



Wildwind High performance blasting at Vassiliki

My girlfriend and I went to Wildwind in September 2004 for a weeks break. It was our first visit to Vassiliki but it will not be our last!

We arrived after an early Sunday mornings' start from Gatwick, a three hour flight and a one hour coach trip from the airport. The sun was shining and it was a real pleasure to finally arrive and see all the boats Wildwind have lined up in their boat park on the beach, while out at sea there was a solid force 4 to 5. Some of our fellow guests on the coach who seemed to come out to Wildwind every year had already changed into their wetsuits and were out on the water by the time we had just started on our first beer – we decided to leave any exertions until the morning.

The weeks sailing was very much as we had hoped for – although we are not regular club sailors or anything we have had quite a bit of experience and I guess one of the best things on our holiday was trying out the whole range of boats (well almost) that Wildwind have available. We were particularly taken by the RS800 and thank Pasty for a truly memorable ride 'out the back'; to our great surprise we also loved the Hobie 16 catamaran which seems to be the Wildwind staff boat of choice when the wind really gets up – the staff really do know how to show anyone a good time on these!

The instruction was also great; a little informal perhaps but that's what we

wanted on our holiday. There certainly seemed to be plenty of experience within the staff – and we understood that Little Joe the Beach Manager had actually won the Tiger class at the Round Texel race last year – his top tips were well worth listening to.

Vassiliki village is about a five minute walk along the beach and everyone tends to go into the village to eat (and drink) most evenings. The bar of choice seems to be the Zeus bar, and I have to say we probably spent far too much time there! We also loved the Wildwind bbq night with the staff showing off their musical talents – I think we were exceptionally lucky as we arrived the week that Wildwind's founder was getting married and he had drafted in an amazing saxophonist to accompany the staff. It was surprisingly good!

Most of the other people on the holiday were much like us – sailors with some experience already though there were some out and out beginners. What was initially a surprise was the amount of people that were coming back for the fourth or fifth visit, but now I can see why.

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