



BKSA – British Kitesurfing Association

A National view

Who we are and What we do

- British Kitesurfing Association
- Established 1999
- BKSA NGB for Kitesurfing in UK
- Recognised by Sport England as a Sport
- 5000 members
- 35 Recognised schools
- 25 Affiliated clubs
- Training Scheme for all kitesports
- National Events
- Protect Access
- Membership cover – Insurance

Kitesurfing the sport

- Easy Access – beaches
- Easy to transport
- Cheap to buy
- Minimum Equipment
- High Performance
- 6 – 40 knots
- Gateway to sailing for many

BKSA Training

- Provide Training and Education
- Scheme, resources and Training Aids
- Instructor Courses
- Career ladder
- Level 1 , Senior Instructor, National Trainer,
- Recognised Schools – inspected
- Course syllabus for Powerkite,
Kitelandboarding, Kitebuggy and Kitesurfing

Benefits of Training

- Educate participants and public
- Sport that requires lessons
- Increases learning curve
- Safer
- Awareness – surroundings , weather etc.
- Less incidences
- Less rescues
- Less Access issues
- Good conversion rate

BKSA Resources

- Training Scheme
- Flip Chart
- Posters
- Books
- Leaflets
- Stickers
- Certificates
- Kiteboarder Cards
- Guide to Rides
- School Inspection Manuals

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JUST DO IT SAFELY

- Rules of the road
- Site assessment
- 7 common senses

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SITE ASSESSMENT

- **Surface**
eg. sand, wet grass, huge waves etc
- **Hazards**
eg. objects - above and below the water
- **Environment**
eg. weather and tides
- **3rd Parties**
eg. people - on the water and the beach

It in doubt... don't go out!

7 COMMON SENSES

- Let someone know where you are going and tell them what time you plan to be back
- Sail with others, or at least with someone on the beach that can call for help
- Do good pre-flight checks on your equipment and ensure that it is all sea and flight worthy
- Carry out a good site assessment including getting a good forecast
- Avoid offshore winds, poor visibility, thunder / lightning, wind with tide and fading light
- Be considerate to other water users, which includes having 3rd party insurance
- Don't over exceed your own abilities when choosing a location

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THE VALUE OF LESSONS

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

KEEP IT BKSA!

KITESURFING GEAR

SPECIALISED

RIDER INTERVIEWS

NEWSBOARDS

PROFESSION INSTRUCTIONAL DVD'S

INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKS

GUIDE TO RIDE
ESSENTIALS, ADVANCED, KITBOARDING, KITBOARDING AND SAFETY!

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IKA – International Kiteboarding Association



- Established 2008
- International Class Association for the sport
- 35 National members
- World ranking
- Sanctions Events
- World / Continentals Race/ Freestyle / Wave
- Hopefully soon to become an Olympic Discipline

IKA and its members

- IKA members – experts in their fields
- Many schemes already exist
- Helping to develop ISAF connect to sailing kiteboard programme
- Ensure growth of sport by uniformed training programmes
- Help MNA's introduce a National Scheme
- An International standard

ISAF – Connect to Sailing the advantages

- International Standards
- Similar National Schemes
- Best Practices
- Cross recognition of national schemes and instructors
- International and National publications
- National and International career opportunities
- Spread kitesurfing in a safe and controlled manner
- One uniformed message