

Maui Monthly

Our Experience Your Reward



no. 13. April 2006

Maui, Hawaiian Islands

April Photo Shoot.

April was another great month on Maui. I enjoyed Starboard photo shoot, which is always fun but also a lot of work. I think I may have had the most photos taken of any one person in the shoot. Since I do racing, waves, Super-X, as well as all round boards, I was a busy person. We received our sample 2007 Legend, Global, and Switch sails, along with some new freestyle sails for Taty. Those we are calling the Loco, and you will see them soon - you can see small teaser on the right.

This time of year is always fun because we get to try out all the new stuff, see how it looks from the factory, and ahh yes, the feeling of brand new sails. The crispness of a new sail is so nice, that feeling of precise control and freshness, getting to ride new graphics, to critic the minor improvements, and appreciate the major ones.

It still amazes me that after all the new sails I have had over the years, I still get excited to roll out one of Barry's brand new sails. It was cool also because Taty and Sara were here, so we got to see them out on the water here on Maui. Other than that, I have been training away, getting ready for the season on tour. It is coming up faster than we know... I gotta get out there and keep up the training. See you on the water.

Kevin.



April was The Best!

On April 1st I woke up on Maui! after an 18 hour flight with my parents and brother. Tiresome but it was all worth it. Because of the jetlag I was already up at about 5:30am, and excited to sail. We stayed at Kuau Plaza, so it was walking distance to Ho'okipa.

But it wasn't until 1:00pm that I reached there, when I got there I didn't know they were about to start the kids heats of the Maui Kokua Classic.

Well. I decided to compete too! When it was my heat I went out for the first time. The waves were just right! I did some wave riding and freestyle between the waves ha! I finished 1st. I really had a lot of fun. That day I met so many people. All the pro's were there, and I took a picture with Robby Naish!!

2 days after I went back to Ho'okipa and there were really BIG waves. I just didn't realize that until I was in the water.. Haha I went out on 4.7 and could barely plane.. and when you look back you see this HUGE wall of water coming after you! My heart started beating so fast! And I started pumping so



hard to get away, I did eventually. I went back to the beach, and did not go out anymore haha.

The next 10 days was time for starboard photo shoot. I got some really neat new Mauisails for the photo shoot. They were good looking and they sailed comfortable!

The days after I mostly went sailing at Sprecks, which turned out to be my favorite spot also, but I also went to Kihei, Kanaha, baby beach, and camp one. I thought it was unique to experience and see so many different sailing spots on one Island, and differing weather conditions. In Sprecks it would be cloudy and not much wind, while in Kihei the Sun would be shining with 30 to 35 knots of wind! and flat water Kihei, choppy and further out wave spot Sprecks, and then just pure wave Ho'okipa!

I also met up with the Bonaire guys. Taty, Kiri ,Bjorn and Jurgen. I met Barry, Rick, Phil, Kevin and Ashley Baxter, and sailed with them at Ho'okipa and Kanaha. Phil taught me to wave sail at Sprecks ("Bend your knees Sarah!!"), which was really fun.

For the shoot I had to sail on a tandem with Ashley with identical sails (the board is called "gemini"). While my brother and I were sailing my parents were touring the island. But they brought us lunch everyday haha.



Anyway I sailed 15 days everyday and it was actually kind of hard work! But Hawaii Was Great! When I got back to Aruba, my brother and I had not gotten enough yet, and we went sailing the next day, And right after I went wave sailing at the other side of the island.

So I'll see you guys on the water!
Aloha, Sarah-Quita

Ashley enjoyed April too.

We just got done with the starboard photoshoot, and it was so much fun! It was a cool experience to get to windsurf with all these really good windsurfers. It taught me a lot and helped to improve my windsurfing skills.

