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## Training

Posted by Barry - 2006/08/21 19:40

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Hello all !,

I have not yet even touched a windsurf board and I am looking to get into the sport. I need information about the training, as obviously I am looking to go on a training course to begin.

However, there seems to be many centres/courses most of which, as you know, are RYA approved. I am travelling to Jersey tomorrow I am cannot seem to find an RYA approved centre, however there are a couple of centres that do a "fast track" course (£100 for 5 hours). If I were to take one of these courses would I be shooting myself in the foot as they are not RYA approved and therefore once back in the UK need to take RYA course from step one again in order to be a member/compentent surfer of a club.

Thanks

Barry

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## Re:Training

Posted by TwoFish - 2006/08/21 20:38

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Hi Barry. You're getting into something very good indeed.

I guess the answer will depend on where you plan to sail when you get back. In general, windsurfing is not a very organised or clubby activity (no Commodores here) and fairly free of silly rules. You don't need a 'driving licence'. However there are some locations which will require a qualification before they will rent equipment to you. I would have thought you'd be OK with some equivalent training though.

My hunch is it makes sense to get the training whilst you can. Anyway, you should never miss an opportunity to go windsurfing wherever you are. Have fun.

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## Re:Training

Posted by coldy100 - 2006/08/21 21:40

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Barry,

Go for the fast track training, its the new format being introduced by the RYA and will probably become the norm as more schools introduce it. It will certainly be a recognised qualification at other UK centres.

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