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"Hoping that It Blows Better in the Next Thousand Years"

Fin de Iceciecle

Webmaster Needs Help with Online Membership Directory

Your webmaster has given up trying to keep the directory of ABC members online up to date as the current structure requires constant re-editing. Consequently, it is embarassingly out of date. He will be redesigning the directory soon and needs your current email address. DO NOT ASSUME that I will use whatever is up on the website. I may chuck that altogether.

If you wish to be included, send a simple email message to webdirector@windsurfatlanta.org. Also, if you have any questions regarding privacy, etc. let him (me) know.

Note: This has nothing to do with the email list, a separate service of the website

Poker Run Nets \$540

*Christian Thompson
Nets Fin*

Gene Doesn't Get Threepat

Christian Thompson proved the old tag line from sweepstakes offers, "You don't need to be present to win." His entry, placed by proxy, was the winner in this year's Poker Run. The event this fall went to benefit the DeKalb Initiative for Affordable Housing, a local organization that provides counseling services and assists families in buying and staying in existing rehabilitated homes. Not only is this a worthy organization but a club member, Lisa Wise, has been a director there for some time.

G.T. Brown is to be thanked for coordinating this event. This is the sec-

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Iceberg Regatta

**Will the windy
tradition hold?**

The annual Iceberg Regatta will be held Saturday, January 22 at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club. ABC/LLSC member Chris Voith has kindly arranged for windsurfers to race that day along side the Laser frostbiters. The Iceberg is often blessed with good wind and as it happens this time of year, if the wind isn't good then the weather will be making for a nice day to get out and shrug off some of that winter paleness.

This regatta is a low key affair and offers club members a good reason to get off the LazyBoy and sail. The good chance for wind, this often is our windiest regatta, plus fun, short courses make for exciting racing for the more experienced and easy involvement for the less experienced.

Rumor has it that a contingent from Charlotte is on its way down. We've been trying to get the North Carolina windsurfers more involved in our regattas and this is a great opportunity to show them how SLOW they are.

Also, having the great facilities of the LLSC at hand mean a cozy fire between and after races, a nice sandy beach to launch from and the great view of the race from in front of the club. Even if you aren't sailing, you'll have a great view of the event and enjoy the vicarious participation.

Racing should get started around noon. If you have any questions, contact Chris at 404-250-0287.

Our Next Meeting

This Month's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m.

As always, friends, guests, kids and total strangers are welcome. If you miss seeing friends or want to make new ones, this is a good time. This month

we'll not only be discussing the newsletter editor's 3 greatest jibes of all time but also making plans for the coming year.

The Brandy House is located 4365 Roswell Rd. N. (tel: 404-252-7784). This is about 2 miles inside the Perimeter on Roswell, just past Wieuca Rd. on the left.

Inside:

Reward for Lost Glasses (see forsail lost section)
Southeast Series Revival
Ask the Arrogant J.
Windsurfbonics
Events & Race Calendar
plus lots more!

Join us! See page 10 for details.

Attention Current Members:

Look at your **address label** for your membership expiration date.

Are you expiring/expired?

Stay connected. Renew now.

Address: www.windsurfatlanta.org

After having spend 3 years as club webmaster and newsletter editor, I've had the pleasure of communicating with a lot of really nice folks. But every once in a while, I get the other side of the coin. I usually smile. But it's been an awful fall season and I'm DANG CRANKY. Here are some of my "favorite questions" I get. And a couple I've made up. Enjoy.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,
I would like to list the following equipment for sale: DuPont Supertanker 12'4". Bought new in 1985 for \$2000. Will sell for \$1800. Includes original hemp and linen 6.4 and 5.8 along with whalebone corset harness. I have a number of teak fins I can send along with it. A fine board in its time, suitable for the rank beginner or hi wind expert.

Dear Current Jetski owner,

At present, we are not taking for sail ads for DuPont Boards as replacement parts are hard to come by with the restrictions on the freon it takes to cool the centerboard gasket. BTW, I have a PC I bought for \$2500 new in 1991, perhaps you'd be interested in looking at it? I'd be willing to part with it for maybe half of what I paid for it.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

I bought a used FoulWind Slalom 6.5 and can't seem to figure out how to rig it? How tight should I make it?

Dear Used owner,

First, you take the mast and shove it very strongly up your... mast sleeve. Then make your sail tight. Usually sails prefer a good gin and tonic before rigging. If its a recreational sail, a good lager will do.

Then, read the DANG rigging dimensions the sailmaker bothered to put on the sail or sail bag. See those numbers? They aren't there for decoration. Use them. Some guy who designs sails for a living put them there.

Actually, don't follow those numbers. After all, what was that guy thinking when he dreamt up those numbers?

