

Season started for Phil.

Once we all got back from Sylt, wave season started immediately on Maui. One big swell right away with howling trades, enabled us to put the Legends and Globals through their paces at Hookipa. I was really enjoying my time back on the water and in the waves after being in Sylt and Europe for a few weeks. Maui is so amazing for wind and waves. The Fall is the best time of the year for intense sailing.

We also got a few proto TR2 race sails to test, so we got some race time on the water as well. Barry would be down the beach checking out the sails and we started to tune in the new sails for next year. It's always exciting to have Barry at the beach because we make so much progress and get into good discussions about the design direction of the sails. Most of the time we say different things, and explain things differently but ultimately we agree and move forward.



Dennis Littel came over from Holland to assist with the testing and to develop his sailing skills in the strong wind found on Maui. We already had a few Formula days to get him ready for the Worlds in December, but most of the time has been spent testing slalom sails and working on strong wind technique.

Looks like a great Fall sailing season is developing. Can't wait for November.

Aloha, Phil.

Sara the School Girl.

This month I have been going to school a lot and this week I have two tests a day and I finish at 9 o'clock at night. Oh! the life for a school girl is not the same as a pro windsurfer, we have to work much harder and finish later at night.

I also had one week of vacation which I spent with my Mom/dad and brother in Bonaire!! I went sailing everyday, practicing light wind tricks as well as playing around with the local hotshots Taty and Tonky.

Here on Aruba we had alot of waves and it's unbelievable fun. I even tried to loop, which is way harder than I thought. More training on that move.

In all these no windy days I'm practicing tennis a lot and swimming 3 times a week so I stay in good condition. With the hurricanes we got some thunder storms and rain and especially a lot of waves But it's all good.

Aloha, Sara Chita.



Home sweet Home.

For me the month of October was filled with fun. I made it back from Sylt and it was time to finally get some wave sailing. The month of October has never been better with great wind and waves. We have had some incredible days here on Maui. I was also had one of my dreams come true with a excellent day of Tow surfing on Maui's world famous Honolua Bay.

This is truly a world class wave and to be able to surf it with only 5 other people out was amazing. I only wish I had some pictures to show how incredible this day was! Other than that life on Maui has been a dream. I managed to stay here on Maui for a month straight and that is the longest I have been here since last February so I am quite happy. I am off for another fabulous day on the water.

Kevin.

Dorota's world of Shampoos.

So this month I managed to get women windsurfing out to the world of shampoos, body lotions, creams and perfums - the galaxy of cosmetics. Well, it is not the whole planet, it is Poland - a 38 million people country, but just imagine how many women that is, that you can reach through their television sets at homes.

For an athlete there is this some sort of rewarding feeling when taking part in such a campaign. When you think of all the years of training, competing, traveling, testing, trying harder and harder you don't really believe you will find on the way people/companies who will notice you and support you with their money and public relations.

Being a professional windsurfer is not just sailing, it means all most day-to day hard media work, interviews, tv appearances, photoshoots, endless talks in meetings and negotiations. Moreover as a sailor or a windsurfer each day of your whole career you are basically forced to explain to people what is your sport about, what is "upwind", "downwind", what is discard or general recall and why there is no regatta when there is no wind. You need to explain so many technical aspects of equipment itself and how it works.

Still the sport of windsurfing has an amazing potential for every company seeking an image of energetic, free, pure and fun activity. Fresh energy, elements, speed and adrenaline combined with rainbow of colours and sun is the winning thing our sport has to offer. I believe windsurfers go so technical nowadays that we often forget about the basics. This results in that we are not trying hard enough to sell our greatest assets. I hope it changes soon and I hope more and more people to see the yet unseen.

Check out the TV advert.





I haven't pulled so many threads.

Wow! October was just a blur of designing, testing and recutting. I haven't pulled so many threads in a long time. But it's really rewarding when analysis and careful changing can develop better performance characteristics. We have been experimenting with shifting some shape values to different 'loading zones' in order to develop better rotation of cams without giving up the resistance we are after that maintains the upwind shapes. The upper sections have been getting 'tension relief', to get the sail to twist with less downhaul and again, to still keep that desirable draft forward characteristic.

Our planning and work is all aimed at getting a good quiver of sails ready for the Formula Worlds in Melbourne. Kevin and Dennis are training and tuning and we have even been fortunate to have relatively light wind to help us out.

This last weekend was a good one for the Hula Girl. Great light wind sailing with the new working jib. You could feel the anticipation all through Lahaina, and Sunday was especially quiet in the evening. It was as if all the ghosts and goblins were staying away getting ready for the wildest party in the Pacific Ocean, the Mardis Gras of the Pacific, Halloween in Lahaina. 20,000 costumed crazies shut down the streets and party all night. Lucky we didn't want to go sailing then!

