

## Windsurfing Chose Me

I (1- *windsurf*) \_\_\_\_\_ now for six years & teaching others (2- *do*) \_\_\_\_\_ it for most of that time. I (3- *teach*) \_\_\_\_\_ in Corsica & now in Poole, where I (4- *run*) \_\_\_\_\_ a windsurf school & shop with my wife Jane.



I don't think I chose windsurfing as a profession: windsurfing chose me. Strangely enough, I (5- *never see*) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone (6- *windsurf*) \_\_\_\_\_ before I went to a sailing school back in the summer of 1975 in Propriano, on the island of Corsica. They had a school there, but no one (7- *be*) \_\_\_\_\_ very proficient. After all, they (8- *only have*) \_\_\_\_\_ their boards a month when I arrived. However, as soon as I saw people (9- *enjoy*) \_\_\_\_\_ the sport, I immediately (10- *decide*) \_\_\_\_\_ (11- *take*) \_\_\_\_\_ it up. I (12- *sail*) \_\_\_\_\_ for at least ten years, & in some ways it seemed like another sailing boat: at least it (13- *have*) \_\_\_\_\_ a sail. And I (14- *see*) \_\_\_\_\_ it as a challenge. At the time I (15- *also just meet*) \_\_\_\_\_ Jane, who (16- *teach*) \_\_\_\_\_ water skiing there.

Probably because I (17- *do*) \_\_\_\_\_ so much windsurfing since then, I (18- *can*) \_\_\_\_\_ remember every detail of my first experience. What I do remember is that I (19- *spend*) \_\_\_\_\_ most of the first day struggling with the board in the deep harbour water & (20- *try*) \_\_\_\_\_ (21- *avoid*) \_\_\_\_\_ all the boats that (22- *moor*) \_\_\_\_\_ there. At first I (23- *cannot*) \_\_\_\_\_ even stand on the thing – after all, the board (24- *be*) \_\_\_\_\_ only about 70 cm wide! – but after I (25- *fall*) \_\_\_\_\_ off quite a few times, I soon caught on, & by the end of that first day I (26- *do*) \_\_\_\_\_ quite well.

For me, windsurfing is the most exhilarating sport there (27- *be*) \_\_\_\_\_. And it's not dangerous as long as you (28- *use*) \_\_\_\_\_ your common sense & follow what you (29- *teach*) \_\_\_\_\_. I (30- *certainly never break*) \_\_\_\_\_ any bones; I (31- *even never injure*) \_\_\_\_\_ myself.



It (32- *not be*) \_\_\_\_\_ until after I (33- *come*) \_\_\_\_\_ back to Britain that I (34- *come*) \_\_\_\_\_ across proper courses for people who want (35- *take up*) \_\_\_\_\_ windsurfing. I admit I taught myself – I had to! – but if I (36- *go*) \_\_\_\_\_ to a proper school at the start, life (37- *be*) \_\_\_\_\_ much easier.

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