





Since 1999 the BKSA has been passionately supporting the growth and sustainability of British kitesurfing in all its forms. As the governing body for kitesurfing in the UK, the BKSA is dedicated to creating a positive and safe experience for everyone who wants to enjoy the thrill of kitesports, from kiting to foiling to winging and waves.....on water, land and snow!

As the NGB, we currently deliver training, events, insurance, advice and support to kitesurfers and wingfoilers across the country, through our 35+ registered schools, our 23 affiliated local clubs and over 4,400 members.

Our members range from under 10 to over 80 years old and we believe kitesurfing and winging should be open to all, from young people flying their very first power kites, to beginners taking their first lessons and getting the bug for these amazing sports, to enthusiasts kitesurfing or winging at hundreds of local beaches each windy weekend to pro riders inspiring the next generation, showcasing the most extreme and awe inspiring aspects of our sports.

Our adaptive kites, our land buggy'ers, our foilers and our wingers, kitesports has something for everyone and the BKSA is passionate about growing and supporting all areas of our sport.



BRITISH KITESURFING GOES GOLD

“ When kitefoiling was introduced as an Olympic sport, I had so much help from the BKSA to make a smooth transition from kitesurfing being a weekend hobby, to training all day, every day towards my dream of competing in the Olympic games. Andy and the team from BKSA helped me develop my kitefoiling skills and supported me all the way to the Olympics. I’m so grateful for all the people who had my back right from the start of my journey and I hope that our Olympic success has built more momentum for Kitesurfing in the UK. I hope I can help inspire more people, regardless of their sporting background to give it a go and encourage more people to take part in UK competitions, in all different disciplines across kitesurfing. It is such an amazing sport and I want to share the stoke with as many people as possible!! ”

ELLIE ALDRIDGE, MBE
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST
FORMULA KITE



In a huge moment for our sport, the Paris Olympics in 2024 saw kitesurfing successfully make its Olympic debut, with Ellie Aldridge MBE winning Gold in the first ever Olympic Formula Kite event. Another fantastic British rider, Francesca Maini, then achieved huge success winning the 2024 Red Bull King of the Air event in Cape Town, the world’s most famous Big Air competition. She then went on to score the highest female trick ever in the 2025 event.

These achievements come on the back of many other British kitesurfers achieving great success on the world stage over many years. Ellie, Francesca and many other big names in British Kitesurfing such as Aaron Hadlow (5 x World Freestyle Champion), Steph Bridge (3 x World Racing Champion), Sam Light (3 x World Wakestyle Champion) and Lewis Crathern (1 x vice World Champion) all gained their vital first competitive experiences on the BKSA British Kitesurfing Championship tours, before going on to achieve great things on the world stage. We believe kitesurfing in the UK is at a great moment and the BKSA has big plans for 2026, to further spread the reach and engagement of our sport.

“ The BKSA is where I started my competitive kitesurfing career and pushed me to compete nationally and then internationally. It was the start of where I am today and I couldn’t recommend it enough to young people wanting to get into the kite scene. It’s also the best way to meet new friends sharing the same hobby! ”

FRANCESCA MAINI
REDBULL KING OF THE AIR CHAMPION



Over the last six years, the BKSA has been increasingly focussing its support on the newest disciplines of wind powered boardsports; foiling, wingfoiling, parawinging, downwind foiling and lithium/battery powered foiling. These fast and exciting new disciplines are currently the most rapidly growing in watersports worldwide, with thousands of kitesurfers, windsurfers and SUP'ers learning to foil with a huge diversity in engines from wings to lithium batteries. It has also attracted a new branch of enthusiasts into the ever evolving world of boardsports.

The BKSA was the first federation in the world to write, deliver and integrate a teaching scheme for wingfoiling into its schools' network, back in the Autumn of 2020. We also added it to our membership and insurance offering for free. We introduced parawing training for instructors in 2025 and now have plans in 2026 to support battery powered foiling.

The majority of kitesurfing brands now produce comprehensive product lines of foiling equipment using inflatable kite technology for the wings and carbon / aluminium for foils that are interchangeable between disciplines. We have supported wingfoil racing, freestyle and wave competitions since 2021 and are now expanding this offering to include all disciplines as an integral part of the British Championship Series in 2026.

