

Great month for Windsurfing.

The month of January has been a great month for windsurfing here on Maui. For me, January is the best month to be on Maui, because it is full of wind, waves, sun, and the crowds all seem to disappear. We have had countless days of Hookipa nearly vacant with perfect 6 to 10 feet waves rolling though with plenty of wind, and only a couple of people out on the water.

It has been so windy that I don't think that I have been surfing once this month and that is not bad for January. I have been able to get out on some of the new sails and they are shaping up really nicely. One of the things that I am most excited about is the new Maui Sails aluminum booms that are out. They are the best aluminum booms I have seen in a long time and I don't say that lightly. Finally there is a boom that has an amazing front end on it with the right bend curve.

Other than that I have just been enjoying Maui and hanging out with friends. See you on the water!

Aloha, Kevin.



Why not start the year from windsurfing?

Wazup everybody!

I started this year with windsurfing! On the first day of January the wind was blowing good so I thought to myself, "why not start the year windsurfing"! And I had a great session.

Soon after the wind died for a week or so, but in the mean time we have had unbelievably big waves. There was a bodyboarding competition on the rough side of the island and everybody told me not to go in with my surfboard..... but I went anyway! and that was the last time I'll ever go in the water at that spot! The waves were big and powerful It took about 10 minutes to get trough the surf, when I finally did I had two big flushes (Scary!) and came straight in (never again).

For the first time I met Jimmy Diaz! He was on the island for a few days. It was great to finally meet him as he's also from Aruba.

Guess What!?! the wind came back and hit us at full power ! I had 2 epic days with Quincy (my brother) and Astor. On the water we were overpowered with 4.5m's and 23 knots of wind with 3 meter waves. All of the guys who never go out to sail unless the wind is really blowing got their wave equipment out and went sailing at a spot called Westpoint.





At this spot there are 2 different currents that meet each other so this means big waves.

Right now I'm improving in freestyle. The loops are getting better! haha, and I finally landed switch stance chachoo! Now I'm practicing shove it but it's really hard.

I have also been swimming. Last week I had a competition. I swam three different events 100m free, 50m free and 50m Backstroke. I came first in all three. So I'm pretty happy about that!

I started School again on the 9th January after 3 weeks of vacation. It's always hard to get back on track with schoolwork. But I had a lot to do because last week I had a whole week of tests again.

Anyway, for now it's school and windsurfing. I hope to go out a lot on the water and practice for the competitions to come.

Aloha, Sarah-Quita

Taty's chicken pocks.

January has been the busiest month for me ever.

The first week the wind was 4.5 to 5.6 conditions the whole week. I have been doing alot of freestyle training and spent most of time on the water, coming up with new moves.

The second week of January on the Monday I got headache and went home at 12 o'clock because it was causing me a lot of pain. Then On tuesday I woke up and looked outside the bedroom window and saw that it was really windy. I then looked down on my arms and I saw these little pink weird looking pimpels on my hands and belly and then I looked in to the mirrow I saw more and I realized that I got chicken pocks. I had to stay home for 13 days and couldn't go into the sun or water, so sleeping was the only thing and watching t.v.

On the 21st I got the word from the Doctor I could go back on the water, which made me really happy. I was full of energy and was powered up to do it all and sail the whole day.

The last week of the month I had to wake up at 7 in the morning to pick up my Dad and my cousin at their house then drive to my house where we worked from 8o'clock till 4 in the evening then at 4 o'clock I go to the beach and sail till 7 O'clock.

Oohhh, Tonky, Kiri, Choco and I had been working with an English guy on a dvd that will be made by Brendan Pyatt it will be featuring all the best young guys on the PWA tour including: Kauli, Ricardo, Cheo, Colito, Alex Mousilini and John skye. It will be a sick dvd with lot of great action and the latest moves.

Well that's it for now, it's still windy here so I have to go out and sail.

Aloha, Taty



I'm one leg in 2007 already!

New Year's Day with a visit from the whaley boys just to get things off on the right foot.

2006 is here and already we are looking at how to finish the 2007 wave sails. That's something that's now almost a part of life, having lived by that schedule for so many years. I had until the middle of the month to work closely with Art Szpunar, our talented CAD and design assistant, and we made the most of it. We concentrated on developing a unique and functional tack fairing detail with an interesting graphic potential. In the next few months we will be massaging the designs here in Maui and getting the proto's on the water as much as possible.

Then Phil and I set off on a wild, winter tour of Europe to meet and work with our distributors. It was quite a trip. Freezing temperatures, lots of trains, planes, and taxis, and strange hotel rooms. But now that it is nearly over, we are even more excited that we were able to take the samples of our new carbon and aluminium booms so they could get a grip on them to see and feel the quality and innovation first hand. We 'trip tested' travel bags and the new back pack along the way as well, with good results. There were plenty of times when people recognized the two mountains in the airports and trains and made us feel good about Maui and home.

Aloha, Barry.





Relaxing January for Phil.

Right after Christmas I headed down to Australia with my family to visit my family in Sydney. It was a good time, but the highlight was watching the fireworks in Sydney Harbour on New Years eve. The Harbor was completely full of boats partying and celebrating the coming of the new year and then at midnight the 15 minutes fireworks lite up the harbour and it was time to start it all over again in 2006. The first day of 2006 was already a record for Sydney, it was 43 degrees temperature and all you could do was stay inside or jump in the pool.



Back to Maui around January 10th for some sailing and organizing MauiSails business. Then at the end of that week back on a plane and over to Europe with Barry to visit our importers. UK, Greece, Poland, Holland, UK, Italy, Sweden and then back to the UK was our schedule for the last two weeks of January, but well worth it to touch base with our most important agents.

Some beautiful places to visit in winter time, from sailing in Athens, from standing on a deserted train station in Poland with snow all around and then finally the most exciting was ice sailing in Sweden. We managed to have a perfect ice sailing day in Sweden with about 12 knots and 10cm thick ice on quite a large lake. There was about 5 of us out there all lining up and pacing each other, with the top speed of the day using a TR1 6.6 of 63 kilometers an hour. Looking forward to February back on Maui for some wave sailing and slalom practice.

Aloha, Phil.





New features on the Web.

During the month of January we made some updates and improvements to the website. You can find updates with full info about our Performance Aluminum Booms including detailed description of product, specification plus photos.

The another new feature is RSS (Really Simple Syndication). It's an XML-based format for distributing Web content. Using RSS, Web content providers like MauiSails, can easily distribute data available on the website and updated often like news or forum threads.

At the moment we offer two RSS feeds :

- **MauiSails news [RSS]** - provides you an updates about all MauiSails actions, new products and team riders results.
- **Ask Barry Spanier [RSS]** - this feed provides you any easy way of following all discussions happening on Maui Sails forum. You won't miss any thread with it!

So look for some RSS aggregator programs or web based applications and log on to www.mauisails.com and don't miss the action any more.

January Dennis.

The new year started in Geraldton Australia, after a good last day of the year wave day at Coronation beach. Unfortunately we didn't see any fireworks at 12:00, but one week later in Lancelin it was amazing. There was an event but there was not enough wind. The rest of the month I spend in Geraldton, and the conditions weren't fantastic but I had some fun in the waves anyway.

On the 26th I had my flight back to Maui so 3 days before I left back to Maui I spend some time with the Maui Sails importer in Perth. We had a fantastic time there and by this way I want to say thanks to Matt and Gemma. Right now I'm in Maui till the 16th february and hopefully february will bring some nice conditions before I have to leave to my small cold country.

Aloha, Dennis.

