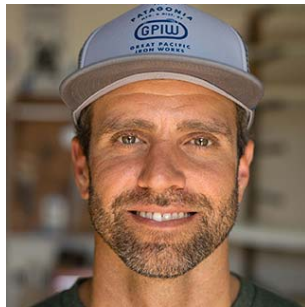




Jason Slezak demonstrates his motivating force in the world of kiteboarding. Cape Verde, Africa.  
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## Jason Slezak

**Kiteboarding Ambassador Hometown:** Charleroi, PA **Resides:** Hood River, OR



Jason grew up in southwestern Pennsylvania, where he was raised with a deep respect for the outdoors. His love of both board sports and the ocean drew him to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, known for its uncrowded beaches and hollow surf. Kiteboarding quickly became an extension of surfing for Jason and allowed him more time on the water during windy days. After living on Cape Hatteras for more than a decade, Jason moved across the country to Hood River, where world-class kiting takes place against the picturesque backdrop of the rivers and lakes of the Pacific Northwest, and the enchanting and raw Oregon coastline. Jason continues exploring the world in search of new and unique kite and surf destinations, while constantly working on developing, testing, and producing kiteboarding equipment.

### Career Highlights

- Co-creator and co-organizer of the Triple-S Invitational—an internationally recognized kiteboarding contest launched in 2006 that is the longest running contest in the sport
- Has taught thousands of people to kiteboard at the REAL Watersports Lesson Center in Cape Hatteras for more than ten years, helping to grow the sport of kiteboarding worldwide
- Worked with mainstream print and television media such as Discovery Channel, The Today Show, *Outside Magazine*, *Men's Journal* and Good Morning America to expose kiteboarding to a global audience

Jason is one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Garrett College graduates, receiving an A.A.S. degree in Adventure Sports Management in 1999.

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