

Right of Way

- When two kites (or kiter & windsurfer) are coming towards each other from opposite directions, the one on starboard tack (right hand forward on kite control bar) has right of way
- When you have right of way, stay your course
- If you don't have right of way, go downwind
- While passing another kiter who is down wind of you, fly your kite high; if you are the down wind kiter, fly your kite low
- Downwind kiter/windsurfer has the right of way (they can't see you)
- Keep clear of all beach goers, swimmers, and waders. They always have right of way
- Kiter should give way to other water crafts (kites can maneuver easily, others can't)
- Don't jump 150ft upwind of another water user
- Incoming kites should let launching kites go out first before landing
- Jump and transition at least 200ft outside shore break and swimming area
- Always yield to ALL other water users
- DO NOT COME WITHIN 200ft OF THE BEACH OR SWIM AREAS UNLESS LAUNCHING OR LANDING
- Avoid Collisions at all costs

Beach Etiquette

- Take responsibility for your safety & the safety & consideration of other beach users. Kiteboarding is an obtrusive sport: minimize your intrusion on other beach users
- Do not walk up the beach with your kite in the air.
- If you end up downwind, self land in the water & walk up the beach with kite in hand
- Park & sand your kite in the kite parking lot if not landing/launching
- Roll up your lines when not in use
- When launching, make sure that kite is free of all sand before release (It fall off the kite and hits downwind people in the face/eyes)
- Attach lines in designated launch area so other beach users, such as windsurfers or SUP, can access waterfront without having to climb over your kite lines
- Help to Protect Kiteboarding Access – be a considerate and safe kiter

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Kiteboarding Safety Guidelines, Right of Way, & Beach Etiquette

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General Guidelines

- WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT
- Use the buddy system, it saves lives
- Take responsibility for your safety & the safety & consideration of other beach users. Kiteboarding is an obtrusive sport – minimize your intrusion
- Use a proper kite safety leash
- Wear a helmet, life jacket/impact vest, harness & wetsuit
- Don't kitesurf in off shore or straight onshore wind
- Before going out, read site specific guidelines and/or talk to other kites about water hazards, obstacles, land considerations, wind conditions, etc.

Pre Launch

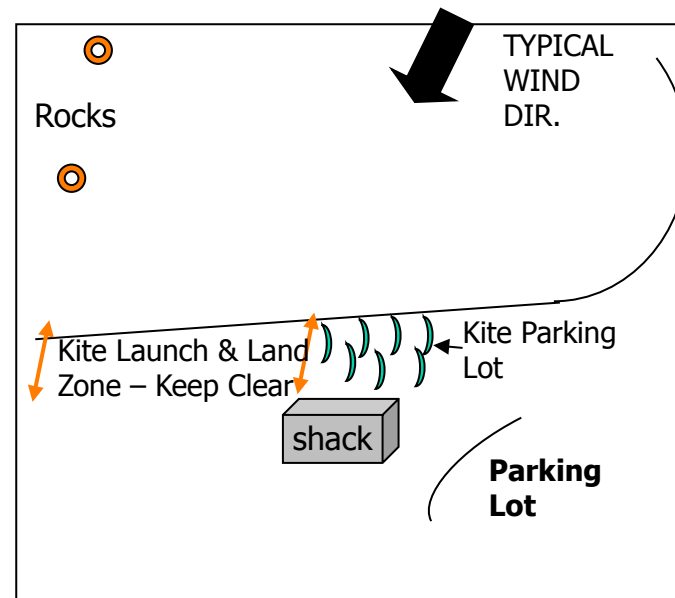
- Assure wind is steady and above 10mph. Launching in too light winds can result in crashing your kite on beach users
- Avoid storm winds that are gusty and shift
- Use the right kite size for the conditions
- Check with other kites if you are uncertain
- Inflate kite in kite parking lot
- Sand your parked kite to avoid it flying away
- Ensure that all safety systems are properly working
- Keep launch zone clear. Enter launch zone and attach lines when you are fully ready to launch
- When preparing to launch, MAINTAIN A SAFETY ZONE around you of a minimum of 200 ft (or approximately 2 kite line lengths at all times)

Launch

- Double check your lines before launch
- Consider having someone else check your lines before launch
- Attach kite safety leash
- Make sure that launch zone area is clear and there are no incoming kites.
- When launching, make sure that kite is free of sand before release (This is a courtesy to other beach users)
- Look in the launch area before signaling to be launched. Ask bystanders to "Please move out of the launch zone" before you launch
- Don't fly your kite at 12:00 over land.
- Whenever possible, launch toward the water, keep your kite low and go. Self launching is discouraged. Please ask for assistance
- Launch kites only from designated areas
- Leave the beach in a slow and controlled manner, but do not hesitate to get to the water
- Beginners should body drag 200ft out before water starting

While Riding

- Get offshore and stay there without delay after launch
- Danger to the rider and others is near shore, stay out 300ft until time to come in
- While riding, observe right of way with other water users
- Don't jump unless your downwind area is clear for 150ft
- Look to see coast is clear before you turn or jump



Landing

- If you are on the water & can't water relaunch, & you are drifting toward the beach w/swimmers or bystanders, perform a self rescue before your kite reaches them – 200ft Minimum
- If you have been taken down wind, do not ask beach goers to help land your kite; self land in the water
- Be sure that no one is launching as you come in
- Self landing is discouraged. Obtain assistance for landing your kite
- Roll-up your lines immediately after landing and move your kite out of the launching/landing zone
- Sand your parked kite to avoid it flying away