detailed Basic Shortboarding part with planing, posture, trim and other technique tips.
- Safe Windsurfing
- Kids & Youth special

The book (English edition) can be ordered on line from:

This terrific book is an absolute must-have for windsurfers of all ages and abilities!!

Club Links

i. Twitter
@njwindsurf

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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=njwwa

iii. Facebook
New Jersey Windsurfing

iv. Visit our Shop
https://www.zazzle.com/njwwastore
Club News

9th Annual NJWWA Windsurfing Fun Fest @ Bayview Park, Brant Beach, Long Beach Island, NJ.

Sunday July 9th 2017

As often is the case in the days leading up to club Fun Fests, all eyes were on the wind forecasts for the big day. With the forecast for very light easterly (off shore) winds for the morning of the 9th, a number of us experienced some reservations about the suitability of conditions for any type of windsurfing. As it turned out, these conditions, together with the improving afternoon breezes, proved to be perfect for yet another successful club event.

By Alasdair and Corinne Gilfillan

(Photographs: Ken Chen, Alasdair Gilfillan, Corinne Gilfillan and Jimmy Rivera)

also in attendance was Jack Bushko in his capacity as overseer of the park’s water sport’s concessions and life guard for the windsurfing/kayaking/SUP beach. With safety being a big consideration for NJWWA events, it was great having Jack there to watch keep an eye on things.

The first group of attendees started to arrive around 9.00 a.m. As usual there was a wide range of age
groups taking part: all the way from pre-teenagers to retirees. It was especially great, however, this year to see so many of the younger generation (i.e. under 30) represented. This younger generation was exemplified by a group of Princeton University Post Grad students who had driven down to LBI for the day to try their hands at various watersports and join in the day’s fun.

The day’s events commenced with on-land windsurfing instruction which demonstrated the various principals behind elementary sail and board handling as well as how to turn using a basic tack. This first group was then taken out on the water and allowed to put, what was learned on dry land, into practice on actual windsurfing gear on the water under the watchful eyes and instruction of club volunteers. This process was greatly facilitated by the use of large floaty board and small lightweight rigs and by the light breezes.

The easterly direction of the breeze also enabled the student windsurfers to sail safely back and forward parallel to the shore. Downwind drifting was kept in check by tether ropes tied to each board. As it turned out, these conditions were perfect for learning windsurfing as was evident by the number of those mastering the basics of windsurfing.

Once the windsurfing session was well underway, those who were interested were given instruction on SUP from club volunteers. Again, the calm conditions were ideal for picking up the rudiments of this sport.

With their SUP techniques perfected, several of these paddlers bravely volunteered to take part in an impromptu SUP relay race organized by Barb Bauer.
Each team consisted of three participants, each of which had to paddle out and back to a buoy approximately 100 yds off shore. After the first two legs, the team of Bill, Alasdair and John Zhang had the lead. Unfortunately, on the final leg, Bill ran into an immovable object (Brian) on the way to sure victory. The Princeton crew of Mike, Kyle, and Archit took advantage of this mishap, rapidly overtaking Bill, thus claiming victory.

Princeton crew #2 came in a close second with Bill coming in third to reclaim a little bit of glory (after managing to free himself of the deliberate entanglement).

Late morning saw a second group of attendees learning the rudiments of windsurfing using the on-land simulator before heading out to join the others on the water.
Lunch (purchased from local LBI establishment Joey's) provided welcome sustenance after all the morning's fun on the water. This also gave J.P. a chance to thank the participants and tell them a little bit more about the aims and activities of our club.

The afternoon's events were less structured than the morning's and allowed the participants to choose their board of choice to just get out on the water and have some fun with club volunteers again overseeing these activities.

Late afternoon saw a switching of the breeze more to the south with a slight gain in speed allowing more experienced sailors and assorted club members to get out and have some fun of their own.

With the day's events finally winding down, those of us that still had some energy left, headed towards the "Thermal Café" at Eileen's rental house for food and drinks (Thanks to Eileen for hosting and Diane for the preparation/set up). Attendees were entertained by Brian on guitar and vocals. The highlight of the evening was an encore presentation of "The Thermal Blues" by blues master "Thermal Bob" backed up by Brian, again on guitar.

All in all, it was a terrific day. It was especially wonderful to see all the wide smiles on everyone's faces throughout the day. Windsurfing really is a magical sport.

Thanks go to J.P. for organizing the FunFest, Tom and Ally for providing and setting up beginner gear, all club volunteers for their help during their event, and again Eileen, Diane, Brian (and Thermal Bob) for the Thermal Café fun.
Special thanks go out to Jack Bushko for his help/safety monitoring and Joni Bakum for management of Bayview park during the event. We would also like to thank Long Beach Township for supporting and encouraging watersport activities at Bayview Park.

