

Best of '98



-Tim and Dylan Carter. Learn to Windsurf,
Photo: Chris Voith. August

Gemini- The moon ascends in your quarter. Sail until dark and beyond. Saturn aligns with Venus. You will jibe. Once. Enjoy it because the the next alignment isn't until 2073.

Cancer- Downhaul issues will resolve. Libra will reveal you still don't use enough. Avoid Scorpio advice on sail size, he always shlogs underpowered. Love plays prominently this month. You'll see a new board you can't live without.

-*"Your Daily Horoscope"*, September back cover

Austin and Mariah Burch inspecting a clock. They quickly put it down when they realized that the clock showed that it was way past their bedtime! 

-Holiday Party, January



ABC: Bert, we have to ask: Are there many groups more weather obsessed than windsurfers?

BE: No, my wife says that the only reason I like to associate with windsurfers is that they are the only group of people who are impressed by my being a meteorologist. Everyone else says "Oh, you are one of those guys who never gets it right!!"

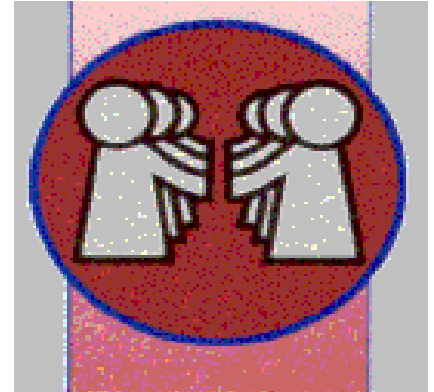
-interview with ABC member Bert Eskridge, April

Wind Paranoia Disorder - You firmly believe that the wind gods know you are about to get on the water and that they will make the wind gust to slam you or shut down completely so you have to pump your way back to shore.

Equipment Attachment Disorder - When you are away from your sailing equipment, you search your environment for pieces of neoprene, monofilm, or carbon fiber to make you comfortable.

-*Nosology of Windsurfing Mental Disorders*, Ed Marks, November

-Long Distance Sail for Parent to Parent, April.
Raised \$400



*Jet-Ski person, selfish fink
May your silly Jet Ski sink.
May you hit a pile of rocks,
or catch a summer coastal pox.*

-*Ode to a Jet Ski*, Michael Leunig,
November



"David DeLozier, Windsurfer"? Who are they kidding? Dave did come down with some of the best lines of the broadcast including: "They said it was a small craft advisory today so I guess I'll grab my small craft and go out."

-*Dave DeLozier from WAGA interview, February*



Photo: Rich Addicks, Atlanta Journal Constitution

So what can you do in these dog days of late summer? (Yeah, I know the calendar says September. Welcome to the south, sonny. It's still 95 degrees outside) Prepare. Carefully. Read closely and learn.

Go out and rake the lawn. What? No leaves on the ground yet? Does THAT matter? No. What does matter is on that breezy day in October, when someone in your household (conscience, spouse, etc.) mentions the fact that leaves are beginning to accumulate like snow in a Dakota blizzard, you blithely say, "But I just raked the other week." This is the essence of proper windsurfing preparation.

- "Preparing for the Upcoming Season", September

-Phil Duvic, AJC Coverboy, Iceberg Regatta, March

I don't know how it works where you're from but at least here in Puerto Rico, after a surf or windsurf session all you see is smiling faces and people saying "que cura mano!" (Spanish for: "I'm cured bro") See, we're all "manos" (brothers) here, we care about and respect each other, nature and the ocean. No one seeks recognition, no one brags about who had the best session, we all know the feeling everyone has inside and this aura cannot be replicated in any other way.

Roots, soul, the ocean. I hope one day you'll experience this and get the evil out of your body.

Eric Warshower, San Juan, PR

-Eric's response to a vitriolic poster on the rec.windsurfing usenet group, June

WINDSURFER'S SERENITY PRAYER

Grant me the

Serenity to accept the days that there is no wind,

Courage to try carve jibes, chop hops, and loops

And the

Wisdom to know how to get out of work when it's blowing

-Ed Marks, November



-Mark Woodman from the David Wade Archives, March

Second Wind (Hatteras Week) from the beach before the yard filled with sails. It was a very long walk each time we stopped to get a snack or a drink of water. Maybe...

15-20 yards. Yep, real far. And a lot harder than clambering up the red clay and slippery rocks at Lanier. Yep, a lot harder.



