



**"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."  
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## **Spring – Summer 2021**

### **News from the North Flats and Ponds**

**We have raised the entry road for the Pond area. This will help a lot this Spring , but we do ask that everyone drive slowly so that it doesn't rut or washboard out. We know everyone is excited to get out, but a few extra seconds will help maintain the entry. Please do not drive over the vegetation, it will only anger the landowners. We will also be putting up some new signs with a few rules to the Pond area. We wish to keep the Pond for easy egress and ingress out to the Bay. So we are asking you to not to kite (mow the lawn) or just stand there flying your kite in the inlet. This will make getting in and out of the launching area easier and safer. If we have an accident there we can easily be shut down. The City is still in their planning stages with the Corp of Engineers and Fish and Game on their new Wind Park at the original North Flats area. They were planning on breaking ground this March, but now it is all delayed due to birding issues. This is not good news as it delays us from having a permanent Windsurf/Kiteboard area, but luckily for the time being we are still being granted our lease for the North Flats.**

**This winter the area has seen a significant increase of people due to COVID vacations. We have been super lucky to have low tides in order to handle the traffic while we made improvements to the Pond area. With this new influx of traffic, we have come up with a new system to keep Windsurfers and Kites separated. There are a few new signs to show that Kites will always be to the North (right side) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> (on the right) shade structure. The Windsurfers will always be to the South (left) of this same structure. This will be in effect no matter which direction the wind blows. KITERS with a North wind, please keep some distance between kites and windsurfers.**

**Thank you, and please help as much as possible to be safe and have fun so that we may continue to use this area. Keep the gates closed and locked at all times. Do not just give out the code. Be safe and courteous. There isn't much else left on the Island for Windsurfing/ Kiting.**

**Please follow beach etiquette:**

**Kiters rig and launch on the North side of the palapa.**

**Windsurfers rig and launch on the South side of the palapa.**

**All sailors practice courtesy in shallow launch areas.**

**Do not park parallel to the beach.**

**Pets must be kept leashed.**

**Unlitter – Leave it better than you find it.**

### **Swap Meets**

**Starting 9AM 4/3/21 and continuing thru 5/1/21, at the south end of the Louie's parking lot, get rid of your old stuff and help someone new get into the sport.**

### **Renewal Time**

**Annual Pass per person will be \$30, you will receive a decal and a removable wristband, which should be worn at all times while at the North Flats.**

**Monthly Pass per person will be \$20, monthly passes will only be available on the Island, and you will receive a non-removable wristband (like you get at hospitals) and are non-transferable and must be worn while at the North Flats.**

**Pass forms are available online "[spiwindsurfing.com](http://spiwindsurfing.com)".**

**Passes are available at:**

**Joel/Petra  
At The Ponds**

**Air Padre Kiteboarding  
5709 A Padre Blvd  
SPI  
956 299 9463**

**Windsurf the Boatyard (Jibber)  
At the North Flats  
956 561 4189**

**Sailboards South (Herman)  
204 W Dolphin  
SPI  
956 761 5844**

**Any questions regarding passes should be emailed to "[sbssso@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbssso@sbcglobal.net)" with SPIW as the title.**

**Have fun and hope to see you soon.**