



1 – Naish X2 kites.

Normally I travel with sizes 6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20 and 24. I have a 4 but I have not needed that yet! All the kites are stock kites the same as are available in the shops except for the 24 which is a prototype made for me by Don Montague. I weigh 88 kilos and like to sail with as much power as I can handle so I sometimes need the 24. Infact I do not need every size, it is OK to miss sizes as the X2 has such good range. I carry them all though as in the event of a problem I always have another kite I can use and it saves having doubles of the key sizes.

2 – Naish Aero 2 kites.

The new Aero 2 is a great kite. I have sizes 6,8,10,12,14 and 16. I do not use them for competition sailing but I love them for use in waves as they are fast, stable and easy. The perfect kites for free ride/wave sessions.

3 – Wakeskate

Basically a shaped piece of wood with grip tape but a lot of fun. I do not ride it for long but it is always entertaining to have a 30 min session on it and it makes a nice variation.

4 – Naish Mutant 5'0"

5 – Naish Mutant 5'4"

These are standard production boards. I ride them all the time, the 5'4" in super light winds and the 5'0" in all other conditions. The 5'0" is such a great all round board that it is all I need for 95% of the days I kite. It comes well equipped with wide straps and good G10 fins so the only thing I change on the boards is to put a longer grab handle on that goes between the footstraps. The handle is important in that it needs to be easy to catch, not hurt if you fall on it and not look too much like a car door handle!

6 – Screw box

Never leave home without it! It contains just about every size and length of footstrap screws and fin bolts that I could ever need! There is nothing worse than getting to a new place and realizing that you don't have the right screws for the straps or fins (well maybe dropping your only screw into the sand and losing it forever is worse!) so I make sure I always have extras.

7 – Bars

I use 3 lengths of bars. 18 inch on the 6 and 8 meter kites, 20 inch on the 10,12 and 14 and 22 inch on the 16,18,20 and 24. I have one bar of each size. The bars are nearly standard issue but I change the end of the chicken loop a little to adapt it for use with a snap shackle. The different lengths are there to try to make each kite feel as similar to the others as possible in turning speed. I used these bars all year and the same lines...if it isn't broken don't try and fix it!

8 – Wetsuits by O'neill

I normally have 2 suits, a short john (vest top with short legs) and a long sleeve/short leg suit. This covers me for nearly every place that I kite. The short leg long arm shorty is ideal for cooler places as it is warm but does not impede my legs. I find long leg suits very restrictive so wear this suit for as long as possible! In the really cold spots I wear a 5/3 mm suit. I wear the shorts over the suit and always wear these shorts as for 2002 they were my "lucky" shorts! I have yet to find the ideal 2003 shorts!

9 – Kit bag

This bag contains all the other bits I need. Spare depower lines, spare flying lines of varying lengths, tool kit, kite repair tape and bladder

patches. The most important tool is my leatherman that deals with nearly every job I need to do but I also have a splicing tool, scissors, sanding paper and screwdriver set. I hate to not have what I need with me so I carry spares and tools for every job I can think of.

10 – Board Bags.

Only one shown here but normally I have two. I try to avoid having bags that are too heavy so I use two smaller ones rather than one aircraft carrier sized bag; the airlines seem to like it better that way. Normally my bags weigh about 30 kilos each and there are one or two kites in my cloths bag. I always try to split the kit between the bags so that in the event one gets lost on route I have enough stuff in the other to get on the water. The bags are about 155 long and have wheels for ease of use. The 2003 Naish bags are camouflage and look pretty pimp!

11 – Harness

Standard Naish kite waist harness. The spreader bar has a snap shackle fixed onto it with webbing and has a bar pad on it. This is a relatively new addition (the bar pad) but makes the harness much more comfortable. I always take 2 harnesses incase of problems. Borrowing harnesses is never satisfactory as they never fit as well as your own.

12 – Big pump.

Only one pump but it lasts all year as long as it does not get stolen on the beach! Nothing to see here except always pack your pump well as if it gets broken in transport you are really f****d!!!!

13 – Me!

Plenty of board shorts, a pair of slaps, several pair of Lava Shades, passport, credit card, tickets and girlfriend Flo...all you need for life!