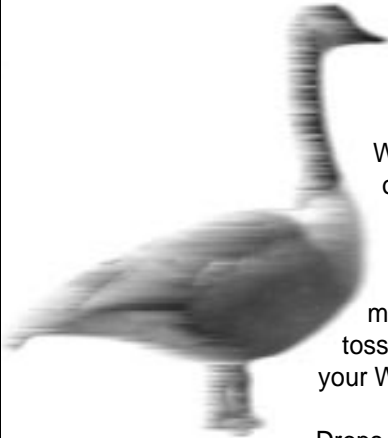
Dear Dr. Ed: I am a big fan of yours and look forward to your column when and if it ever appears. My question is a simple one. A friend of mine has this problem... well, not a friend but someone very close to me... well, its me, Dr. Ed. I'm afraid I spend too much time either windsurfing or else thinking about it. My therapist thinks I do. What's your advice?- Concerned in Cumming

It has come to my attention that there may be a growing number of windsurfers whose interest in the sport has gone beyond that of a healthy athletic endeavor to that of an addiction. ... As a public service to our readers, we offer the following simple [true or false] test to determine if you, too, are a windsurfing addict.:

- My favorite TV show is the "Weather Channel"- all of it.
- When I make social commitments, they are "subject to cancellation due to wind conditions".
- When someone asks me what's new, I say "Did you see that they're now making all carbon booms?"
- My favorite videotape is (choose one) "R.I.P.", "Turning Point", "Heart and Soul," etc.
- My winter wardrobe has more neoprene than wool.
- My favorite car accessory is my windsurfing roof rack/ equipment trailer
- I own twice as many sails as dress socks.
- The next pair of shoes I will buy are neoprene booties.
- The space in my garage formerly occupied by my car is now filled with windsurfing equipment.
- I have named a pet one of the following: Robbie, Naish, Bjorn, Gaastra, Mistral, Chinook.
- I have named a child one of the following: Robbie, Naish, Bjorn, Gaastra, Mistral, Chinook.

- "Ask the Doctor", Ed Marks, May

*Tired of unreliable wind reports on the local news?
Don't believe what you hear from Gilmer Memorial Airport?
Now your Atlanta Boardsailing Club has the solution!!!*



WIFF: THE WIND INDICATOR AND FIELD FORECASTER

With **WIFF** you'll immediately know if you'll be planing or skunked! Using indigenous, biodegradable materials (dried Lake Lanier goose guano), the top researchers of the ABC Institute at Flowery Branch College have fashioned small sail shaped wind measurement devices. Upon arriving at Lake Lanier, simple toss one into the air and watch what happens. Interpret your WIFF's action as follows. If it:

Drops straight down, don't bother unpacking.

Floats to the ground within a 5 foot perimeter, rig a 7.5m² sail or larger.

Flies away more than 10 feet, break out your short board.

Explodes in mid-air, prepare for a nuclear day.

No need to retrieve your WIFF, it will just blend in to it's natural surroundings and slowly biodegrade. Sold in packages of 10, 20, or 50 (enough for an entire sailing season!). Never guess at the wind again - the next time you go sailing, just take a WIFF!

-Ed Marks, May



-senior member Howie Lyons, Chris Voith photo, May.

"Why would anyone want to put a mast on a perfectly good surfboard?" the young man said to his friend.

"Because it is a long drive to surf," said his friend. The young man did not understand. He took up kayaking instead.

He did not see his friend for several summers. One day, he ran into his friend, who took him windsurfing. The young man tried to windsurf. He stood up, barely. And moved, hardly. And fell, lots.

"That was fun," he said to his friend, "but I should take you kayaking."

"Sure," said his friend. But his friend, more enlightened than him, moved to San Francisco. The young man moved to Cleveland. He *did not understand.*

- "Ruminations of a New Windsurfer",
Doug Shapter, August

"One study, done by Thomas Oxman at the University of Texas Medical School, asked patients who were undergoing open heart surgery two simple questions: "Do you participate regularly in organized social groups like club, bowling league, church, synagogue or civic activities?" And, "Do you draw strength and comfort from your religious or spiritual faith?"

"Six months after their surgery, those who answered "No" to both questions were more than seven times more likely to have died.

- "Could the ABC Save Your Life?" Dr. David Ornish, September



LWA: All us old f#%ts really envy that you sail so well for a young guy. There were probably only 100 people in the world windsurfing when we were your age. When did you learn?

OT: I learned when I was 11. Sailing is really popular back home. For a year I attended a sailing academy where we attended school for 7 hours a day and spent the rest of the time sailing boats, windsurfers, etc.

