

Hayling Island Kitesurfing Association

Background:

The HKA was formed to prevent the banning of kitesurfing on Hayling Island. This beach is privately owned and kitesurfing is only allowed under rules agreed with the owner and council. Ignoring these rules jeopardises the use of this superb location for all kitesurfers. **Note: This is the only location on Hayling Island where kitesurfing is permitted.**

HKA's Aim:

The club's aim is to ensure the continued, safe use of the West Beach for kitesurfing.

Insurance:

The HKA is a BKSA affiliated club therefore only BKSA insurance is allowed for members.

Flags:

Red Flag – At busy periods (summer weekends), the committee may ban on kitesurfing. A red flag will be flown at the beach entrance and all kitesurfing is prohibited. This may be lowered once the sunbathers have gone (usually early evening).

Orange Flag – An orange flag on the beach denotes where non-members should sign-in.

Non-Members:

Non-members are not permitted to kitesurf here. HKA members **MUST** not bring guests who are not HKA members. BKSA membership alone is not sufficient – you must also join HKA. Please note there are no reciprocal arrangements in place with any other kitesurf club. **If you are not a HKA member you cannot ride at Hayling.**

How to Join:

www.hka.org.uk/Membership.aspx - payment by BACS transfer of Google Checkout

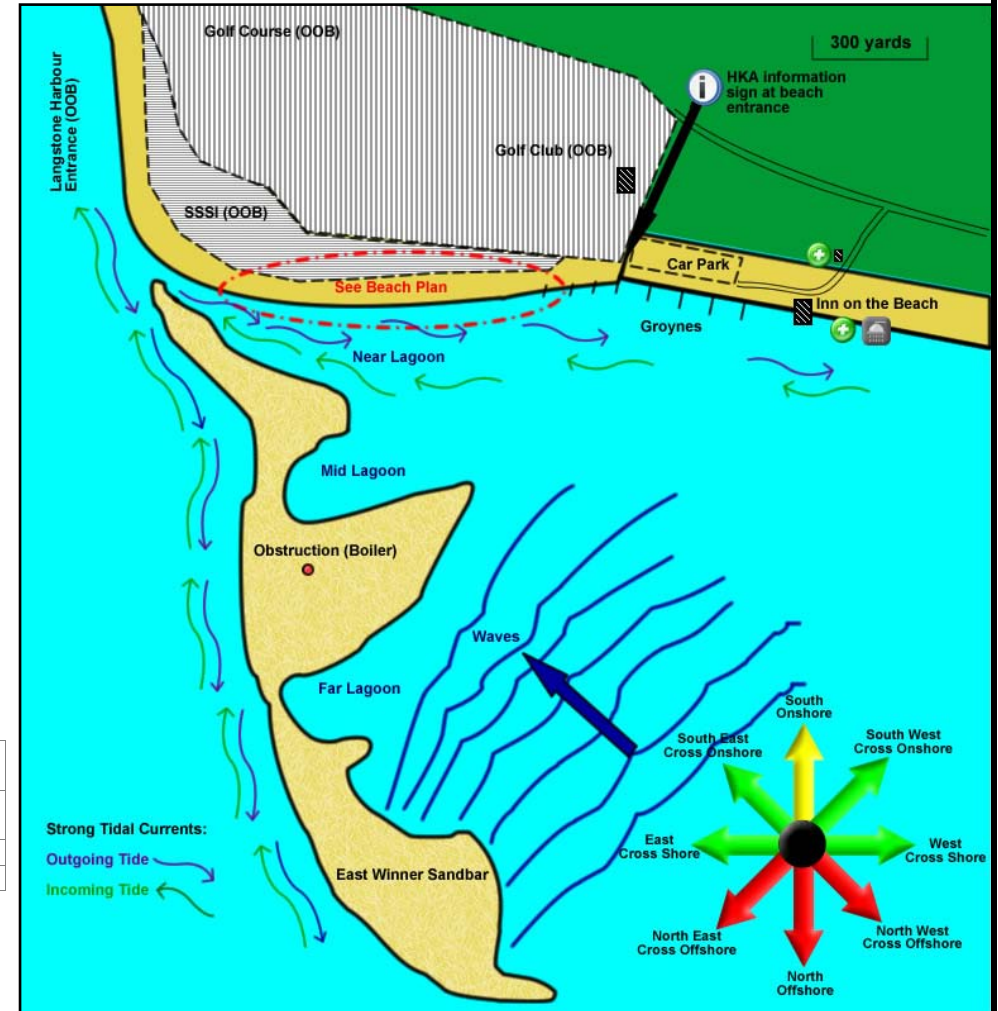
How to Contact the Committee:

