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Again and again, people say: "I don't sail at Crandon. Why should I pay for a decal to sail there?"

I think that you have to look at Crandon as you look at health insurance. You pay for health insurance in case you might need it some day. Our access is fragile. One incident can endanger access at any site. To not have other sites to fall back on would be foolish, just as having no health insurance would be foolish.

We learned this hard lesson when Virginia Key was closed for a few years. There was nowhere to sail except the bay.

The only ocean sailing had to be fought for by the club and that is how you all got to sail at Crandon while Virginia Key was closed. Crandon requires insurance. The club pays for this insurance. The club needs money to pay for the insurance so it charges for the decal. If not enough people buy the decal, the club cannot afford the insurance. When you pay for your membership, please remember this and include the Crandon money.

Crandon is a great spot that most windsurfers would give their right arm for. Lucky us, we have TWO great spots. I say we should keep both. Your membership with decal included will make it happen. - N. Lee

Should You Take a Windsurfing Clinic?

Have you ever wanted to take a windsurfing clinic but weren't sure if it would be worth it? Well, I can tell you, from my experience it definitely is. My husband Pedro and I went to Margarita for two weeks last March and we both took an ABK clinic.

We decided on Margarita because we heard that it was consistently windy, and it was fairly shallow the first 300 yards or so. Both things were true.

The wind blew between 25-30 knots every day for two weeks. We arrived a few days before the clinic began which was a good idea so that we could get used to the conditions.

Monday morning, the first day of class, we met at the beach not sure what to expect. There were 6 of us, including myself. I was the only woman. There was a diver who had just moved to Belize, two guys from Wisconsin, a guy from Pennsylvania, Pedro and myself. The ages ranged from 25-60. 3 of the guys were pretty good windsurfers who wanted to perfect their jibes and learn some tricks, and 2 of them were learning to waterstart and get into the harness and foot straps. I was somewhere in the middle. My main objective was to learn to do a planning jibe.

After we all discussed our goals we were split into 2 groups. We did about an hour of theory and simulator work, and then we hit the water.

Andy Brant was one of our instructors, and a guy named Pete. Andy is a fantastic instructor, and he also has a great personality. We windsurfed from roughly 10:30 until noon. Andy and Pete would stand in the shallow water and have us windsurf around them while they gave us instructions. We would break for lunch and then meet at 2 for more theory and groundwork.

This is the best part; from 2:30 or 3:00 until 5:00 they would videotape us while we windsurfed. At 5:00 we would return our equipment, then meet at 5:30 to review the tapes. It was great to actually see what you were doing right or wrong. Finally, at 6:00 it was time for a cold cerveza while the sun set. Ahhh....paradise!

Denise Romero

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Swap Meet

March 17th

MARDI GRAS FIESTA TROPICALE - Feb. 22

Hello everyone!
Happy New Year!
I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Well, the December Pub Crawl was a success! We began the night, about 25 of us, at Senior Frogs.

The margaritas were flowing and everyone was having a good time. After a few hours and many margaritas, we stumbled over to Moes and continued the party.

My memory is a little fuzzy about the rest of the night, but one thing I remember is a bald guy with lipstick in the shape of lips all over his head. Somehow Kent got involved and acquired a few of those lips for himself. The party went on a little while longer at Moes then, continued on to the Sandbar.

For our next event, bring your mask and your Mardi Gras beads for a night at the MARDI GRAS FIESTA TROPICALE. It is a New Orleans style festival on February 22 at Young Circle in downtown Hollywood.

Local and Louisiana based performers offer jazz, blues, R&B, Cajun, zydeco, gospel, brass, Dixieland & New Orleans funk. So, bring your lawn chair and blanket and lets meet at 7:45 at the main stage.

There is a \$10 admission fee. For more info on the festival check out the Mardi Gras website at www.mardigrasfiesta.com

Young Circle is located at Hol-

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lywood Boulevard and US 1. If you are coming from the south take I-95 to Hollywood Blvd. then go East and you will hit the circle (you will have to drive around it).

I would like to get some feedback from all of you on a possible future event for us. I have been in contact with Brett Bibeau, the Assistant Director for the Miami River Commission.

The Miami River Commission is the official clearinghouse for all public policy and projects related to the river. They consolidate existing plans, programs, and proposals to improve the river and surrounding areas while addressing environmental, economic, social, recreational, and aesthetic issues. Some of the top priorities of the commission include dredging, creating greenways and improving the water quality.

Improving the water quality of the river improves the water quality of the Bay, which improves the quality of our sailing.

