

Eligible Candidates - IFDS Vice-President

The list of eligible IFDS Vice-President candidates is as follows:

- **Betsy Alison (USA)**
- **Yury Gnap (RUS)**
- **Wilfried Klein (GER)**
- **Brian Todd (CAN)**
- **Costas Tsantilis (GRE)**

Profiles of the each candidate follows overleaf:

Betsy Alison (USA)



Experience Profile

Sailing Career

- 5 time Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year;
- 5 time Rolex International Women's Keelboat Champion;
- Women's Match Racing
 - Gold Medal - 1998;
 - Silver Medal – 1999, 2004, 2005;
 - Bronze Medal – 2000.
- 3 time US Women's National Sailing Champion;
- 3 time US Women's Singlehanded Champion;
- 2 time Yngling World Champion;
- Women's Laser World Champion;
- Lightning World Champion;
- 2 time US Olympic Committee Amateur Athlete of the Year in Sailing.

Sailing Administration

- Chair, IFDS Coaches Commission, 2006-present;
- US Sailing National Training Faculty, 1990-present;
- Ida Lew YC Race Committee Team Member;
- Master Trainer, US Sailing – Coach Training Programmes;
- Co-Author with SailSporMed of IPC study on Sport Safety in Paralympic Sailing 2004;
- Advisory Board Member of National Women's Sailing Association;
- Member of US Olympic Sailing Committee.

Other Spots Administration

- Board Member RI Sports Council.

Roles within IFDS

- Chair, IFDS Coaches Commission, 2006-present;
- Member, IFDS Events & Scheduling Commission, 2010-present.

Other Significant Experience

- Head Coach of US Paralympic Sailing Program, 2006-present;
- Recipient of Pierre du Coubertin International Fair Play Award in Career Category for “Act of Fair Play”;
- Recipient of Gay Lynn Award (US Sailing) for outstanding contributions to Disabled Sailing;
- 2 time honouree by US Olympic Committee for Coach of the Year (Sailing);
- Recipient of RI Sports Council Personal Achievement Award;
- Member of US National Sailing Hall of Fame.

Yury Gnap (RUS)



Experience Profile

Sailing Career

- Master of sport (sailing) 2001;
- Transatlantic passage, single-handed yacht, 2000;
- Three Argentina/Chile – Antarctica passages, cruising yacht, 2002 and 2008;
- The Hamble School of Yachting (UK), 2000-2001;
- Sailing in the English Channel and the Irish Sea, 2001.

Sailing Administration

- Disabled Sailing Committee, member of the Russian Yachting Federation;
- Inter-Regional (Russia) Association for Disabled Sailing, Vice-President.

Other Significant Experience

- Promotion track (29 years) in the Ministry of Foreign Trade/USSR & Russia;
- Long-term (10 years) employment in Brazil and Angola, Foreign Trade representative;
- Graduate, the Moscow Aviation Institute, 1960;
- Graduate, all Union (USSR) Academy of Foreign Trade, 1974.

Wilfried Klein (GER)



Experience Profile

Sailing Career

- Participation in the International German Championship on several occasions;
- UFO Class National Championship, Netherlands, 1991.

Sailing Administration

- Chair, Sailing Department DBS (German Disabled Sports Association);
- Mandatory Sailing in DRS (German Wheelchair Sport Association).

Other Spots Administration

- Organization of National Sailing Event, German Championship and International German Championship;
- Organization of the world biggest Wheelchair Rugby Tournament in Cologne, Germany.

Roles within IFDS

- IFDS Vice-President, 2008 – present;
- Technical Delegate Assistant, IFDS World Championships, 2011;
- Technical Delegate Assistant, 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- Contact person linking IFDS to EUROSAF.

Other Significant Experience

- Former member, German National Basketball Team;
- Multiple German Champion in Wheelchair Basketball;
- Project Manager of several projects;
- Director of the foundation SDF 'Stiftung Deutscher Rollstuhlsport' (Foundation German Wheelchair Sport).

Brian Todd (CAN)



Experience Profile

Sailing Career

- National team member in the Finn Class – 1973-1977;
- Canadian Windsurfing Team Coach – 1983-1987;
- Olympic Coach, windsurfing, Los Angeles – 1984;
- Pan Am Games coach – 1987;
- Paralympic Games sailing team leader, Qingdao, CHN – 2008;
- Paralympic Games sailing team leader, Weymouth, GBR – 2012;
- Coached over 35 World Championship teams in Laser, Laser Radial, Windsurfing, 2.4mR, Sonar, SKUD18;
- Helmed and crewed on racing boats from 11-45 metres;
- Owned a North service loft, 1977-1982;
- Team Leader at 5 Youth World Championships, 1992-present.