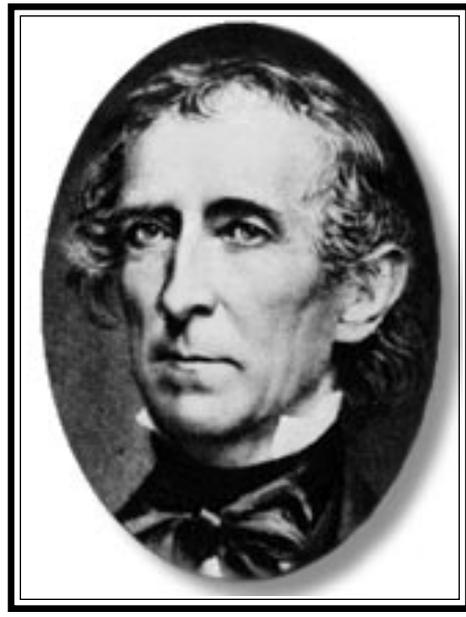
Just give a good pull to the rope attached to each grommet.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

Windsurfing equipment is too ex-

Ask the Arrogant Jerk

Not really a picture of me but then I'm counting on you not having a clue what John Tyler looked like. Ya know, "Tippacanoe and Tyler, too"? The 10th president of the U.S.? Geez, did you sleep through high school history?



pensive. I can't afford the stuff.

Dear Cheap Sh'kate,

What? Give me a break. I'll bet you spend more each year supersizing your combo order at McDonalds.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

Where can I rent a windsurfer in Atlanta?

Dear Tourist,

Near Lake Lanier Islands, right next to the place that rents underwear.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

I'll be visiting Atlanta in August.

Can you guarantee wind?

Dear Tourist from Abroad,

Yes, I can suggest some interesting local eateries in Gainesville. Visit them and your wind problems will be over. I wouldn't suggest going windsurfing though at that time of year.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

I never see windsurfers down at Van Pugh in July. How 'come?

Dear Jet Stream for Brains,

I never see skiers in Aspen in July. How 'come?

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

Don't you get cold windsurfing in January?

Dear Jack Frost,

---No, I dress appropriately. Odds are 1000:1 on a winter Sunday that some barenaked cheesehead Green Bay Packers fan with his beer belly painted green and gold will be cheering and waving at the TV. Does HE look cold? Ask him.

Dear A.J.,

I hate windsurfing in Atlanta, the wind sucks.

Dear Weather Doofus,

That's because you're standing on the wrong shore. Stand on the other side of the lake and you'll find it blows.

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

I think that all the windsurfing companies aren't doing enough to support the sport, what do you think?

Dear Self-centered bottom dweller,

Actually, you're right. The powers that be in the windsurfing get together each year in Maui and say, "How can we drive ourselves to extinction this year?" It's a closely guarded secret but, there, I've spilled the beans.

By the way, what have YOU done for the sport lately?

Dear Arrogant Jerk,

You think you are better than everyone else, don't you?

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201- Boards & Rigs

AHD 300 9'4" Course Slalom 140l With 44cm Race Carbon Fin (No Pressure dents, It's Like New) \$850. Pettit 9.0 Custom Slalom With Board Bag & 15.6" Lighting Carbon Fin \$790. Sailworks Race Syncro Pro 6.2m With Sailworks 2 Piece Carbon Mast \$400. Neil Pryde Z1 7.8m With Np Ck-95 Mast \$725. Neil Pryde 1999 World Cup Board Bag Hold 3 Boards (Only Use Once) \$225.00

Otto Gonzalez 678-482-7198

Bottled Water. 600 Gallons. New, Unused. 1/02/00 special price 2 for \$1. Call Rip 404-555-6666

2 BIC boards, Samba and Rhumba (104 & 103") \$200 each. Mistral Equipe \$300. R. French 9'8" floaty shortboard, \$200. Mistral OneDesign boom \$75. Micha 404-842-0978 email: m i c h a c a d @ j p s . n e t <mailto:michacad@jps.net>

Power Generator. Refit you home for Y3k. Less than 2 minutes on the clock. Priced to Move. Eddie Kilowatt 770-555-3209

1997 298 **Bic Veloce** 130 liters, fin, straps--barely used great shape, fast and floaty \$500 Greg Baxendale: 770 578 8417

Sails for Sale - IMCO 6.6 Race \$50, Ezzy Transformer 4.0 \$95 (used seldom, good condition), Gaastra Zero X 6.0 \$175 (used one season very good condition). Contact Randy Falkenberg 770-379-0505 or email randacf@aol.com

Want to trade or sell: **Topsail Race** 7.5 4 cam exc. cond. \$200 OBO or trade for smaller sail eg 6.5 Tim Horton 770-664-4792

For sale **Mistral Ventura** LCS

carbon epoxy transition board. 14 yrs old but not been used in 13 yrs. Shortest Mistral board with a centerboard at the time. Exc cond.. Adj. boom, 5.3 and 6.0 sail. complete with all the go fast gear. Priced to sell at \$ 450 Call Martin Zonnenberg 770 531 9272(h), 770 972 2737(w) mrzberg@mindspring.com

January special: Spam. 16 cases for sale plus assorted loaves of bread and slightly out of date milk. Will feed a family of 6 for weeks. Plan now for the annual Blizzard! Call Ron H. 770-555-4782

