



SPI WINDSURFING NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2013

Fall/Winter Activities:

The Fall Fajita Feed was a great success with over 100 hungry, happy, satisfied sailors in attendance. All were ready to be fed after a good day on the water. A big thanks to all who helped make this event possible!

We had many good sailing days at the flats, but also many flooded days. More flooding than in the past....global warming????? Now this winter has brought lower tides with pretty mild temperatures and not much rain. We have been blessed with good winds from both the north and south.

Important Club Issues:

New as of this fall - All kilters must now wear a wrist band to insure that they have read and understand kiteboard safety issues. The wrist bands are available at the shops.

Membership security has been reinforced with the pocket parks being bermed up by the county and the north property line now has a cable to prevent trespassers. All members need to access the north flats through the **main gate only**.

SPIW Elections to be held. SPIW board members will appoint two open positions on the board. These are volunteer positions. Interested parties should notify the board prior the meeting to be held April 29th, 7:00pm at the SPI Convention Center. Please plan on attending.

A note from Leo: Our club has gone through some challenging times as of late. While adapting to changing economics, expanding demographic and operational issues, it is human nature to focus on the now. Of course the now is very important because most of us spend our time here. We must always remember however who and why we are an organization.

So many years ago a handful of visionary individuals here on SPI wanted to secure a launch site that was truly a safe, wide open, private access area for windsurfing enthusiasts on the bay. They penned a mission statement that while achieving this goal also emphasized the "fun" element. These locals included Jibber, Herman, Robert and Jackie, Dick and Mike in their ranks. The club was formed and with it a legitimate corporation to handle the business end of things.

With a windsurf beach site secured the club ventured to other activities. Racing, social events, and most recently kite boarding. In as much as these activities are the reason to have a club, the venue and activities would not exist as they do without the club initiating their operation and maintaining the same.

SPIW and Kite Boarding directors and volunteers have stayed true to the original mission of the organization and will continue to do so. The club is an elite organization, being a member is an elite privilege. Support and protect your club for the now and future but never forget the ideals that brought it together.

Thanks, Leo

Spring Activities:

1. Swap meets are held every Saturday, beginning March 30th through May 11th. They are held in Louie's south parking lot, from 9:00am - ?
2. Spring Dinner will be April 26th, 6:00pm - ? To be held at Louie's Backyard.
3. SPIW Board Member appointee's will be announced April 29th, 7:00pm at the SPI Convention Center.

Memberships:

Due to a more than doubling of our lease, starting April 1 fee's will be \$40 for annual and \$20 for monthly, so renew now at \$25 for annual and \$15 for monthly. All vehicles MUST have a valid sticker or pass visible or the vehicle WILL be towed, this is a stipulation of our lease agreement with the owners of the property. Monthly passes are ONLY available on the Island and can be purchased from: SPI Kiteboarding, Air Padre, The Boatyard (Jibber) and Sailboards South (Herman). Annual Liability and Registration forms are available to download on our website, SPI Windsurfing.com.

Any membership questions, contact Herman at sbssso@sbcglobal.net with SPI windsurf/kiteboard as the subject. If you happen to see a vehicle without a sticker or pass, please notify them of this requirement in a friendly way.

Kiters and windsurfers, please read all the posted signs. If you see others not following the rules, kindly remind them to read and abide by them as well, this will keep our great site safe and most importantly OPEN.

Hope to see everyone at the SPRING DINNER, sail safe and have lot's of fun.

SPI Windsurfing, South Padre Island, www.spiwindsurfing.com

"SPI Windsurfing/Kiteboarding 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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