



Professional Kiteboarding Instructor Training

This document will answer all your questions regarding the Professional Kiteboarding Instructor Training, organized by Sudwindsports

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COURSE DATES 2010:

PKIT 1:

Arrival in Saint Pierre on Saturday 8 May 2010.
Start of the training on Monday 10 May 2010.
Last day of the training on Friday 28 May 2010.

PKIT 2: CANCELLED

Arrival in Saint Pierre on Saturday 11 September 2010.
Start of the training on Monday 13 September 2010.
Last day of the training on Friday 1 October 2010

PKIT 3:

Arrival in Saint Pierre on Saturday 9 October May 2010.
Start of the training on Monday 11 October 2010.
Last day of the training on Saturday 30 October 2010

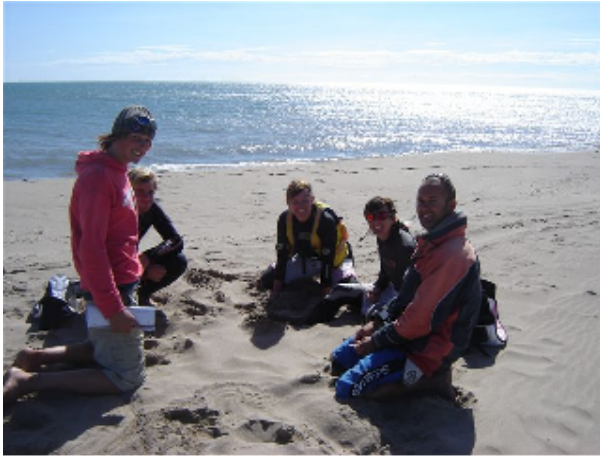
1. WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL KITEBOARDING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING?

A PKIT is a 3-week intensive course that trains experienced kitesurfers to be an IKO* level-1 kitesurfing instructor. The course includes all the necessary prerequisites and training to become a qualified IKO level-1 kiteboarding instructor, providing that the participants' entry level is sufficient. The full training takes place in an IKO school, both on the beach as well as in the class room and contains a considerable amount of theoretical and practical information as well as teaching and shadowing, resulting in experience. The 3-week course consists of the following components:

- Training personal kiteboarding skills: making sure your personal riding level is largely sufficient to enter the IKO ITC (Instructor Training Course) at the end of the 3-week period: ability to perform a jump, perform a controlled turn and switch riding, ride constantly upwind and ride safely between other riders (=IKO level 3L)
- First Aid Training: a 1-day intensive training of basic first aid techniques and CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) resulting in the MFA First Aid qualification, which is valid throughout the world.
- Assisting a kiteboarding instructor on the beach for a minimum of 3 days and teaching students for a minimum of 10 hours, giving you a basic knowledge of how a kiteschool works. This component of the training will result in the IKO Assistant Instructor qualification, which will enable you to start working in an IKO school as an assistant and safety person on a kitebeach.
- Training powerboat skills: a 3-day intensive on-water training, resulting in the RYA level 1&2 Powerboat certificate, an internationally accepted boat license.
- At the end of the 3-week period you will enter the IKO Instructor Training Course (ITC), which is a 5-day course which when passed will qualify you to become an independent kiteboarding instructor, with the possibility of working in an IKO school anywhere in the world, teaching a maximum of 4 people with 2 kites. During the ITC you will be required to show your riding level, boat driving skill level, demonstrate communication skills, teach other candidates and real students, kiteboarding knowledge, knowledge about weather, waves, tides, risks and dangers etc. etc.

IKO* stands for International Kiteboarding Organization the only worldwide governing body for the sports of kitesurfing, snowkiting and powerkiting.





2. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES?

- I am 18 years old or older;
- I am a certified IKO level 3 kite boarder for at least 6 months;
- I am able to perform a jump, perform a controlled turn and switch riding, ride constantly upwind and ride safely between other riders;



3. LANGUAGE

All courses organised by Sudwindsports will be given in English. During the course various presentations and lessons will have to be given by the candidates in English and at the end of the course there will be a written exam in English. All candidates must therefore be able to communicate effectively in English!