Neil Pryde Sails 5.5 V-8 Cambered A+ cond. \$175. 6.5 VX-2 B+ cond. \$125. 7.5 VX-2 A- cond. \$150. Mistral IMCO boom A condition (5.5 -7.5) \$100. Windsurf Hawaii boom B cond. (4.5 - 6.5) \$40. Assorted pulleys and fittings for adjustable out/down-haul \$5 to \$10 WANTED 430/25/21 Carbon Mast WILL CONSIDER TRADES CALL Dan Burch 404-876-0007 or Pager 404-837-0007

Shortboard - Mistral- Energy - 103L- FAST!! very good condition, too fast for me. \$200.00 **Complete Rig Aerotech 9.5** with 500cm Fiberspar mast and extra large Fiberspar boom. light weight big rig for those light air days or races. call Glenn Tanner @ (404) 374-2774.

5.5 World Sail 2 cam (used twice) \$200. Protech 9'6"- fin and new straps \$150 Naish Boom \$75 Carbon masts 460and 480 \$150 WH extension and one starbase \$40 OBO

Thule #300 Gutter mount feet and one set of Thule sailboard mounts. @\$25.00 or \$40 for both. Josh Hope home - 770-

531-1056

Slightly used main frame computer. Works fine but date and time blinks 12:00 am 1/1/**. Contact: Technology Officer, City of Atlanta, 116 Pryor St. Atlanta, GA.

8'6" **Angulo wave board**, good condition, great handling wave board. \$300. Scott Spreen 770-740-0042

9' 9" Seatrend, 165L, good shape. \$150. Mistral Screamer II, 104L, A cond. \$400.00 (awesome price, this is the light version) Kirk 404 252-9000.

For Sale: Sails - Simmer Style 5.0Wave/slalom sail & North Sail 5.1 Speed Sail- \$50 each. Windsurfing Hawai Booms \$45. Custom slalom board in like new condition -\$250. Custom Wave Board \$95 DaKine Board Bag \$75 Call Al at 404 892 3677 or e-mail at: alberto.fontova@atlantaga.ncr.com

FOR SALE: 1997 Mistral EXPLOSION 288, 9ft 6in, 120 liter shortboard, \$450. Curtis FIN (GR10 42), 16 1/2 inch, like new (retail \$120), half price, ONLY \$60. Call Gene 770-739-4511

Neil Pryde 6.5 V8 only \$275.00!!!, Call now Don't delay #770-338-1903. Mark Woodman

Sail: Sailworks Syncro Pro, 6.9.7 battens/6 cams. Cost close to \$700 new (96 or 95 model);used less than 10 times and EC fast, stable, \$399 obo or will trade even for a sail of similar size and quality but fewer cams . **Board:** Old Hi-Fly polypropylene 500 CS excellent beginner board, 200 liters-plus; with mast and rig \$199 Call Mark Smith 706-663-2335

Berky 288 Freeride Pat Lemehaute Design. Just like '99 model at half the price \$650 w/ pads/straps/bag. **Island Comp** 265 slalom 11lbs and jumpable \$650. Isl. Comp 260 Wave \$650. **Hot Sails Maui:** '99 Stealth 6.5 \$300. '2K Superslike 6.6 \$375. '99 Race 6.5 \$300. '98 Race 7.4 \$275. Wave 5.9, 4.5 @ \$200. Call John Danovic 770-775-2170

Sails: '96 Aerotech Lightwind IYRU 7.5 \$100. '97 North IQ 6.5 \$150. GC Super fast/rangy . William Fragakis 404-237-1431

Sails: 8.0 Sailworks Race ...\$150 5.6 Sailworks Race ...\$100 Call G.T. Brown (678) 945-4343

311- Local Shops

WINDSENSE: Sails: Incredible deal on new 1999 V-8 8.5 \$500!!! New 1999 NR 4.0 \$300. Demo Boards (all with fin & straps):Mistral Flow 276 \$725; Mistral Screamer 260 \$675; Naish- 8' 7" \$1125. Vision 150 - \$1100. Masts: Fiberspar Quick Tip 430/25/21 3200 - \$205; QT 3200 460/25/25 - \$230. Booms: Any size Chinook aluminum \$145. Harnesses: N/P Anatomic \$95. Neoprene: Eclipse shorty (XL) - \$105; Cup 5/3 (M) - \$210; N/P High-top booties \$40. 770-888-1584 Cup 5/3 (M) - \$210.. N/P High-top booties - \$40. 770-888-1584

Whitecap Windsurfing (Augusta):

Chuck Hardin thrllseek@aol.com 706-836-3673 cell 706-860-0639

410- Lost

REWARD! \$25 Found/Lost: You've got mine/I've got yours. Prescription sunglasses. Left at Clubhouse or exchanged

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My Brush with Fame

*(or: How I Got My
Picture in a Major
Newspaper)*

We all harbor those dark fantasies. (No! Not that one. Are you SICK?) Someday, all those locals who use you as a jibe buoy open the pages of their favorite magazine and see you sailing down the face of Jaws. Yes, that'll teach them to throw spray in your face. You'll get respect the next time you show up at Clark Hill, West Point or Sunrise Cove. They'll have a personalized parking place for you at Van Pugh. They will kow-tow to you, oh Lord of the Waves.

