

South Padre Island Newsletter – Spring 2011



"SPI Windsurfing was founded to retain and improve present water access locations, as well as to create a safe, fun, and clean environment for all water sports."

2011 North Flats passes are now available. Please remember to purchase/renew your Annual South Padre Island Windsurf and Kiteboarding Association membership. Bay access is hard to come by these days, so help the association fight the good fight for your right to ride the wind here on SPI. The annual rate remains \$25.00 per car, and the monthly rate is \$15.00 per car. For more information, the annual membership form and the Liability Release Form (which MUST be signed and turned in) go to our website at: www.spiwindsurfing.com. The SIGNED release form is a lease requirement per the owners of the North Flats property. Please don't shine it!!! Any questions about your registration or the release form email Herman at: sbssso@sbcglobal.net and be sure to put SPI Windsurfing in the subject field.

Please check out the all new website at: www.spiwindsurfing.com. A lot of work was put into the new site and we are pleased with the outcome. So please go and browse through at your leisure.

Put on your calendar the Spring Feed. We'll be back at Louie's again this year and the big date is April 29th at 7pm. Tickets will be available from Jibber or the local Kiteboarding shops April 22nd.

We had a wild and crazy January with the island seeing a freeze that unfortunately killed off a lot of the tropical plants. So when you return you may see a lot of dead vegetation or a lot of new landscaping going on.

Be prepared if you are coming during March this year. With the violence going on in Mexico the local community has been gearing up for epic numbers of Spring Breakers. Lets all just hope they leave the Island as they found it.

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As we approach our busiest time of the year we are already seeing lots of people here on the Flats and with the wild and crazy winter in the north we are expecting a larger than normal crowd this spring. So we wish to address a few issues that have come up as of lately.

- 1) Dogs: Dogs are welcome at all times but must be LEASHED at all times when they are out of the car. Please pick up after them.**
- 2) Kilters MUST rig and launch downwind of the windsurfers but once on the water all sailing vessels will use sailing rules. Starboard over Port and Leeward over Windward. Everywhere in the world kilters and windsurfers sail together, we can too! We can not and will not regulate the bay. There will be mingling of kilters and windsurfers, the good kilters can go up wind and sail safely. The buoys are there only to delineate the rigging/launching/landing areas.**
- 3) Kilters: Please do not use plastic grocery bags to sand down your kites. They quickly tear up into pieces of trash.**

By all of us following and enforcing these simple easy rules we should be able to enjoy many sessions on the Flats.

See you all soon! Have fun out there, be safe and enjoy!!

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