-Interview with ABCer Ole Tanderup, June



Iceberger Phil Duvic, on the left, heads right while, from left to right, Glenn Tanner, Kevin Osburn, Carl Arrigoni and Scott Spreen head left. Got that?
-Iceberg Recap, February



-Poker Run to Benefit Depression Research and NAMI, November. Raised \$350

You've seen it, you might have even tried it. Maybe you thought "That's too hard". It's not so! Almost anybody can learn to windsurf (and it may be the most fun you ever had with your pants on). It just takes a little help from somebody that knows what they're doing, to be up and sailing.

This is your chance! Your introductory lesson starts on a dry-land simulator with a certified instructor to show you how to uphaul the sail, steer a course, turn around and sail back. Then you'll pair up with an experienced sailor for some individual instruction on the water. In a short time you will master the basics and be sailing on your own.

-Learn to Sail flyer, June



When Joe Windsurfer in his selfish, ego-centric mode shows up at the beach, (like we all do), how do we encourage him to join the party? If the ABC has difficulty persuading folks to join at \$20 a crack, will the same folks be sending 30 buck checks across the country? BTW, at least we promise them that they can eat or drink the value of their membership during the course of the year. Aren't USWA stickers a little harder to digest?

Ah, yes, Joe Windsurfer. Well, just remind him that three years ago he HAD to wear that UGLY PFD that made Mr. "Ego-Selfish" look like Shamu while he was out sailing. Oh, that's only if there is ACCESS to that nearby place that he loves to sail at (and hopefully aren't requiring board registration for as well). Oh, but he could only sail if he had been able to replace that old board or sails, cause there are enough windsurfers out there learning and taking up the sport (hopefully as KIDS) so that the manufacturers and distributors can make a living and stay in business.

By the way, we don't recommend eating your US Windsurfing stickers. The membership cards however may be ingested if you are caught in a blizzard.
-Interview with Holly MacPherson,
Executive Director, US Windsurfing, June



-Learn to Windsurf, August

"This Summer's ScareFest... You Can't Avoid It..."
-Eleanor Rigby, Atlanta Kernel Johnstitution

HIGH PRESSURE

"THERE IS NO ESCAPE"

DON'T BOTHER CALLING GILMER*:
IT CAN'T HELP YOU



DON'T BOTHER WATCHING THE WEATHER CHANNEL: IT WON'T SAVE YOU



-June back cover. It was amusing then; but, who thought that we'd have more planing days in June than November?

"Ricardo Enamorado's jet ski stalled on Lake Michigan and he was hopelessly stranded- 500 yards from shore. The Coast Guard rescued him two days later.

'He was just sitting there, waiting for us to get to him', said a Coast Guard spokesman. Enamorado was suffering from dehydration. He apparently didn't know that Lake Michigan is freshwater."

-from "Reason" magazine, sent in by Jim Crooks, January

The amazing thing, though, was I kept hearing him (Robby Naish) yell. I could hear him scream "YAAAAAAA" or "WHAOOOO" as he sailed along. He wasn't mad, he was having a great time. He sounded like a little kid or what most of us sounded like the first time we planed."

- "If Robby Naish Could Teach You..." ,
Rick Murray, September



-Dr. Ed Marks. "If you think you gotta be crazy to windsurf, he'll make the necessary arrangements.",
November

-new club web address, September

Finish: We examined each board to determine its cosmetic finish. A nice looking windsurfer reflects the manufacturer's attention to detail. Again we found all boards to be unsatisfactory. While the bottoms were smooth, especially on the Mistral and Protech, the tops were clearly suffering from poor quality control. The paint was rough- almost abrasively so. While the Windsurfer™ was somewhat smooth, the newer boards obviously had little time or care devoted to providing a smooth and polished finish on the top. We suggest that if you buy one of these boards to have your dealer smooth the topside before you take it home.

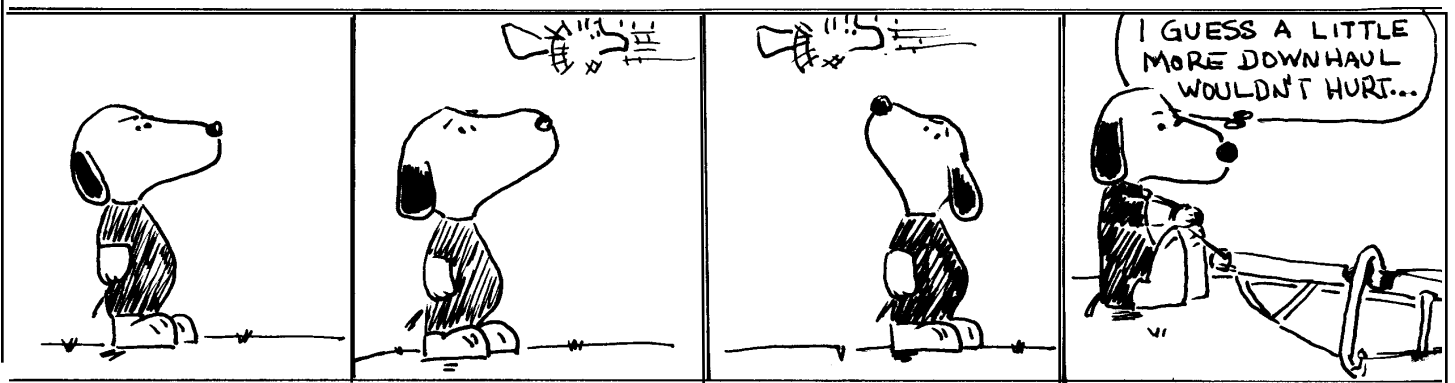
-*"Windsurfers: Unsafe at Any Speed?"*,
May back cover



