

Windsurfing/Windfoiling 2020/21

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

Information Day

Come along to our information day on 11 October at 1:30pm. This is where you can meet the committee, get given all the information you need and have an opportunity to view our gear and setup, and ask any questions you may have.

2020/21 Season Dates

Start Date 18 October
Last Sailing for 2020 13 December
First Sailing for 2021 7 February
Last Sailing for the Season 11 April

Sailing Programme

Our Learn to Windsurf program is split into two courses, both of which run for 7-8 weeks.

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

Intermediate sailors are also invited to join our uncoached practice sessions on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm.

For those that have completed these two courses, and more advanced windsurfers, we offer skills clinics on an ad-hoc basis. Most sessions are held at Maraetai Sailing Club, but from time to time we will travel to an event, or even just another location to find the best conditions for the day.

We also offer an introduction to windfoiling for those that have completed both beginner and intermediate courses. Please ask for more details.



What you will need

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

- Wetsuit (a 3/2mm full suit is best for summer, but thinner or shorter seem to work for some. Rather too warm than too cold)
- Booties
- Hat preferably with a clip
- Towel and warm, dry clothing for after sailing

Your Coaches

Your coaching team has years of experience:

- Stijn Tissink has been windsurfing for more than 5 years, and teaches both at Maraetai Sailing Club and Madloop Windsurfing at Lake Pupeke. Stijn will do most of the Learn-to-Sail group coaching.
- Stu Warman is a Maraetai Sailing Club institution and has been windsurfing his whole life. He is very involved with windfoil racing and has attended several Kona World Championships.
- Chris Wood is another life-time windsurfer. In addition to being a teacher, he also trains coaches for Yachting New Zealand.
- Nick Coyne is a relative beginner having only sailed for a couple of years. His main role is running the windsurfing programme for the club, but he also helps out with coaching when there are gaps.

Club Support

We also require assistance for the running of our BBQ on the 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

Tuition Fees for our Beginner Windsurfer Learn to Sail courses are \$225

- Includes hire of windsurfer and rig for 7/8 week program. If providing own board, tuition fees are \$100
- Sailor must be a member of Maraetai Sailing Club not included in the above fee



What to do next?

If you need more information, please email $\underline{windsurfing@maraetaisailingclub.org.nz}$ or call Nick on 021-2663798

To register for our Windsurfing program, please go to www.maraetaisailingclub.org.nz or email us at admin@maraetaiboatclub.org.nz