Please familiarize yourself with these new rules for the Matheson launch. The park management has established these contingencies with us as an alternative to closing the spot to all kiting. As part of the Matheson kiter community, you are a valuable asset to help us keep our spot safe, especially those of you who have been riding here for some time already. Please extend your experience and knowledge to newcomers and keep Matheson open and safe.

1 - ALL KITERS MUST CHECK IN:
- Be sure to check into the concession before you ride. Give us either your driver's license or your IKO card to receive a streamer.
- You must be a PASA/IKO level 3 rider to kite at Matheson. It is free of charge, however unregistered riders must fill out appropriate forms and prove rider-level to be registered. We do have a certification procedure and can assist you in getting your IKO card.
- Please wear the streamers on the kite, away from flying-lines -- If you are a green-streamer rider, please return the streamer by the end of the day.
- Please respect these basic riding and launching rules.

2 - LAUNCHING
- Walk out to the red buoy line (with your board), especially in onshore winds, so that you are not launching the kite directly off the beach. Your feet should be at or seaward of the red buoy line when your kite is launched. This is required even in high tides as decided by the Park to keep our access open.
- Please assist other kiters with launching and landing kites.

3 - RIDING
- Absolutely no riding inside of the red buoys.
- Use the corridor between the red and white buoy zone for coming in or going out only.
- Riding and jumping area is outside (seaward) of the white buoy line.
- Please stay away from students/instructors on the sand bar. Give them at least 2 kite-lengths if passing downwind, but try to remain upwind of their position.

4 - COMING IN / LANDING
- When you approach the red buoy, stop riding; absolutely no riding inside of the red buoy line and the shore.
- Bring your kite low and move slowly towards the beach with your kite low (not at 12).
- Give the hand-signal (patting your head) to let others know you would like to land your kite.
- Grounded kites must be weighed down sufficiently and the lines should be wound to avoid entanglement.
5 - RIGHT OF WAY RULES: (these are general rules, valid at any spot including Matheson)

- WHEN TWO RIDERS HEADING TOWARDS EACH OTHER: Right-foot forward (i.e. starboard tack) has right-of-way. Left-foot-forward (port tack) rider must give way.
- WHEN COMING UP ON ANOTHER RIDER FROM BEHIND: the downwind rider has right of way (because they can’t see you behind them). Upwind rider must give way.
- Launching/outgoing riders have right of way over incoming/landing riders (unless an emergency).

6 - WIND / WEATHER DEPENDENT RESTRICTIONS:

- No kiting at Matheson when the wind is at or above 40 knots.
- No kiting in any hurricane or tropical storm warnings issued by Miami-Dade County or the National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov).

As mandated by the park, FAILURE TO FOLLOW RULES WILL RESULT IN:

1- First infraction: warning from concession employees / instructors.
2- Second infraction: restriction of riding at Matheson for the remainder of the day
3- Third infraction: restriction of riding at Matheson for the following 7 days of wind.
4- Fourth infraction: law enforcement will be called for removal of individual from the park and restriction of riding at Matheson for an indefinite period of time.

We have made an effort to keep the spot open and safe by negotiating these rules with the Park as a compromise to simply closing the spot for kiting. The park now requires that there be oversight by the concession, so help us keep Matheson a premiere and safe spot by helping us follow through on these standards.

THANK YOU!

ASM-Matheson TICKET TO RIDE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: ($50/year)

- Use of the air compressor.
- Free boat-rescue (cost $50 per rider for boat-rescue)
- Discounts on day-trips out to Stiltsville or downwinder trips.
- Blue streamer to keep for the duration of your annual membership.
- No need to check-in for a streamer, although you may want to drop off your TTR card so we know to look out for you.
- Exclusive, members-only featured discounts on kite-gear at the Adventure Sports store (27th Ave. & US-1)

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