

Hayling Island Kitesurfing Association



Incidents

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE OUR INCIDENT REPORT:

<http://www.hka.org.uk/IncidentReporting.aspx>

Calling the Emergency Services

- Dial 112, 999 or the Solent Coastguard 023 92552100 (put this number into your phone now). If you dial 112 or 999 rather than phoning Solent Coastguard directly, ask for the Coastguard.
- The Solent Coastguard will then inform and coordinate any other emergency service such as the ambulance, Hayling Coastguard or the RNLI.
- If HI Kitesurfing School are present on the beach, the instructor will have a mobile phone, a VHF radio and a first aid kit.

Location Information to Give to the Coastguard

- Give the location of the casualty. The beach is the Golf Club Beach, West Beachlands, Hayling Island.
- If the casualty is on the sandbar, it is the East Winner sandbar.

Casevac Methods

- The Coastguard will make the decision for the most effective casevac based on the information you provide. You can assess the casevac methods yourself based on the following:
 - Walking injury? An ambulance can only make it as far as the car park so if the casualty can walk or be carried to the car park, you are likely to need only an ambulance for casevac to hospital (Queen Alexander's most likely).
 - The Hayling Coastguard have 4 x 4 vehicles and can drive along the top of the single bank to get closer. These are normally the first to arrive on scene and are very useful to get the ambulance crew onto the beach.
 - Coastguard helicopter may be used if the casualty is on the sandbar, if the tide is threatening or if the injury is severe. The use of the helicopter is not uncommon so please do not be phased if the Coastguard informs you a helicopter is en route.
- It is advisable to send someone to the wooden barrier by the car park to meet and guide the Coastguard vehicle/paramedics.

If the Coastguard Helicopter is Used

- Land all kites. If you are informed of the helicopter being used, warn other riders to land their kites (and properly weight them down) and wind in their lines.
- Make the casualty's location clearly visible to the helicopter when it arrives.

Assisting a Casualty

- Reassure the casualty and get assistance from other kitesurfers if necessary.
- Help to pack their kit away – they may well be casevac'd – and arrange to return it to them or leave it where they can collect it.

General Rules

- Ensure you have taken every reasonable precaution to avoid an incident.
- Do not hesitate to contact the emergency services if necessary.
- Do not involve other beach users, who may be unaware of the danger kites can pose, in any incident involving a stray/downed kite. Use other kitesurfers to assist.
- You must notify the club Safety Officer (or a member of the committee) for all significant incidents. If in doubt, report it. www.hka.org.uk/Contact.aspx

Golf Club Incidents

- Do not climb the fence.
- Contact the golf club on 023 92464446 or see the staff in the golf shop.
- They can escort you safely to retrieve any kite from their grounds.
- Report all incidents involving the golf club.

Ditched Kites or Lost Boards

- This is the common incident and must be reported. A washed up board or kite can trigger a needless search by the Coastguard and RNLI.
- For all ditched kites and boards you must notify Solent Coastguard on 023 92552100.

Report all incidents involving ditched kites or lost boards.