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Swap Meet Brings Participants From All Over South Florida

Water sports enthusiasts of all types from Vero Beach to Key West came to buy and sell equipment at the Fall 2002 Swap Meet sponsored by the **SFBSA, Sailboards Miami, Inc.** and **iwindsurf.com**.

Spotty showers eventually yielded to sunshine, and participants enjoyed a fairly vibrant atmosphere, making deals and renewing bonds with old friends.

An especially large contingent from the Florida Keys was present, many of whom could be seen bartering aggressively with potential buyers or carting away large quantities of equipment.

In order to ensure a better balance between buyers and sellers, the event sponsors made an effort to publicize the swap meet. Notices of the event went out in e-mails and mail notices to local water sports associations. The event was also posted to the websites of the SFBSA, iwindsurf.com, and the Florida Kitesurfing Association.

Lastly, the event was published in various print media such as the Miami Herald, New Times, Scuba News and Florida Sports Magazine.

According to an SFBSA follow-up

survey, most participants viewed the swap meet favorably. About half of them purchased equipment, and buyers still seemed to have the advantage with equipment clearing at deflated prices.

Half of respondents were trying to sell equipment, with about 60% of them selling at least some of it. For more detailed survey results, check the SFBSA website news page at <http://www.sfbsa.com/news/newsframe.html>.

The SFBSA would like to thank Ovidio DeLeon for handling the event permitting, Denise Romero and Julie Zahniser for advertisement, Bob Weinreb and Len Fenn for membership and Johanna Mead for photography.

Random Comments:

I was just getting rid of the last of my windsurfing equipment and hanging out with friends. We all had a great time. I would have purchased some kitesurfing gear but I have what I need.


I thought there were some excellent deals to be had. I thought the event was very successful.

Everyone there was very friendly and I learned a lot from the meet. Thanks for having such an event.



Garrett, Denise, Todd, Lonnie, Katrina and Paula at the Swap Meet.

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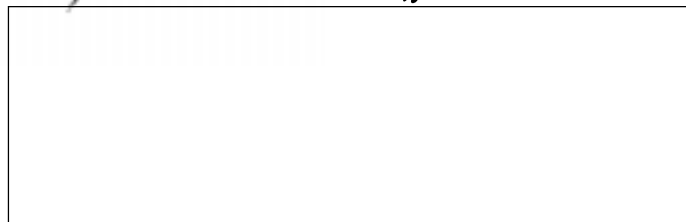


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December 10th at Waterplay, see inside...

December 14th Holiday Beach Party



The swap meet event is great and should be expanded. Also it would be nice if there was another meet in January (middle of season) since more people might participate and the chance of finding and selling gear may be better.

There seemed to be more sellers here than at past events that I have attended; thanks for getting the word out. We all know the expense of new equipment and it is a great opportunity to buy and try things at a generally markedly reduced price. Due to the limited market the event also gives sailors a chance to just get rid of stuff (even give away) to fellow sailors.

- Bill Ehrreich

Cut the Crap

Has anyone seen the bumper sticker "Windsurfing has been cancelled"?

It's such a shame that in order to satisfy their (other) boarding egos, some people choose to put down a sport that has been part of their lives, and ours, for so long.

Windsurfing is going through a lot of changes but "been cancelled" is not one of them.

Sign me,
Not amused
Captain Crabby

WHY BOTHER?

Why should I join the club? I can sail anywhere I want - today. I can park close enough to the water to rig from my car - today. I haven't got sick from the water or cut myself on some beach trash-yet. Who cares about tomorrow? What did THEY ever do for me? Fifty dollars for membership!! Why bother? What 's in it for me?

Who cares about parking problems at Virginia Beach, I only sail the bay.

Who cares about polluted water at Windsurfer Beach, I only sail the ocean.

Who cares about the rules at Crandon, I never go there.

Who cares about Matheson Hammock. I don't even know where that is.

Who cares about access to the ocean. I don't sail in waves.

We care and we will continue to fight for access for everyone -- and the access should be to clean beaches with clean water. We are your voice so all of us can sail when and where we want.

Why bother? Because the future of our sport is always at stake.

- Len Fenn, SFBSA Pesidnet

Treasurer\$ Report

The club is faced with an ongoing series of issues that can potentially interfere with our main goal: time on the water windsurfing.

These issues include a reduced number of windsurfing sites, access to sites, competition for sites and the deteriorating water quality of the bay and ocean.

