

LHP Kiter's Zoom meeting, July 23, 2020, 8-9:15 pm

In attendance:

Leon Freudman, Jeff Hord, Mark Hord, Scott Martin, George Braun, David Niblett.

Meeting hosted by Jeff Hord, discussions with Jeff, Leon, Scott and Mark. George and David were present.

Discussion ensued regarding COVID and the large numbers of attendees at the beach this year, concern around the reduced hours and limited access to the pools, closed and limited beaches in our surrounding area has made for a very busy beach area. With the large number of people on SUP's, kayaks and other watercraft on/near the beach area, we felt it prudent to create "Safe Kiting" protocols for all kite surfers @ LHP.

- 1) Designated equipment storage area located on the west side of the walkway away from the beach area adjacent to the berm south of the putting green. All gear goes there.
- 2) Kite surfing by residents of LHP only during our "busy season" (July/August). Residents are both owners and renters and need to identify themselves to the constituent group.
- 3) LHP kite surfing protocols be published on the LHP website so all residents can be made aware of the sport including both the launch and return areas. Any new kites/residents are to be directed to the website for protocols.
- 4) All kites to be pumped by the area between the putting green and the berm on the west side of the sidewalk, lines to be laid from east to west and never across the walkway.
- 5) Prior to launch, kiter informs all people on the grass/beach area they will be launching, do so quickly, safely and get on the water as soon as possible.
- 6) It is important that once launched, kites move as quickly as possible out in the bay. There are identifying swimming buoys now in the bay; kites must not ever come inside those markers unless landing.
- 7) If more than one kite is inflated by one member or more of the kiting group, kites are to be stacked and lines are to be fully wrapped by the kite. Lines are not to be left out at any time unless a kite is immediately being launched.
- 8) Upon return to shore kites are to communicate to beach goers what they are doing. Land the kite safely with a partner, roll the lines and walk the kite safely to the drying area located on the west side of the walkway away from the beach and the putting green. If multiple kites are being dried, they must be stacked.
- 9) If the wind dies upon returning to shore, kites should drop their kites into the water away from any swimmers, paddlers, SUP's, roll up their lines and walk their kite back to the beach launch area.
- 10) If there is a kite surfer we don't recognize launching on the site, politely ask them what unit they are from and if they are aware of the LHP kite surfing protocols? Do not engage them in any way that puts you at risk – if possible, report to E&H or phone security if you have doubts about their residency.

We discussed there are two distinct seasons - peak summer times (July/August) and non-peak summer times leading up to July 1st and after Labour Day. It was agreed that only LHP residents are allowed to kite surf on our property during peak summer times and on off peak times, guest kite surfers may join resident kite surfers (1 guest per kite surfer) providing they

are accompanied by that resident. Reason being is the weather generally is both colder, more wind and there are fewer people at the beach. As well, it is understood that no teaching for beginner kite surfers is to take place in this location if there are any bathers at the beach. Only intermediate/advanced kite surfers are to use this area.

Questions for E&H?

- a) Given that the best safety scenario and wind strength is at the end of the rock jetty, launching from that point. If possible, constructing a rock or wood/other temporary walkway that distance would be the ideal. This temporary walkway could be either seasonal or easily removeable, until such time as the permanent concrete jetty is built.
- b) Daniel is agreeable to drafting a Waiver of Liability to ease any concerns E&H may have about kites using the jetty. Is E&H OK with this?
- c) The kite and/or other non-motorized watercraft entrance/exit area would be (preferably signed) "channel" paralleling and adjacent to the rock jetty on its east side.

Members of the kite surfing group would welcome a "walk around" with E&H management to identify these areas mentioned above and to garner approval for the creation of a safe launch area. We are prepared to work together to improve the footing and launch location without cost to LHP Sharded Facilities.