



Windsurfing/Windfoiling 2021/22

Maraetai Sailing Club offers both a Learn to Windsurf program, as well as coaching for intermediate windsurfers.

2021/22 Season Dates

Start Date: Sunday 14 Nov 2021

Last Sailing for 2021: Wednesday 15 December

First Sailing for 2022: Sunday 23 January

Last Sailing for the Season: Wednesday 2nd March

Sailing Programme

Our Learn to Windsurf program is split into two courses, both of which run for 5-6 weeks. Sunday will be the main coaching session of the week coached by Stijn and Wednesdays will be an additional session intended for intermediate students.

The **beginner course** is on Sundays from 8:30 am-12noon, and the **intermediate course** is on Sundays from 12:30-3:30 pm.

As of this season, Stu will be coaching intermediate sailors on Wednesday evenings. Students attending should be rigged and ready by 5 pm and expected to be done by 7 pm. Beginner students may request to join in on the intermediate sessions on Wednesday nights and requests will be accepted based on the student's ability, wind forecast and the number of attendees.

We also offer an introduction to wind-foiling for those who we believe have the basics of windsurfing learnt well enough to be ready to learn foiling. The Windsurfing Club now has wind-foiling gear available. Similar offers can be made for wing-foiling, but gear cannot be provided. Please contact Stijn for arrangements outside of scheduled sessions.



What you will need

You do not need to rush out and purchase expensive gear, but you will need the following basics:

- Life Jacket/PFD
- Sun Protection (Hat, Sun Screen, long sleeve rash shirt or wetsuit)
- Wetsuit (optional but highly recommended for warmth especially near the ends of the season, go long sleeve if you want to continue your own windsurfing through the winter).
- Booties/Water Shoes - The boating club ramps are very slippery and sometimes have hazardous objects exposed at low tide.

Your Coaches

Your coaching team has years of experience:

- Stijn Tissink has been windsurfing for about 10 years and teaches both at Maraetai Sailing Club and Madloop Windsurfing at Lake Pupuke. Stijn will do most of the Learn-to-Sail group coaching.
- Stu Warman founded the Windsurfing club in Maraetai and has been windsurfing his whole life. He is very involved with Windfoil racing and has attended several Kona World Championships.

Club Support

We also require assistance for the running of our BBQ on Sundays to provide our windsurfers, sailors and support crew with a lunch option (there is a minimal cost for lunch). Parents are encouraged to help – the club is run almost completely by volunteers, with only a handful of paid coaches.

Fees

To become a student of the Windsurfing Club the following must be purchased from our website:

- Maraetai Beach Boating Club Membership
- Sailing Club Membership
- Windsurfing Beginner or Intermediate Lessons
- Windsurf Gear Hire (Unless you decided to use your own gear every session)



What to do next?

If you need more information, please text Stijn on 021-08154937

To register for our Windsurfing program, please go to www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz and go follow the registration link under the membership tab or email us at admin@maraetaiboatclub.org.nz