

ALAMEDA KITEBOARDING GUIDELINES

1 LAUNCHING

- Pump up in the **Kite Inflation Area**
- Do not enter the **Kite Launch Area** until you are suited up, harness on, ready to go
- Place your kite close to the water, and draw your lines side shore
- Launch only in the designated launch area as this will greatly reduce our impact on the public beach
- No launching or attaching kite lines north of the shower
- Double check that your lines are set up correctly and that your equipment is in working order
- Before launching, make sure launching/landing zone is clear of incoming kites, beachgoers, and windsurfers
- Self launching is discouraged, please ask for assistance
- After launching, keep your kite low and go - move immediately into the water
- If anything goes awry on launch, let go of bar and immediately blow safety

2 ON THE WATER/RIGHT OF WAY

- Starboard Tack has right of way (RIGHT HAND FORWARD)
- When on the same tack, downwind sailor has right of way
- Right of way does not mean you can veer up or down wind. While passing, MAINTAIN YOUR COURSE!!
- Kites being launched have right of way
- 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
- Jumpers revoke their right of way. Look before you jump
- Please do not kite directly in front of the launching/landing zone or the kite school
- KEEP CLEAR OF ALL BEACH GOERS, SWIMMERS, AND WADERS. THEY ALWAYS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

3 LANDING

- Be sure that no one is launching as you come in
- Obtain assistance for landing your kite
- Roll-up your lines immediately after landing and move your kite out of the launching/landing zone

4 GENERAL GUIDELINES/BEACH ETIQUETTE

- Be helpful to others and take responsibility for public safety
- If you are new the area, ask the locals for a review of the beach etiquette, site, zones, hazards, etc.
- When in doubt, don't go out
- Stay a Minimum of 200 ft. from shore while kiting. Keep at least 2 kite line lengths between yourself, swimmers, waders, and beach goers
- Please be considerate and mindful of those using this public beach
- Help to maintain a great place to enjoy this sport in the future!
- For the safety of beach goers, it is strongly recommended that you do not walk up the beach with your kite in the air
- Please leave your kite lines rolled up until ready for use
- Please keep unused kites stacked up and clear of the launching zone