We are looking forward to some fantastic inclusive events in premium locations nationwide to showcase the fun, speed and diversity of all the emerging foiling disciplines by bringing the opportunity to learn, demo and compete in all disciplines at a fun level.



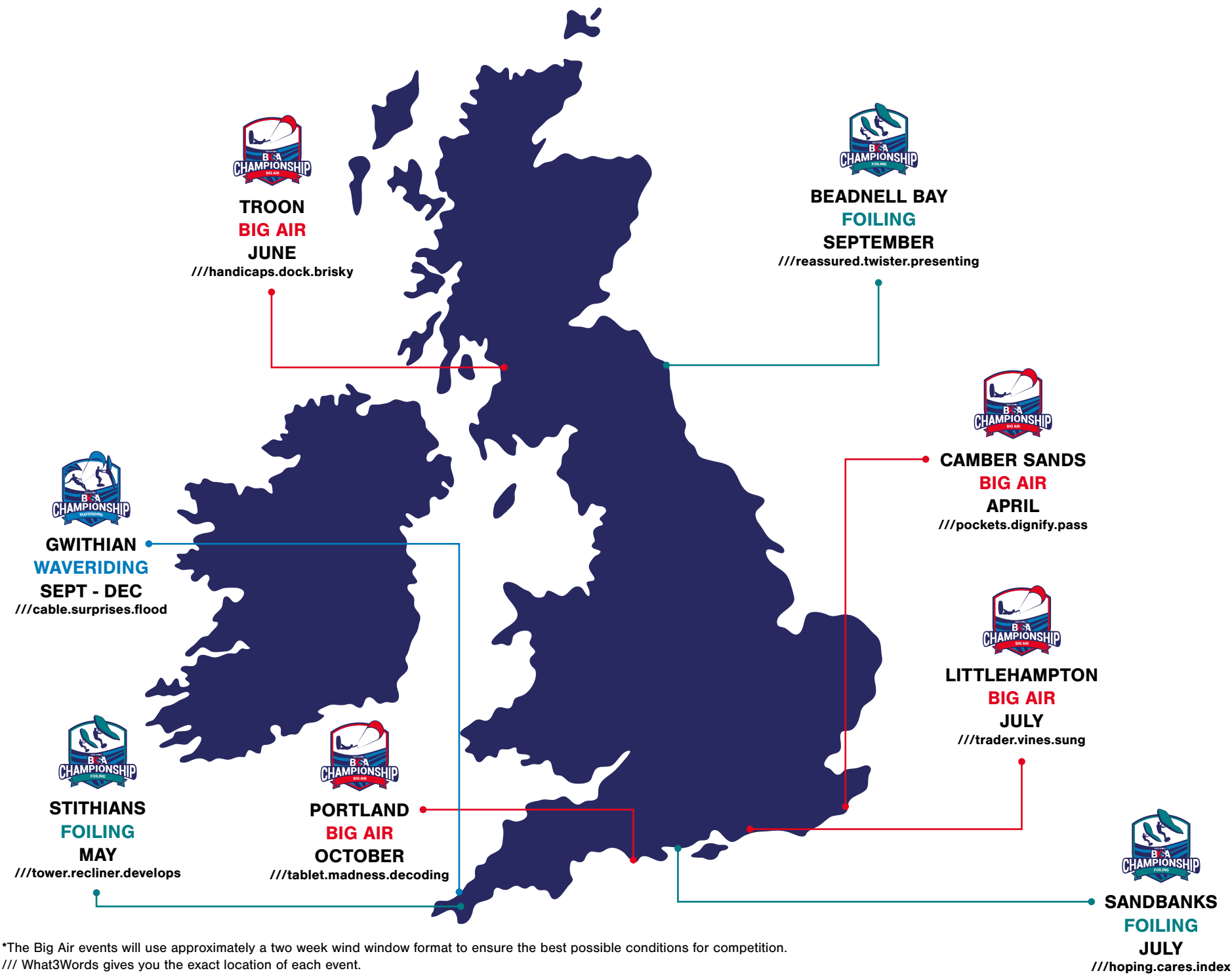
THE 2026 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

In 2026 the BKSA is aiming to deliver another ambitious series of competitive events, with eight separate events taking place around the country between April and October, covering all exciting disciplines: **Big Air**, **Foiling** and **Kite Waveriding**. The British Kitesurfing Series will crown British Champions and provide huge opportunities for junior competitors to get involved, as well as amateurs and pro riders. Check out the map on the next page to see where and when the 2026 Tour is taking place.

