

The Lake Wind Advisory

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Trip Report

Ripping in Aruba!

By Chuck Hardin, Whitecap Windsurfing

It was a great trip! Well, duhhh...it was Aruba in June. You want details? OK. The wind blew hard all day (and night); it was hot; the water was clear and beautiful; there was plenty of rum-based refreshment nearby. Think: *Jimmy Buffett windsurfing*. You get the picture.

Thirteen windsurfers, connected through the Atlanta club and Whitecap Windsurfing, got all we could handle of high winds and smooth water, world-class instruction from Dasher and his crew, and blisters on hands and feet. That's enough detail, I think. However, if you want more, below is a list of individual highlights and achievements; but, first, let me share with you the

Top Ten Things I Learned on My Aruba Windsurfing Trip

- 10) Young women of native Caribbean-Latin descent have nice bone structure.
- 9) It is easier to beat Kevin Pritchard in a race than walk out of an Aruban casino with a profit.
- 8) Iguanas are devious -- that whole ugly-cute, motionless thing is just a ploy to get a morsel...of you.
- 7) Young women of Caribbean-Latin descent have nice bikini structure.
- 6) Scott Geddie displaces so much water when he goes over the handlebars that he leaves a hole.
- 5) Dasher has a better job than us.
- 4) Men windsurfing in thongs are, well...unappealing.
- 3) After our visit, the Vela Aruba staff will refer to it as "Georgia Chrome", not "duct tape".
- 2) Aruba claims to be in the "trade winds", but

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Calendar

Upcoming club and regional events:

- **July 27 Learn-To-Windsurf Clinic & Swap Meet**
- **August 13 Monthly Meeting** Brandy House 7:30 PM agenda: review recent sailing sessions. Note: The Brandy House is on Roswell Rd. (US-19), 2.7 Mi. south of I-285 (exit 25). It's on the left (east) side of the road.
- **September 10 Monthly Meeting** Brandy House 7:30 PM agenda: review recent sailing sessions.
- **Oct 12-13 Fall Classic** (LLSC- Windsurfers Only)
- **Oct 26-27 Halloween Regatta** (LLSC- Open)
- **Dec TBA Holiday Party**

Club Trips

- Hatteras (Avon), NC Oct 12-19 - One spot left at the house "Le Spot"
- Bonaire: June 2003

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2001; 7:30PM; Brandy House

Old Business: Sailing

New Business: Sailing

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Notes: The meeting was attended by the following members: Brian Butkus, Andrew Byars, Tim Carter, Dave Delorem, Michelle Diament, Scott Geddie, Bill Herderich, Danny Johnson, Michael Krupa, Gene Mathis, Chris Pyron, and Christian Thompson

June 11, 2001; 7:30PM; Brandy House

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New Business: Sailing

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Notes: The meeting was attended by the following members: Greg and Kelly Baxendale, Greg Chinik, William Fragakis and kids, Bill Herderich, Mimi Silva, and Christian Thompson

Next Meeting: August 13, 2002 at 7:30-Brandy House

they are not -- they are KEEPING IT ALL TO THEIR #&%@* SELVES!

and, 1) Six full days of non-stop windsurfing in paradise is **enough**...till tomorrow.

(Also, I was glad that the topless women on Aruba beaches are not allowed anywhere near the Vela Windsurf Center. At least we didn't have to deal with that, thank goodness.)

And, now, here's who did what that was worthwhile:

Eric Lescourett -- first waterstart; front foot in straps; 14 blisters on left hand, 10 on the right.

Scott Geddie -- just 3 words describe his trip: over the handlebars. Actually, he was rockin' and ridin' smooth at week's end.

Andrew Byars -- Lured the Canadian buzz fiend into the reef. I have to explain this one. It's priceless. There was this scuzz ball who all week long kept passing so close and fast to everyone who was down after a fall. We were all, unknowingly to one another, trying to figure out how to deal with him. Andrew told us at the Thursday night party that he finally got even with him that day.