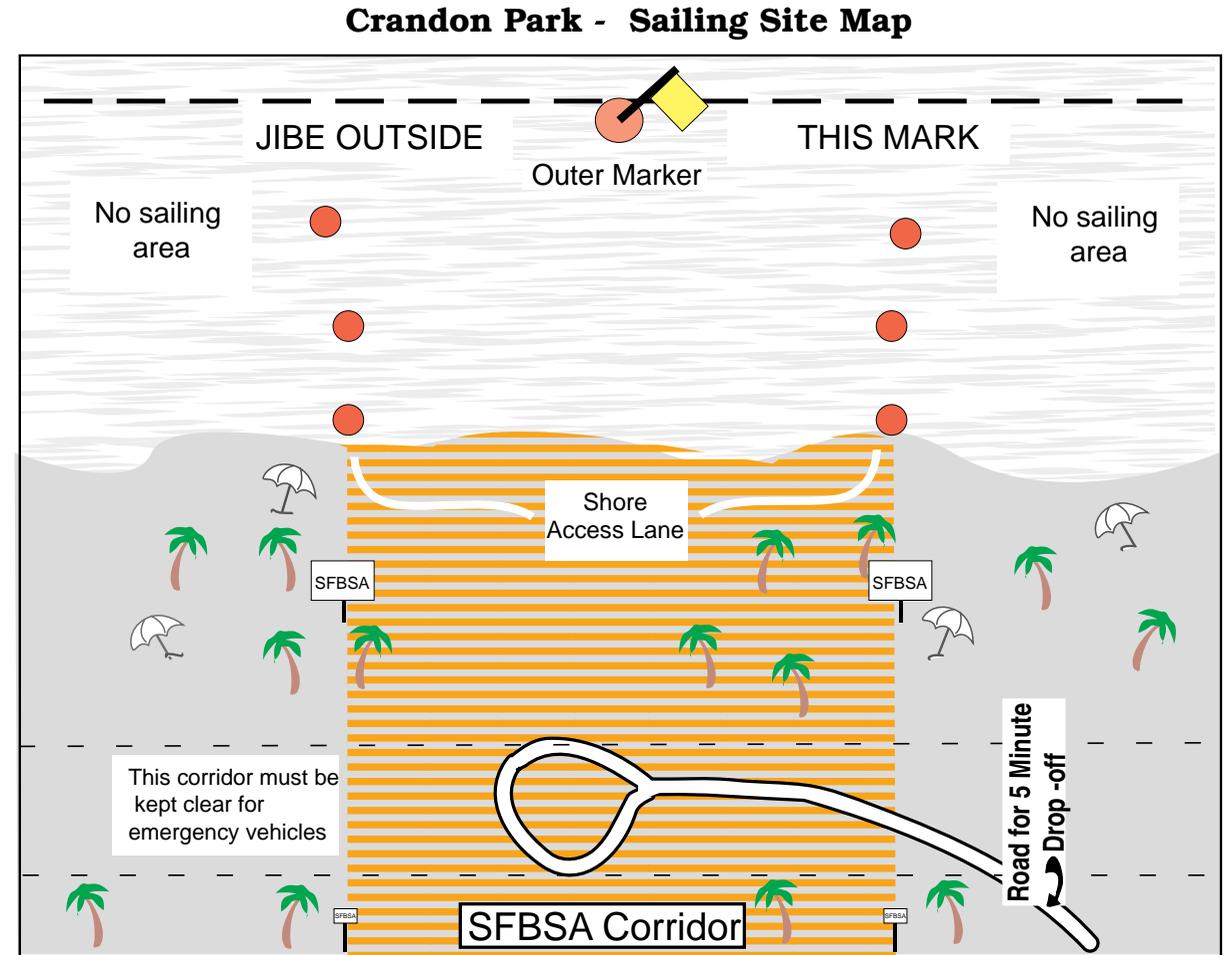
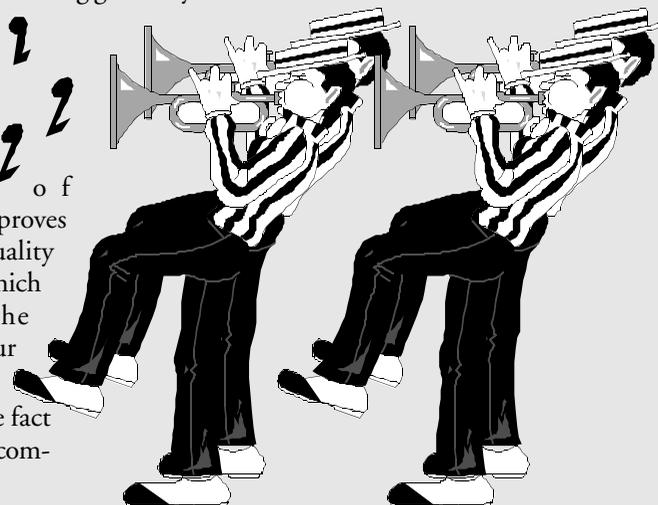
Due to the fact that we have com-

mon interests, and we are voters, Brett has offered the SFBSA a boat tour of the river sponsored by the commission to educate us regarding the river.

