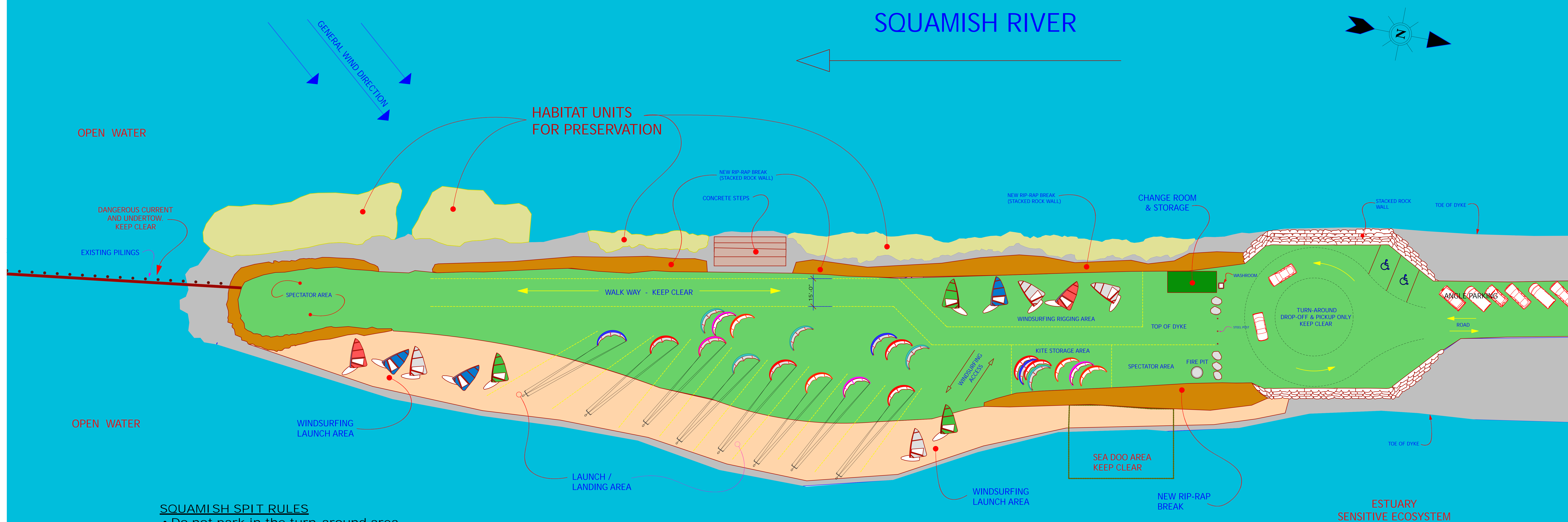


# SQUAMISH WINDSPORTS SOCIETY



## SQUAMISH SPIT RULES

- Do not park in the turn-around area.
- If unfamiliar with the Spit, ask the staff about safety issues
- Beginners are required to notify staff prior to heading out on the water
- The water is cold, wear a wetsuit / drysuit.
- Helmets, PFD's, and a whistle, are all recommended.
- Sail with a buddy or if you are alone, tell the staff.
- The wind may be weak in the Estuary, and far upwind of the Spit. Late in the day the wind may shut down suddenly.
- When sailing downwind of kites or close to windsurfers, look before doing tricks or jibing. Obey standard sailing regulations.
- Watch for other sailors in distress, and report them to the staff immediately.
- Never trespass on the restricted Squamish Terminal property (across the bay).

## WINDSURFING

- Keep clear of kites and do not step on kite lines.
- If you are in need of assistance, wave your arms, call out and use your whistle.
- Do not leave your rig in the launching or landing areas.

## KITEBOARDING

- Never fly your kite while on top of the spit.
- Do not obstruct the pathway for windsurfers.
- Lay out your lines only after you are in your wetsuit and your kite is inflated.
- Use the thumbs up signal to "launch" and not voice commands which can be misinterpreted.
- Launch while standing in the water, unless you are launching from the sand bar at low tide.
- To land your kite, tap the top of your head (international "catch my kite" signal).
- Do not leave your kite or lines in the launching or landing area.

## SEADOO RETRIEVAL

- Never expect a retrieval, the seadoo may be unavailable, be self sufficient.
- Kiteboarders must have their lines rolled up. Loose lines floating around are dangerous. Staff cannot assist you until you have rolled up your lines. On the retrieval seadoo, sit backwards, and hold your kite while you ride, or follow directions of staff. If you are stranded on the far shore, you can remove your lines from your kite and deflate it before your retrieval.
- Windsurfers sit backwards on the seadoo. Hold your mast across your lap with your hand on the front of the boom and with the board planing alongside the seadoo (unless otherwise instructed.)

## Safety Rules for Spectators

- Keep clear of windsurfing rigs, kites and kite lines.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Dogs must be on a leash. Please clean up after your dog.