
D-spot closing - Disaster!

Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/22 08:58

Sorry this is anonymous, but just wanted to say what a shame for us all it is that John has decided to close D-spot.

I had always used other retail outlets until recently, and after one trip to D-spot had vowed to purchase all my kit from there in future unless I really wanted something he didn't stock.

The reason? Johns overwhelming enthusiasm for the sport, and welcoming attitude to a beginner like myself.

Unfortunately this is in sharp contrast to some other shops in the area in my experience (but not all), but I still feel it is easy to be intimidated in certain other retailers if you are not an 'expert!'

Thanks for all the free advice John, good luck in whatever you choose to do.

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/11/22 09:32

Exactly my feelings.

John is one of the good guy's.

I only found his shop in the last 12 months when I returned to sailing at WK, and decided to try some Starboard kit, but the advice and service have been first class - you can't beat advice from someone who is actually using the kit, he is honest and never spins you the bullsh*t which abounds in the windsurfing world.

Good luck John -(and don't be afraid to change your mind about closing the shop)

edited by: PeterCee, Nov 22, 2004 - 09:34 AM

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Posted by E - 2004/11/22 12:20

Id just like to echo the comments here,

John was the real deal when it came to selling a service as well as a product. Many a time I witnessed sailors trying to spend money and John convincing them that all was not lost with their current set up and passing on genuine advice. All too often in the past Ive witnessed shops go in for the kill, leaving the purchaser light on cash and walking away with kit that was either unsuitable or not needed.

John had (has) the ability to advise the novice, guide the intermediate, listen to the pro and all would benefit from his time. He had the capacity to teach somebody getting on a board for the first time, whilst pulling one handed Spocks half an hour later, after a wicked planing forward. Its thats kind of all round ability that the sport needs. He was as good in the waves as people who only sail waves whilst still being able to enjoy flat water blasting and freestyle. That ability made spending money in his shop not only enjoyable but you knew the advice you were getting was from somebody who could cut it on the water.

West Kirby and the Wirral will be all the poorer for his decision to stop trading.

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Posted by carvefokker - 2004/11/23 09:07

WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAT?????!!!!!! The only shop I actually enjoyed going in and the best asset to WK and the God of the water is closing up??????!!!!!! Anyone know why?!!!!??!!!!!!

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/23 14:43

OUR FRIEND JOHNATHON WILL BE MISSED DEARLY. WE LOVE THOU JOHN AND SALUTE YOU !!!

TO THE SUPER SAILER THAT IS KNOWN AS WINDY JONNY

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/23 17:30

It's ok folks, he's not dead or anything!!!! Good luck to the man and all but no need for a weeping wailing and gnashing of teeth!

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/24 08:25

No need for weeping and wailing ? I take it you haven't tried to buy kit in the North West then! It's fine if you want to buy wave kit (of two brands) and put up with poor service, or 10year old Neil Pryde gear and even poorer service - but if you want real solid advice from a genuine guy, who knows his stuff where do ya go now ?

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/24 13:46

WELL DONE FOR NOTICING HES NOT DEAD. I NEARLY MISSED IT. ANY 1ONE COMMING WINDY SURFING ON SATURDAY. ITS SURPOSE TO BE BLOWING A FORCE 8.47349 GALE

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/25 15:26

Aloha!? I didn't mean to get people's backs up. John is a great fella and very enthusiastic about the sport that we all love, but every time I have tried to buy anything there he is closed and no-one is answering the phone (and I have tried to buy things there on quite a few occasions) Perhaps I have just been unlucky but more time n the shop less time on the water would make better business sense. As I say good luck to the man. Though the more shops open the better, so if he re-thinks and stays open its not like I'll be sad or anything!

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/11/25 22:13

Len at Aloha is the only other shop I can reccomend - nice guy, good advice, good sailor.

But D spot closing does reduce everyones choice of variety of kit - eg Len don't do starboard, tushingham, pryde, or severne.

Just have to make do with ezzy & RRD - it's a hard life!

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Posted by Yoda82 - 2004/11/25 22:51

He is't really closing.

This is just for the quiet winter months, as for Aloha he is shut just as much as D-spot.

So if your looking for shop to use for the next few months drop John a line.

I was thinking christmas treees and cheap tat for blokes or of courses a sex shop. Shame the licences costs 4 grand for a sex shop(don't ask). I'm wondering who anonymous is ?

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Posted by Anonymous - 2004/11/26 07:52

Well I'm the Anonymous that started the thread, I have a user ID on here but chose not to use it.

Different Anonymous posted the others.

I would have gladly revealed myself (oer) if I thought one (in particular) of the other regional outlets would not be offended by my suggestion that they could learn something in terms of service from John.

Very glad to here I may be able to buy my first proper small board from John next year when I'm competent enough!!

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Posted by Shawn - 2004/11/26 14:23

I keep seeing windy everywhere now - big pic in boards mag this month - and also stars in the 2005 tushingham brochure - tearing up the wall at west kirby!! He'll be charging for signatures soon....

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Posted by IanC - 2004/11/26 21:09

Quote:He is't really closing.

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Are you sure about this? When I spoke to him the other week he definitely wasn't talking about just closing for winter. I'll be very happy if he's changed his mind though:)

He was having pc problems, so I'm not sure he's able to go online at the mo - does anyone else have the definitive word?

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