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Regular Fly Days

1st Sunday of the month
Queen's Domain – Hobart
12 pm onwards
Rodger Willows 0427 278 640

2nd Sunday of the month
Meercroft Park – Devonport
2 pm onwards
Malcolm Dick
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3rd Sunday of the month
Binalong Bay Beach – St Helens
10 am onwards
Robert Brasington 6376 1667

Editors Note

This is a quick newsletter to keep you in touch and give you a reminder about the Festival's and Fly Days coming up in the coming months.

We have the addition of a Pre-Christmas Fly at Meercroft on 29th November. We have always talked about a fly "just for us". Well this is a really good opportunity to have a pre-Christmas get together. We would like to see as many kites up as we can on the day. Anybody have a Christmas kite?

We have articles from David Geer, Tim Swann and photos from Robert Brasington photos. Thanks for your contributions and please keep the articles coming.

Keep looking up!

Avril Flewollen

Diary dates:

- 31 October - 1 November Saturday Fly at the Cenataph from 2pm onwards. Dinner of Spag Bolognese with Red Wine at Rodger Willow's home At Mount Nelson—bring your own wine. Sunday Festival at Lauderdale Oval 11.00-3.00pm
- 29 November 2009: Pre-Christmas Fly—just for us! 11.00 am Meercroft Park, Devonport Christmas fare at Malcolm Dick's home 3.00pm. Anybody needing accommodation phone Avril on 64252242
- January 2010 Hobart Festival. Date and location to be advised due to double booking of the Domain on the 7th January.
- 7 February 2010 Binalong Bay Retreat Fabulous weekend of beautiful beaches, fine winds and great company. Saturday night BBQ hosted by Robert and Tracey Brasington. BYO everything.
- 14 February 2010 Devonport Kite Festival (Valentine's Day): Meercroft Park—more details later.
- 29-30th May 2010: Workshop at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone



Who said kite flying was hard work

Gaza's children fly for kite world record

By Middle East correspondent Anne Barker



Unleashing their potential: thousands of children took part in the event. (Reuters: Suhaib Salem)

Thousands of children in the Gaza Strip have succeeded in breaking the world record for the number of kites flown in one place and are now set to enter the Guinness Book of Records.

The United Nations organised the event to give something positive to children who are on summer holiday but banned from leaving Gaza because of the Israeli blockade.

Thousands of children gathered on Gaza's beaches with their kites ready, waiting for the official countdown and whistle.

The previous record was set last year when about 700 kites flew in Germany.

But the UN's John Ging says he is confident the kids in Gaza had thousands in the air.

"The kids here are world class. We've always said that," he said.

"Today they've broken a world record. Let's unleash the rest of their potential."

Authorities had combed the beach for days before the event to check there was no unexploded ordnance left over from the war in January.

Extract from the ABC Website 31.7.09

Power Kiting : What's going on in Tassie



Power kiting is a huge part of kite flying around the world. There are a lot of options and ways to power kite. These can include Buggies, Land boards, Dirt surfers, Roller Skates and static flying. There is a growing group of KFT members in Hobart that are pushing hard with the power kiting in the Buggy and Land Board forms. The group is going strong and pushing their own boundary's to perform some great manoeuvres and have a wonderful time in doing so.

Bugging in Tasmania has been happening for a while now with some of our members doing it for years. I would like to think that the guys in Hobart are really pushing this side of kite flying that has been seen here for a long time. I have loved my time in the buggy, with many ups and downs in the last year. We have all had some sort of fall and hurt ourselves to some degree, but an adequate investment in the required safety gear for flying in different conditions, still keep us coming back for more.

