

# **What Are The Differences Between A Windsurfer And A Sailboat?**

1. On a windsurfer, you stand up all the time with rare exception. There are no seats on a windsurfer.
2. There is no rudder, tiller, or tiller extension on a windsurfer.
3. Windsurfers are the smallest hulls on the water along with kite boards
4. The mast falls down all the time on the windsurfer. There are no stays nor a mast well upon a windsurfer.
5. All windsurfers have a universal joint at the bottom of the mast. No sailboats have UJ's on the supporting end of the mast.
6. Most windsurfers do not use a retractable centerboard. Fin only.
7. Windsurfers use foot straps to control steering and transfer force.
8. Almost all windsurfers are single handed without crew.
9. Windsurfing sails are very modern and sophisticated with huge mast curves and sail materials.
10. A windsurfer sails and steers the board whilst in the water, i.e. the waterstart, beach start, etc.
11. Carbon booms, carbon masts, carbon board layups, carbon extensions, carbon foils are common.
12. Windsurfers as a large group are in top 3 fastest sailing groups in the world.
13. Windsurfers do the toughest launches and sail in the most-hairy places and conditions in the world. Windsurfers have the most launch spots in the world.
14. Windsurfing is way more physical. The calves, trapezius, core, and forearm muscles are used the most.
15. Sailing does not have freestyle jumping aerals nor wave riding and jumps. Windsurfers get air time and do aerial jumps with purpose.
16. Windsurfing has incredible, modern, quality beginner, adult, and kid gear.
17. A Windsurf SUP has a dual purpose.
18. New to new, used to used, windsurfing is the most affordable and lightest sailing gear.
19. A windsurfing board can be sailed underwater submerged, i.e. a sinker board.
20. In general, no windsurfers need a mooring, boat slip, nor a hoist.

A great sailor can sail a windsurfer, catamaran, dinghy, and spinnaker rigged sailboat. Do all 5 and do not stop until you can! Find a way to windsurf well.