



CHRIS PYRON INDUCTS 17 INTO THE LOYAL FAITHFUL ON BEHALF OF THE ABC

translated: The Learn to Sail Clinics were a Roaring Success

With excellent instruction from Chris Pyron, organization from Dave Delmonte and Brian Butkus, generous help from the local dealer community and the blessings of Mother Nature, this year's Clinics came off as one of the best in memory.

Gentle breezes, first at Vann's Tavern and then, in July, at Sunrise Cove,

encouraged the students who by the end of the July session, were comfortably sailing around and beginning to hone their techniques.

Chris did an excellent job in leading the instruction. A great assistance came in the form of 4 HiFly training boards, courtesy of Chuch Hardin. The

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Our Next Meetings

As always, friends, guests, kids and total strangers are welcome.

The August (8/8) and September (9/12) meetings will be at the usual location, the Brandy House,

on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Fall Regatta!

Volunteers/ Equipment Needed

Chris Voith is making plans for the Fall Classic/ Senior Nationals the club is sponsoring at the LLSC on October 13-15. You should see advertisements in national publications in late September. This nationally recognized regatta is a big part of the club's calendar. Chris is looking for volunteers who'd like to help out and also for charter boards.

Since many of the upwards of 70 participants come from quite a ways away (like Canada and the midwest), having charter boards available makes their life easier, of course, and encourages more entrants to come.

If you have an idle Mistral One Design, Equipe, Equipe II, Superlight II, Fanatic Ultra Cat or Mega Cat or F2 Lightning, give Chris a call at 404-255-6469. We are looking for boards and complete rigs. If you don't plan to race, this will help someone come, the club and even your piggy bank.

If you'd like to help in any other way, give Chris a ring.

Even if you don't race, make plans to attend. This is the Southeast's biggest gathering of boardheads. It's a great group, spanning ages of 15-80.

Join us! See page 10 for details.
Attention Current Members:

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Learn to Sail '00

Below: Professor Pyron stands at the lectern.

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wide boards were in great demand as they were super stable and the small rigs easy to handle.

Fred Dey dropped by the first session and whetted appetites with promotional T-shirts and lent the simulator. Chuck showed up at the second clinic with, again, the boards in tow and Tim Carter assisted as well.

Plenty of other faces showed up to lend a hand in the instruction. I was going to list them all but I'm afraid of missing anyone. Thanks to all.

(Photos: Fred Dey)



Right: Chris points NW and explains exactly why NW breezes are more gusty and how it affects board trim, especially relative to different downhaul and outhaul adjustments. He then compares the results to blade fins and swept fins. Not really. I think he's showing how to wave for help.



An Invitation to Sail St. Simons Island

I recently received an email from Ricky Wright of the St. Simons Surfsailors Club (www.darientel.net/~surfsail) asking why we didn't list St. Simons under our Places to Sail page on the web. I replied that it wasn't an exclusion but that I simply didn't have the info. He was kind enough to send the following information and invitation:

Basic directions for getting to St. Simons Island:

We are located about 1 hr. south of Savannah Ga. and off Brunswick Ga. Take exit 8 A east at Brunswick Ga. off I95 south. This is spur 25, follow it to Hwy 17 south. Take Hwy 17 south to the St. Simons cause-way & follow causeway onto island. This becomes Demere Rd. Follow Demere Rd. past

Airport & Bloody Marsh Park to the eastbeach causeway. Follow causeway to the old Coast Guard station.

You are now entering the eastbeach parking area. You will see an area on the beach fenced off and kind of hidden by bushes with sailboat mast sticking up. This is the St. Simons Surf Sailors club.

We have a building to store our prerigged sails and covered board storage. It's just like being at one of those sailboard resorts with everything ready to go and change out as the conditions warrant only it's in "our own back yard". and about 1 hr. north of Jacksonville Fla. (take exit 6 A off I-95 north onto Hwy 17 north across the Sidney Lanier bridge to the St. Simons causeway)

Most of the sailing is done off eastbeach for wind directions north, northeast, east, southeast, south, and southwest. For westerlies we sail the

channel between St. Simons and Jekyll Island (very strong currents on incoming or out going tides!) Only sail this when the wind speed is above 16 mph !

