

Hi Fellow Kiters,

2014 May Day bank holiday has recently been upon us... rather tarnished though by the impromptu restriction of access to the water, from East Beach Shoebury rigging area. This is due to health and safety grounds, and the investigation and hopeful clearance of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) that may be submerged in the mudflats, or be washing ashore from the recent storms or dredging of the Thames in relation to the new London Gateway deep sea port in Thurrock. Many Club members (and also non Club members) were faced with having to launch from Uncle Tom's, further around the coast, along with hoping that the wind switched to suitable direction for that launching zone.

Fortunately for some, the wind did arrive in the favoured direction, resulting in an extremely busy Uncle Tom's beach. With restrictions that are in place by privately owned operators of the land, we are not permitted to rig and launch from the beach on the east side of the slipway fence.

During a recent Club meeting, it has been reported to Club Committee members, that there has been at least one incident of a kitesurfer being requested to vacate the restricted area.

For future reference, if you do happen to forget which is east of the fence, and are requested to leave, then do so courteously and safely. Gather up your kit, and move to the correct side. Do note "members of the public are not permitted access to this stretch of the beach at any time, for any reason or purpose. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to: walking/running, fishing, bait digging, sunbathing/swimming, sailing, watersports (e.g. kitesurfing, jetskiing, kayaking etc)".

You may now see EKC Club Officers wearing highly visible garments of apparel in the vicinity of Uncle Tom's beach. If you are new to the area or are visiting and launching for the first time, and you are unsure of the areas that are not infringing upon the enjoyment of other users of the beach area, then seek their advice and assistance. Please note, their advice is given with the best intentions of safety, can help us maintain good reputation with local authority, and may assist in retaining/procuring areas from which we can safely launch during the time that our permitted kitesurfing area is restricted. See feature Kiteboarding Rules and Rights of Way on following pages.



Scene of how busy a Southend beach can get... this is without any watersports added to the throng – photo: Huw Evans Agency.



Parking on the slipway is not permitted, and any flouting of this byelaw, may only add to the problems we face with access in the Southend area. It is to be kept clear for water vessel launching, and emergency access.

A local Southend MP is raising concerns regarding East Beach in House of Commons during the week of 12-16 May, and there has been a feature in the local newspaper The Evening Echo.



Recent detonation of UXO at East Beach – photo: Buggy Paul.



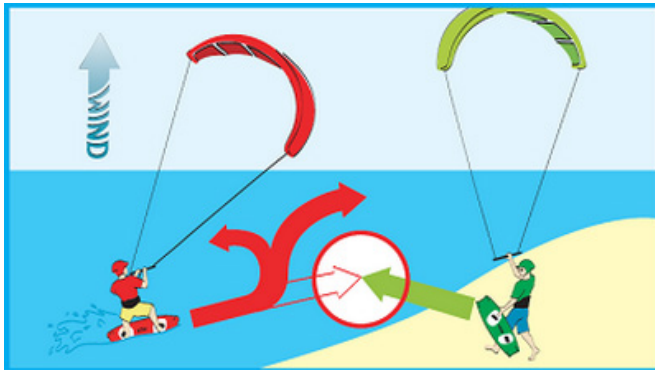
Temporary fencing at East Beach – photo: Richard Flindall.

# Kiteboarding Rules... and Rights of Way explained

## Rule 1

The rider entering the water from the beach has right of way over the incoming rider.

**Why?** 95% of accidents happen on the land.



## Rule 2

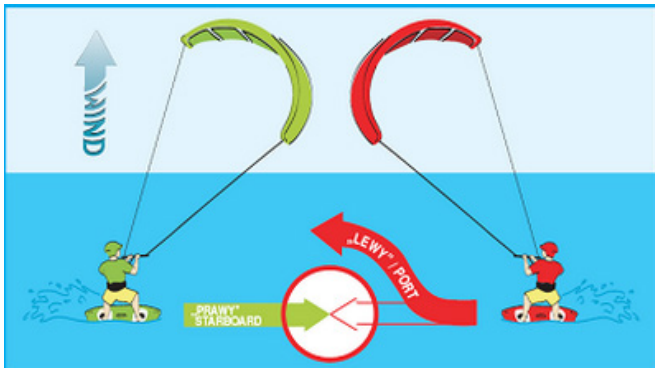
The rider with their right hand and shoulder forwards has priority over the oncoming rider (left hand and shoulder forwards) and should keep their course. The rider with their left hand and shoulder forwards should give way and alter their course downwind.