Chairman & Safety	Chris Bull	07956 125870 / 023 92422570	Governance	Jennifer Smith
Secretary & Membership	Dom Digby		Planning	Martin Evans
Treasurer	Rosemary Bull			
Events & Social	Martin Stocks			

Rules of the Road:

1. Give way to other water users, swimmers and other watercraft.
2. The starboard tack rider (the kite is to your right and your right leg leading) has right of way over the port tack rider (kite to the left, left leg leading).
3. When passing, the upwind rider gives way to downwind rider by raising their kite high to allow the downwind rider to pass underneath. The downwind rider must lower their kite.
4. Maintain a downwind buffer zone when jumping and performing a transition.
5. Always look before starting any manoeuvre.
6. Riders coming in to the beach must give way to those leaving.
7. When wave riding, 1st rider on the swell line has priority. If 2 begin riding a swell simultaneously, the rider closest to the break (usually upwind) has priority on the wave.

Kitesurfing Area Map (West Beach)



Tides: All members should be aware of the tidal state throughout their session. See easytide.ukho.gov.uk

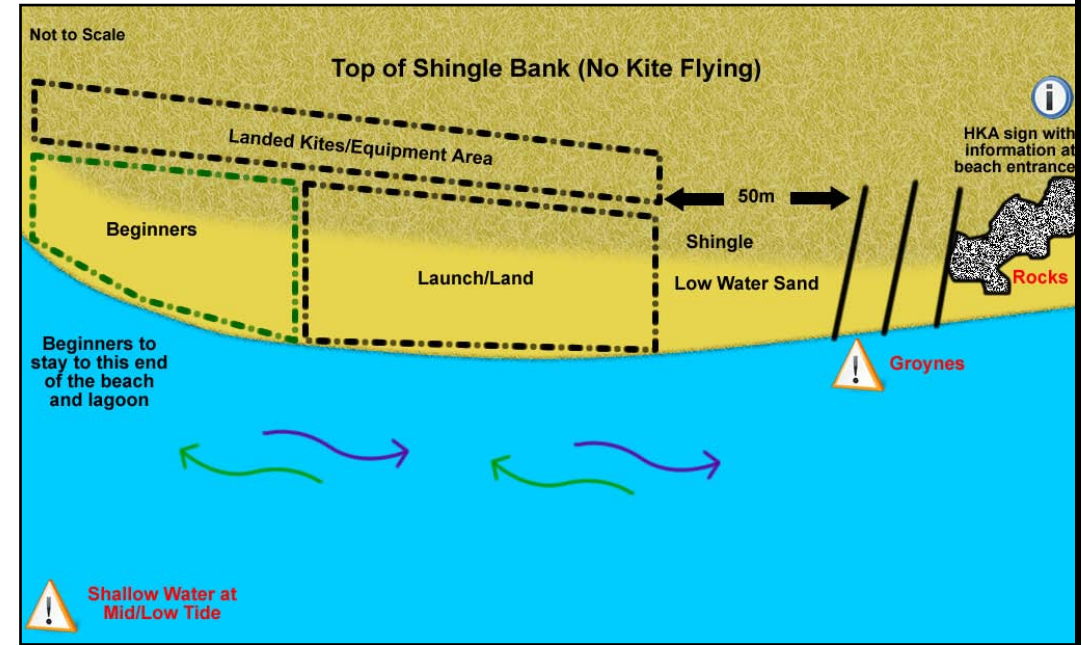
- **Spring Tides** – the sandbar is very exposed at low tide and little water is left in the near lagoon. Beware congestion in near lagoon and close to the beach. Also beware of the shallow water.
- **Tidal Currents** – the main currents are shown above. The current to the West of the sandbar can be very strong particularly on Spring tides. Please use caution in this area.