Andrew fell in the shin-deep reef on the edge of a clearly marked 3 ft. deep safe-passage channel that we all sailed through on most every reach. Some of us knew you could also sneak through other gaps in the reef and did so regularly. Anyway, Andrew was down in 8" water on the rocks crouching like the water was waist-deep with a big come-and-get-me smile on his face. Our "friend" set his sights on Andrew and bore down on him in a full-on plane. Andrew said it took him 5 minutes to figure out what hit him. Said he never saw a guy so shook up. (He told us about this at the video party and I never laughed so hard in my life. Maybe you had to be there.)

Danny Johnson -- Levitation Tack. Toss the sail forward while planning slightly upwind, let the wind float it, catch it on a soft return to your hands like it's on a string, finish the turn. Really. I saw it. I was sober. He might not have been.

Jenni Johnson -- (Danny's wife) -- First time on high performance board in the harness!

Drew Wade -- way-cool "head drag" thing.

David Wade -- tried to keep up with Drew --

tailed.

Doug King -- the Soul Surfer -- cruising the Blue Highway and 8 straight planning jibes. (No witnesses.)

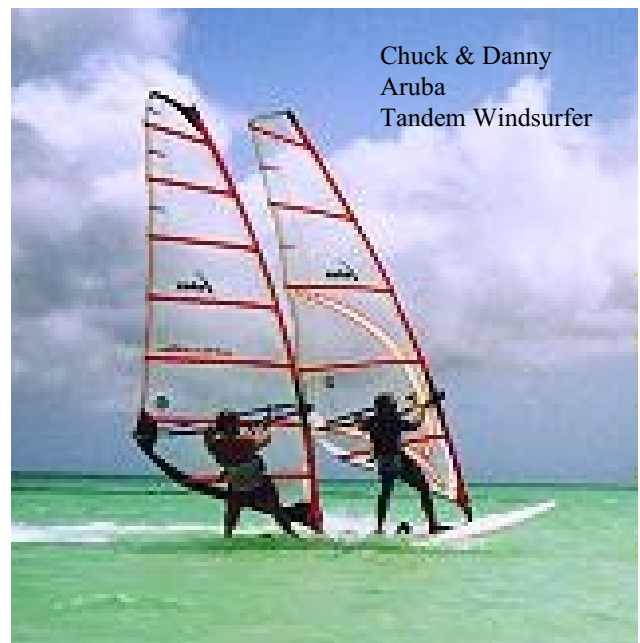
Joe O'leary -- Never stopped sailing...ever. Never rested; never stood around in the water. That's an accomplishment in itself.

Larry Nichols and Carol Moon -- Never stopped smiling. I never saw two people who got so much joy out of just being there.

Mel Abernathy -- First pivot jibes; wired water start; went so fast he lost another inch of hair on his front forehead; learned that D-Snore actually works.

Your's truly -- 3/4's of a body drag, (i.e, both legs off, slide a bit, return back foot to strap, front toes almost back in strap, loose it.) One-handed jibes. Won \$160 in casinos -- blackjack.

(Footnote: The most pure, childish **fun** you may ever have windsurfing is on a tandem board. Danny and I had the time of our life on Friday with the F2 Tandem. In pretty strong winds, on about a 6.5 and a 6.0, we had that thing dialed-in and were planning at amazing speed for long runs -- we could have pulled a water skier. Even did successful tacks twice. I don't know how we avoided serious injury. That's a lot of mass moving through the water! Something about the tandem experience just makes you laugh. Don't pass up the opportunity next time you have a chance.)



Chuck & Danny
Aruba
Tandem Windsurfer

Whitecap Windsurfing, Inc.

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It's Close-out Season

Boy howdy, is it ever! Aerotech, North, Neil Pryde, Fanatic, F2, and Mistral have all sent long lists of 2001 model boards and sails and MASTS, too. It's time to call to get that item you've been delaying until the right deal comes along. Really - - these are the best #'s I've ever seen. I can resell some stuff lower than my cost was a year ago. Here are some random samples...

- Neil Pryde DIABLO's at \$150 to \$240 off my normal low price -- not MSRP! All sizes
- North twin-cam "Matchrace" sails, 7.8 and 8.8 in low \$300's
- North "Xcellerator" 75% and 60% masts at \$75 to \$100 off normal low price, not MSRP!
- BIC "Evolution" (Large) board for \$689 --crazy, man!
- Fanatic "Cross" in 100 and 110 for \$669 -- get outta here!

