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Wind surfing is primarily a surface water sport using a windsurf board, better known as a sailboard and is, in reality, a form of sailing. Wind surfing is, ideally, learned in warm weather climates on beaches and inland lakes in the absence of high tides, large waves and currents, and is a sport to be enjoyed in the company of others. Wind surfing is not an easy sport to learn, but for those of you who have it mastered, there is no shortage of places to wind surf. Part-surfing and part-sailing, wind surfing is an increasingly popular water sport in which the surfer uses a wind surf board powered by a single sail.

Windsurfing is a unique mix of surfing and sailing. Wind surfing provides (you with) a great sense of freedom and excitement. Windsurfing is a non-mechanized and is very difficult to learn. Windsurfing is a relatively economical sport but does require commitment, good health and a professional instructor. Experienced windsurfers can perform jumps, loops, spinning maneuvers and freestyle moves while sailing at great speeds across the waves. Windsurfing is best with winds around 15-25 knots but is possible at winds below this and probably better if you are just learning. Windsurfing requires a high skill and preparation. Windsurfing is a community sport, filled with level minded reasonable folks. There are few things needed for windsurfing but a strong wind certainly helps.

A sailing craft comprising: a hull; a mast and sail mounted to project upward from the hull during sailing; a daggerboard removably mounted to project downward from the hull into the water during sailing; and a hinge connecting the mast to the hull, said hinge including a first connection enabling movement of the mast and hull about the first connection only in the plane of the sail, and a second connection, separate from the first connection, connecting the hinge to the hull to permit rotation of the hinge about an axis extending upwardly from and perpendicular to the hull. It also acts to stabilize the hull while resisting the tendency of the apparatus to roll or flip about its longitudinal axis during sailing.

Wind surfing is a great way to go for both the young and the not-so-young, and the sails provide great splashes of color on the water.

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