

## 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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