YO QUIERO WIND

-August back cover

Windnuts



-Cartoon from January back cover

Bulldogs Sign Lanier Academy's Park

Add to Strong IMCO Lineup

The Georgia Bulldogs have kept Lanier Academy IMCO star Jamie Park in state with his signing yesterday. Park, who also considered Tulane and FSU, said, "I've always wanted the opportunity to compete here in Georgia and the sailing facilities here in Athens are first rate.

The addition of Park will bolster the Dogs' already formidable One Design program which went 10-3 this year and finished second in the SEC East Division behind Florida. They lost to Rio Vista in the Tidal Bowl.

Park will have a chance to sail near his home when the Bulldogs meet Flowery Branch College in the third regatta of next season.

-*"The Sports Section"*, June

We derig at about 5:30. The sunset is incredible and the light at our rigging area has the most surreal effect, both beautiful and eerie at the same time.

Exhausted and hungry we look for a hotel. After securing a room at a Rodeway Inn, we eat and then settle in for some much needed rest. Our plan is to head to Charleston, SC the next morning and try to catch the storm as it moves up the coast.

7:00 AM 1/28

We awake the next morning; the first thing we do was turn on the *Weather Channel*. To our disappointment, we find that the storm has already made it to Virginia and we'd never catch it unless we had a plane.

While we were packing up we noticed that North Carolina had received 42 inches of snow. Another plan starts formulating in my sick mind.

-*"Joe's Incredible Journey"*, Joe Morgan, April

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Grasp the mast with both hands below the boom. The sail should be clear of the water and the board at a right angle to sail. This is the **Basic Position**. It is a big deal. You will return to it often."

"Learn to Windsurf", Ginny Ferguson demonstrates, photo/article: Chris Voith, July

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Special Collector's Edition

Swimsuit '98



Super Model Mary Fragakis

-Covergirl Mary Fragakis, March (hey, so this is blatant nepotism... Ask me if I care)

GA Legislature Passes Tougher PWC Laws

"No vessel shall run around or within 100 feet of another vessel at a speed greater than idle speed unless such vessel is overtaking or meeting such other vessel in compliance with the rules of the road for vessel traffic," sayeth the Law.

-April



-Start of Race 5 at the Inland Windsurfing Championship (April: Dave Stanger (53) gets the hole shot. Lee Huels, Kevin Osburn (2) and Gregg Cattanach (US 625) also get a good start. Photo: Chris Voith from May newsletter

Introducing The Y Axis

A New Dimension in Sail Design



Team Rider Chris Voith Photo: Voith/ Fragakis

-April back cover. We received a call from the editor of a major windsurfing mag asking about this "revolutionary" sail (with vertical battens) and how it worked. "You mean the one on the APRIL cover?" we asked.

"It was an ideal early March day -- a steady 18 to 22 mph wind- with the small, but dedicated, local windsurfing gang in attendance. As usual, I was among the first rigged and on the water, hence my local appellation: Chuck-0-meter.

... I was able to get on the board and on my back, methodically unlooping and gathering the nearly invisible [fishing] line. It seemed there was no end to it. I finally got the last loop off my foot and slipped back in the water to orient my board for a waterstart. Instantly, I was caught again. A few quick strokes and I was constricted far worse than before. My legs had very limited range-of-motion and one wrist is hopelessly tangled to the mast base. Then, I was a little scared to move. Heck, I was a lot scared."

-"Invisible Death Net Attacks", Chuck Hardin, September

For me, the club has made a tremendous difference. There are really people in Atlanta who think that windsurfing is driving to Van Pugh, rigging, sailing back and forth 20 times, derigging and going home. To me, its driving to Van Pugh, seeing friends, telling stories of what we did together last month, looking forward to a trip together, helping a new windsurfer really pull some downhaul into his/her sail, and, oh yeah, sailing back and forth 20 times.