The eastbeach area is good for learning at low tide when the sandbars are exposed. It is very shallow for a ways out, so it is good for practicing moves and tricks. As the tide comes in, we get bump & jump conditions and swells. A 1000 yds out is a sandbar that runs parallel the beach. Past this we get large swells and waves. There are strong currents on outgoing and incoming tides but in between it's pretty calm. This is a great place to sail with all the different conditions, sandbars and Islands (Sea Island, St. Simons and Jekyll Is.) So the area is good for all skill levels depending on conditions at the time. Always plan your sailing around the tides and winds if you are novice.

Jogolina (Georgia/S.C) elist excerpts:

Windtalker Update — Thurmond and Murray, too! You guys think I'm making this whole thing up, don't you? But this is not a fig newton of my imagination. IT WILL HAPPEN.

In fact, the SECOND windtalker in this National Weather Service program is tentatively approved at LAKE MURRAY (near Columbia, SC). The Coast Guard Auxillary and U.S. Power Squadron are the co-sponsors. They are investigating an installation site nearer the dam but the fall-back position is their 25' communication tower at the end of Johnson Marina Rd. between Ballentine

and Chapin. The planned reconstructon work at the dam is presenting many difficulties at this time, but whatever the final location, it's got to help.

At Lake Thurmond (Clark Hill to the natives), the 1000' run of telephone cable from the sensor's computer to the telephone switching room turned out to be as easy as we anticipated — if you could fly like a hummingbird and simultaneously spit shielded, two-pair telephone cable out of your rear like a spider. So, we're getting a \$1500 wireless modem.

Relax, the Columbia County EMS already got the county commisioners to add half its cost to their budget and the Columbia, SC NWS/NOAA Weather Radio office is paying the other half. Yes, this is your tax \$\$ at work. Sure beats

the heck out of the other crap they spend it on. Whitecap has paid the \$67 telephone service application/hook-up fee and will be paying the monthly service costs of \$30.23 which is \$362.76. Donations will be accepted to defray this cost; it ain't in the Whitecap budget. Remember, initially this system is only internet accessable, but it will be virtually real time and should be very accurate.

Local Swap Meet and Party Put it on your calendar: evening of August 26th. At the home of Whitecap, my house (Chcuk Hardin), in Evans, GA just off Interstate 20 - easy to get to from anywhere.

to sign up for this list, email whitecapws@aol.com

Recent Racing Results

Reggae Regatta

Lake Lanier Sailing Club, June 24-25, 2000

Open
Overall

1. Randy Rhodes
2. Carl Arrigoni
3. Dan Burch
4. Gregg Cattanach
5. Eddie Brodeur
6. Phil Duvic

Georgia State Championships

These are the current standings for the 2000 Georgia State Championships. They include the Inland Windsurfing Championship (spring regatta) and LLSC Reggae Regatta.

| Rank | Name | IWC | Reggae | Fall/Seniors | Halloween | Total |
|------|-------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Randy Rhodes | Open 7 | Open 6 | | | 13 |
| 2 | Gregg Cattanach | Open 5 | Open 3 | | | 8 |
| 3 | Carl Arrigoni | Open 3 | Open 5 | | | 8 |
| 4 | Chris Voith | Open 6 | | | | 6 |
| 5 | Edward J. Brodeur | Open 4 | Open 2 | | | 6 |
| 6 | Dan Burch | Open 2 | Open 4 | | | 6 |
| 7 | Pete Waraksa | Open 3 | | | | 3 |
| 8 | Patrick Nugent | Sport 3 | | | | 3 |
| 9 | Jamie Park | Sport 2.5 | | | | 2.5 |
| 10 | David Durrant | Open 2 | | | | 2 |
| 11 | Pam Barron | Sport 2 | | | | 2 |
| 12 | Pat Park | Sport 1.5 | | | | 1.5 |
| 13 | Dan Olivier | Open 1 | | | | 1 |
| 14 | William Fragakis | Open 1 | | | | 1 |
| 15 | Bert Eskridge | Sport 1 | | | | 1 |
| 16 | Phil Duvic | Open 1 | | | | 1 |
| 17 | Randy Falkenberg | Sport 0.5 | | | | 0.5 |