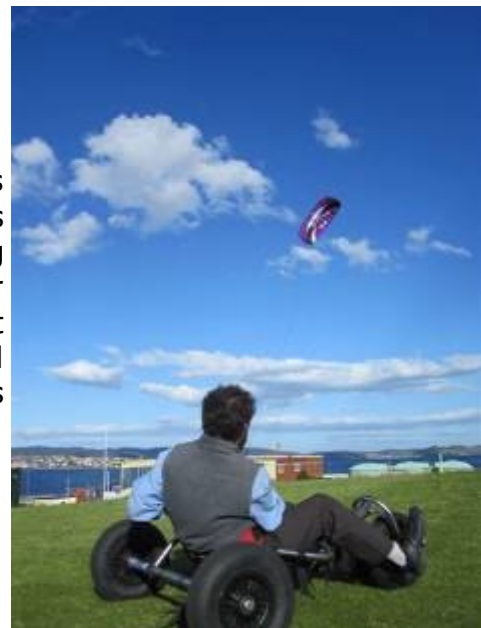


With 2 KFT members getting into the Land Boarding side of power kiting, there are some exciting new challenges ahead. The guys are starting to get faster as well as put some vertical speed into their flying. Anthony Black is starting to get some nice air time and coming down for some soft landings. Anthony is also getting involved in skates.



Power kiting is really a good form of kiting options here in Tasmania. It is not all about going fast or as high as you can, it is all about having fun and doing what you enjoy. The guys down here enjoy the power of the kite, the ways of travel and the mateship that forms when doing something we all love. We are all looking forward to low tides and sea breezes this summer.

By Tim Swann



Fly at Devonport 13th September 2009

The wind was blowing a gale, but it wasn't raining (so Malcolm and Aukja, Ian and I decided to blow the cobwebs and go for a fly. Malcolm had a couple of new kites that he and Aukja had made. Ian mainly flew a diamond stunter that was really keeping him busy. Ian even had a little trainee for the afternoon—5 year old Jack Menzies took hold of the lines for a while. We hope he will come back another day when the wind is a little slower.



Photos from Robert Brasington



KNOW YOUR WEATHER : "Sea breeze"

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **sea-breeze** (or **onshore breeze**) is a wind from the sea that develops over land near coasts. It is formed by increasing temperature differences between the land and water which create a pressure minimum over the land due to its relative warmth and forces higher pressure, cooler air from the sea to move inland. Generally, air temperature gets cooler relative to nearby locations as one moves closer to a large body of water.

Main cause

The sea has a greater specific heat than land and therefore has a greater capacity for absorbing heat than the land, so the surface of the sea warms up slower than the land's surface. As the temperature of the surface of the land rises, the land heats the air above it. The warm air is less dense and so it rises. This rising air over the land lowers the sea level pressure by about 0.2%. The cooler air above the sea, now with higher sea level pressure, flows towards the land into the lower pressure, creating a cooler breeze near the coast. The strength of the sea breeze is directly proportional to the temperature difference between the land and the sea. If the environmental wind field is greater than 8 knots and opposing the direction of a possible sea breeze, the sea breeze is not likely to develop.

