



Matapeake Windsurfing



To windsurf at Matapeake Beach Park, you are required to sign a waiver acknowledging that you have read and understand the rules. Matapeake Beach Park is a multi-use park but is primarily a swimming park. Your use as a windsurfing launch is allowed as a courtesy and must not interfere with the parks primary goal of providing a safe swimming area. The swimming area is directly in front of the clubhouse next to the stone jetty. The windsurfing launch area is to the north of this beach and starts at the “no pets” sign.

Rules:

- All windsurfers must mail or fax this signed document to the county **before** launching at Matapeake Beach.
- Windsurfing at Matapeake Beach is least likely to interfere with swimmers on a south, southwest or west wind.
- If you sail on a north or northwest wind you **must** be sure you can work up wind and not end up in the swim area or on the stone jetty.
- Set up windsurfing equipment at the far north end of the beach.
- Windsurfing gear left on the beach should have their sails positioned so that a strong breeze cannot flip the sails. There may be dogs and children attracted to your gear.
- No windsurfing gear may be placed on the beach in front of the swimming area.
- While sailing, stay **at least 50 feet** away from the swimming area and any swimmers. This is roughly 3 mast lengths.
- Swimmers have the right of way at all times even when they are outside the swim area.
- Teaching friends or family how to windsurf is prohibited at Matapeake.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules will result in the loss of sailing privileges at Matapeake Park.

WAIVER

I recognize the risks of illness and injury in windsurfing at Matapeake Beach and I am hereby waiving and releasing Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expense or judgment, including attorney's fees and court costs (herein, collectively "Claims") arising out of my windsurfing at Matapeake Beach, or any illness, injury, or death resulting there from and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Parks and Recreation Department from and against all such Claims except Claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Parks and Recreation.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Printed Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Return to:
Queen Anne’s County Parks, PO Box 37, Centreville, MD 21617, Attn: Carrie Fredland

Fax to: 410-758-0566, Attn: Carrie Fredland

For additional information: www.windsurfbaba.org, www.parksnrec.org