I also have on hand some interesting gear you can touch and feel:

- Mistral Prodigy
- F2 Discovery 190
- HOT Sails Maui -- kid's Micro-slide 2.7 sail.

Special of the Year: Windsurfing Hawaii's "Makai" premium aluminum booms, med. and wave - \$133. Race length -- \$143 -- featured in WSing Magazine, p 62 (May) as a great boom at the MSRP of \$169.)

Other stuff:

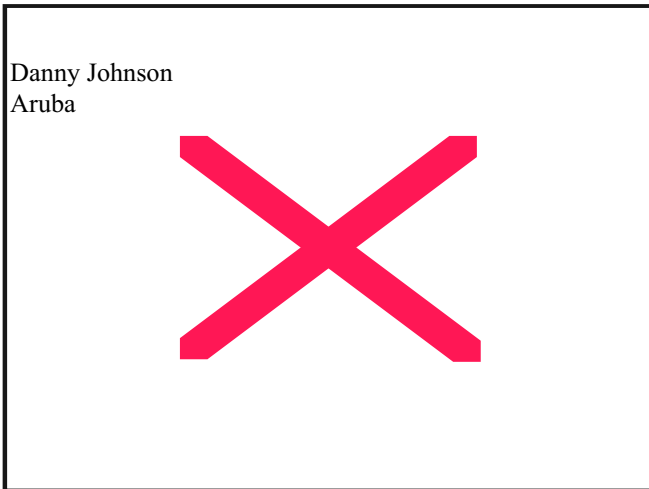
- Harness lines (that still adjust after much use):
- W.H. "Hard Ones" or Chinook double-adjustable In-flight lines...\$29 Extensions: Chinook "Tall Power" alu. or W.H. "Gold" 16" -- \$47.50

Best prices and service on F2, Mistral, Fanatic, Starboard, BIC, Neil Pryde, JP, Aerotech, North, HiFly, Powerex, Chinook, Curtis, Epic Gear, Da Kine (if you insist), Windsurfing Hawaii, and more!

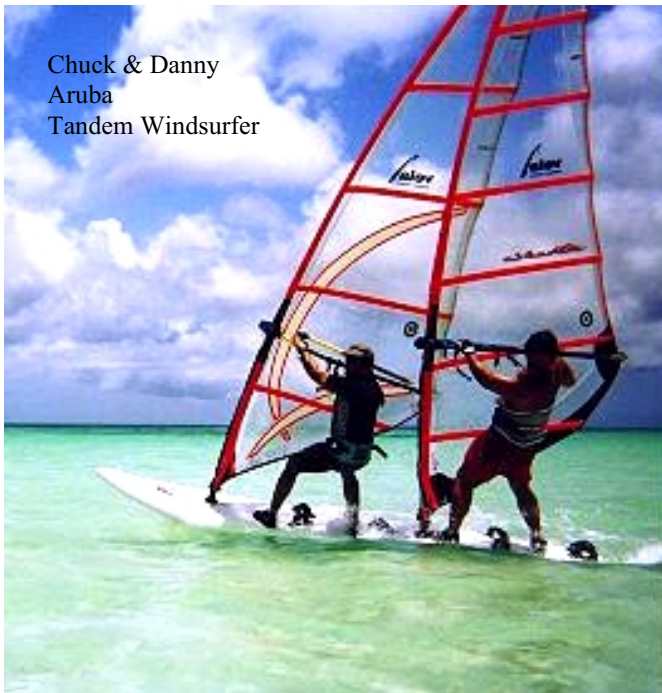
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Lake Levels

As of Thursday 07/20/02

Lake	Current	Full Pool	Difference
Allatoona	838.2	840.0	-1.8
Lanier	1064.4	1070.0	-5.6
Thurmond	319.6	330.0	-10.4

See Corp of Engineers' web site for more information
www.sam.usace.army.mil

First Boards

There's never been a better time to start windsurfing!

By Bill Herderich

It seems that the windsurfing industry has recognized the need to offer boards that make learning to windsurf easier and more enjoyable. To be fair, a few companies such as HiFly have been doing this for some time with boards like the Magnum and Primo.