-"Hey you!", November



- Seniors/ Fall classic, November

The sea brings forth the monster of all waves. Chicken jibe and sail for my life or off the lip? Off the lip. I'm set, good speed, getting closer, and then it happens. The wave breaks early. All I see is a mountain of whitewash about to crush me. Oh *#@*#!

Now I am but a grain of dirt being pummeled around and around. I use all of my strength to hold on to my gear as we wrestle with each other underwater. I can't let go of my gear; it's my only way back. My lungs start to ache. A few seconds seem like an eternity. OK, I'm still under. It's getting close to panic time.....but my head pops up. ... Patrick sails by me to make sure I'm OK. "Hold your breath!" is all he can offer me.

"YOU WEAZER. Thanks for nothing."

-"A Windsurfing Flashback", Renee Jenkins on wavesailing, April

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MODERATE WINDS 20 - 29km/h 11-16 knots
 Raises dust and loose paper; small branches are moved. Small waves - becoming longer; fairly frequent white horses (whitecaps).

What This Means:

Option 1: Coarse sailors come out in their droves. Rig 4, maybe 5 times to be certain. Puts on wetsuit, has a sneaky urination in it before going out. Wind drops out and goes home. Wetsuit sits in back of car for a week and begins to smoke.

Option 2: Rig up in record time (2 hours-for-got harness) gets out and flounders due to too small sail. Swims in, then tells family "had a great day". Has a quiet weep in the toilet.

Option 3: Had family day planned. Sits looking out window throwing hands in the air making small rodent noises. Gets abused by partner for being selfish. Leaves early, gets gear, goes to beach. It's either dark, windless, snowing or all.

-*"The Real (Coarse Sailor's) Wind Scale"*, Tom Reynolds, August

What more could you ask for? **Aha - there's the rub!** On the windiest day (SE 35 gusting to 48 with marine warrings to boaters), some windsurfers found it somewhat difficult to transport their rigged gear to the beach launch area about 100 feet away. Some of these guys would hold their boom with one hand while the other hand was holding the foot strap and they would just lean into to wind and take baby steps (like one or two inches at a time as their bodies were angled 45 degrees to the ground). Some just stood there like that for hours - some just got really pissed off and threw their stuff down in total frustration because they couldn't go forward.

-*"Maui on My Mind"*, David Wade, August

... according to the EPA, the engines used in personal watercraft discharge as much as one-third of their fuel and oil unburned into the water and air.

This month's Surfrider Foundation Newsletter points out that on a two hour ride, a jet ski dumps 2.5 gallons of gas and oil into the water.

-*"And You Thought the Noise was Bad"*, Steve Merge, September



-*Hatteras Week Collage*,
 photo Josh Hope,
 November



Not 15 minutes later, it's about 3:00 and here comes this brand spankin' new, purple-with-gold-speckled, tow truck with Ray's bright Red Trooper, and a mound of contraband way up on top, rolling into that same parking lot I left from more than 4 hours earlier. If anyone wasn't going to give my truck a second look before they certainly were now. And here I come dropping out of the passenger seat in the same get-up I left the lake in. Fortunately by now I look like a dried-up, drowned rat. that is opposed to just drowned.

Oh yeah, did I mention that this all is taking place in front of three stories of windows that stretch about 150 yards along the side of our building?

-*"The Best Laid Plans"*, Ray Bongiovianni, August



-Ad for Seniors/ Fall Classic, Jonathan Jewell, September



-Learn to Windsurf, August

The daily commute at the ABC Hatteras Week. No Perimeter. No Spaghetti Junction. No Downtown Connector. No "accident clearing in the left 2 lanes." Just pick up your stuff and GO.

-Josh Hope photo, November

Dear Sirs,

There might be something in this "Sail Size Dyslexia." I have noticed that the wind always changes once I have rigged. I have to assume that the wind waits and watches what I am rigging so my plan is to swap all my sail sizes.

When I rig my 7.5 and it immediately starts nuking, I would have been ok on my 5.7. Likewise, when I rig my 5.6, the wind dies off enough so I should have been out there on a 6.5.

Last Tuesday (4/14) at Tidwell [Park] I should have rigged a 5.9 as the 15-20 and whitecaps of 4pm was calm at 4.10pm.

The other thing I've noticed is that the wind always picks up just as I've de-rigged. I have a plan to outwit the wind by derigging someone else's sail. If you find your equipment all neatly packed in your car and the wind is nukin' then you will know this plan worked.

Robert Palmer

-Letters to the Editor, May

