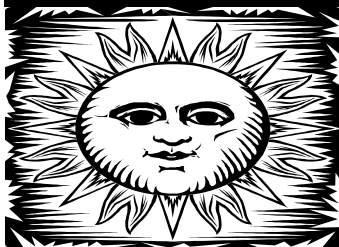
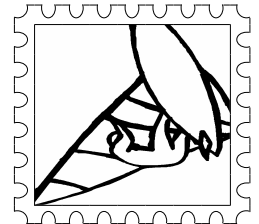


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NEWS LETTER
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TO:

A. WINDUSER
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PLANET EARTH 94639

FINALLY the rainy season is over (hopefully!) and I've found myself antsy...anxiously awaiting the warm and wonderful *Delta Breeze*. Here are some dates to reserve on your summer calendars:

OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 13TH at The Sign as well as the season's first **BOARD MEETING**. If you'd like to get more involved with RVWA/SIKO please plan to attend this meeting. It will be held at The Sign at **11:00 am**. Board members will be around to help set things up and do some organizing.

CLEAN UP DAY: SATURDAY MAY 27TH. Our all important CLEAN UP starts at **10:00 am**. We plan to have a large dumpster on hand and stuff for sandbagging. **TOOLS AND PICK-UP TRUCKS ARE NEEDED!** Last year was lots of fun and it's a great time to reconnect with fellow sailors that you haven't seen in a while. Bring your work gloves, shovels and sunscreen. Remember— if your favorite launch site isn't sandbagged, that's because you didn't get a group down to The Sign to put together sandbags and set them in place! It's a lot of work, but if we pull together as a team it usually goes pretty fast.

4th ANNUAL SWAP MEET: SUNDAY, MAY 28TH 10:00am. Set up shop at The Sign and turn your used gear into \$. There is NO CHARGE to sell, but we'll be asking for memberships at that time. Tide Charts will be available with membership. An RVWA Season Membership is still only \$20 for a single and \$40 for a family. And how valuable is keeping our access? Your membership dollars help assure this process. See the application form in this newsletter.

FUNDRAISING WEEKEND: SATURDAY, JULY 29TH (TENTATIVE) Don't miss this one! Good food, live music, a HUGE raffle and silent auction will round out the evening. And if you have a talent, business or hobby which produces a product or service, we'd greatly appreciate any contributions (great exposure!) Examples include massage therapy, homemade wines, photography and pottery. More details will become available as this date approaches.

END OF THE SEASON CLEAN UP: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD All that is set up must be taken down. Your help is greatly needed for this clean up, as we will need to pick up all tarps, carpets, temporary structures and/or garbage and put them in the dumpster for removal. Rakes, shovels and gloves will be the attire for this work day, most likely followed by a potluck dinner.

For current updates try RVWA.com and watch for the next newsletter.



WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

RVWA SIKO (Rio Vista Windsurf Association/ Sherman Island Kite Organization) is dedicated to promoting the safe utilization of the Sacramento Delta Levee system for use by Windsurfers and Kite surfers. Pursuant to that goal certain donations are required to maintain levels of service at specific sites. In certain areas, a minimum mandatory donation is required. RVWA/SIKO is tracking usage of all areas and target improvements based on that usage as well as contributions from those areas. If you have recommendations that will enhance your particular area, contact an RVWA/SIKO Board member to explain your recommendation. You are encouraged to submit written suggestions to Board Members, by email or through the Web Site at RVWA.com .

All Areas: The Rio Vista Windsurfing Assoc. (RVWA/SIKO) leases The Sign, The Access, The Powerlines and Little Baja Kite Launch areas on Sherman Island through a long-term lease granted by the California Water Resources Commission. Our lease of these areas is subject to the terms and conditions of that lease. RVWA/SIKO provides improvements at these sites as well as in the County Park. RVWA/SIKO is also required to maintain a certain level of liability insurance. Your donation of \$20 per year contributes to these expenses as well as the maintenance of the sandbags, porta potties and on-going activities to insure continued access to the River. All vehicles, RV's, Trailers, Boats in those areas must display valid license and registration as well as maintain their respective state's insurance requirements.

The Sign: Due to recent increases in the expenses, a minimum mandatory donation is required by anyone staying at "The Sign" for more than 8 days in one month. If you are on site for 9 consecutive days, a mandatory donation will be required. This minimum mandatory donation is required by anyone or family who leaves vehicles, RV's or equipment on that site. The minimum donation is \$100 per month or \$25 per week. PUT IT THIS WAY: LARGER DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. Checks or cash are accepted. Payment can be made by filling in an application and turning it in at the Sign. If you have special circumstances, individuals may appeal to the board of directors for special consideration. We do not anticipate a charge for weekend use. "The Sign" area is not intended to be a storage facility – commercial storage containers will not be accepted. The Sign will remain open during the summer windsurfing season and will close for the winter season. A notice will be posed on the bulleting board when a closing date is determined. An attempt will be made to post a notice on the web site.