Club Makes Contribution to Gebhardt Olympic Campaign

The Atlanta Boardsailing Club decided at the June meeting to donate \$500 to the Olympic campaign of U.S windsurfer Mike Gebhardt. Gebbie, of Ft. Pierce, FL. is in Australia, preparing for the Sydney Games. Olympic class windsurfing has been likened to a cross between a chess match (mental) and the marathon (physical). As well, several Atlanta area windsurfers have also contributed their own funds to support his effort to capture his third Olympic medal. We wish him well

Dept. of Choices: Why Windsurfing is More Difficult than Turn 4 at Indy

by Randy Falkenberg

In the last issue of LWA we explored the differences between auto racing and windsurfing. As you will recall, this stemmed from an American Windsurfer article drawing parallels between the two sports. AW interviewed windsurfer Tony Cicale, who is also an engineer for an Indy racing team. Since that article enabled me to break into the major leagues of Windsurfing publishing, I thought I'd continue the subject.

According to Cicale, auto racing is very complicated because there are thousands of variables to consider in preparing a car for racing. On the other hand, he contends that for a windsurfer, there are only 2 or 3 dozen things you can do to change it. Careful examination of the facts, however, reveals that life is much more complicated and difficult for even a lowly recreational windsurfer than a top flight autoracer. A windsurfer has to make many more intelligent choices and decisions than an auto racer has ever dreamed of. Here's why.

1st, let's assume your just a garden variety recreational sailor, with a quiver of 2 boards, 3 sails and 3 fins and you live in Atlanta, GA.

Your first decision every day is whether to go out to the lake or not: Yes or No. Two choices per day or 14 per week. We also have at least 5 spots in the area to sail from. On any given day, there could be wind say at Vanns Tavern, but maybe not at Galts Ferry or Juliette. Or worse yet, you go out to the lake when there is no wind, or stay at home and it blows like crazy. You chose wrong and you lose. 14 times 5 is 70 choices per week facing you.

The auto racer, by contrast has no such decision process. The Indy 500, and every other race is held about the

same time every year, and you know the date long in advance. The driver has no decisions to make at all.

Once you actually get to the lake, matters get more complicated. You have 2 boards (long and short) and 3 sails to choose from. We're now up to $14*5*3*2$ choices, 420 possible combinations of variables. Guess what? Your Indy racer has lots of cars, but there are all about the same, engine, chassis, tires, even across teams. He drives one till he wrecks it, then goes to the next one. Engine choices don't exist at all. He gets the biggest one the rules allow. He doesn't ever have to decide which engine is right for the conditions. So far this guy has only one choice to make: Show up and race.

Now its true that race car drivers have to decide what tires to use. We have the same issue: what fin is best. So at least 3 fin choices for us and maybe 3 choices or tires for them (fast, faster and fastest). We are now up to 1,260 ($420*3$) decisions we could make, while Mario Andretti has well, just 3.

Likewise, racers have to decide how much down force from their wings, while we have to deal with mast track positions. In both cases there are virtually limitless choices, but low, medium and high is probably a fair simplification. Weve now reach 3,780 ($1260*3$) possible choices in a given week, compared to only 9 for AJ.

Likewise, there are adjustments to the gear box of the race car. Racers have maybe 6 gears, while we have at least 3 boom positions, and at least 3 possible harness line position (again vastly sim-

plifying our choices with low, medium and high). So now its windsurfer 34,020 ($9*3780$), Al Unser Jr. 54.

