

## Extreme Kite Surfing: Know the Lingo

**Air time:** amount of time spent in the air while jumping

**Bail:** letting go of the kite's control bar and kicking off the board

**Board-offs:** taking one or both feet off the board

**Brain fart:** forgetting the trick midair and crashing in the water

**Charlie Browner:** kite surfer

**Chop:** little bumps on the water surface created by wind

**Downwinder:** kite surfing trip from one place to another that is farther downwind

**DP:** dawn patrol, an early session

**Grab:** holding the board with one hand

**Inverts:** any trick done upside down

**Kite loops:** looping the kite around 360 degrees while doing a spin

**Kitemare:** a kite surfing accident, disaster

**Lines:** strong cords connecting a kite surfer to the kite

**Nuking:** winds blowing at great speeds

**Rigging up:** putting things together to go kite surfing

**Wipeout:** crashing



Surfers helped make kite surfing a popular sport.

The Legaigoux brothers developed modern kite surfing. They invented the first **inflatable** kite. Inflatable means it can be pumped with air. The gear got better. So the sport got better.

Laird Hamilton is a big wave surfer. He made kite surfing popular. He used kites to build speed. He wanted to catch big waves. Many surfers like kite surfing. Sometimes, it's too windy to go surfing. So they go kite surfing instead.

Kite surfing was about big jumps. It was about getting big air. Now it's also about doing extreme tricks.