

**Warning – Water Sports in Windy Conditions
(Windsurfing, Kitesurfing, Wing Foiling, and Similar Activities)**



CAUTION!

Engaging in water sports such as windsurfing, kitesurfing, and wing foiling involves risks. Careful preparation and awareness of potential dangers are essential for your safety!

Safety Instructions:

- Follow the Rules: Ensure that your chosen sport is permitted in the specific area of water. Adhere to local regulations and maritime rules.
- Check the Weather: Do not rely solely on your perception. Regularly check weather reports and warnings about sudden winds or storms.
- Keep a Safe Distance: Avoid venturing too far into open waters. Stay a safe distance away from obstacles such as buoys, debris, or shipping lanes.
- Monitor Wind Conditions: Avoid activities in offshore winds, as they can carry you away from the shore. Plan your route so that you can return against the wind.

Equipment and Protection:

- Always wear a certified life jacket or buoyancy aid.
- In cold temperatures, wear a wetsuit or drysuit to prevent hypothermia.
- Check your equipment, including sails, kites, lines, and foils, to ensure it is in perfect working condition before you begin.

Minimizing Risks:

- Be mindful of other water sports enthusiasts and swimmers. Maintain a safe distance, especially at high speeds or during maneuvers.
- Do not carry sharp, pointed, or hazardous items with you.
- Ensure no unauthorized modifications have been made to your equipment that could compromise safety.

Usage Precautions:

- Never use your equipment under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Do not overestimate your abilities! Manage your strength and stamina to ensure you can return safely.
- Never leave your equipment unattended in the water, as it can quickly drift away.

Additional Recommendations:

- If you are a beginner, learn the basics of your sport through a course. Get guidance from an experienced water sports instructor.
- Familiarize yourself with the specific characteristics of the water, including currents, depths, and potential hazards.
- Inform a trusted person about your plans in advance and agree on return times.

Risk of Injury!

Protect yourself through cautious behavior and appropriate safety equipment. Respect nature, the weather, and others to ensure a safe and accident-free experience.