



TEAM 15

- nationwide network of windsurfing clubs
 - inter-club challenges
 - teams of up to 15 people
 - from first time windsurfer upwards
 - aged 15 and under
- kids have a great time and learn new skills

Team15!





What goes on at T15 clubs?

- lots of fun learning new windsurfing skills, with a few games thrown in for good measure

They're all a little bit different depending on:

- the creativity of the T15 coaches and instructors
 - the location of the club
 - open water or inland lake
 - what level of sailor you are

some clubs accept total beginners - others require some basic skills





How often do T15 clubs meet?

This may depend upon the location, the climate and club resources!

It could be:

- weekly , twice weekly or fortnightly
- throughout the year or seasonal
- some may offer alternative social activities depending on the season

It's up to you!



How safe are the T15 Clubs?

All children and teenagers have a right to feel safe and secure, that's why child protection procedures should be in place for all Team15 clubs and T15 inter-club challenges.



In the UK:

- Team15 clubs all operate at Recognised Training Centres and to approved guidelines.
- Where appropriate they are run by qualified windsurfing instructors and T15 coaches.
- Team15 clubs are very safe.





Equipment

- **Equipment may be provided by the Team15 club, including protective clothing and buoyancy aids**
- **the benefits to owning equipment**
 - club kit is limited
 - practise outside Team15 club sessions
 - rig it exactly the right way for you
 - windsurfing skills will increase rapidly
 - cheaper in the long term



What kit's allowed

- **The short answer is anything!**
 - Team15 has an open-kit policy which means whichever board you can lay your hands on, you can use
- **Looking to buy?**
- **Choose wisely and make an informed choice**
 - some equipment is more suitable than others
 - do you want to take part in Team15 inter-club challenges?
 - do you want to progress to higher levels?



Inter-club Challenges

- really friendly events
- competition pitched to cater for all levels of ability
- start with a bit of real fun on the water then various other challenges
- sail with others who have the same size sail to keep things fair
- trophies to be won - and not just by those who get top scores

Try it - you will be hooked!





Zone based events

Clubs are grouped within zones
(regions within the country)

Zone based events keep travel distances to a minimum

Every Team15 zone should have four events per year





Trophies aren't just for the winners

Individual Class Trophies (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Also Merit Awards & Techno Awards, which could be won by anyone
- even a newcomer attending their first event!

Which team will win the inter-club challenges team trophy?

Which team will win the series and qualify for the national final –
the T15 Champions Cup?





Identifying teams afloat

With sponsorship support, T15 clubs have their own set of race vests.

- colour-coded to each club
- club name
- sponsor's logo
- individual sailor identification number

Spectators easily see positions of each club and each competitor.



Fair play starts here



Fair play starts at Team15 inter-club level and goes right up to Olympic level. Everyone needs to understand and abide by the rules of fair sportsmanship:

- Respect for the rules
- Respect for other competitors
- Respect for race officials
- Respect for property





Knowing the rules

As with all competitive windsurfing events, Team15 inter-club events take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

Whilst newcomers to Team15 windsurfing should read the rules on fair sportsmanship and understand the T15 Sailing Instructions, you won't need to know all the rules in depth just yet.

However, if you like racing and continue to move up to higher levels then you will need to know more.





A T15 Club needs . . .

your time, enthusiasm and commitment to expand the activities and challenges available to your young windsurfers by:

- Providing regular Team15 club training sessions
 - run by a qualified windsurfing instructor under the supervision of a senior instructor
 - supported by instructors, coaches and volunteers as the club grows
- Encouraging and enabling team attendance at inter-club challenges
- Hosting one of the inter-club events





Become a T15 Club

- Join the nationwide network of clubs
- Receive expert advice and support
- Help to secure the future of windsurfing . . .
- and the future of your training centre, windsurfing or sailing club

Underpin the junior and youth competition pathway,
producing windsurfing stars of the future





- Team 15 is now ten years old
- Centres throughout the UK have embraced the Team15 initiative and continue to do so.
- Let's take it world wide!

[Visit the Team 15 website to find out more . . .](#)