4. COST

3-week Professional Kiteboarding Instructor Training (PKIT): € 2130.00

This price includes:

- Assistant Instructor Course fee and manual
- Medic First Aid course fee and manual
- RYA Powerboat level 1 & 2 course fee and manual
- Instructor Training Course fee and manual
- 16 hrs of kitesurfing training including all equipment
- Accommodation: 21 nights in a self catering studio with kitchen facilities in Saint Pierre-la-Mer, sheet rental and tourist tax included.

If you wish to arrange your own accommodation it is possible to book the PKIT without accommodation for € 1530.00.

Not included are:

- 50 US dollars Assistant Instructor registration fee, to be paid to IKO
- Transport to Saint Pierre-la-Mer
- Food and drink during your stay
- Your personal teaching equipment (wetsuit, harness, etc.)
- Kitesurfing equipment for riding out of training times

5. INSCRIPTIONS – HOW DO I REGISTER?

To book a place on the course please contact us by phone on (+33) 06 85 95 33 34 or email (info@sudwindsports.com). We will then send you the forms to fill out.

Upon reception of the inscription forms we will send you an invoice (in British pounds sterling) for the course(s) and accommodation. A place on the course is only definite after reception of a **deposit payment of 25%** of this invoice. For last minute inscriptions full payment is required upon booking. The total course and accommodation costs will have to be paid 4 weeks prior to the course dates. Upon reception of a payment, we will send you the confirmation of your reservation and further details regarding the course.

6. PAYMENTS

The balance payment to Sudwindsports can be paid by bank transfer or by credit card, through Paypal, with a 4% surcharge. In the case you send an international bank transfer, make sure to accept all bank charges to avoid incomplete payment. Please make the payment in pounds sterling to avoid any incomplete payments.

7. IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FRENCH CANDIDATES:

All candidates must be aware of the fact that the IKO instructor certificate cannot be used to teach in France and French overseas domains and territories.



8. TRANSPORT:

Transport to the South of France has to be arranged by the candidate, for more information have a look at www.sudwindsports.com. Transfers from the area's airports and train stations can be arranged by contacting France And Beyond, a local transport provider who can offer transfers 7 days a week for reasonable prices (www.franceandbeyond.co.uk, tel. 0033 (0)4 67 49 08 68).

FAQ

After doing the Professional Kiteboarding Instructor Training, can I start teaching?

Providing that you pass all elements of the training you can start teaching immediately pretty much anywhere in the world as long as the IKO is recognised by the local and national authorities. If you haven't passed some of the elements of the course you will leave with an action plan to complete your training, with Sudwindsports, or in an IKO school elsewhere.

Where can I work with the IKO level-1 qualification?

The IKO level 1 certification allows you to teach independently or in an IKO school as long as you have third party liability instructor insurance. With the level 1 qualification you are permitted to teach up to 2 people with 2 kites or 4 people with 2 kites.

What's comes after my level-1?

Once you have your level 1 qualification you must teach 160 hours (proof given to IKO via student feedback forms) then you are eligible to become a level 2 instructor. To become the level 2 instructor, after completing your 160 hours teaching as a level 1 instructor, contact IKO for the level 2 exam.

Do I have to bring my own kitesurfing equipment?

Yes. During the course you will be asked to show your level and for this you will need to bring your own kite material. If you do not have the right kite for the wind conditions it is possible to rent material.

What happens if there is no wind during the course?

The course will not be cancelled due to lack of wind. Some of the course takes place in the classroom, the rest of the time is spent on the beach, where we teach and evaluate teaching. If there is not enough wind for some of the course elements during the 5 days the course will still be validated and you will be sent away with an action plan covering elements which have not been completed. It will not be possible to start working as a kiteboarding instructor before you have successfully finished your action plan and registered this with the trainer.

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