



## Wind Power Schedule of 06-07 Winter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b>Dec. 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Holiday Ice Surf</b>	<b>On Lake across from Wind Power</b>	<b>920-251-1002</b>
<b>Jan. 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>Super Ice Bowl</b>	<b>On Lake across from Wind Power</b>	<b>920-251-1002</b>
<p>The above events involve Sailing on the ice or snow with windsurfing rigs and kiting with skis or snowboard. Some demo equipment is available. Freeskates, winterboards and kites. Helmets a must, other protective padding recommended, knee &amp; elbow pads, butt &amp; hip pads.</p>			
<b>Feb. 9 – 11</b>	<b>Sturgeon Stampede</b>	<b>Fisherman's Road Landing</b>	<b>920-960-9676</b>
<p>The Sturgeon Stampede is fun on the great Lake Winnebago during the start of the Sturgeon Spearing Season. This is a family event with ice skating, ice bowling, broom hockey, ect. This event involves Sailing on the ice or snow with windsurfing rigs and kiting with skis or snowboard. Some demo equipment is available. Freeskates, winterboards and kites. Helmets a must other protective padding recommended.</p>			
<b>Feb. 23 – 25</b>	<b>Mille Lacs Kite X-ing</b>	<b>Garrison, MN</b>	<b>612-508-8083</b>
<p>This event is put on by Fleet 8 from the Twin city area. The event is held on Lake Mille Lacs 2 hours north of the Twin Cities. It is a Kite Crossing of Lake Mille Lacs. Last years crossing had great conditions for almost 50 kites.</p>			

## Wind Power

Is happy to provide a variety of equipment for everyone to use and enjoy and feel the thrill of using the Wind to Power you over the ice or snow. Whether you kite or windsurf you can enjoy your great sport year round. Let us help you discover the way.

Believe it or not the Winter is the easiest time to learn the great sports of Kitesurfing & Windsurfing! The stability of the hard water eliminates the distraction of the balance required to stay up in soft water. This allows the enthusiast to concentrate on the handling of the sail of kite. Also so it's a lot easier to walk on water than swim. This also allows for a closer instructor to student relationship.

We have freeskates, winterboards, snowfers and iceboards for those who enjoy windsurfing. There are a limited number of rigs available. If you have your own please bring it so as many as possible can participate. We will help you setup and tune your rig to the winter conditions and the equipment you choose to enjoy. If you have a snowboard or skis we have a few kites you can try.

### Equipment to use with a Windsurfing rig

**Freeskate** – The Shortboard of ice sailing! Basically a skate board with runners instead of wheels. Typically about 5' long with a 9" front truck and 18" rear truck. Wind Power sells them on a per order system. Great for high speed monkey jibes, freestyle, and figure 8 racing. Works best on clean ice.

**Winterboard** – The Longboard of ice sailing! Sails well in all conditions, ice or snow. A platform on 2 or 3 skis with runners on each side in the rear. Easy to make at home, easiest to learn on.

**Snowfer** – The High Performance Longboard of icesailing! A manufactured fiberglass deck with runners. Works great in all conditions. Wind Power sells them. Web site.

<http://www.snowfer.com/>

**IceBoards** – Like the Winterboard but it does not have skis so it is limited to very little snow as a Freeskate is. It is very, very easy to learn how to Windsurf with.

### Equipment to use with a Kite

**Snowboard** or **Skis** – Both work great. Wind Power recommends using what ever you are most comfortable on.

### Winter Safety on the Frozen Lake

Having great fun on the frozen lakes remains safe and fun with knowledge and common sense.

- 1.) **Ice Thickness** - 2" of good ice will support a person. 6" will support a light vehicle.  
Good Ice- black or clear ice. **Poor ice has air in it so it appears white. Keep clear of Inlets.**  
Currents from river inlets make for thin ice. Learn your area, drill holes, talk to the locals.  
**Wind Power constantly checks the ice conditions by drilling holes to check the thickness.**  
Call Kevin for current conditions! 920-251-1002  
Everyone should check the ice; it just takes a cordless drill and 3/8" bit.
- 2.) **Ice Picks** – 2 handles with sharp pins on one end attached together by a cord. These are hopefully never needed but in the case one would break through the ice they can pull themselves out using the picks. Fleet Farm sells them in the ice fishing dept. for only \$3.50
- 3.) **Helmet & Padding** – Helmets are mandatory to use Wind Power equipment. Snowmobile, motorcycle, snowboard, or bmx bike helmets are recommended. Knee & elbow pads are strongly suggested. Padded shorts or hockey breezers are also recommended. The padding allows you to push your limits with out the fear of injury if you would fall. Again Fleet Farm has these items at a low price. Better Pads can be found at the following web sites!  
<http://www.safesports.com/crash.html>  
<http://www.motorcycle-superstore.com/Department.aspx?Department=208&Division=2>  
Again Kevin is more than happy to offer advice on pads from his 20 years of experience.

**Winter Kitesurfing and Windsurfing Lessons** are provided by *Wind Power*.  
LEARN NOW, when it's easiest and rip when the water turns soft!

## **Wind Power Spring Trips/Clinics**

### **Start your 2007 Sailing Season Right!**

**A week long clinic with Kevin Gratton, on the warm shallow waters of the Hatteras Island Sound. All levels of sailing, Beginner to Freestyle. The majority of students want to improve their Jibe. Others need work on Waterstarts, getting in the Harness, getting in the Footstraps Rigging is covered. Dryland simulation. Course is set on the water. Video Critique With a house on the water, one can sail in and enjoy a break on the deck, have a snack or beverage, even sit in the hotub and enjoy the beautiful sunsets.**

**April 7 – 14 Hatteras Spring Warm-up Clinic Avon, NC 920-251-1002**

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