

Frequently Asked Questions about Discover Windsurfing Day:

What time is it?

The event will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call or e-mail ahead of time to guarantee a time slot for your one-hour lesson. We also take walk-ins in case of no-shows, but we can't guarantee you a lesson, so it's best to sign up.

What if it rains?

We will still hold lessons if there's light rain, as long as there is wind. But if the weather gets miserable or if there are thunder or lightning we will cancel. If you are in doubt, you can call Alissa at 361-549-3662 before making the drive.

Do I have to be really strong?

No. One of the reasons we teach during fall is that the wind is generally light and manageable for beginners. Beginner sails are small and easy to handle. And yes, women learn at least as easily as men, regardless of strength.

Why do I have to provide my photo ID the day of the lesson?

We need it when you sign the waiver, for liability purposes. We're a nonprofit and don't want to lose our insurance.

Can you explain the directions again?

From mainland Corpus Christi, take South Padre Island Drive (SPID) toward the island. Remain on the road, crossing the JFK Causeway, straight through the two traffic lights on the island, and continuing all the way to the Padre Island National Seashore gatehouse. After the gatehouse, take your first right at Bird Island Basin. Remain straight on this road until you reach the parking lot at the windsurfing area.

How long is the lesson?

About an hour total, including 15 minutes of introduction/simulator practice on land.

Can I sign up my kids?

Due to the large number of people, insurance, equipment sizing, lesson pace, etc, on this day we give lessons only to those ages 12 and up. The parent or guardian will have to be there to sign a waiver for those not yet 18, and the parent will need a photo ID.

Can I sign up my neighbor's kids?

We need a parent or guardian there to sign the waiver for the kids.

What should I wear?

- Clothes you can move comfortably in and that can get wet.
- Plenty of sunscreen.
- Closed-toe shoes that can get wet

Will I be swimming?

The lesson area is about 2-3 feet deep, but that can change depending on tides. There is also a drop off that becomes 5 feet or deeper. You need to be able to swim. If you can swim but are not a confident swimmer, please bring a life jacket.

Will there be refreshments?

We provide water bottles. There is also a store on site with snacks and energy drinks available to purchase.

How do you put this on for free?

Thanks to our generous sponsor (Worldwinds Windsurfing) and our club member volunteers

I tried windsurfing in _____ vacation destination 10 years ago and it was really hard. Who wants to do that again?

Beginner gear has come a long way. It's much easier now than it was to learn years ago.

How fast can you guys go?

Some of the fastest windsurfers around here can break 40 mph. On beginner day you won't be breaking 10 mph. But no matter what your speed it's a great time.

Where else do you windsurf?

Check our web site. There is a list of local launches with lots of info.
<http://corpuschristiwindsurfing.com/launches.html>.

What's that kite thing?

That's kitesurfing, a different sport.

To learn more about local windsurfing, visit us at corpuschristiwindsurfing.com.