Of course, race drivers have turbo charge boost and fuel mixtures to contend with. These are complicated, no doubt, but clearly no more so then picking the right downhaul and outhaul tensions for your sails. Like the drivers, we can also adjust some of this (outhaul at least) on the fly with correct equipment. Any realistic assessment would say you have at least 9 possible combinations of these variables for either the racer or windsurfer. In the end, we've now faced something like 306,180 ($34020*9$) decisions in a single week, while our auto race faces something less than 500 choices.

And lest you think this trivializes racing, recognize this. If you pick the wrong board, sail or fin, you may not have any fun at all on a given day. Get the wrong mast track position, or boom height, and your buds could be planing, while you're complaining. You could

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go to Tidwell, with your shortboard, when you buddy goes to Galts with a longboard. He might have more fun than you; thus, he gets bragging rights, and you have to suffer the shame that you missed out. It could ruin your whole day. Affect your relationships. Impact your emotional well-being.

On top of that, race drivers have rules to follow that limit the amount of fuel available, turbo boost, etc. We have

no rules at all except one: Have more fun than anyone else. And suppose a race driver picks the wrong tires. So what? He loses a little money. (Kind of like being passed over for promotion because you are never in the office on windy days.) Next week he heads for the next track and tries again while you valiantly evade getting transferred to the Lincoln, Nebraska office

Worst comes to worse, the racer picks the wrong tires, spins out and hits the wall at 200 mph. Munches it. They cart away the pieces to the landfill. Is it over? Hardly. The next week, he gets a brand new car to drive. While I admit that hitting the wall at 200 mph is a bone jarring experience, its nothing compared to getting launched into the icy cold waters of Lake Lanier in January and through your sail. Do you get a new one the next week? Hardly. You spend the next 2 years peering through the maze of packing tape that now holds your sail together.

Now some will say that racing is dangerous, with the high speeds and 20 or more competitors with only one goal in mind (finishing first). At least all the race competitors are sober and know how to drive. Compare that to dodging dozens of drunken jet skiers towing their children on innertubes.

Truthfully, the safety of both sports has improved. In auto racing flame retarding driving suits have done a lot to insure fire survival. In windsurfing, tight fitting wet or dry suits have replaced those leaky, loose fitting drysuits (a.k.a. body bags) that used to be known as a one way ticket to Davy Jones locker.

Auto racers have life easier in every other way. The windsurfer has to be his own driver, mechanic, pit crew chief, personal trainer and, **worst** of all, sponsor. While NASCAR drivers have soap companies and cigarette manufactures who shower them with money, a windsurfer could lose his sponsorship, just by going to the lake instead of the office. Tire companies give tires away for free, just so their name can be on the

Club Hatteras Trip Planned

by Chuck Hardin

I have reserved a prime soundfront house in Avon on the Outer Banks for an ABC (and friends) trip from Oct 21 to 28. It's going to be windsurfing heaven! That week is the Hatteras Island Windsurfing Championships and this house is where the action is. The house is Windy Station, #194HC, by Hatteras Realty and I assume you can see it on their website, www.hatterasrealty.com. It's got EVERYTHING and you can literally jump off the deck into the sound. It should accommodate about 10 people. The house total cost is about \$1300 so you can figure your share. I need \$50 to reserve your spot (non-refundable, but transferrable). E-mail me whitecapws@aol.com or call 706-860-0639 with your intentions ASAP and snail-mail me at 5090 Fairington Dr. Evans, Ga 30809.



winning car. Marine Tex won't even give you a nickel, despite the fact your board is covered with it.

And, lets face it . A windsurfer's life is really a lot harder than I've portrayed it. I mean, who has only 2 boards, 3 sails and 3 fins? I've left out lots of variables. For example, your centerboard can be placed in lots of positions, and some people have as many centerboards as fins. On top of that we have these windsurfing mysteries like having more than one hole in your sail to attach the outhaul to does anyone really know which is the correct position? And I won't even get into the most complex

questions of all, like sheeting angles, and footstrap positions. Or whether starboard is right or left and whether it really is better than port? Or most fundamental, is the bow the front of the back of your board? Suffice it to say that when realistic numbers are plugged into the equations above we can easily see that the average windsurfer has well over one million possible choices per week. It makes me nervous just thinking about it...

