

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Windsurfing ASSOC

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The Rocky Mountain Windsurfing Association (RMWA) promotes windsurfing on water, ice, snow, and land in the greater Colorado area.

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RMWA Membership Information

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Club memberships run on an annual basis for a calendar year. Membership fees for the years 2009 and 2010 are:

- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family
- \$15 Individual Senior (65 or older as of January 1 of membership year)
- \$15 Individual Junior (18 or younger as of January 1 of membership year)
- DISCOUNTS: \$5 off the above listed fee if paid by March 31 of membership year

Download Membership Application form:

- [2009 Printable .pdf version](#)
- [2009 Printable .doc version](#)

Membership renewals and applications should be sent to the Membership Director:

Let us know if you prefer newsletter. We are willing to correct information from

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Soda Lake by J Mitchel

The Google Egroup:

The old Yahoo group is now an "orphan" and all members of that group who are interested in Colorado area windsurfing chatter should sign up for our Google group.

Instructions for joining the Google Egroup:

- Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/colorado-windsurfing>
- In the list of items on the right-side of the page is a link to "Apply for group membership". Click on that link. In the process of completing the form, make sure to identify who you are in the "Comments". You won't be able to join the list until I (or Mark Scranton) approve you, and we don't allow anonymity.
- If you already have a Google Account, go ahead and log in.
- If you do not have a Google Account, you will have to create one. So click on the link that says "Create an account now". Follow the instructions to create your Google account. In the process of doing that you will provide the email account you will be using to access the egroup and receive egroup emails.
- Once you have created your Google account, go back to the egroup page using the link shown in the first bullet above.
- Follow the instructions in the second bullet above.
- If you have problems, send me an email and try to describe where things went awry:
- Chuck Mawhinney: mawhinnc@mscd.edu.

Water Access--Via email from Andy Wall, RMWA Director of Water Access, 8/25/09

Lake Dillon, Dillon/Frisco, CO

Right now, Windsurfing and Kite boarding are **NOT** allowed on Lake Dillon. The Summit County Open Space changed the ruling in 2002. The good news is they are updating their regulations. It should be cleared up soon. A full wetsuit will be necessary in the future, as was also in the past. Thanks to Thor and Karen for bringing this to my attention. Many times I have found that sending an e-mail and getting involved, changes things in our favor! Please pass this info on. To see the regulations go to http://www.co.summit.co.us/openspace/drrec_regulations.html

Right now it says windsurfing is allowed on the web site, but the signs at the lake prohibit it. It should change towards the end of the season, I hope!

Lake McConaughy, Ogallala, NE

I have been working with the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District on their Land and Shore Management Plan. This includes Lake McConaughy. They consider this to be a great recreational resource. No changes are going to be made around the lake, other than some minor improvements to roads. Primitive camping on the beach will still be allowed. The only reason they would close a section of beach would be if a Bald Eagle were to nest. At that point they would rope off a section until the young were raised by the parents. This is highly unlikely in the areas we like to sail. I voiced the opinion to still allow vehicles on the beach although there is some concern of pollution from vehicles. Please do not drain your radiator, or does an oil change on the beach! Also do not dump your RV sewage or tip over a porta-pottie, as all could lose access.

Lake Ogallala is the main area where the bald eagles live because the water is drawn from the bottom of Kingsley Dam and it is known as one of the finest trout fishing areas in Nebraska. The bald eagles live on a point of land on the eastern shore in a small grove of trees. The next time you head to Nebraska keep that in mind if you are a bird watcher or fisherman.



Cherry Creek by C Mawhinney

2009 Toucan Open (Karen Marriott)

"Remember back in the '90s when we wore shorts at the Toucan" That's my favorite quote of the weekend (thanks Ron Marsh) that was a little on the chilly side, but luckily warmer, drier and windier than what was forecast. We had sunshine and great long-board racing conditions on Saturday and Sunday brought cooler weather and 6.5m winds for most of the

day. If you weren't there, you missed out on great sailing, good people and big bonfires! You can see the results at www.larsonsport.com, just click on the Toucan Open tab. We're still trying to figure out the best way to run the event next year (the smaller numbers of participants is requiring a bit of a change), but you

should still plan on a weekend at Lake McConaughy the weekend after Labor Day!

Five course races were run on Sunday in lots of wind and then we ran the first ever Toucan Open Enduro, if you stayed home because of the forecast - you missed it! It might have been the best sailing of the whole year!

Learn to Windsurf 2009 Wrap-up (submitted by Chuck Mawhinney)

The morning began with sunshine, but lived up to the forecast of cloudy, scattered showers and a high of 70, which no doubt held the crowds down. There were approximately 35 club members in attendance, and 21 potential new members took an introductory lesson. Many thanks to Karen Marriott for running the lessons, and for Larson's Ski & Sports for providing the equipment. I didn't keep tabs on who all was helping to instruct, but I know for sure that Randy Allen and Mike Charbonneau played key roles.

The potluck went well. We had hotdogs and chipotle chicken done on the grill by yours truly, with ample side dishes provided by the attendees. The fix was in (again) and yours truly won the major door prize of a stand-up paddle (just a paddle, not a board).