The problem is a) you (and I) aren't really good enough and b) just about every photograph taken of you (and me) from family and friends tends to show us as a dot on the horizon:

"See, there, that's me sailing off Panama City Beach. No, not that spot, that's lint on the lens. This spot over here."

Well, part of my wish was fulfilled. A photographer for a major newspaper came out and took my picture. Well, not MY picture per se but I was in it. Sort of. Well, They got more than my foot which was my biggest fear:

"Looky here, Ma, my wetsuit bootie got its picture in the New York Times."

During a windy week in Aruba (the only sail I used was a 7.8) the rescue boat came out from Sailboard Vacations, where I was staying. They beckoned me and Chris Voith over. The nice fellow pointed out the photographer in the boat and said that he needed a picture of a bunch of people sailing together. I could tell the photog was serious because he had one of those lenses that appeared to cost as much as the GDP of neighbor-



I'm on the right, Roger just behind and in the middle. photo: NY Times

ing Bonaire.

We were joined by Mac, an instructor at SBV, and Roger Juriens, of Roger's Windsurfing Place.

It turned out the photographs were to accompany an article in the NY Times travel section about learning to windsurf in Aruba, specifically, at Roger's.

After a hero jibe around the boat, we attempted several passes in formation which was interesting because we all had 7.5 to 9 meter sails and we were trying to pump on a plane. I also was trying not to lose my equipment deposit

in the process.

Mac was planing on nothing and Roger was so incredibly fast, you realize why these guys make a living teaching windsurfing in Aruba.

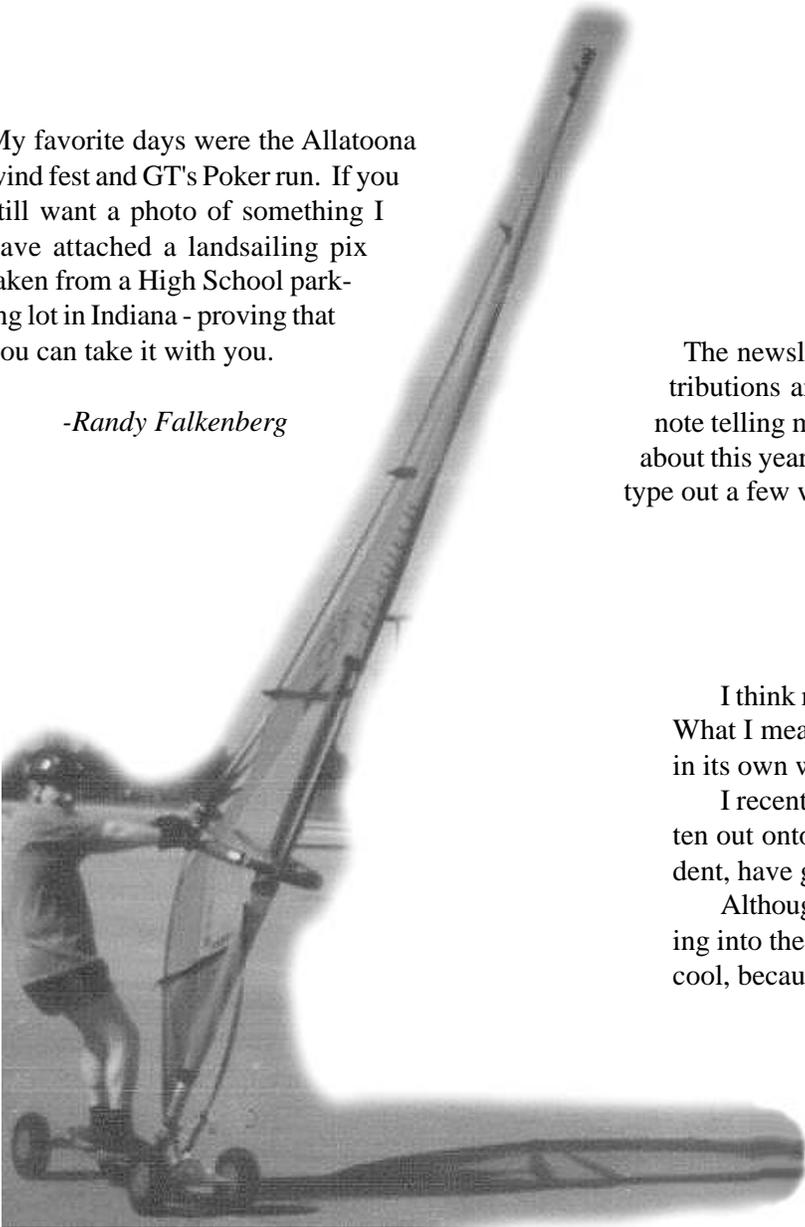
Poor Chris got cropped out of this picture while the fellow in front probably didn't get in the footstraps all day. Life is so terribly unfair sometimes.