That's why I usually just take out my longboard and biggest sail and hope for wind.

My Summer Vacation at The Banana River Windsurfing Resort

by David DeLorme

Early this summer, when searching for a compromise between my desire to go windsurfing in Hatteras and my family's desire to go to the theme parks in Orlando, I discovered the Banana River Windsurfing Resort. Located in Cocoa Beach, Florida, it provided me the opportunity for a windsurfing vacation, in close enough proximity to hit the Orlando tourist traps.

Upon first arriving, it became clear that the word "resort" was a bit of a misnomer - conduring up images of luxurious hotel rooms, jacuzzis, and people sitting around the pool drinking mai tais with umbrellas sticking out of them. No,

I think the word commune is a more appropriate term - though I mean that in the best way possible.

The Banana River Windsurfing Resort is set in a charming old river front home that has been remodeled. Most of the rooms are for one or two people, with a community bathroom. There is one suite, with a private bath. This is where we stayed, and will stay again next time. There is also a kitchen, living room, and dining area.

The Resort is owned and operated by Beth Powell and Greg Winkler, who are both Olympic class windsurfers. They run a first class operation in terms of giving lessons and clinics, keeping the equipment ready, and keeping watch on the sailors. They offer private lessons, beginner packages, and special BIC Techno Racing Boot Camps. The equipment for rent consists primarily of IMCOs, Mistral Superlights, and the BIC Techno 283s.

During my stay at BRWR, there were many people with a wide variety of experience, from complete beginners to serious sailors working on racing skills. The rooms were completely booked and there was even a young

couple staying in a tent on the front lawn. The winds that week were blowing steadily at 10-15 knots. The planing windsurfers were using 7.5+ sails.

The sailing area is nice for both beginners and advanced sailors. There is a fairly large area where the water is about chest height. However, it is not marked and beyond that area it drops off quickly. So, for the kids we tied a ropes to the windgliders so we could haul them back in if they went too far. Also, the stingers seemed particularly bad the week we were there. I saw several of them while sailing in the shallow water and one of our fellow sailors stepped on one. It cut through her surfshoe and gave her a painful and serious looking cut.

Overall, I found the Banana River Windsurfing Resort to be an excellent experience for my windsurfing needs. In addition to the facility, the help from the instructors and the comradery with the other sailors added a lot to the experience. When the opportunity arises, I won't hesitate to go back.

Folks wishing to learn more about BRWR may call them at 321 784-0166 or check out their website at www.banariverresort.com.

Club, Regional & National Dates

August 26 Augusta Swap Meet. Contact Chuck Hardin whitecapws@aol.com or call 706-860-0639

September 8-10 10th Annual Juana's Good Time Regatta, Navarre Beach, Fl. Panhandle Windsurfer's Contact: Steve Bogan 850-433-5833 or scbwindsurfer@worldnet.att.net *Harper Realty SE Series*

Sept 8-10 New England WChamps Maggie Taylor 207-247-5629

Sept 25-30 (Postponed until Islamorada ProAm in Nov.) US Windsurfing National Champs

October 13-15 22nd Annual Fall Classic Lake Lanier Sailing Club/ Atlanta Boardsailing Club Contact: Chris Voith 404-250-0287 or cvphoto@mindspring.com *Harper Realty SE Series, Ga Champ #3 SE Series*

October 21-28 ABC Hatteras Week. Chuck Hardin whitecapws@aol.com or call 706-860-0639

October TBA Halloween Open LLSC Ga Champ #4

November (TBD), Mistral National Championships. St. Petersburg, Fl. Tackle Shack Watersports / Fleet 12. Contact: Tackle Shack 727-546-5080 or tswater@aol.com *Harper Realty SE Series*

November TBA ABC Fall Charity Event

November Islamorada ProAm/ US Windsurfing National Champs

December TBA ABC Holiday Party

Recent windsurfatlanta.org Polls

Previous Poll Topic: Do the Equipment Reviews Have You Salivating?

