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From San Francisco, Daniela (born 2/2/01) is the daughter of two Czechoslovakian immigrants (Vlad and Linda) who met in the Bay area and who, not surprisingly, love water sports. She started kitesurfing at the age of twelve and by fifteen (when she was in 10th grade) she was World Champion. She is now the best-ever in the history of the sport. Daniela has won the last six consecutive World Championships, and during that span she has claimed victory in 33 of the last 35 international competitions in which she has competed. At the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Kiteboarding, also called Formula Kite, will make it's Olympic debut. Daniela is the heavy favorite to win gold.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Windsurfing – the sail is attached to the board Kiteboarding – the sail is attached to the athlete



Originally a high school swimmer, Daniel was drawn to the speed of kiting, where she can reach speeds of 40 knots (46 mph!) and heights of 20 feet above the surf. When she's not on the water, she is in the final stages of earning a degree in International Business and Marketing at the University of Hawaii. The skills of kiting transfer to all kinds of sailing, and Daniela intends to test her skills yachting. She's planning to be part of the first ever women's America's Cup Team that will compete in the Fall of 2024.





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