The storms held off until we were in the three minute count-down for the first race, then all hell broke loose. Most of us never made it to the starting line. 9-meter sails are just a little too big in 35mph gusts. Eventually it settled down and we did get in three races before calling it a day. Eventually we will get the official results posted... (Right, Andy?)

Williams Fork Weekend – 2009

I always think of August as a hot time of year, but not when a race is scheduled and it's in the Colorado mountains. But, who needs warmth when you have WIND? Thanks to several early bird campers and a poor weather forecast, the windsurfing crowd was able to occupy the entire point at Williams Fork. Most folks came out Friday night or early Saturday. Washer horseshoes started the morning entertainment while we waited for the wind. For the races the peanut gallery was at least as large as the race group so the afternoon was quite entertaining with sunny skies and gusty winds.

Launching was difficult with the onshore winds and the underwater line of rocks just off the point. Andy started the first race in moderate winds that soon increased. There was a second very fast race and the third start was cancelled. I know I was out of control on a too big sail and several sailors had nice wipeouts – always a crowd pleaser. I guess it pays to rig big and small since this is Colorado after all. Dinner and prizes were delayed

due to the wind but before dark we all huddled behind Al's trailer and had a great feast. Diane donated



Williams Fork by J Michel

fabulous prizes on behalf of Harold, including a 6.5 sail, gear bag, wetsuit, Larson gift certificates, and much more. Sunday morning brought fog on the lake and frost on windshields but the sun took care of that and some of us sailed big gear in the afternoon in not-so-gusty conditions. I had a great time and thanks to all who helped out and showed up for this classic weekend. Next year? – WIND and Warmth!

RMWA Golf Tournament

On September 27, Mike Charbonneau ran the fall RMWA par 3 golf tournament at Foothills Golf Course. Gift cards were presented to the first place team of Diane Szymanski, Joey Charbonneau and Mike Charbonneau. Every participant was awarded a door prize and the grand prize went to Joey. Lunch and talking followed the event. Watch for the next one in the spring.

Race Series--2009 RMWA Racing Recap

Racing was a net positive cash flow for the club this year

The concept of windsurf racing in Colorado borders on the absurd. Why would anyone be driven to subject themselves to the extremes of the elements and call it enjoyment? In the words of George Mallory "Because it is there" in response to the question "Why climb Everest?" Windsurf racers have similar goals and aspirations. What is the objective? To finish a race, to finish every race you start, to finish every race in a season or to beat the best or beat your rival. Whatever the goal, the ritual of windsurf racing continues in spite of the perils. Perils such as extreme cold as witnessed in

the 2009 edition of the Cold Water Classic. Perils such as extreme wind as seen in the Learn to Sail event which was held during a tornado warning; and one in which the fleet was 'flattened' just after the start of the first race by extreme gusts. Across town at Southlands Mall a tornado did touch down that afternoon. Perils also include being rained out of one event and being becalmed in another. Those that braved the elements and endured peril were rewarded with a sense of accomplishment. This season was a true test of willpower and commitment from each and every racer. Congratulations!

A total of 20 racers competed during the season in at least one race. This is one more than the previous year. In total, 24 races were held in the 2009 series which is on less than the previous year. For a complete list of the racers and result please visit www.rmwa.org. Below is a list of those who qualified for a custom engraved Outer Banks foul weather jacket. These were distributed at the End of Season event held October 15th at The Retreat; an event attended by around 20 windsurf racers, fans, spouses, etc.



Andy and the Race Series Winners

Open Class

1st Manfred Jettmar
2nd Andy Spellman
3rd Doug Whitman

Formula Class

1st Caren Craig
2nd Al Schoenfelder
3rd Sammi Igarashi

Hybrid Class

1st David Noone
2nd Dr. Chuck
3rd Dina Dem

What's up with Karen Marriott?

Most of you have heard by now that I've moved to Florida. I'm splitting my time between St. Pete Beach (on the gulf coast side) and the Banana River Resort in Cocoa Beach (on the Atlantic coast side).

In St Pete, I'll be teaching windsurfing lessons and helping out at North Beach Windsurfing (yes, I'm dating the owner). In Cocoa Beach, my friend Dominique Vallee (an Olympic sailor from Quebec) and I are running windsurfing clinics and renting out rooms at the Banana River Resort. Both are great places to come in the winter to escape the snow (I'm looking out past swaying palm trees at the warm waters of the Banana River right now and I think the blizzard just ended in Denver!), get some time on the water and visit me! I'd love to see you all! We are doing two 4 day windsurfing clinics in February (5th-8th or 18th-21st). For \$500 you get 4 nights lodging, 4 days of instruction, an intro to surfing and stand-up-paddling and a BBQ/party. I'll be back in Denver at the shop frequently, and if you need anything while I'm here in Florida, Ryan is at the shop full time and can help you with everything!

Save the Date...

Ice Sailing January 10, 2010 at Cherry Creek Reservoir. There will be a board meeting after at Woody's. More information will be on the web site.