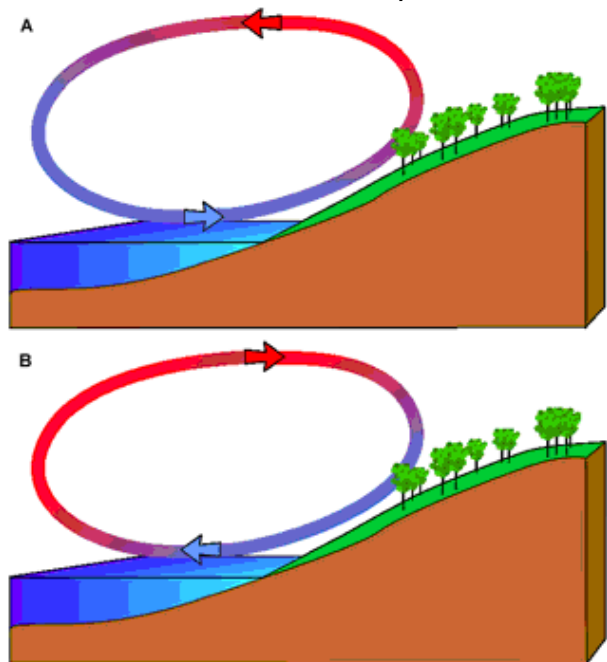
Effects

A **sea-breeze front** is a weather front created by a sea-breeze, also known as a convergence zone. The cold air from the sea meets the warmer air from the land and creates a boundary like a shallow cold front. When powerful this front creates cumulus clouds, and if the air is humid and unstable, cumulonimbus clouds, the front can sometimes trigger thunderstorms. If the flow aloft is aligned with the direction of the sea breeze, places experiencing the sea breeze frontal passage will be benign, or fair, weather for the remainder of the day. At the front warm air continues to flow upward and cold air continually moves in to replace it and so the front moves progressively inland. Its speed depends on whether it is assisted or hampered by the prevailing wind, and the strength of the thermal contrast between land and sea. At night, the sea-breeze usually vanishes.

Land breezes

At night, the land cools off quicker than the ocean due to differences in their specific heat values, which forces the dying of the daytime sea breeze. If the land cools below that of the adjacent sea surface temperature, the pressure over the water will be lower than that of the land, setting up a land breeze as long as the environmental surface wind pattern is not strong enough to oppose it. If there is sufficient moisture and instability available, the land breeze can cause showers or even thunderstorms, over the water. Overnight thunderstorm development offshore due to the land breeze can be a good predictor for the activity on land the following day, as long as there are no expected changes to the weather pattern over the following 12–24 hours. This is mainly because the strength of the land breeze is weaker than the sea breeze. The land breeze will die once the land warms up again the next morning.

A: Sea breeze, B: Land breeze



This Sea Breeze extract is reproduced from Wikipedia's Online Encyclopedia at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_breeze] get online and check it out there's lots of good stuff there for us kiting enthusiasts.

**Cheers,
Dave**

IGA COOLUM BEACH KITE FESTIVAL

[extract from Go Fly Sept 2009]

Well, what fantastic Festival it was this year. So many different kite flyers from all States of Australia as well as David Hoggan from San Francisco Bay who brought his 5 Maxi Occys, large Ray & Cuttlefish. Craig Hansen from Peter Lynn Kites NZ brought over his big kites too. All happy to make this the best ever – Well, we succeeded!! There was no complaints from anyone, Noel & Gillian were assisted by many very competent helpers. We were just so well looked after. Thank you to all the team and especially Noel & Gillian



Wet Bears on Saturday



Aerial Shot after School's Day on 17th September

Saturday was a bad wind day, but we survived until well into the dark and had to walk back to the Motel, because of the 1000's of people still streaming down for the beach party. After a 13 hour day I was finished

A Bad Wind Day!



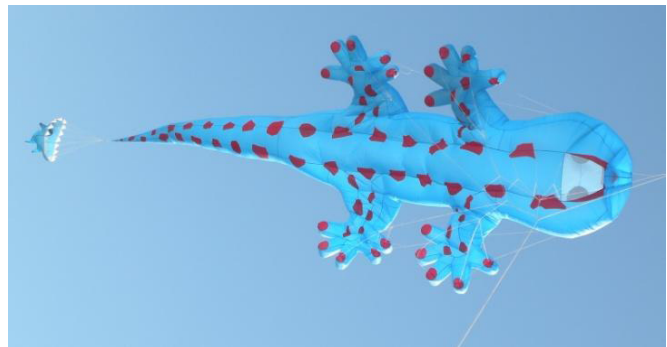
Roger Martin shows his talent with 'Sponge Bob'

Linda's Banners www.ozfeathers.com.au

We lost kites in the water and they came down in the surf.

Saturday was a terrible day the wind came from South right around to North-West and very blustery.

But Sunday dawned to a great SE which just powered on to a fantastic day. Hundreds of kites were up. I would like to thank Greg & Nick Sophios and Clinton for their great assistance during the whole weekend to get the big kites up and also packing up. Thank you so much.



Dave Hoggan (from San Francisco Bay USA) had 5 maxi Occys in the sky