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| c) Mild drool. I'll spend up to \$500 for new stuff this year. |  47.6% - (10 Votes) |
| b) Sort of. But I can't afford anything. |  23.8% - (5 Votes) |
| d) Get me a kib. I'm going to drop a thousand easy. |  14.2% - (3 Votes) |
| a) No. I'm not planning on spending anything on new equipment this year. |  9.5% - (2 Votes) |
| e) Call me Pavlov's Dog; I gotta have the new stuff! Call my broker and have her sell everything. Gotta raise cash big time. |  4.7% - (1 Votes) |

Total Votes: 21

Previous Poll Topic: I've been windsurfing for...

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|--------------------------|---|
| d) 8-15 years |  37.9% - (11 Votes) |
| b) 1- 3 years |  17.2% - (5 Votes) |
| c) 4- 7 years |  17.2% - (5 Votes) |
| a) 1 year or less |  13.7% - (4 Votes) |
| e) > 15 years |  13.7% - (4 Votes) |

Total Votes: 29

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Membership Roll

Welcome to our newest members:

- Carey Yonce**, Atlanta, GA
- Joyce Kelly**, Decatur, GA
- Julie Reynolds**, Alpharetta, GA
- Charlie Mion**, Atlanta, GA
- Joe Lamboley**, Woodstock, GA
- Peter, Bonnie and Kristen Baird**, Duluth, GA
- Cindy Lightfine**, Roswell, GA
- Dawn Leavitt**, Atlanta, GA
- Jody Massey**, Macon, GA
- Tracy Corvi**, Atlanta, GA
- Kristi Purcell**, Stockbridge, GA
- Philip Voss**, Atlanta, GA
- Michal Krupa**, Suwanee, GA
- Matt and Jennifer Gillett**, Atlanta, GA
- Danny Johnson**, Ft. Payne, AL

Join Us! Membership is still only \$20/ yr. for individuals and \$30/yr for families. Join for **2 years** and get a 10% discount on the second year (\$38 and \$57 total). Application/ Renewal Form below.

Expired? Check the address label. Don't miss the fun.

Renewed or Joined and Didn't See Your Name? Call 404-237-1431 or email accounting@windsurfatlanta.org and find out why I wasn't an accounting major.

Thanks for Renewing!

- Glenn Tanner**, Atlanta, GA
- David Wade**, Snellville, GA

(A few of you renewed in early June. The database has been updated but this list doesn't reflect those names. If you've sent something in but don't see your name, check your expiry date on the label.)

We have **110** individual and family memberships. We also send our newsletter out to **14 other clubs and schools**.

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Hey, Atlanta Boardsailing Club, Sign Me Up!

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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- Shortboard Sailing
- Course Racing
- Freestyle
- Sailing Clinics and Demos
- Trips to other Areas
- Parties, Cookouts, etc.
- Helping with Club Functions
- Writing articles for the News letter
- Other _____

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Yes No

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lem•ming (lem´ing), v. to instinctively rush forward

against all logic or rationale. *Despite the forecast of SE 5-10, he loaded his shortboards on the roof rack and lemminged to Van Pugh.*

We've all been there before. The windsurfing jones redlines. It's been weeks or even months since you've stood atop a planing board. You look in desperation at the treetops for any sign of movement. There is no wind. There is no chance of wind. The forecast models don't even suggest the possibility for weeks.

And then, inexplicably, you load up the family chariot and strike out for water.

It's August. No one in Atlanta windsurfs in August. No one even thinks of windsurfing here. That's why those mountain bikes, wakeboards and kayaks hang in our garages. That's why we have the Braves. (Rule of thumb: During the Braves regular season, chances of windsurfing are slim to nil.) Yet, there you are speeding up I-85.

