

Get on board!

Have you ever played a computer game where you have to fly through the air and avoid obstacles that will knock points off your score? It might have involved some careful handling of arrow keys or a game controller. But how about trying it out for real? Do you fancy putting on a jetpack of your own and taking off?

Now, with the arrival of *flyboarding*, you can feel the thrill of flying over water, diving and even trying a few tricks mid-air, all in a matter of minutes.

Flyboarding is surprisingly simple to get the hang of, and organisers promise to give anyone with reasonable fitness and swimming skills a fun session that will soon see them successfully riding the jets.



Sessions begin with some all-important safety training, as you would expect. You choose the height and direction of your flight but the expert flyboarding pilots control how much power your board receives. They will ensure you have a safe yet thrilling ride. Friends and family can usually watch too, making it a great group experience. So, if you're up for adventure, get on board, and you'll soon be jetting off into the blue!

How does it make you fly?

To use a flyboard, you strap your feet onto a board which is connected to a jet ski by a hose. The jet ski provides the power to drive water through the hose and out from under the flyboard. These jets of water propel you upwards, letting you ride your own personal wave. You can find yourself soaring up to 10 metres in the air or diving two metres below the water. Or you can just float, enjoying the sensation of standing on a cushion of water.