October was a blur. And November will be even more jammin.

Aloha, Barry



For my first heat my top speed was 23.5. I was very disappointed. I knew I had not gone as fast as I could. I was determined to go faster the next heat. I definitely went the fastest during this second heat - I know it - but I crashed and burned so bad, that I got the wind knocked out of me and I cut myself bad on my right side. I so wanted to give up 'cause I hurt so bad. But I wanted to win - MORE! My fastest speed during this heat was 25.3 - faster than the first heat. That was encouraging.

The wind was 25-35, with some gusts of 40 mph. I had a 4.7 wave sail and my Starboard ProKids Sonic board (prototype). The third heat was starting. OK - I thought. Give it all you can. I got back to the beach - looked at the GPS and saw the top speed of 26.9. YEAH! This felt good. I ended up doing better than I ever thought that I would. And - I won! This was the proudest moment in my life.

A week later - it's another Speed Event. My second time. I came to win - but most important - I came to beat my speed from last week's event.

The wind was lighter than last week. I rigged a 5.1 cambered TR-1 race sail. OK - I know I can do better with a race sail. But, the wind was not cooperating. My first heat I got 25.3.

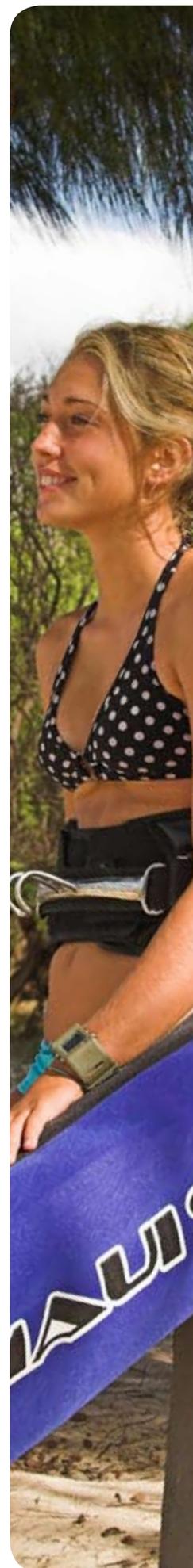
Second heat had more wind, and I was still on the 5.1. But, I only got 25.6 knots. I was frustrated. I felt I was going much faster. I wanted to do better than last week. So far, I was in the number one position - but now I was competing against me.

Luckily the wind got way stronger, so I rigged my 4.7 Legend wave sail -again with my Starboard Sonic. That third heat is a charm. I got to the beach - mom greeting me with a huge smile. I look at the GPS and let out a shout "27.2" - I beat last weeks speed! And, I won the women's division.

Starboard team rider Baker Grant won the Menehune division with the fastest speed of 27.3. Watch out boys - I am getting closer. Only 0.1 behind this week!

This event is awesome. You can race each other or just race yourself - or both. It's a challenge any way you want. The next Speed event on Maui is September 25th. See you there! I am hooked!

Aloha from the Island of Maui. Ashley.



Meet Ashley Baxter.

I competed in the Speed Event again the first week of September (Sunday) - and I won again. I went faster than last week - 27.2 knots. And, guess what? Maui Sails is going to sponsor me with sails and gear. And, tomorrow they are doing a photo shoot with me. This is the best two weeks of my windsurfing career!

For my first Speed Event last week, I was a bit apprehensive. I did not know what to expect. But, I did know I wanted to win. It's that Mom/Dad gene I inherited. Connor and I have it bad - competitiveness!



Testing and racing with Taty.

Earlier this month I competed in The International Bonaire Regatta. It was great week of good Fomula racing with the wind from 8 gusting up to 15 knots. During the regatta I used my new TR1 10m sail and the Starboard 159 with a 70 cm Gsport fin. I completely dominated the field and took first place ahead of my brother Tonky..

After The regatta I spent most of my time testing the freestyle boards for STARBOARD and when the wind wasn't that good I went fishing with a friend of mine.

Well I just received the new Formula 160 Starboard and the S type 104 so with this new gear I will be pretty much on the water sailing and getting things right for next year during the next few months.

Aloha, Taty .



2006 MauiSails Brochure.

We're pleased to announce that the MauiSails 2006 Product Brochure targeted at consumers is available and will be shipped to all importers soon.

Concurrently, we have posted the brochure on our website for immediate download so that consumers have immediate access to information on each range and specifications to match their requirements for rig components to get the most performance from their new MauiSails. Check it yourself.

