

## **Code of Conduct Review Kite / Windsurfing Meeting**



### **Minutes**

**09:00 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Location:** Prattshayes Campsite, Maer Lane, Exmouth EX8 5DB

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#### **Attendees**

Stephanie Clark, Exe Estuary Management Partnership  
Ralph Collison, Exe Kiteboarders  
John Morgan, Red Rock Leisure Ltd  
Peter Blyth, East Devon District Council  
Sama Euridge, South East Devon Habitat Regulations Partnership  
Amelia Davies, South East Devon Habitat Regulations Partnership

#### **Apologies**

Steph Bridge, Edge Watersports

### **1. Introduction to Review of Codes – SC**

#### **2. Discussion**

- Insurance tags used to be worn, not really worn on the Exe anymore. If introduced again, some will, some won't. Invite lifeguards and others to get involved.
- More kitesurfers on Exe. Windsurfers tend to be at Foxholes.
- In past, involved Harbour Master. Asked kitesurfers to avoid navigation channel. Engaged with lifeguards - gave line cutters to kitesurfers and gave safety talk.
- Birds tend to hate northwesterlies.
- PWC the real issue at the moment.
- Paddleboarders – cause massive disturbance. No SUP guide.
- Suggested name: "Guide to Ride - Exmouth".
- SB takes SUP safaris – find out where (Lympstone / Starcross?).
- RC contests the Disturbance Study that kitesurfers disturb 8 hectares. Disturbance depends on species and other factors.
- Discussion about signage work next f/y. PB working on in 2018. Will work with SC on this.
- One joint code requested for kite and windsurfers.
- Suggestion that codes could be sponsored to cover print costs.
- Tide table size, if can fit information on clearly. Otherwise A5.
- Laminated.
- Map on one side, bullet points on the other.
- Electronic version as well.
- Arrows and wind direction.
- Mid two hour flow that is the fastest (as soon as tide turns, start heading in). SC to check with RC on wording.
- Estuary changing (higher by banks).
- The full code of conduct, produced by Exe Kiteboarders, should be updated and available to download online.
- Use QR code. Can create for free, but is not as good.

**ACTION:** PB to send SC details of QR codes.

- Also suggestion to look at Google Forms.

**To include**

- Please avoid the birds.
- Please respect other users.
- Please observe zones shown on map.
- Always act in a responsible manner – expand on this.
- Don't throw plastics.

**Safety:**

- Check local weather conditions.
- Warning about tides – RNLI program (10/09/17).
- Watch out for sea swimmers.

**ACTION:** RC to update full Exe code.

**ACTION:** SC to draft small one page summary code, based on the content of the full code from RC.

Discussion about litter issues – SC would like to get more involved with Litter Free Coast and Sea project.