



CALSHOT KITESURFING RULES

Calshot Activities Centre operates a permit system.

All kite surfers **MUST** purchase a [kitesurf access pass](#) from the centre. Kite tags **MUST** be visible on the harness at all times. Please help educate any kite surfers who may be unaware of the need to register.



- All kite surfers must be equivalent standard to BKSA L2 and be an independent rider. Ensure you are capable and competent in deep water and know how to perform an effective self rescue before heading out.
- No teaching or instructing, unless under formal instruction which has been agreed by Calshot.
- Be sure you can handle the prevailing conditions and understand the effect of tides and wind – on an incoming tide a south westerly wind can easily cause an inexperienced kite surfer to end up in the main shipping channel. **If in doubt, don't go out.**
- Launching & landing is not recommended in onshore winds when the tide is high.
- Launching & landing is only permitted on the beach in front of 24/7 Boardsports – see map for launch and landing zone. Strictly no launching and landing outside of this area. Keep away from all buildings.
- Self launching and landing is not recommended.
- Kitesurfing is not allowed in the creek between 1st April – 31st October. When permitted, launching and landing designated zone is on the shingle spit near Sopwith.

KITESURFING CODE OF CONDUCT

- All riders must hold current 3rd party specialist kitesurfing insurance / BKSA membership & a Calshot Access Pass, and ensure coloured tag is visible on harness at all times. If tag is lost, then a replacement tag will need to be purchased from the centre.
- All riders are solely responsible for their own safety and the safety of affected bystanders.
- Always assist fellow kitesurfers when launching and landing and treat all water users and public with respect and consideration.
- Always use an effective kite safety leashing system.
- Wrap your lines when not in use and secure your kite properly.
- Always maintain 2 – 3 line lengths between you and your fellow water / beach users, buildings and known hazards.
- Do not fly kites over paths, parked vehicles, roads, campsites or buildings.
- If you lose your kite or board when on the water, **ALWAYS** report it to the Coastguard.
- Helmets and Buoyancy Aids/Impact vests are highly recommended. • A kitesurfer must know the rules of the water in relation to other users and abide by them at all times.
- Don't ride alone, buddy up

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The site can become very busy in the summer months and the safety of all site users is paramount. The Kitesurfing Code of Conduct has been introduced as an attempt to improve the safety record of the sport. However for this to be successful the general public, the parents of families, dog walkers and other water users are asked to play their part by being diligent, be aware of their surroundings and by taking the relevant actions to avoid incidents.