The emphases on producing boards that are wide, stable, and floaty will help new windsurfers greatly. First impressions are lasting ones and these boards can make all the difference between giving up and making windsurfing a lasting activity.

I've always referred to these types of boards as beginner boards. It turns out that the windsurfing industry prefers to call these first boards rather than beginner boards. This is to remove the connotation that they are only good for inexperienced windsurfers. Quite the contrary, many of them can and are used by advanced windsurfers too. As you may have noticed in the ABC message board and out on the lake, some folks are using these specifically for light wind planning.

The result of this new emphasis is that over the last year or so there have been a host of new boards introduced by nearly all the manufacturers. On pages 5-8 you'll find a list of all first boards currently available.

Please don't confuse this with a board review. All that is presented here is a list of the boards I felt had the potential to be used by first timers, along with their specifications.

Make sure you consult with knowledgeable folks before you buy, so you get a board that suits you best. Some boards might not be the best choice for certain individuals. Things like your weight and aggressiveness can make a lot of difference. You can also check out the ABC web site for more information, or consult our local dealers.

New Members and Membership Renewals

Member Name	Membership Renewed	Membership Expires
G. Chinik	7/9/02	7/1/03
L D. Grabensteder	7/9/02	7/1/03
B. Harris	7/9/02	8/1/04
G. Mathis	7/9/02	6/1/03

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- Excellent prices
- Decent advice
- Marginal examples of sailing skills

I'd appreciate the opportunity to help you keep the right ratio of money-to-fun in this great sport.





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	<p>Make: Bic Model: Nova Volume: 182 liters Length: 266.5 cm Width: 94 cm Weight: ? lb. Sail Range: 2.5-11.0 m Fin: 38 cm Trimbox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: Yes Construction: ASA Thermomolded
	<p>Make: Bic Model: Techno Formula Volume: 170 liters Length: 266.5 cm Width: 94.0 cm Weight: 22 lb. Sail Range: 3.5-10.0 m Fin: 65 cm Trim Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Construction: Themomolded
	<p>Make: Bic Model: Techno 293 Volume: 205 liters Length: 292 cm Width: 79.5 cm Weight: 30.6 lb. Sail Range: 4.5-11.0 m Fin: (2) 28 cm Trimbox (Optional mid fin position)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: No Construction: ASA Thermomolded
	<p>Make: Exocet Model: Cruiser Volume: 205 liters Length: 270 cm Width: 100 cm Weight: 28.6 lb. Sail Range: 2.0-13.0 m Fin: ? cm Tuttle Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: Yes Construction: ? Built in roller and handle Built in Hatch
	<p>Make: F2 Model: Discovery 170 Volume: 170 liters Length: 280 cm Width: 90 cm Weight: 22.5 lb. Sail Range: 4.0-9.5 m Fin: 50 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: Yes Construction: ASA Thermomolded
	<p>Make: F2 Model: Discovery 190 Volume: 190 liters Length: 299 cm Width: 80 cm Weight: 26 lb. Sail Range: 4.0-9.5 m Fin: ? cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: Yes Construction: ASA Thermomolded

	<p>Make: Fanatic Model: Viper 299 Volume: 194 liters Length: 299 cm Width: 75 cm Weight: 25.3 lb. Sail Range: 5.0-10.0 m Fin: 35 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Construction: ASA Thermomolded
	<p>Make: Fanatic Model: Viper 90 Volume: 230 liters Length: 270 cm Width: 90 cm Weight: 30.6 lb. Sail Range: 2.0-12.0 m Fin: 50 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: Yes
	<p>Make: HiFly Model: Magnum Volume: 187 liters Length: 323 cm Width: 73 cm Weight: 35.6 lb. Sail Range: ? m Fin: 34 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Polypropylene construction (durable)
	<p>Make: HiFly Model: Maxx/Maxx S Volume: 164 liters Length: 305 cm Width: 70 cm Weight: 30.1 lb. Sail Range: ? m Fin: 38 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes (Maxx S version only) Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Polypropylene construction (durable) Light weight sailors
	<p>Make: HiFly Model: Motion Volume: 219 liters Length: 290 cm Width: 90 cm Weight: 39.2 lb. Sail Range: ? m Fin: 38 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Polypropylene construction (durable)
	<p>Make: HiFly Model: Primo Volume: 240 liters Length: 335 cm Width: 78 cm Weight: 43.6 lb. Sail Range: ? m Fin: 26 cm A-Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Polypropylene construction (durable)