I have talked to people who have done the tour and I heard it is very interesting. There is a lot of interesting history to the river. Check out their website www.miamirivercommission.org

Brett told me that the boat holds up to 150 people and we need at least 100-120 people. I need your feedback in order to plan the trip. I need to know if you are interested, how many people you would be bringing and what month you prefer to do it. Some people have mentioned waiting until the summer when there is no wind. Please e-mail me at: peromero@bellsouth.net.

Hope to see all of you soon on the water. - Denise Romero



Announcements:

Two of Them

The SFBA'S Official party animal, Gordon Langer, will wed Susan Ann Ponce 2/2/02 at 2:22 pm.

Is it too soon to wish the two of them much happiness?

www.ZenDog.net

The new CD is out said band member (and SFBSA Member) Julie Klein (bassist and lead singer of Zen Dog). Check out their website for their schedule.

In case you are new to the club, here is our launch corridor at Crandon Park. If you are in a no sail area, you must walk or swim your board in to shore. you cannot sail it in swimming areas at any time FOR ANY REASON.

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Winter Wind Reports

California: I just got back from a little wave sailing on the coast—some rare off-season storm clearing winds. Super gusty and a lot of work. There was a guy on an 11.5 kite in these winds that were gusting to near 30kts. I helped him launch it but didn't say anything because I figured he knew what he was doing (I weigh 185 and I was hanging on to a 5.0 sail). Anyway, he got out into open water and a gust pulled the leash right off his arm.

He was on the water for less than a minute and ended up swimming 500 yards back to the beach and walking about the same distance up the beach to where he started. The water temp is currently in the low 50s. I'll bet that kite is on it's way to LA. Hope all is well in Miami, Didrik Hoag

Marco Island: Adam Locke Reporting from Marco Island Wednesday December 26, 2001.

First cold NW blow of the season, folks. Leo made the call and a few of us (Leo, Wade, Lantowski, Marco & Myself) made the trek across the river of grass, and caught a mid day, side off, 18-24 knot expression session.

The call was 5.0 - 6.0 and the waves were beautiful from shoulder to just over head high and great for riding in both directions. It was Marco's first time testing his new knee, and let me tell you he rocked. Wade lost his virginity! That's right, it was his first time to Marco Island and except for freezing his ass off, I think he really enjoyed it. The rest of us rode waves and caught big air until we could no longer hold on to the booms. The session was then complete as the sky transformed the beach with an amazing sunset. What a great day. Hope you caught it too.

Matheson: Brian Barr was there December 22nd. He said it was very

good, a little North East. He said there were approximately 10 windsurfers and 10 kites there but not all were on the water at the same time. "The cooperation was pretty good" he said.

Ted Hettler was also at Matheson on a 6.3. He said it wasn't quite enough sail for him. He said the wind was about 20 knots.

Windsurfer Beach: Israel Paez was taking his first class at Sailboards Miami on Decmber 23rd. His advice as he hit the water: "Come on a warmer day." Good luck Israel, the water temperature is about 69 degrees.

The wind was about 15 to 18 knots. Here is what everyone was up to just before Christmas:

Joanne Schaffer was rigging a 5.7. Beth Wilson was on a 5.0 and said it wasn't enough. "There are holes" she said.

Ted Hettler was on a 8.0. He said he barely had enough to power it up because the wind is so up and down.

Larry Young was on a 7.5. Peter Finkel was on a 6.8 a little over powered. Peter said: "I have a really big fin" and he put his hands up as if he were describing a fish. Karen Finkel had a 6.3 but complained of holes.

Brian Barr was powered up on his 8.3 but was also finding holes. "The wind is from 7 to 20 today" he said.

I was on a 6.0 and was powered up the whole time. However, I spent so much time talking to people for this column, I didn't get to sail for more than an hour overall.

Let's keep this column going. Send me your wind reports from where ever you are sailing. I will save your reports for the next issue. Be sure to include a date. - N. Lee nancy88@bellsouth.net

sfbsa.com:

Let's Take it to the Next Level

Our current website was conceived over a year ago as an means of allowing the club complete control on its web site--something we didn't have with our old site. The "new" site was developed and maintained by Victor Hernandez with a few late additions from me. As of this month, I've assumed responsibility for the whole site in order to relieve Victor of one too many responsibilities.

