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# REEF WAVES OF EL MEDANO

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End of June and no wind in El Médano?  
Just climb the Montana Roja and look  
out for it!



Inspect the point of no return at the lee  
side of the bay, no chance getting ashore  
safely there.



Bay watching



Great perspective, the wind must be  
behind the harbour wall.



Let's ask the wind whisperer for advice.



A whirlwind



must conjure the winds



ask them for mercy



and be ready to fly!



Wow, the charm is working!



The locals in Cabezzo bay are already high in the sky.



**Better run down quick to the surf centre on the other side of the bay.**



**Everything's organized top-notch, and all the Naish wave sails have skinny masts.**



**Kiters get ready on the right side, closer to the rocks.**



**Windsurfers start a bit further upwind. The place gets crowded.**



**But you can get away from it all if you invest a bit of effort.**



**Just sail upwind across the bay to the harbour wall.**



**Between high tide and low tide the waves are perfectly smooth.**



**They take you along up and down.**



**What a joy ride!**



**Splish, splash, game over. Hit the reef, lost my fin, swam back across the bay.**



**Within 3 weeks a fisherman and a young Canarian windsurfer died, others were seriously injured.**



**Looking back I've come to respect the sea even more than before.**