



Dinghy Safety

A MESSAGE FROM ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY YACHT CLUB



Windsurfing Equipment Tips

It is always important to check your board and rig before and after windsurfing or foiling. Here are some useful tips:

- + Keep your board and rig out of direct sunlight when not in use to preserve its condition and increase its longevity
- + Rig up on grass to avoid damaging the sail. Do not crease or fold your sail. Always roll it up after use.
- + Always inspect your equipment for wear and tear, particularly the universal joint.
- + If any equipment is showing signs of damage, it should be repaired or replaced before further use.
- + Never place yourself in a situation where the breakage of any one of your windsurfing components would pose a safety risk to yourself or others, or make it impossible to return to the shore safely and unassisted.
- + Rinse your board and rig thoroughly, especially after extended use in salt water or silty river water. Always thoroughly clean the mast insert and sleeve to prevent sticking. Do not roll up your sail if it has sand on it.
- + If there is a puncture or small tear in your sail, repair it immediately with some sail tape or sticker, so that the damage does not get worse. If the tear is more serious, have it repaired by a professional.

Safety - its everyone's responsibility