**Why?** To avoid a collision.

### Golden Rule

**If you are passing upwind, keep your kite HIGH.**

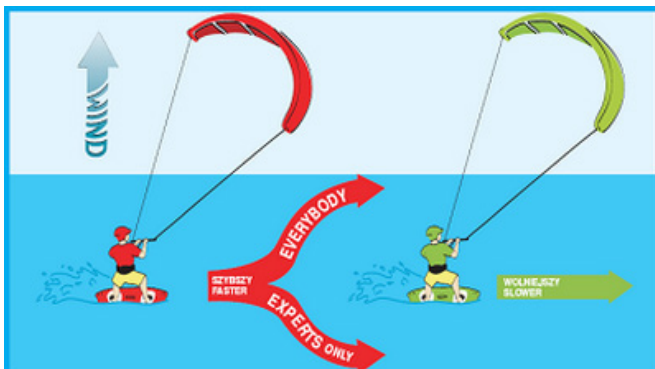
**If you are passing downwind, keep your kite LOW.**



## Rule 3

When two riders are travelling in the same direction, the faster rider coming up from behind must give way to the slower rider in front.

**Why?** The slower rider will find it difficult to see the rider behind them.



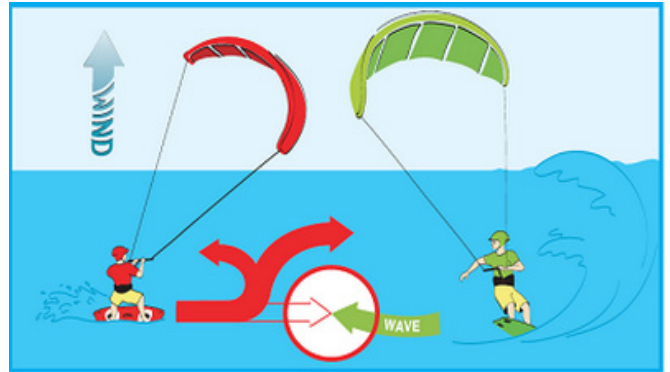
## Rule 4

The rider surfing a wave has priority over the one who is jumping or going in the opposite direction.

**Why?** When surfing a wave, it is more difficult to maneuver the kite.

### Golden Rule

**A rider surfing a wave towards the shore must give way to riders entering the water (Ref Rule 1).**



## Rule 5

Right of way must be given to other ocean and beach users. Kiteboarders must travel downwind of them.

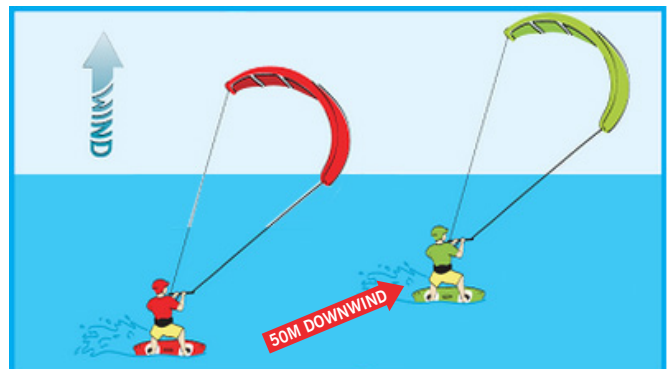
**Why?** Regular ocean and beach users may not understand the behaviour and dangers of kiteboarding.



## Rule 6

To jump, a rider must have a clear safety zone of 50m downwind and 30m upwind.

**Why?** When a rider jumps they travel downwind.



**Remember to use common sense when applying the rules and stay clear from other riders whenever possible!**

# CaKE Weekend 2014 – Representing Campers and Kitesurfers from Essex

## It's here, the Essex 2014 camping jolly! – organised by Kate Dance

This year will see us going to a far better camp site with loads more facilities on offer for adults and kids – whatever the weather... ANYONE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Nestled right next to the beach in Clacton-on-Sea is this superb resort. Clacton-on-Sea is a true seaside holiday town with lots of charm and places of interest, and I have again managed to keep the cost ultra low.

We will be accompanied by a few VW camper owners from the VWT4/T5 Forum – hence the event's name 'CaKE' aka, Camp & Kite Essex.

So, the VWT4/5 Forum meets the KiteAddicts meets Essex Kitesurfing Club for some good humoured frivolity, and probably with the odd tippie one evening.

### **The Destination:**

Martello Beach Holiday Park, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 2LF

### **The Date:**

Friday 20th June - Sunday 22nd June

### **The Prices:**

Electric pitches per unit, per night – ONLY £20.60

Non-electric pitches per unit, per night – ONLY £13.60

### **The Info:**

There is no limit on persons in the 'unit', however, please use your common sense.

Awnings are accepted and there is no additional charge.

Dogs are allowed, and if you are to be bringing your pooch please inform the camp site when making your booking.

Pitch prices include entertainment passes and FULL use of ALL the facilities including the indoor and outdoor swimming pool. The resort also has accommodation available if you don't wish to camp in tents/vans/caravans etc.

There is also a full entertainment programme that is run throughout the weekend, both day and evening and is ideal for kids and adults alike.

...and the beach is only a 2 minute walk away!

## **BOOK NOW!**

One night? Two nights? Three nights? The choice is entirely yours – so what are you waiting for? Come on...

