

everybody's gone **SUREIN'**

Estelle Dufour talks kite surfing and playing a unique sport.

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The wind in your hair. The spray of the ocean. The waves underneath your board. That's how Estelle Dufour would describe how she feels when kite surfing.

"[There's a] magical aspect of gliding on the water," Dufour said. "And having total control of where you're going."

Dufour was inspired to try kite surfing in 2019 after seeing her father during a vacation. In addition, a close friend has also begun learning how kite surf, making it the perfect time to start. Kite surfing quickly became the number one activity she wanted to try.

One thing that Dufour loves about kite surfing is how different

it is from other sports. The environment and accessibility makes it something you can't do every day.

"You can't be a kite surfer anywhere in the world," Dufour said. "You need the right conditions,

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and people with the experience to teach you."

While the circumstances may be more difficult to achieve, Dufour still recommends trying

the sport if given the chance. "If you have the chance or option to [kite surf], use that to your advantage!" Dufour said. "It's such a fun sport, and is definitely something everyone should try out."

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(top left) **SMOOTHLY SAILING ACROSS** the water, Dufour holds onto the handle as she gets kite surfing lessons on Sherman Island. "I really like the sort of freedom and release it [kite surfing] gives us," Dufour said.
(bottom left) **PREPARING TO KITE** surf Dufour swims out into the water preparing to do some of her favorite tricks while kite surfing. "It's such a nice feeling, when you land a high jump or have a smooth patch of water," Dufour said.
(right) **SMILING ON THE** water Dufour poses for a photo as she gets ready to kite surf. "It's a hobby that I truly hope to keep and enjoy," Dufour said.
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