

Aqua Adicta Newsletter 2007/2008

Greetings from the Mar Menor in sunny Murcia!. Our newsletter is a little late this year. This is mainly because we wanted to let you know where we would be operating from and until we had a resolution, we didn't want to contact you.



It is now mid-March and the temperature is already in the mid 20's. The water is warming up fast and many people are stripping off and sunbathing. Of course those more active people are getting out on the water in kayaks and sailing boats. Our first course of the season started last week and the weather couldn't have been better.

New Location

We decided at the end of last year to try and find a new location to operate from in 2008. Playa Vivero became much busier than it had been in 2006. There were so many bathers in the water that it made windsurfing and sailing quite tricky at times.



The reason for the increase in people at Playa Vivero was that the neighbouring beach at Playa Paraiso had been closed to cars and everyone who wanted to get close to the water with their car came to Playa Vivero instead.

We have decided to relocate to Mar de Cristal and operate from our

house. This will give us a lot more space and better facilities. We are arranging with the authorities to put in a boat lane. Amazingly they are being extremely helpful and seem to really want to help, long may it last!

Summary of 2007

2007 was a very good year for Aqua Adicta. We saw an increase in demand for our sailing and windsurfing courses and a number of clients completed both level 1 and level 2.



Bernard and Baldrick (the Pastinaca dinghies) were kept very busy with both lessons and rentals. The Kayak

Safaris were very popular especially during school holidays and the snorkelling proved to be a major hit with many groups, especially the younger members where were trying it for the first time.

New for 2008

Due to our new location the Kayak Safaris will change routes. We will explore Islas Menores and Los Nietos plus those on longer trips may be able to reach Estrella de Mar.

As soon as the water warms up Julian and I will be investigating the best snorkelling locations. Tough job but someone's got to do it!



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The south west side of the Mar Menor is the least developed on the whole of the Mar Menor. Unlike the La Manga Strip it does not have high rise blocks with huge numbers of people during July and August.



There is a large area of undeveloped countryside between Los Nietos and Estrella de Mar which should mean we can spot Little Egret and Heron fishing at the edge of the water.

Session Times

Session times will also be changing in 2008. We will run lessons and Safaris between 11am and 4pm and between

4:30-6:30 we will run rentals. This only applies during high season, at all other times we can normally accommodate rentals earlier in the day.

The Blog

As recommended by one of our clients last year, I have now started a Blog. It is a great way to record events and I try to carry the camera with me where ever I go.

The Blog is there to answer the question asked by so many of our clients "What do you do in the winter?". It will of course also cover what we do in the summer, but that is rather more obvious!

Unfortunately the last two weeks have become so busy that I been neglecting it. As things calm down again I hope to provide a regular update on all our activities. Including lots of photos.

You will find if you read it, that my Ladies Barbershop Group and our



house renovations to take up rather a lot of time in the winter.

Relocation

We had a major undertaking in December to relocate all our kit back to our house from Playa Vivero. We did it all by water and Bob (the power boat) was kept very busy ferrying kayaks, boats and windsurfers.



For more information and photos see our blog. www.aqua-adicta.blogspot.com Or click on the blog link from our website.

Merchandise

We have a supply of caps and T-shirts with our logo on for just 5€ and 10€ respectively. So if you find you need one while you are on holiday please stop by our house rather than visit the local beach stores!!

Caps in Cool Blue, Luminous Lime & Kasual Khaki. T shirts in Marine blue and a limited supply of Polo shirts in

Cool Blue (15€).



Ladies vest tops are also available in Funky Fuchsia & Tropical Turquoise.



Of course we are also well stocked with aqua shoes of all sizes, essential for windsurfers but a useful asset for all of our activities & of course for general beach wear.

So, after that bit of shameless advertising I wish you all a good 2008 and we hope to see you back in Spain soon.

*Saludos
Julian & Lesley*