How will the 2026 BKSA Championship Series Work?

Working with key partners and clubs in each area, the eight competitive events that make up the Series will each have their own mini league. The **Big Air Championship** will run across three weekend events and a finals, all of which will have multiple wind windows to increase the chance of the best conditions. Events will be held at Camber Sands, Troon, Littlehampton and Portland. **The Foiling Series** will be held over three weekend events at Stithians, Sandbanks and Beadnell Bay and the **Wave Masters Championships** will be a single event to once again increase the chances of delivering the best contestable, wave riding conditions, held in west Cornwall.

In each case the BKSA and its partners aim to ensure local and regional participation in every event. We will put on a fantastic show celebrating the best that kitesurfing and foiling has to offer. We also want these events to help promote the local areas, increase community activity within kitesurfing and foiling and inject money and potential business activity into the local economy and kitesurfing and foiling community.



Big Air is the
flagship expression
discipline for
kiteboarding, with
events like the
Red Bull King of
the Air and GKA

events displaying incredible head-to-head battles between the world’s most elite kiteboarders. The BKSA PUKL Big Air event held in Portland in 2024 and 2025 clearly demonstrated that the UK has an amazing Big Air community of riders and can host awesome Big Air events. In 2026, we are building on this success to deliver a series of regional Big Air events, culminating in the crowning of a national champion in this exciting discipline. The series will start in Camber Sands, Kent in April. It will then head to Troon in Scotland in June, Littlehampton in July and once again head to Portland Harbour in October for the National Finals. All these events will run over a two-weekend wind window to increase the probability of good wind conditions. The series will crown regional event winners and serve to qualify riders for the finals in Portland which will host the top 24 riders in the UK to establish our national champions.





Building on our successes from the last few years of supporting Wingfoiling and racing we are expanding our offering in 2026 to embrace and support more of the current foiling disciplines.

Our three stop tour in 2026 is focussing on community, participation and fun competition from wingfoil racing with marathon one hour classics, pumptrack foiling around short head to head courses, and the first power assist foiling competition for all.