Below are some other photographs taken at the event:
Few places offer the variety of world class water and non-water sports activities in such a beautiful setting than the Columbia River Gorge area. Framed by the magnificent, snow-capped peaks of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, the area is frequented by windsurfers, mountain bikers, hikers, skiers, snowboarders, kite surfers, stand up paddleboarders, surf skiers, outrigger canoers and there have even been some citings of a couple of crazy Ukranians on motorized unicycles. Due to the proximity of the river to the mountains, many of these activities can be done in the same day. For those who live in these parts, success isn’t summed up by your resume but rather by what you have on the roof of your car.
Oh, did I mention: It’s windy! Typical sail sizes tend to be 4.0–4.7m for the guys and 3.4–3.7m for the ladies. Boards tend to be 75-85L for guys and smaller for the ladies. With some of the sailing sites dishing out head high swell, conditions can be challenging. The winds are often a bit gusty and with the small boards and sails, you can be overpowered one minute and struggling to stay afloat the next. Fortunately, there are many different sailing areas and one can choose their spot to best meet their sailing skills or desired conditions.

Oh, did I mention: There’s beer! (and wine too). The area has at least 12 local breweries and just about as many wineries. The après-fun activities in the Gorge are plentiful with most located within the quaint town of Hood River. It’s also legal to buy weed for those who want to cut down on the calories. In addition, there are many good coffee shops to get your day going and allow you time to relax and plan the day.

Oh, and did I mention the weather is beautiful! Obviously weather can be a bit fickle, but the Gorge during the summer months tends to be cool in the morning and evenings but warms up into the mid 80’s to low 90’s during the day. During the 9 days we spent there this summer, we barely saw a cloud and didn’t have a drop of rain. It was a pleasant reprieve from the NJ humidity.

So if you have never been to the Gorge, then you’re missing out on a true American gem. So put it on your bucket list, then kick over that bucket, and get your butt to the Gorgeous Gorge!

Windsurfing/SUP Tips

From the Tipster (AKA Mark Vizer).

Fanatic SUPs

I’ve had some problems with the mast base sockets on Fanatic SUPs getting dirty and causing difficulty when screwing in the mast base. These 8mm bronze sockets seem vulnerable to dirt and sand. I got mine cleaned out and functional and wanted to protect them when just paddling. I found some nice 8mm by 16 mm flat head, stainless steel screws at Home Depot. They were not easy to find, but I found mine at HD, Willow grove. Corrosion shouldn’t really be a problem between SS and Bronze but I’ve added some non-stick bike chain lubricant – “White Lightning” -- to prevent corrosion. I imagine you could also use PTFE (Teflon) pipe dope or PTFE spray.

Shot from Washington State

The sailing season in the Gorge is basically June through August. Fueled by the heating of the desert areas to the east and the cool Pacific Ocean to the west, a pressure gradient is created which delivers strong winds from the west that get squeezed by the walls of the Gorge resulting in a kind of wind tunnel. Add the fact that the river current is flowing from the east, and the apparent wind is even greater.

Example of the screws

Jeff in mid slam jibe
NJWWA Classifieds

- Mistral Ventura Fun board, 150 liters, adjustable mast track, straps, Mistral foot, $299
- Angulo 8.6 glass wave board, 85 liters, straps, jump pads, fins, $99
- ART slalom monofilm race sail, adjustable from 5.5m to 7.0m, plus ART carbon 2-piece mast and clamp-on boom to fit the sail $199
- Rushwind slalom/wave sails, 3.9m and 3m, plus 2-piece mast and clamp-on boom to fit the sails, $199
- Rushwind wave sail 3.0m (excellent for beginners), $99
- Assorted board bags, sail bags, fins and accessories, harnesses, etc. (included in sale of complete quiver)
- Complete Quiver – 2 boards, 3 sails, 2 masts, 2 booms: $695 (save $200)

Call Vinh Vu 908-692-8376 cell or email vinhtvu@optonline.net

Those that wish to submit a classified ad must include a title for their ad, details, prices and full contact information to info@windsurf.org. NJWWA will choose to select ads appropriate for publishing.

The Club (NJWWA) assumes no obligation for the ads that get posted.

Interesting Web Links

Occasionally our club members and newsletter readers come across websites that would be of interest to our members. If you find any that you think would be relevant for inclusion in the newsletter please forward to ancwsurf@gmail.com.

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