So there, I'm published yet remain anonymous. But just you wait. Some day I will plane through a jibe and you will see my picture on the cover of a magazine. Someday.

-William Fragakis

My favorite days were the Allatoona wind fest and GT's Poker run. If you still want a photo of something I have attached a landsailing pix taken from a High School parking lot in Indiana - proving that you can take it with you.

-Randy Falkenberg



Club Members Recall '99

The newsletter editor pleaded for some reader contributions and some very kind souls sent me a brief note telling me about something that they remembered about this year. My thanks to those who took the time to type out a few words.

I think my favorite day is the next time I go windsurfing. What I mean is that for me, each time is unique and special in its own way.

I recently started windsurfing, and each time I have gotten out onto the water, I have felt more comfortable, confident, have gone faster, etc.

Although right now, I have a bloody lower lip from crashing into the boom, I can actually say that Sunday was pretty cool, because I was really close to planing.

For those who don't know, Galts Ferry is a really good spot for those who aren't right next to Lake Lanier.

-Brian Butkus

This year seems to have gone by so quickly for me. It was certainly a year of frustration for me as far as windsurfing goes.

The 1st 3 months of the year spent in Dallas where the wind appeared to be always cranking and I had little time and no equipment. Talk of transfers to Barbados with dates changing almost daily caused a lot of uncertainty and unrest. Things obviously weren't supposed to be, but the windsurfing would have been great. Thanks to Greg and Kelli I even had a dog/house sitter lined up (Kelli's mom).

Several trips to NY, one during Hurricane Floyd. I did get to catch the tail end of Floyd at Galt's Ferry and had a good afternoon even though I just couldn't get the right size sail rigged (or could it have been the lack of sailing time this year =). Missed regatta's due to being in England and Wales.

Now I see that I'll miss the Christmas party due to being in Shrewsbury MA that weekend. I hope everyone has fun at the party and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

-Alastair Donaldson

LWA Continuing Education Series: *Creative Expressions*

Windsurfers Significant Slang

Surreptitiously slipped into my email box by Chuck Hardin

Hey, groms, surfin without the slang is like trying to survive on the Serengeti Plain without some basic Swahili: the respect and support of the natives is essential. Wind and wavesurfing slang is interrelated and both continue to evolve. For your edification, here is a windbentslang primer broken down into basic and advanced terms.

Basic (101):

Boardhead: Generic term for windsurfer because he carries his board on his head

Epic: A day of sailing when everything is unexpectedly perfect and unforgettable

Grom or Grommet : A young surfer, usually small, wiry, agile, better than you and, invariably, in your way

Nukin : When the wind is so hard its blowing spray off the whitecaps (In GA usually defined as 10-15 mph. In the Gorge, as 40-60)

Wind Snob : Someone who only windsurfs in high wind (Again, in GA usually defined as 10-15 mph. In the Gorge, as 40-60)

Rigger : Someone who has the most, latest equipment and rigs all day, but never actually sails

Launched : Getting thrown so far and high off your board you thought you saw the space shuttle

Skunked : When you travel to windsurf on a great forecast (or reputation) of wind that doesn't happen, similar to...

Sucker Wind: When the trees are bending at your house, but, at the lake, there's nothing

Grillin : like "smokin'", sailing so fast there is smoke coming off your equipment (not to be confused with grilled- when your board is hanging off your trailer, dragging the pavement and there is smoke coming off)

Shred Betty : A complimentary term for female windsurfer,

Advanced (201):

Sick : More than just cool or rad. (Ex. Heeey, man, that body drag was sick, whoaaa!) (Not to confused with the Basic use of sick- the feeling you get when after getting launched, you hear the crunch of mast to nose of board)

Jibe Buoy : When you fall in and other windsurfers use you as a turnaround marker (Ex. That hot dog spent so much time

in the water, I thought he was a permanent jibe buoy.)

Maytag (spin cycle) : Section of surf breaking in various directions that feels like a washingmachine if you fall in (ex. Hey, dude, avoid that sand bar on the incoming tide; its a regular maytag spin cycle.)

Harsh My Mellow : When someone or something destroys your joyful attitude with some needless b.s. (Ex: What a bummer, bro; I was crusin' until that jetski harshed my mellow.)

Deckcheck : When you go for an aggressive move but chicken out at the last second (Ex: Sure, that shred betty can rip, but she deckchecks on the big air.)

New School : Something you are when youre getting tested by radical conditions but getting off good moves anyway (Ex: Hey, bro, I was in new school yesterday in that nukin noreaster huge air! Trans: Well, my associates, I felt I was excelling yesterday despite the formidable and daunting condtions.)

Tooled : When someone gets really beat out in the water (Ex: I fell in the spin cycle and got totally tooled.)