The site was designed to be as simple as possible while yet providing the kind of basic information we thought you needed. Some of its key features worth checking daily include:

- A direct link to iwindsurf.com's South Florida summary.
- A message board to post your thoughts, sell your equipment, make announcements or say anything you would like to say.
- A news page providing you with information on upcoming events and memories of past events.

Other features include downloadable newsletters in pdf format and a detailed description of sailing sites in South Florida.

At this time, I would like to reassess the site to see what features we should add, what we should change and what we should simply throw away. If you're using the site, I would like to hear what you like and don't like about it. If you're not using the site or haven't looked at it in a while, please give it a try and tell me what you think. If you have photos or information you would like to add to the site, please let me know: behrreich@compuserve.com.

Otherwise, if you're not shy about making your thoughts public, you can post them to the message board so that we may respond. - Bill Ehrreich

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Windsurfer banned after 'wave rage'

Associated Press Jan. 03, 2002

WAILUKU, Hawaii - A judge ordered a windsurfer to stay at least 100 feet away from Kahana Beach

Park after he allegedly slammed into a kitesurfer in an act of "wave rage."

"Find another place to windsurf for the time being," Circuit Judge Reinette Cooper told Dane Barnhard,

54, during a bail hearing Wednesday. "We have road rage, now I'm hearing wave rage."

Barnhard, a retiree who lives in Maui, pleaded innocent to second-degree assault for deliberately windsurfing into a kitesurfer in December. The kitesurfer received nine stitches to his leg.

"Instead of coming to his aid, the defendant wanted to pick a fight," said Prosecutor Melinda Mendes.

Windsurfers use a surf board with an attached sail; kitesurfers use a board pulled by a kite that sometimes lifts them out of the water.

Barnhard was freed on supervised release and ordered to stay away from the kitesurfer and witnesses

pending his March 18 trial. His lawyer, Kirsten Giroux, said he turned himself in after learning there was a warrant for his arrest.

Sent in by: Bill Ehrreich

Photo Gallery



Adam Locke with Bill Baggs Park Manager, Lee Niblock ironing out details of the launch site at the State park. Has anyone sailed at Bill Baggs? We need your wind report. Photo by Bob Weinreb.

Freestyle in Islamorda - Andy Brandt (l), ABK Instructor is also a world champion Free-styler - photo by Bill Klein



Heard it on the web...

"Locke, Adam" wrote:

Subject: *A bit of good news.*

Over the past three years I have been involved with making Biscayne Bay a better place to play by attending Biscayne Bay Partnership meetings.

Three years ago when the County Closed the Bay due to high amounts of bacteria, I started to investigate the road-side bathrooms at Windsurfer Beach for possible leakage.

Well we found more than we bargained for. We located a serious problem with the septic systems overflowing directly into the bay.

Since then I have worked with Commissioner Jimmy Morales's office and his aide, Silvia Caviglia, to see what could be done to make the restrooms more environmentally friendly. Also I had input on the remodeling of the bathroom buildings.

The good news is that the project is now underway and the unit at Windsurfer Beach is the first to be remodeled (first time in over 50 years).

Nice job Adam. I think that many people suspected that the rest rooms were contributing to the problem. It will be interesting to see how the bacteria count changes after the rest rooms are remodeled. - Bill Ehrreich

Ditto on Nice Job! Samir Elmir of DOH is still working on the Sanitary Survey at Hobie Beach. - N. Lee

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Portrait of A Windsurfer as a Young Man: *Danny Davis*

Danny, now 16, has been sailing with me (mom, Tammy Davis) since he was about 9 years old, but he really started taking it seriously at age 11.

Dan is proficient at water starts, nails his jibes now, and jumps over even the smallest chop.

Although we don't sail in the ocean much at all, mostly flat water, Danny has a great time going FAST! Danny is a great teacher and is always happy to coach others. Right now he is helping his mom and step-dad with their water starts. How many kids his age do you know that have already sailed the Gorge?

We had our first visit to the Gorge in July 2000 and hope to visit again some time soon.

This picture was taken on Sunday, January 6th on the 55 acre lake in our back yard, our community is Coco Lakes located in Coconut Creek, FL (near the Turnpike and Sawgrass Expwy). We enjoyed steady wind from the SW at 15-20mph, with gusts to 31mph (per my wind meter). - Tammy Davis

Safety Tip of the Month

Carry a deflated balloon with you when you are sailing. You never know when you are going to have some type of equipment failure. More than likely it will not be on a light day. It could happen, you are in the waves when suddenly your equipment is thrown away from you, or worse your equipment breaks and your board is literally gone with the wind.

A small balloon inflated slightly can give you enough flotation to help get you back to shore much easier.

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