Sailing Administration

- National Windsurfing Committee, involved in the development of the windsurfing training manuals for the Canadian Yachting Association;
- Level 2 Judge (current);
- Race Officer Training and Principal Race Officer for the Laser and Windsurfing Classes at Cork, Kingston, Canada – 1984-1988;
- Served on various committees and the Board of Nova Scotia Yachting Association up to Vice-President;
- Served on National (CYA) committees for learn to sail, racing development and instructor development;
- Served as Rear Commodore of Bedford Basin Yacht Club;
- Served on Junior sail committee, Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron;
- CYA representative at IFDS Annual General Meetings including presentations on disabled sailing programs in Canada;
- Organizing Committee, Laser Worlds, Nova Scotia, CAN – 2009;
- Organizing Committee, 2014 IFDS Worlds;

Other Spots Administration

- Alpine Ski Nova Scotia board of directors, 1980's-1990's;
- Chair, Task Force on Safety for regatta events for CYA working with a team of 5 members;
- Board of directors for the Atlantic division of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance in the 1970's;
- Board of directors of the Canadian Sport Center Atlantic, Present.

Roles within IFDS

- Canadian Yachting Association representative at IFDS meetings for several years;
- I take pride in developing programs which are best for the sailors rather than just the organization process;
- IFDS Coaches Commission Member;
- IFDS Equipment, Evaluation Commission Member.

Other Significant Experience

- Although a proud Canadian, I often offer to help teams from other countries, sharing tuning and tactical thoughts;
- I am retiring from coaching this year and will have the time and energy to give to IFDS to assist an ensure IFDS gets equal representation in the sailing World.

Costas Tsantilis (GRE)



Experience Profile

Sailing Career

- International Lightning Class, World, Continental;
- International J24 Class, World, Continental;
- International Finn Class, International;
- International Soling Class, International;
- International Dragon Class;
- International Star Class;
- International Flying Dutchman Class;

- International 12 Square Metre Sharpie Class;
- Offshore, IOR – IMS – IRC – ORCi;
- Over the last 15 years, I've been Chair or a member of a International Jury in over 200 World, Continental and ISAF Grade 1, 2 and 3 events.

Sailing Administration

- Administration Manager, Athens 2004 Olympic & Paralympic Sailing Competitions;
- Member of the Racing and Appeals Committee, Hellenic Yachting Federation 2000 – 2002;
- Chair of Appeals & Racing Committee HSF, 2007 – 2009 and 2001 – present;
- Member, Yacht Club of Greece 1958 – present and member of the Governing Board, 2000 – 2003;
- Founding member of the Yacht Racing Club of Athens in 1984 and member of the Governing Board (Treasurer, Training Commission, Vice-commodore) continuously until 2003;
- Member of the Piraeus Sailing Club since 2001;
- Sailing Instructor;
- ISAF International Judge since 1999;
- Member of the ISAF Racing Rules Committee and IJ Sub-Committee, 2004-2008;
- Member of the EUROSAF Race Officials Exchange Programme Committee, 2000-2009;
- Technical Delegate, 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- Member Port Burgas (BUL) Yacht Club, 2001-present.

Roles within IFDS

- IFDS Vice-President 2008-2012;
- Technical Delegate
 - IFDS Worlds 2009, Athens, Greece;
 - IFDS Worlds 2011, Weymouth, Great Britain;
 - IFDS Worlds 2014, Halifax, Canada
- International Jury
 - Chair, IFDS Multihull World Championship 2008, Cascais, Portugal;
 - Chair, IFDS World Championship, 2010, Medemblik, Netherlands;
 - Member, IFDS World Championship, 2012, Port Charlotte, USA;
 - Member, ISAF Sailing World Cup, Semaine Olympique Française, 2003-2012, Hyeres, France;
 - Member, ISAF Sailing World Cup, Sail for Gold Regatta, 2011-2012, Weymouth, Great Britain;
 - Chair, IFDS Blind Fleet Racing World Championship, 2013, Miura City, Japan.

Other Significant Experience

- Languages spoken:
 - Greek;
 - English;
 - French;

- Italian.
- Scout Movement:
 - Member of the World Scout Committee (WSC) 1996-2002;
 - Member of the Finance and Support Committee/WSC 1996-2002;
 - Member of Odysseus working group for the promotion of Sea Scouting and water activities in Europe, 1994-2003;
 - Committee member of the Kandersteg Int. Scout Center in Switzerland, 1990-1997.
 - International Commissioner, Scouts of Greece, 1986-1995;
 - Chief Commissioner, Scouts of Greece, 1987-1988;
 - Chair of the International Relations Committee, Scouts of Greece 1995-2008;
 - Leaders trainer and Trainers trainer.
- As a member of the World Scout Committee, was responsible:
 - For the organization of the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand in 2003;
 - Has organized a number of Training Courses, Seminars and Conferences, in National, International, Regional and World Level
- Member of the planning team of the “Peace Cruise” organized by the WOSM in co-operation with UNESCO, EU and the Council of Europe in the Mediterranean Sea in 1999.