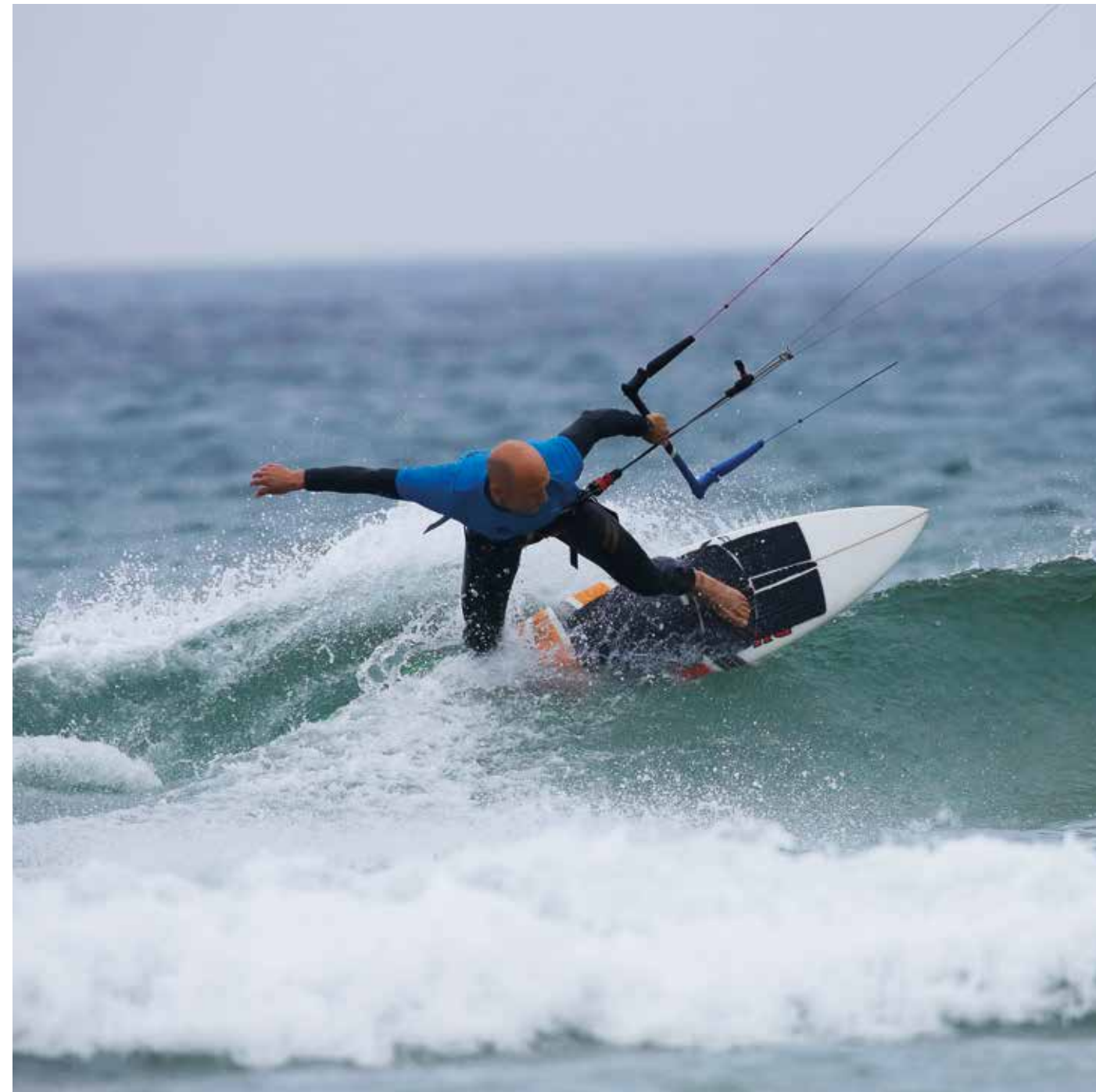
2025 saw the introduction of parawing teaching guidelines in the schools network and membership inclusion.

We will further expand this to include foil assist disciplines in 2026 meaning our offering from insurance, safe tuition to fun competition spans all of the modern foiling disciplines and mutations as an integral part of our events series in 2026.

We are looking forward to some fantastic inclusive fun events in premium locations nationwide to showcase the fun, speed, and accessibility of foiling in all its guises.



The BKSA has taken its Wavemasters Nationals all over the UK from Scottish islands, Ireland's west coast, Welsh beaches both north, south and west to the wavy shores of Cornwall over almost two decades. 2026 sees us going back to the formidable beaches of west Cornwall. This weekend event has produced legendary conditions and British Champions over five events previously, and will this year include kite waveriding with a September to December weather window. Allowing a longer event window creates a high likelihood for great conditions in this wave rich area of the Cornish west coast.



BECOME A PARTNER

We have big plans for 2026. There has never been a better time for the BKSA to grow its Championship Series. Kiting is now an Olympic sport - and we must build on the amazing Gold Medal won by Ellie Aldridge. The UK is currently dominating the world female scene, wingfoiling is rapidly growing in popularity and the competitive side of the world scene is in the healthiest place it has been for many years.

The BKSA Championship Series will showcase and promote the very best of UK kitesurfing and wingfoiling talent, highlight eight awesome locations, raise the profile of our fantastic sports and inspire many more people, of all ages and backgrounds, to get involved, get active and get on the water.

If you would like to discuss partnering with the BKSA on this journey, please get in touch. There are a range of opportunities for partner brands and companies to join us and help grow and support British kitesurfing and wingfoiling, whilst gaining significant profile for their own brands. Whether you are interested in sponsoring one event, all the events in a discipline or the entire Championship Series, we would love to hear from you and look forward to discussing further.

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