

Kitesurf Cabo Verde

Kitesurf safety monitoring

Salamansa beach has cross shore wind but the waves breaking by the shore are challenging for some without wave riding experience.

Even if you are experienced kitesurfer there is a risk that you will kitesurf too much down-wind (close to huge mountain- no wind, rocks on the water and rip current) so from safety and your own peace of mind reason for yourself and your kitesurf material -having safety monitoring is great way to enjoy kitesurfing.

Background

Salamansa, with a big sandy beach may seem innocent, but when the waves get bigger, it is a spot that deserves care of your safety and you equipment.

The waves close out quickly. At the beach (as opposed to the point and reef breaks), the waves are powerful. We've had to jump into the water many times to save even advanced kitesurfers.

So don't be over-confident. We strongly recommend that you reserve the time of a local kitesurfer to keep an eye on you and who is ready to get into the water to save you and your equipment when needed.

The local kitesurfers providing kitesurf safety monitoring

It is great to see that the number of local kitesurfers increase every year. Back in 2010 there were none. Now (2015), there are 3 that have intermediate kitesurf abilities.

Kitesurf safety monitoring requires more than being able to kitesurf (to understand dangers and dos and don'ts when rescuing a kitesurfer). It also requires paying careful attention to recognize potential dangerous situations and to be prepared in advance for quick rescue.

Certainly not all of the 3 local kitesurfers have these abilities. Gogo will know who to ask to be your safety monitor.

Supporting the locals

The local kitesurfers are not certified instructors and do not have the money to pay for new equipment. So the only income they can get from kitesurfing are the services of kitesurf materials storage and safety monitoring.

We would really appreciate it if you could support us by using our safety monitoring service. It only costs €5 per day.