(Some terms used with permission from Transworld Surf magazine)

Pro (301)

by Prof. Ed Marks

If you want to be *really cool* when talking about windsurfing, take a tip from the pros. Anyone who is sponsored will tell you that it really is simple once you get the hang of it. And while any good windsurfer can demonstrate her proficiency with the words listed above; the pro, living by the simple maxim, *Less is more*, survives on but a single cliché.

The following fictitious interview demonstrates the appropriate use of this pro level phrase:

How about those conditions today?

I'm stoked!

You really got slammed by that 60 mph gust.

I'm stoked!

Are you excited about today's competition?

I'm stoked!

You and the crew spent 6 months testing in Maui. Tell us

about how the new sail designs will effect your performance?

I'm stoked!

You must be occasionally concerned when sailing down the face of a 30 ft. wave.

I'm stoked!

After a while, even you, Dr. Intermediate, will find many useful places outside of windsurfing to use this handy phrase:

What do you think of the traffic on the Perimeter today?

I'm stoked!

I can't believe how much work we need to get done today!

I'm stoked!

So get out there and get that fire burning in your belly, so when someone says something to you, you can quickly and confidently say:

I'm stoked!

For Sail Continued from page 3

Fall regatta. Contact David Weekes 803-233-0061 or send them to P.O. Box 17977, Greenville, SC 29696

Lost at Galts Ferry 9/10/99 Casio Calculator watch. Please contact Randy Falkenberg 770-379-0505

411- Instruction

SOUTHWIND SAILBOARD-ING Quality instruction - beginner to advanced intermediate, for individuals and small groups. Chris Pyron - 404-525-7190 or 404-784-0287.

911- Editor's Note

Ads must be renewed every three months. Please let me know when you buy/sell something. We want to keep these as fresh as possible.

Ads free to ABC members, found items and beginner boards under \$500 complete.

Don't It Always Blow on Mondays?

Well, now you don't have to suffer in silence. You won't be at that dreadful meeting, looking out the window, watching the trees sway, nay, bend to the ground under the force of all that wind. You now have an excuse. Clip the coupon to the right and use it as needed. However, we do recommend a bit of discretion in its use. Don't yank it out on a paltry 10 mph forecast. No, save it for those big "Caution advised on local lakes" days. Don't feel dishonest, though. You will feel much better for having visited Dr. Van Pugh. And that is the objective of good healthcare, isn't it?

Clip and Save!

Dr. Lanier Van Pugh,
Gaastraentology
5.0 Windtoday Rd. Suite 265
Flowery Branch, GA. 30029-1111
770-532-4687

Excuse from work this afternoon. He is suffering from an unusual condition that requires a long session of "agua therapy". Depending on wind his condition tomorrow, he might not be able to return to work for another day.
Jenna Van Pugh

Dr. Lanier Van Pugh

Date

“More, Sir? Can I Have Some More?”

-*Oliver Twist*

“If you have only one or two, it will be very hard to sneak another one into the house.”

Dear LWA Advisor: I am new to this area. I need some advice as to which of 3 boards I should keep and which ones I should sell. I have an old longboard, a slalom board, and wave board.
- *Charles D.*

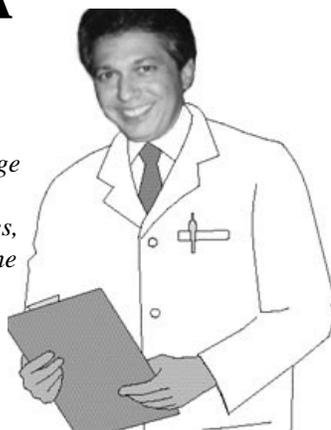
Dear Chuck: Sell none. Keep them all! I think that maybe a more appropriate question might be: How many windsurfers is enough? Like when you are in your favorite Hatteras shop and spot a lovely little wave board for about the price of your favorite windsurfing magazine. You know it's a good deal and you want to buy it but you already have a slalom board and a light air course slalom board and that old Astro Rock that you lent to your college-bound cousin. (The cousin you don't even like that much!)

So, with regret, you decide that you must leave it for someone who will probably turn it into a pool toy. Wrong, oh finless one! Your decision to buy should depend solely on whether or not you have achieved a collection consisting of "an indeterminate number of boards." Now, there will come in the course of

the amassing of your collection a time when some spoilsport will ask, "Why do you need so many?" If you have been diligent in amassing your quiver, you will have (by the time you hear those dreaded words) an indeterminate number of windsurfers. I'm taking a page from the presidential theory of interns, but it should work just as well with windsurfers: If you have only one or two, it will be very hard to sneak another one into the house. You can have as many as six, but not more than ten. Certainly no more than twelve. (You

Ask the LWA Advisor

Not really by Dr. Ed Marks but we needed a picture for this page and we love using his. It gives us that "professional look". Yes, you are detecting a theme. None of the writers in the LWA wanted their picture taken. Something about "a neglected financial matter regarding recent equipment purchases."



don't want to get a divorce, do you?) That way when you see that Donny Bowers Custom or that slightly used demo Protech, you will be able to write that hot check and spirit your new treasure onto your roof rack and into the garage with far less trepidation. So, if you have not yet reached an indeterminate number of boards, by all means, adopt that new one. If you're not sure, you should err on the side of caution and buy it anyway. In the future, I would like to explain how to get away with writing a hot check and having your spouse actually be happy about it. (Concept and much of the wording shamelessly stolen from a Macintosh email list. Names changed to protect the innocent.)