The *strength in numbers* approach to deal with these problems is critical, since politicians and bureaucrats are influenced by group action rather than individual complaints.

Due to a cycle of decreasing membership over the last several years – now at a critical stage – SFBSA revenues have declined. The board of directors has wisely reduced expenses to keep the club solvent and make

up for the shortfall.

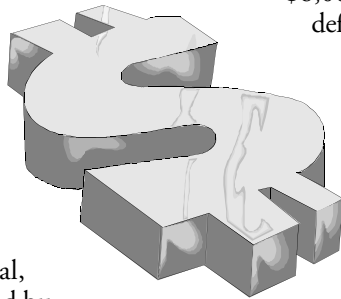
As of 11/18/02, the savings account had a balance of \$5,393.58, and the checking account had a balance of \$3,418.71, for a total of \$8,812.29. It should be noted that \$6,000 was collected for legal

defense which leaves us with a very small operating budget. The books are open to anyone wishing to review the accounts.

It is critical to keep up our membership numbers to have a unified voice in dealing with the various governmental agencies making decisions that affect windsurfing.

The SFBSA also needs your support to be a social organization: hosting events, races, and clinics. Please renew your membership to keep the SFBSA a vital organization.

- Robert Weinreb, Treasurer



A Windsurfing Love Story...

Julie and I met one rainy day at windsurfer beach.

As you might recall, I was very active in resurrecting the once powerful SFBSA to force the City of Miami to re-open Virginia Key.

To make a long story longer, Julie had just moved back to Florida, from a year-long Caribbean cruise on her 37' sailboat. I was working hard to increase membership and getting people involved with re-organizing the club.

The event we met at was one of our beach barbecues and maybe a swap meet. Anyway, it rained cats and dogs and the food was frozen solid.

Joe Pack was the first to spot Julie. She had told him she was interested in getting involved in the local windsurfing scene and Joe told her she had to talk to me (he is a great friend) and that is when our eyes met (Julie and mine and maybe Joe's). We quickly became good friends and have been together for about five years.

On July 27, 2002 we eloped to the wonderful Island of Kauai, where we became husband and wife. We were joined by our parents and a few friends (Jason, Fran, Jean Luc and Angie) who helped make our wedding a very special event.

The Ceremony took place on a cliff over looking Hanalei Bay (picture a scene from "South Pacific's" Bali Hi). The view was extraordinary and the weather was picture perfect. We had a Hawaiian Minister who married us in pure Hawaiian fashion under a glorious Hawaiian sunset.

We spent our honeymoon on the island of Maui, enjoying the time with our friends and the wind.

-Adam Locke



The wedding was held 7-27-02, at Hanalei Bay, Kaua'i. In attendance were me, Adam, Adam's parents, my mom, her friend Michael, Jason Hoffman, Fran Meyers, Jean Luc and Angie. The photo with me in the white dress was taken at the wedding, the other was taken the day after. - Julie (editor's note: Both Adam and Julie are SFBSA Board Members. And, this news is just in from our social director -- Adam and Julie are expecting twins in May!)



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Toxic Water? We Must Remain Vigilant

Whether you have been aware of it or not, the waters on Hobie and Miami Beaches were under an advisory twice in the last couple of months.

What is an advisory? Basically, it's when the level of bacteria in the water is high enough to possibly cause (in this case): skin rashes, stomach problems and/or other reactions.

This is something that all windsurfers and any water user should be concerned about. While you might say to yourself, "This happens all the time" well yes it does, however this is the first time that the Health Department has issued this type of advisory.

The testing that is now being done occurs more often (twice weekly) and is more extensive – testing is being done for Enterococci, E. coli, and Fecal coliform. Concerned individuals, some of them windsurfers (thank you all), pushed for more precise testing and volunteered to assist in the process.

The locations where the counts were the highest were Miami Beach, at 74th Street (where the older discharge pipe is located), at 5th Street

and at Hobie Beach. The area being tested at Hobie is by the comfort station on the east side of the Powell Bridge. A great deal of speculation exists as to the cause of bacteria levels rising without any apparent explanation, these include: Dog feces, human waste, bird droppings (no kidding), Seaquarium's sewer discharge pipes, excessive human presence in shallow waters (high amounts of people in the water) santeria leftovers, and on and on.

A recent sanitary survey conducted at the beach by the Health Dept. speculates that there is much pollution concentrated in the beach sand especially beneath the seaweed.