Seeing all these pro's made me push myself to do things that I normally wouldn't try. I also got to try the new tandem board which was a new experience. It was really scary at first, but with the help of Sarah-Quita. I did it. If it wasn't for her I don't think I would of had that much fun. I also did the tandem board with my mom, and it was a really fun experience. As you all might know she hasn't windsurfed in a year, and she went out there with no problem, and did so good!

Aloha, Ashley



Month of Recollection and Reflection.

With the Starboard photo shoot here, there are always plenty of little things to do to help out our visiting friends. Setting up the latest production samples, putting on pro logos, and best of all, observing them doing what they love to do best. And on new graphics and colors as well. A great way to start the month. We had a few days of really good swell in the middle of the month, and it was almost funny to see the hordes of companies descending on Hookipa, all the brand new sail bags, the peacocks unfurling their bright colored feathers.

But it made great studying time. Matt even came by and remarked about it being a “million dollar day”. The trades were just right, the waves were a nice color, and it was 2007 until everyone packed up and went home. Too late to change now, the photographers were everywhere and those designs are already well known through the web. Made me reminisce about how we used to just go sailing with whatever we had just created, never thought anything about it, never had to hide anything.

I spent the end of April involved with family grief and assistance, traveling to Montana, to see my step-mother, Marnie Spanier. Sadly, she passed away while I was flying there. And it was snowing and very cold. I was able to render some needed assistance to my 85 year old Dad, and hopefully made some difference in his life for the future without his wife of many years.

All this added to the feeling I have had lately about how lucky we are if we are simply healthy and happy. And I was inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of this sport and the people that do it. Digging through all the memorabilia and old photos to do ‘the corner made me feel really good to have been part of it for so long, and to want to be part of it more. May will be great!

Aloha, Barry.

April for Phil.

What another excellent Month on Maui! We had some of the best wave sailing all year at Hookipa and some other spots around the Island. “Now carrying around only 85 kg’s, I can get out faster, pick up waves more consistently and rip harder than ever before..... I love it”.

We are now finalizing the 2007 Global, Switch, Legend and our new surprise line of specialized sails. We have had awesome testing conditions ranging from 10 to 35 knots and we have had all of our team riders involved because a lot of them were over here for photoshoots with their board sponsors.

Kev and I have really got back into the slalom training again. Testing boards, fins and getting the most out of our new TR-2’s. This is the TEAM in full effect and it can be seen at Kanaha on no wave days, when we put out the buoys rip around them like it’s a Sunday jog.



We are also looking forward to delivering the new MauiSails Carbon and Aluminum boom ranges into the market. The carbon boom especially is going to blow minds and take the lead as the best boom in the windsurfing market. It’s going to be a must have all racers and wave sailors who want to push the outer limits of performance.

Ok it’s back to burning the midnight oil and getting my work done for another evening so I can go and test and train tomorrow.





April on The Road for Dennis.

For me April started really nice in the France alpes. Had some really good conditions, sometimes more then 60cm of pure powder! Also showed of with the MS Legend 4.5 on the mountain. We did some really nice snow surfing, see photo's.

I was amazed about what you could do with a sail on a snowboard. Its so different then just normal boarding, so you get a combination of freestyle snowboard and freestyle windsurf.

After this week in the snow I went back to the Netherlands to work a bit. The weather was still quite cold down here so decided to go to the south of France to do some slalom and

formula training together with my girlfriend. The wind didn't really came as well, so not a lot of training this time. But we sailed in Saint Tropez together with some

massive expensive yachts.

After this trip the first stop of the Dutch nationals tour was on the program. It was cool to see everybody after the winter, but we didn't had any action because we had zero wind.

The next stop will be in the end of may at my homespot 'de Grevelingen', so I look forward to that one because this place is always special to me.

Last week I also sailed for the first time in the big city Rotterdam. This place is really close from where I live but I never heard about it. The conditions were really light again, but finally spend some time on the water in my country after all the trips I did. The FW Europeans are coming up, so have to stop this message to go train, it finally looks windy here so I'm off!!!

Till the next Monthly!
Dennis