Holiday Party a Hit

Despite my better judgment, I invited the Hun-like hordes of the ABC to descend upon my home for the annual Holiday Party. I envisioned excess, debauchery and depravity. To my profound disappointment, a bunch of really nice people came. Where is the esprit d'corps of old? I mean, not a single lampshade capped dance in the house.

Nonetheless, this fine group of folks from Atlanta, Canton, Cartersville, Oakwood, Decatur, Alpharetta and even Chamblee enjoyed swell Roasters chicken and fixins. Ed Marks did a commendable and inexpensive job of catering the affair. We all ate till bursting and special praise came for the side dishes.

Another letdown occurred during the White Elephant Gift Exchange. No pink bunny slippers this year. Modest, well-chosen and DESIRABLE gifts were exchanged. Kids were happy, Grownups were happy. It was enough to have sent the prereform Grinch into apoplexy.

Karen Navarrete took some pictures which will be developed in time for next month's issue.

Thanks to all who came and a Happy New Year to you. -*the Editor*

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ond year in a row that G.T. has hosted the fall charity event and each one has been a success.

Christian's winning hand denied Gene Mathis the venerable threepeat. Gene had been the winner the past 2 years and had been eyeing another Curtis fin to replace the ones he had banged on rocks. We understand that Christian has gone out and bought the new Curtis D-88, a 74 cm experimental fin that can only be waterstarted in deep water off the continental shelf.

We also appreciate all those who entered and gave a bit to a fine cause.

Halloween Regatta/ GA Champs

The Halloween Regatta at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club was the last race of the year and the final event in the series that determined the 1999 Georgia State Champion.

I sort of stumbled into a chance of winning that title this year by default (*ed. note: This is like Jeff Gordon saying he was lucky to be at the front of the pack. Chris is pretty fast, indeed.*): Kevin Osburn is one of our fastest and smartest racers. But since he took his turn this year to do race committee at our spring and fall races, he was out of the running. Scott Spreen is the best all-around windsurfer I know, but he has been out all year recovering from a fight he got into with a dog while biking (I've heard the dog is already back to work and his agent is working on a match with Goldberg). Gregg Cattanach got distracted by semi-professional backgammon. Carl Arrigoni sold all his stuff. Eddie Brodeur and Philip Duvic were in contention, but didn't show up at the Halloween Regatta. Ginny Ferguson loaned out her board for all the races (to me), so she was not a threat (at least not on the race course). So, in the same way you can rationalize that the Falcons are going to win next week (i.e. "They've won so few games... they're DUE!"), it was looking like this could be my year... All I had to do was beat Dan Burch.

Well, if you're Kevin or Scott or Gregg or Carl or Eddie or Phillip or Ginnie you'd probably think "No biggie, it could happen", and that's kind of what I thought too- even though Dan almost always beats me. I thought if I could just focus and put it all together for this one regatta, I could finally get my name on that swell trophy. In the end, that focus was more like a blur.

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There were only four boards entered so we started with the Portsmouth fleet and raced on the same windward-lee-ward course with several big boat one-design fleets including J-24s and the new Elliot fleet. This made for some real excitement. We were extra sure that we were seen by the big boats when we crossed ahead of them. At several mark roundings I was really puckered up as what seemed like way too many boats covered in way too little water. Sorting out who was on what tack, who was overlapped and, of course, the overriding "tonnage rule" (he who has the tons has the right of way) made it interesting in those tight quarters. That might sound a bit intimidating, but it really wasn't. The wind was pretty light, so you had plenty of time to plan your course. Plus this is always a low key regatta with the emphasis on fun. It was interesting to compare the boards to boats on the same course. We were pretty even in light winds, but in the puffs, the boards did much better. Even though we can't point upwind nearly as well as any of the boats we made up for it with better speed.

LLSC provided dinner on Saturday night and a great costume party with prizes for adults and kids. Our two year old, Christopher got to trick-or-treat

through the cabin colony at the club with a herd of other little goblins and Ginny and I were treated to refreshments at a few stops along the route as well. It was a beautiful mild fall afternoon and a memorable end to a satisfying day of sailing with good friends. That night we reconvened around a fire at the camping area and regaled each other with the highlights of the day.

The weather on Sunday was a repeat of Saturday- a shifty, tactical east wind, blue skies, a little crisp in the morning but very mild by lunch time. Randy Falkenberg couldn't be there Sunday so it was just Dan, me and Bobby Nabors, a student from Clemson. The racing was a repeat as well- Dan sailed fast and smart, and when he got ahead, he simply covered me to the finish line. Bobby was right there a few times but in the end the old guys prevailed as he finished third in each race. Dan made it look easy winning all but one race, a fitting way to clinch the State Championship. Way to go Dan!