My guess is that the source of the problem is a combination of these factors. Also, both of the recent advisories occurred after a windy day where the wind was blowing between 14 and 22 mph. The wind may have stirred up the bottom sediment, some of which is known to be toxic. In addition, sand by shore that contains bacteria gets loose into the shallow bay. Additionally, the Miami River, a polluted water body with toxic sediment, could be a con-

tributing factor.

The bottom gets stirred and suspended, some of it traveling with the current towards Government Cut and Bear Cut. Since the tide and current are stronger by the Powell Bridge combined with the pull-and-push of the tide at Bear Cut, it could deposit residue at the swimming beach on Hobie. This is not to say that the rest of the Bay is not affected, because it is. I personally avoid shallow waters and if sailing in the Bay a quick rinse is always a priority afterwards.

The remodeled and newly elevated drain fields by the comfort stations are, at the very least, an improvement in helping to clean the Bay. The Seaquarium has denied any problems with their drainage system, which consists of sand filtration, but if you sail or boat in the area a large, dark stain is visible by the discharge pipes at times.

Feces, whether human or animal, are part of this equation as well as the sediment that has accumulated throughout the many years of road run-off. Toxic deposits are also left by sewage spills and ruptured pipes which were more common until the County set up the new waste water pipes from Miami to Virginia Key.

An advisory is a tool: it makes us aware to keep our mouths closed when falling and to not swim if we have any open sores. Being informed will make us stronger and more determined in this never ending battle. It is amazing to hear that in some areas of this country people surf in totally polluted bodies of water—pollution is always caused by humans. Let's help keep our waters and beaches clean. - Ovidio DeLeon

Holiday/Beach Party



When **Saturday December 14th 11a.m.**

Where **at our Launch Site at Crandon Park.**

As always, there will be a band, plenty of free food and drink and great prizes.

Kids are always welcome.

Social

Hello fellow windsurfers and windsurfistas! We are a little late getting the season opener party going, but we are going to make up for it with a great list of events coming up.

We will begin the activities with a **Holiday Beach Party**. The party will be held on Saturday December 14th at Crandon. As always, there will be a band, plenty of food and drink and great prizes. What could be better than a beach party in the middle of the hectic holiday season to relax us?

Be sure to casually mention to all of your friends and relatives who live up North, who are bundled in their big coats, that you have a beach party to go to. Who knows, Santa may even show up on a windsurfer.

Mark your calendar; on Saturday, January 18th we will be going to "**Barnacle by Moonlight**". This is a full moon party with entertainment at the Barnacle in Coconut Grove. Bring your picnic basket full of goodies, blanket and or beach chair and lets enjoy a beauti-



ful night under the full moon. Make sure to mark your calendar, as this will be the last newsletter you will receive to remind you before the event.

On Friday, February 21st we will have one of our famous **Pub Crawls** through the Grove. We will begin the night at Scotties around 8pm. Don't miss it. On Sunday March 16th we will have a **Swap Meet** on the causeway.

On Sat., April 19 we will have a **Round Robin Clinic/ Learn To Windsurf/Regatta** at Crandon. We are trying to promote this great sport, so we should all bring those friends who have been saying they would like to learn to windsurf.

In May we are tentatively putting together a **Trip to Key West**. More info will come in future newsletters. Over the summer we will have **Monthly Pub Crawls** and possibly, we will try to organize a **Trip to Cabarete**.

Well, I hope everyone had a good summer. Hopefully we will start seeing each other more often at the beach on those windy days! - See you then. Denise

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Tuesday night, December 10th, Josh Stone will be at Waterplay to talk to you about all of those moves and more.

Also, enjoy free pizza and drinks at this mini-clinic.

So lets get together to have a good time and talk about windsurfing.

For more information call Waterplay at: 305 860-0888.

Congratulations to Dawn and Damion who are expecting a little one in May.

And congratulations to Suzanna Sanders for her continuing success in the Olympics - She is forever the SFBSA's Women's Ping Pong Champ - and she also happens to be one of the top players in the Olympics!

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2003 Social Events

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| May TBA | Key West Trip |
| Summer | Monthly Pub Crawls |

Swap Meet Photo Gallery

1. Participants came from all over South Florida: John from Jupiter and Gilles from Islamorada. An especially large contingent was present from the Keys. 2. Lock, Kenny and Dan with Lock's elaborate display of *Real Wind* boards in the background 3. Lock, Johanna, Len and Kenny 4. Joanne and Dan take the relaxed approach. 5. Joe windsurfer makes a deal.