HKA Information

Club Rules

- To kitesurf at this location you must have both current BKSA insurance and current HKA membership.** You must be able to produce evidence of both.
- Always launch and land your kites within the marked out launch and land area (this area may be moved further down the beach from the normal area when the beach is busy).
- Never launch or land your kite when a member of the public is walking down wind of you. Wait until they have passed.
- The beach is not to be used to practice flying kitesurfing kites, this must be done only while standing in the water at low tide.
- When your kites are not in use for any length of time they must be fully disabled and placed at the foot of the shingle bank, no more than two deep, with the kite lines wound up on the bar, (lines must not be left out across the path of other beach users).
- All kites must have an effective kite safety system.
- Assist other members when launching and landing their kites.
- It may be necessary to red flag the beach on occasions. No kitesurfing when the flag is flying.
- Avoid kitesurfing two hours either side of high tide (at high tide there is very little space on the beach and the risk to other beach users is increased considerably).
- On the water give way to other water users, swimmers and other watercraft.
- You must know the 'rules of the road'. See Rules of the Road.
- Only licensed teaching can take place. [HI Kitesurf School](#) is the only licensed school permitted to teach.
- No unqualified member will be permitted to teach a friend or other member
- Members who cannot maintain a course across wind must practice in the lagoon area of the beach three hours either side of low tide (other members will help and support these members until they have become independent kitesurfers).
- No kite flying on the top of the shingle bank. This is a site of special scientific interest (SSSI).
- No kitesurfing in either Langstone or Chichester harbours or Sandy Point.
- No launching/setup near the groynes.

Beach Plan (West Beach)



Incident Reporting:

- Do not hesitate to contact the emergency services if necessary.
- You must notify the club Safety Officer for all significant incidents.
- Golf club incidents. Do not climb the fence. Contact the club on 023 92464446 or see the staff in the golf shop. They can escort you safely to retrieve any kite from their grounds.
- For all ditched kites and boards you must notify the Solent Coastguard on 023 92552100.

First Aid Points:

- Beachlands Office (near funfair, manned)
- Eco Beach Café (spring/summer only)
- Any HI Kitesurf School instructor.

Wind Direction	Aspect	Notes (For current wind & weather information go to www.chimet.co.uk)
☀ South	Onshore	Exercise caution especially when busy. Keep kites low when on/near to the beach. Use the sandbar to reduce beach congestion.
☀ South West	Cross Onshore	Excellent conditions particularly when the sandbar is exposed. Flat water in the lagoons and waves on the outside if there is a swell.
☀ West	Cross Shore	Excellent conditions particularly when the sandbar is exposed. Flat water in the lagoons. Probably the best direction for waves if there is a swell.
☀ North West	Cross Offshore	No kitesurfing recommended. If the sandbar is exposed, it may be possible to kitesurf further out but will be gusty and the beach will be in lee.
☀ North	Offshore	No kitesurfing. Go to Ryde Sands, loW .
☀ North East	Cross Offshore	No kitesurfing recommended. If you are desperate to kitesurf, go to Ryde Sands, loW or Pagham .
☀ East	Cross Shore	Average conditions though the lagoons are choppy as the sandbar does not provide shelter. Waves will be mushy if there is a swell.
☀ South East	Cross Onshore	Good conditions though the lagoons are choppy as the sandbar does not provide shelter in this direction. Waves on the outside in a swell.