You need a "Fin to get in." Due to the limited number of available spaces, camping will be limited to RVWA members. Families and friends of RVWA members are welcome as space permits. Those visiting campers are limited to one week without written permission from the RVWA/SIKO Board of Directors.



The ACCESS is for DAY USE ONLY! No overnight camping allowed. RVWA contract does not permit camping in that location, and violators could be hit with a hefty fine, and/or face vehicle towing.



FLASH FROM THE PAST - The RVWA WINDTALKER is now back in service. We even got the same number as before: 916 777-7007. Make it one of your speed dials!



We CAN co-exist within our favorite wind zones. We're not asking everyone to hold hands and sing *Kumbaya*, but rather to reflect an attitude of integrity. Remember, if one of us loses access to the water, we all lose access to the water. We need each other.



Your safety or lack thereof, affects all of us. Although the river runs wide, there is no room for inconsiderate showboats. Windsurfers and Kites are reminded to launch and then stay offshore to allow launching and landing access for other wind junkies. Remember to cross the levee road with caution and NEVER hold up traffic!

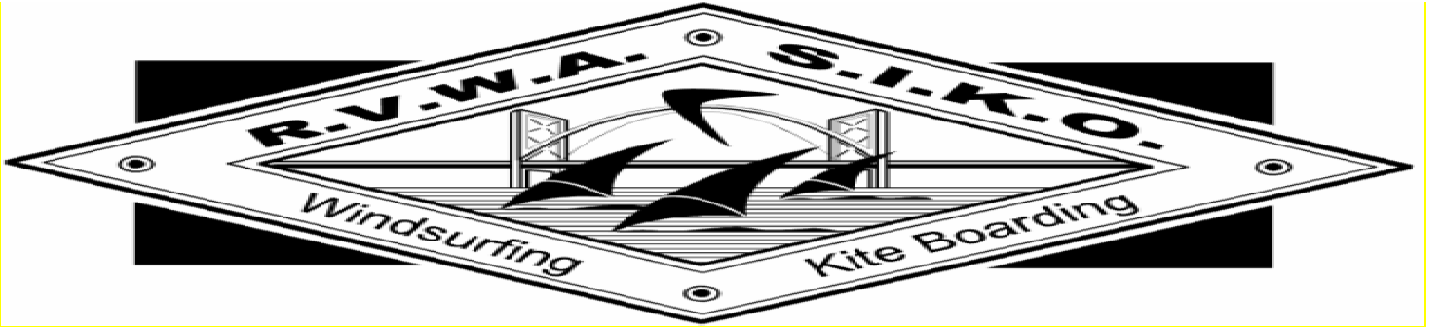
CHECK IT OUT!

If you haven't been into the County Park this season, you really should take a look. Bob and Mina have been very busy cleaning up the debris from the winter storms. The place is all mowed, trimmed and cleaned up. Nature also took out some berry bushes. The storms took their toll, but the park is better than ever.

Thanks also goes to the many people that helped remove logs from the sailing sites in the park. What an undertaking that was. The waters were extremely high so there were more logs to remove than we had in the past.

MANY THANKS TO

Walt White for all the hours spent updating the tide chart. Brian Geasa for getting tide charts printed
Steve Smith for keeping things going. Rob Mackenzie and John Pray for attending meetings all year.
Wayne and Lori Makabe for getting the mail all winter. Lori Makabe for all of her help writing for the newsletter.
George Ground for mowing and getting things together at the Powerlines.
Wes Irlle, and Dexter Keehnan for organizing the initial clean-up at the sigh.
All the board members for keeping this organization running smoothly all year.



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TIDE CHARTS ARE IN!

**YOU MAY REJOIN BY MAIL AND GET A NEW TIDE CHART BY MAIL.
OR
GET CHART IN HAND BY JOINING AT DELTA WINDSURF CO.**

**MINI APPLICATION FOR RVWA—RIO VISTA WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION
SIKO—SHERMAN ISLAND KITE ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 547, RIO VISTA, CA. 94571
Make checks payable to RVWA**

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION
(APRIL 1 TO MARCH 30)

- ___ INDIVIDUAL-\$20
- ___ FAMILY-\$40 OR MORE
- ___ SUSTAINING-\$50 OR MORE
- ___ CORPORATE-\$100 OR MORE

FAVORITE SAILING SITE _____

VOLUNTEER _____

REFERRED BY: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Rio Vista Windsurfing/Kite Association would like to thank you for your generous support. Your contribution will help ensure that windsurfers and Kites can continue to exercise our privileges as we do now. From the sandbags, information signs, Porta-potties, and beach cleanups at various sailing sites, to our political activity in local and state government - your contribution is hard at work.