

# Kiting is fun for everyone

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## Couple from Peabody, Massachusetts in town to take in festival

Donald Tuff, from Peabody, Massachusetts is relatively new at flying when compared to other kite enthusiasts.

"I've only been flying since 2004 and most of the people here have been for 20, 25, 30 years."

Tuff and his wife are visiting the Dieppe Kite International this week. They've been visiting the festival since 2005.

"We love coming up and supporting the kite festival here, it's beautiful," he said.

The man who actually got Tuff interested in flying lives close to Dieppe, so he's planning to meet up with him again. He says over the years, they've met lots of friends through the hobby.

"We belong to a club out of New York called the New York Kite Enthusiasts. We have a whole big group of people, so we all love coming to this area," he said.

And when their kites hit the skies, he hopes it will be entertaining.

"We have some big stuff here, a 90-foot pink octopus and then we have a fully-articulated dragon that has a 35-foot wingspan."

But, he is quick to point out spectators aren't the only ones truly enjoying themselves.

"We have fun, enjoy the flying and we really love the people. It's about the kiting community getting together, getting families involved and having kids away from the computers and stuff," he said, adding that it's also taught him a lot.

"One of the best experiences was last year - we met parents with a child who was very autistic. He began flying the kites and a sense of calm came over him.

"The parents told me they had never seen their child so focused for a lengthy period of time. It felt good to know that our passion can do that for a child with a disability."