To book your space with us on the 2014 CaKE Weekend and get our discounted pitch price you need to take the 6 following steps:

- 1) Call: 01255 820372
- 2) Ask for: Bianca Sharland (Sales Manager)
- 3) Quote: CaKE Weekend 2014
- 4) Pay your deposit or the full amount
- 5) Send me a private message via [KiteAddicts.co.uk](http://www.kiteaddicts.co.uk) (search for user name 'Kate Thingy') confirming you are coming
- 6) Turn up in June and have fun.

*It couldn't be simpler!*

PLEASE NOTE: This camp site is very popular so please don't delay in booking as you could miss out on a great weekend.

I will have our Forum events shelter and fire pit set up for the use of everyone to congregate for a cup of cocoa in the evening...

### **Watersports enthusiasts**

Windsurfers, kitesurfers, kayakers, and paddleboarders, sea swimmers alike...

Now, although I cannot guarantee the weather I do know the tide times at this beach...

### **Friday 20th**

Low 00.06	0.5m
High 06.30	4.4m
Low 12.21	0.9m
High 18.42	4.3m

### **Saturday 21st**

Low 01.03	0.6m
High 07.33	4.3m
Low 13.21	1.0m
High 19.51	4.2m

### **Sunday 22nd**

Low 02.09	0.7m
High 08.42	4.3m
Low 14.27	1.0m
High 21.06	4.2m

### **Monday 23rd**

Low 03.18	0.7m
High 09.48	4.3m
Low 15.39	1.0m
High 22.12	4.3m

Remember – I've said it once, I'll say it again: the beach is only a 2 minute walk away!!

For all the details about the camping park visit: <http://www.park-resorts.com/holiday-parks/essex/martello-beach/> and for the KiteAddicts post regarding this visit: <http://www.kiteaddicts.co.uk/showthread.php?16203-CaKE-Weekend-2014&highlight=cake>



# Event Calendar 2014

**MAY**  
**TBA**  
2014 East Beach Open (EBO) Freestyle Series – Venue change: now likely to be held either at Uncle Tom’s, or elsewhere...  
Venue, dates and times are to be announced due to the temporary closure of East Beach kitesurfing area. Keep your eyes peeled on the regular online areas for full details.

**JUNE**  
**20-22**  
CaKE Weekend 2014 – Representing Campers and Kitesurfers from Essex  
See full page article on previous page for full exciting details.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**05-07**  
National Watersports Festival (NWF) 2014 – The UK’s largest multi-discipline watersports festival  
The NWF 2014 originated from the highly successful and unique National Windsurfing Festival, which for the last 7 years has been the largest mass participation event on the national calendar. The founding principle of the NWF is to provide a fun event with great atmosphere and non-intimidating race format to ensure that any intermediate, recreational water enthusiast can participate, regardless of their ability.  
See <http://nationalwatersportsfestival.com/> for full details and further information.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**13/14**  
**27/28**  
or **OCTOBER**  
**11/12**  
Virgin Kitesurfing Armada – Kitesurfing festival, world record attempt and charity fundraiser  
The Virgin Kitesurfing Armada is a fantastic weekend kitesurfing festival held annually at CBK beach, Hayling Island. We are 100% focused on kitesurfing, so the festival operates using a wind window format, and will run the first weekend of good wind on either 13/14 September, 27/28 September or 11/12 October 2014. The event will bring together kitesurfers and their families, the kitesurfing industry and the public for one awesome weekend, aiming to combine World Record breaking kitesurfing on the water, alongside a festival including international kite brands, pro kitesurfers, kite films, music, bars, entertainment and fundraising.  
On the 15th September 2013 the first ever Virgin Kitesurfing Armada set a new World Record for the ‘Largest Parade of Kitesurfers’ ever, with 318 kitesurfers completing the mile course at Hayling Island. After setting the record, kitesurfers set off on an epic downwinder from Hayling Island to Lancing 46 miles away, to raise as much money for Snow-Camp, the RNLI and Virgin Unite as possible! To date over £70,000 has been raised for charity through this event.  
Full exciting information and registration available by visiting <http://kitesurfingarmada.org.uk/>

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MINIMUM OF TEN CHILDREN FOR BOTH PARTY PACKAGES!

**NATIONAL WATERSPORTS FESTIVAL**  
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**HAYLING ISLAND**  
30th Aug - 1st Sept 2013

ULTIMATE INTERMEDIATE WATERSPORTS PILGRIMAGE // TASTER SESSIONS // PRIZES GALORE // TRADE SHOWS // TECHNIQUE CLINICS // CAMPING // VIP PARTIES // BANDS // VENUE: POIL OAS  
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[www.nationalwatersportsfestival.com](http://www.nationalwatersportsfestival.com)  
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**No Wind Days?**  
Why not hire a SUP and go for a paddle? £10 per hour from Essex SUP or if you attend an EKC BBQ, they are available to try for free!! **NO EXCUSE FOR NOT GETTING ON THE WATER... WIND OR NO WIND!**