

JN WILD THING REVIVAL 8M

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→ Introducing

The Zebra print animal is back again in the shape of the new **JN Wild Thing Revival**, aiming to be the perfect all rounder regardless of your riding style and to send you higher than ever before. With an incredibly distinctive look to it there will be no missing you when you are riding this beast at your local kite spot. *Tested Ned*

→ Basics

Build and construction

Usually with many of the smaller kite brands such as JN the ideas for products are there but the follow through and the quality of the build can be lacking. This is not the case with JN. You can tell when you unroll this product that it has been built by kitesurfers to be ridden hard and to stand up to whatever abuse you put it through.

Set up and tuning

The Wild Thing has a very simple and easy to use bridle but you also have the option to ride this kite as a four line or as a 5th line depending on your preference. The great thing about JN's products is that they are made to give the rider plenty of options on how they would like to ride their kites which, for true kite lovers, is nice.

Bar and trim

The Master's Craft Bar has been improved on only slightly from last year just to clean it up a little bit. The bar comes as standard with a 4 line or 5 line riding option so you only need to buy one bar in order to cover both 4 and 5 line setups.

Safety

Again, you are given more options with the safety system in order to ride the kite how you like it.

→ Info Panel

- **Main Market** Freeride / Wave / All round
- **Sizes** 6,8,10,12,14,16,5m
- **Line configuration** Four line or 5 line
- **Inflation** One pump
- **Safety** Front line flag out or 5th line



→ Performance

Turning speed, handling and feel

A lot of the kites that are made to be used as an 'all-rounder' generally feel a bit tame and gutless when you fly them. This is where the Wild Thing stands out from the group. This kite loves to be flown. The steering is incredibly responsive and direct, meaning the kite will turn right on its axis really driving itself through the window. This ability to get the kite moving is a brilliant characteristic that will help you to get out of difficult situations quickly.

The Triangle The Wild Thing is a mid-aspect kite meaning that it has a balance between lift and stability. Normally a mid-aspect kite doesn't take you upwind as fast as you would like, but with this kite that is not a problem - working hard, the kite will take you back upwind quickly meaning you have more time to jump!

Lift, hangtime and looping

This was a surprising aspect of the kite. You can get it to move around so fast that you can really load it up for the jump and then send it so fast that it rips you off of the water sending you skywards! This was another of those key features of this kite as it feels tame and user friendly until you send it, and then it wakes up and shows its wild side.

Unhooking

Unhooking seemed to work well. It didn't blow me away with its unhooked ability but it will work great for anyone wanting to learn their first few unhooked moves.

Trim, depower and range When I rode this kite I was pretty well powered up. On any other kite of this size I would have felt as though I was on the edge, but with the Wild Thing it has a really ridged canopy shape and you feel as though you can hold far above your normal wind range. This ability to hold down a lot of power combined with the massive lift of this kite makes for some seriously big jumps!

Icing

The great thing about a smaller brand is that you can play around with your designs without worrying about having to please everyone, and this is exactly what JN have done. A zebra print kite isn't going to be everyone's cup of tea but it does create a lot of attention down the beach!



→ Verdict

It's really refreshing to see a brand like this that is not just focused on making as much money as they can but instead want to get people out there and having fun. Kitesurfing is about fun which I think a lot of people forget about, and when you are pumping up a kite with a zebra print and marijuana leaves on it you know you are going to have fun... The Wild Thing is a great 'all-rounder' but also definitely delivers in the freestyle department.