-Chris Voith

Southeast Series In the Works

Jim Mills, Commodore of Fleet 12 of Tampa/St. Pete is in the midst of organizing a limited Southeast Racing Series this year:

Fleet 12 is planning a 5-6 race series this year- three in the spring and three in the fall. A series competitor will get one throw out race and will receive a penalty score for races not attended. Each event must be at least two days long, making it easier and more affordable for competitors to race in all or most of the series events. They currently have a sponsor that will pick up the costs of having a series, i.e. mailings, trophies, etc. They are still, looking however for more sponsors for prizes.

The preliminary 2000 calendar in this LWA contains some of the regattas that **may** be included.

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Dear Low-life,
Yes, and your point is?

Dear All-wise Arrogant Jerk,
What are your predictions for the new millenium?

Dear Yesterday's News,,
Next thousand years? Uhm, I'll go out on a limb and say that we'll still be plagued by cockroaches and the common cold.

For the coming years, I'll go out on the limb with the following predictions:

1) Kite surfing AIN'T IT. It looks like fun. Real fun. But let's face it, you'd have to be either the a) world champion or b) a total idiot to try it at the average windsurfing spot. Think Lake Lanier. Charleston Harbor. Tampa Bay. Chesapeake Bay. San Fran. Wanna snag a power boat? How 'bout an oil tanker? Let's get real here. If you think the venues for high wind windsurfing are limited, try the suitable places for kitesurfing.

2) Land sailing will be it. It can be done most places even in light wind. Further, it offers the chance for young kids to do absolutely stupid things. Windsurfing will never be an extreme sport because you don't get road rash (abrasions) from your mistakes- in wind-surfing, if you biff, you just splash. What an X-sport requires is pain, blood and the real chance of leaving skin behind (or rather, no skin on the behind). Think of some youngster (hopefully, not your own) doing a laydown on Peachtree with a Limp Bizkit soundtrack at 3 a.m.. That's the sort of thing that has the chance of being the next fad.

3) Dacron or rather dacron-like sails (mylar or tinted monofilm) will make a comeback. That same urge that made us buy Miatas (see MGB), the new Beetle (see old Bug), and bellbottoms (see Bellbottom) will have us lusting after probably updated versions of the classics. Take the great mechanics of a modern sail and the color of a vintage sail and that's something that is nostal-

gic, photogenic and probably the next big thing. The basic planform for the sail is probably as tweaked as can be. I suspect most of the big breakthroughs in sail design are behind us which means the next wave of innovation will be in appearance. And the greatest innovation of appearance is when you make something old look cutting edge.

Likewise, I wouldn't be surprised at a wave of nostalgia over old boards and the introduction of updated replicas or boards that evoke the style of old. All you'd really need to do is merge one of the new freestyle shortboards with the new wide transitionals and you'd have an updated Windsurfer™.

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Preliminary 2000 Club, Regional & National Dates

Jan 22 Iceberg Regatta, Flowery Branch, GA LLSC/ABC

Feb 25-27 US/NA Master/Seniors Patrick AFB, FL Dick Tillman 407-773-4711LTILL75358@aol.com

Mar 3-5 Calema Midwinters & ISAF Youth Qualifier, Kelly Park, FL 800-4CALEMA www.calema.com *SE Series*

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April TBA Steven C. Smith Regatta, Shell Point FL *SE Series*

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October TBA ABC Hatteras Trip

October TBA Seniors/ 22nd Annual Fall Classic ABC/LLSC Ga Champ #3 *SE Series*

October TBA Halloween Open LLSC Ga Champ #4

Nov TBA Mistral Nationals, St. Pete, FL Fleet 12 *SE Series*

Nov TBA ABC Fall Charity Event

Dec TBA ABC Holiday Party

SE Series: Proposed series, see article in this month's newsletter.

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So, You've Been Lusting After One of Those New, Wide Boards?



Did you want to try one of those new wide boards? Betcha did but the budget looks a bit skinny doesn't it. You could get a new board but then you'd have to put off the brake job on the family chariot. You'd rather not have to stop like Fred Flintstone, though. Tough on the shoe leather.

But you've maybe looked around the house and noticed that, perhaps, you do have a wide board around. Twelve feet long but it is wide. And it has a heck of a fin. Well, it's really a daggerboard but some fins are that long now. "Hmmm," you think, "I wonder if I could..."

You imagine getting out the skill saw. A couple of passes. A little fiberglass and West epoxy. Then you go back to what you were doing before this fantasy. Vanna still looks great on The Wheel of Fortune.

Fred Newman of the Chalkwell Windsurfing Club in Essex, England did it. He took his F2 Lightning and snip, snip. He now has a short board. With a heck of a fin. A wide, short board with a really big fin. Reports are that it actually sails pretty well. For a better picture of it: <http://freespace.virgin.net/ken.rosier/area2.htm> (Our thanks to Fred and Ken Rosier for permission to print the picture.)

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