	<p>Make: Mistral (basic, comp., and race) Model: Prodigy Volume: 255 liters Length: 298 cm Width: 87 cm Weight: 34.3 lb. Sail Range: 4.0-12.0 m Fin: 34/50 (race) cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes-Standard and Race Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No One design race class. Add-on performance packages for straps adjustable mast track fin and centerboard.
	<p>Make: Mistral Model: Vision 191/191 CB Volume: 191 liters Length: 290 cm Width: 77 cm Weight: 21.8/24.0(CB) lb. Sail Range: 5.0-10.0 m Fin: 46/32(CB) cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: Yes (191 CB only) Fixed Fin: No Padded Deck: No Construction: ASA
	<p>Make: Mistral Model: Windglider Volume: Huge Length: ? cm Width: ? cm Weight: ? lb. Sail Range: ? m Fin: Windglider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes Padded Deck: Yes Construction: Inflatable
	<p>Make: Pro-Tech Model: 305 MVP Volume: 235 liters Length: 305 cm Width: 85.5 cm Weight: 25.0-37.0 lb. (depends on options) Sail Range: 2.0-12.0 m Fin: 33 cm Tuttle Box (Power Box optional)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin (optional) Padded Deck: Yes (optional) Construction: ASA Thermomolded
	<p>Make: RRD Model: Easy Rider Volume: 200 liters Length: 271 cm Width: 99 cm Weight: 28.4 lb. Sail Range: 1.5-10.0 m Fin: 50 cm Power Box</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: Yes Construction: Sandwich Thick nose protection pad

	<p>Make: Starboard Model: Go 170 Volume: 170 liters Length: 276 cm Width: 83.6 cm Weight: 22.76 lb. Sail Range: 2.5-10.6 m Fin: 54 cm Tuttle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable side fins Padded Deck: Yes Construction: Sandwich
	<p>Make: Starboard Model: Go 200 Volume: 200 liters Length: 280 cm Width: 90 cm Weight: 23.6 lb. Sail Range: 2.2-11.2 m Fin: 58 cm Tuttle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable side fins Padded Deck: Yes Construction: Sandwich
	<p>Make: Starboard Model: Start Volume: 225 liters Length: 280 cm Width: 100 cm Weight: 31 lb. Sail Range: 2.0-12.0 m Fin: 40 cm Tuttle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: Yes Construction: Sandwich
	<p>Make: Tiga Model: Free X 291 Volume: 205 liters Length: 292 cm Width: 79.5 cm Weight: 24.2 lb. Sail Range: 5.0-11.0 m Fin: (2) 28 cm Trimbox (Optional mid fin position)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centerboard: No Fixed Fin: Yes-removable center fin Padded Deck: No Construction: ASA Thermomolded

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Aruba
 Galt's Ferry
 Modoc Ramp
 The Boardwalk
 Tybee Island
 Lake Jordan
 Pensacola
 Tidwell
 Folly Park
 West Point Lake
 West Bank Park
 Lake Baldwin
 Folly Landing
 Inlet Beach

Hollinger's Island
 Dauphin Island
 Emerald Isle
 Dunedin Causeway
 Valkaria
 Isle of Palms
 Anastasia Park
 Mayday Pier
 Bayfront Park

Lake Springs
 Ft. Desoto Park
 Tennessee River
 Lake Murray
 Highland Yacht Club
 Ft. Clinch Park
 Vann's Tavern
 Ramsey Creek
 Lake Juliette

Cape Hatteras
 Eau Gallie Causeway
 Cape San Blas
 Panama City
 Sullivan's Island
 Lake Watauga
 St. Simons Island
 Mary Ann Nelson Park

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 Ft. Walton Beach
 Banana River
 Orange Street
 Jetty Park
 Center Point
 Van Pugh
 Folly Beach
 Sebastian Inlet
 Two Mile Creek
 Mexico Beach
 Lake Hartwell
 Huguenot Park
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