It's 95 or more degrees outside, yet you soldier on. Reflexively, you even packed your wetsuit- you realize in the hotness of your car that you haven't rinsed the stinkin' thing out in, what? months if not years.

You pay your toll at the Van Pugh gate and roll in to the profoundly culturally diverse crowd who populate VP in the summer. All the good spots by the lake are taken. There's even a jetski or two anchored in the water directly in front of the steps down the bank. You park up the hill, step out and go take a look at the water.

Flatness. Interrupted only by the heave and roll of a powerboat wake. An oily flatness. Not a whisper of wind rolls across.

Congratulations. You have just lemminged. You knew good and well as you turned out of the drive that there'd be no wind. Wind? Weren't you the one who refuses to rig anything more than a 6.5 during the season because it's "just not worth it"?

Yet, you were driven instinctively to go. Did the big limp flag at 85 and Jimmy Carter Blvd slow you down? No. Did the 10 on the Melisch Meter make you hesitate? No. Did the fact that you were the only windsurfer at the park strike you as odd? Not even.

But, you were compelled by an unseen force. An irresistible force that made you load up your gear, turn the key and drive. You were barely aware at all as you sped up the interstate of who you were and what you were doing. No matter that your actions flew in the face of all common sense, reason and scientific fact. You went anyway.

Educational aside: Lemmings aren't actually suicidal but population pressures encourage them to migrate. Oddly, it's the Scandinavian lemming that exhibits the reknowned behavior. It's Canadian cousins tend to stay put and serve as prey to foxes and ermine. Since lemmings tend to migrate downhill, the steep Scandanavian terrain means that sooner or later, the lemming gets to the bottom of the valley and hits water. It's not depressed, but, rather shall we say, on a downhill roll.

White Wilderness, the '50s Disney documentary that showed the little furry creatures flinging themselves to their death, was a fake. The filmmaker bought the faux lemmings- they were actually Canadian voles- for a quarter a piece from Manitoban Inuit children, had them shipped to Alberata where the filming was taking place; and then had them hurled over a cliff, into the water. So much for "special effects."

"White Wilderness does not depict an actual lemming migration -- at no time are more than a few dozen lemmings ever shown on the screen at once. The entire sequence was faked using a handful of lemmings deceptively photographed to create the illusion of a large herd of migrating creatures."

-<http://www.snopes.com/disney/films/lemmings.htm>



But at least the little furry creature is driven afar by a sense of survival. What makes us drive for miles, for hours even, with not even the glimmer of survival but rather the certainty of (continuing with the rodent metaphors) getting skunked?

Oh, if I had an answer for that one, I'd have saved hundreds of gallons of gas and thousands of miles of wear on my tires. The only thing I can say is ... thank heavens I can swim.

For Sail

201- Boards & Rigs

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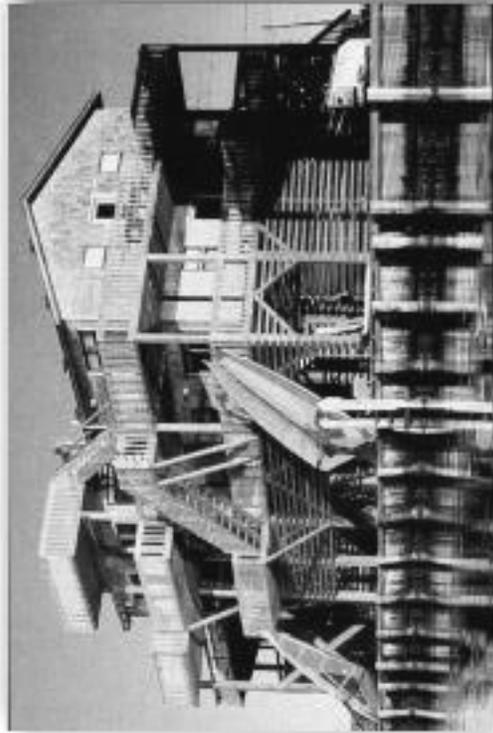
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