

# Safety Information & Liability Waiver

## Warning & Safety Information - Please read all these safety points before flying any traction

**kite** [Note: The term **product** refers to any power kite or kite accessory not limited to traction kites, inflatable kites, single skin kites, buggies, mountain boards, skis, snowboard, or surfboard when used with traction kiting equipment.]

### Extreme Caution

- ☞ Power traction kite flying can be dangerous.
- ☞ Always use extreme caution when using any kite *product*.
- ☞ Misuse or modification of any kite *product* can cause serious injury.
- ☞ Only use the kite *product* if you are in good physical health.
- ☞ Never act in a careless manner when using any kite *product* (such as jumping in the air, or tying yourself to a tree to get airborne).
- ☞ You are responsible for your own safety, as well as the safety of others around you when using a kite *product*.

### Safety around flying lines

- ☞ Never touch the flying lines when the kite product is in use. Both the foil and the lines attached to it while under tension, move at very high speeds with sufficient force to seriously injure and/or cut anyone they come in contact with.
- ☞ Never use any kite product with worn lines, bridles, link-lines, or frayed attachment points. A line that breaks while under tension can cause serious injury.
- ☞ Always check your flying lines for knots before each use. Knots greatly reduce the strength of the lines.
- ☞ Check your lines for creep and equalize the length. Creep is a permanent elongation of the lines due to stress. The lines do not return to their original length when the stress is removed.
- ☞ Where required figure eight knots are preferred over overhand knots as they don't reduce the strength as much.
- ☞ Stay away from tangled flying lines unless the kite product is secured to the ground. An unsecured kite can self launch unexpectedly, and can cause serious injury.
- ☞ Never allow yourself, or anyone else, to get between the control bar or handles and the kite when using any kite product.

### Weather to fly

- ☞ As a beginner, never **learn** to use any kite *product* in more than 10 knots of wind, extremely high winds or gusty conditions.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* in or near thunderstorms and lightning.
- ☞ Only use kite *products* when you can remain in a standing position.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* in wind conditions that are above your ability level.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* near the water in offshore wind conditions (winds blowing away from shore).

### Choose a safe flying location

- ☞ Always observe local rules and regulations before using any kite *product*.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* near power lines, telephone poles, buildings, trees, bushes, roads, automobiles, or airports.
- ☞ Only use kite *products* when you have at least 100 meters or 3 times the length of your flying lines, whichever is greater, of clear space downwind, and on both sides of your launching position. The power of the kite can pull you downwind unexpectedly and with great force.
- ☞ Do not fly your kite *product* over other people, pets or wildlife. Spectators should always remain upwind (typically behind) you when using any kite *product*.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* in crowded areas.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* near the water unless you know how to swim and are in good physical health.
- ☞ Always practice launching and landing procedures and self rescue techniques before using any kite *product* near the water.

### General Safety Rules

- ☞ Kite *products* are not considered personal floatation devices. Always wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device when using kite *products* near the water.
- ☞ Always have a partner when launching and landing your kite *product*.
- ☞ Always learn to use a small-sized, two-line stunt kite (one meter or smaller) before attempting to use any kite *product* for the first time.
- ☞ Never allow anyone who is not familiar with power kiting to use any kite *product* without experienced assistance.
- ☞ Never use any kite *product* without a safety quick release system. An unsecured kite is extremely dangerous to everyone around and especially downwind of you.
- ☞ The safety quick release system is not a permanent attachment to any kite *product*. Never permanently attach yourself to any kite *product* or any of its components.
- ☞ Always wear helmet, gloves, appropriate footwear, pads, and protective eyewear when using kite *products*.
- ☞ Always use some type of anchoring system when setting up your kite product before launching and after landing your kite when not in use.
- ☞ Never leave your kite unattended. People unfamiliar with kite *products*, pets, or wildlife can get tangled as they may be unaware of the kite lines while they're on the ground.

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## Annual Lake Simcoe Wind Sports Festival

### Waiver + Registration Form

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is given by the undersigned Applicant for the benefit of The Lake Simcoe Wind Sport Festival, City of Orillia, City of Toronto, City of York, Region of York, Region of Durham, Borough of East York, Geneva Park, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Town of Georgina, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, Town of Ajax Ontario, City of Pickering, Town of South Bruce Peninsula and its respective divisions and associations, employees, agents, members, sponsors, promoters and affiliates (collectively "Releasees").

I acknowledge that wind riding is an inherently dangerous sport in which I participate at my own risk. In consideration of and as a condition of entering in this lesson or event, I individually and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, release and forever discharge, hold harmless, indemnify, including as to attorney fees, and promise not to sue Releasees on, from or against, and waive, any claims, damages, expenses or demands arising directly or indirectly from or attributable in any way to the negligence, action or failure to act of any Releasees in connection with the sponsorship, organization or execution of any lessons or sporting event, including travel to and from such event, in which I may participate as a student, racer, rider, team member, spectator or in any other manner. Every term and provision in this agreement is intended to be severable. If any one or more of them is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that shall not affect the other terms and provisions, which shall remain binding and enforceable.

I currently have no known physical or mental condition that would impair my capability and am fit to fully participate in the event. I have read and understand the previous attached safety information.

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PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT,

X \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant (All applicants must sign in ink.) Phone Number Year / Month / Day

**Privacy Statement:** The personal information you provide will be used to carry out market research, conduct surveys, and to provide you with further information about products and services offered by us (if so indicated on this form). It will be protected under the provisions of the Personal Information Protection and Electronics Documents Act ("PIPEDA"), which became effective January 1, 2004. It will not be passed to third parties and will remain strictly confidential with the event organizers.

Male  Female Birth year 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (check all that apply):  
 Participant  Spectator  Merchant  Media  Other

How did you hear about the event? (Check all that apply)  
 E-mail  Radio  Internet  Newspaper  Store  TV  Other

Do you currently own winter sailing equipment?  Yes  No

Would you like to be notified of similar events?  Yes  No

Preferred Method of contact

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ OR E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

OR Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR MINORS: PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

I, as parent or guardian of the Applicant, represent to the Releasees that the facts herein concerning my child or ward are true. I give my permission for my child or ward to enter any lessons or event conducted by The Lake Simcoe Wind Sport Festival, City of Orillia, City of Toronto, City of York, Region of York, Region of Durham, Borough of East York, Geneva Park, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Town of Georgina, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, Town of Ajax Ontario, City of Pickering, Town of South Bruce Peninsula or its associations, and further, in consideration of the granting of such permission, agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above agreement.

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PRINTED NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN,

X \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (All parents or guardians must sign in ink.) Year / Month / Day