



BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE – RIDER

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I am honored to put my name forward for the open riders' representative position on the board.

As a lifelong wave rider from Maui, I believe I can contribute to fairly and respectfully voicing the position of wavesailors from my region, bringing forth a more global representation that reflects the diverse nature of our sport.

Windsurfing has been my life from an early age. Growing up at Ho'okipa, I was fortunate to learn from the best and build a career that has taken me around the world. I've won multiple Aloha Classics, as well as major events in Japan, Cape Verde, and other world-class locations. But my connection to the sport goes beyond competition—I work directly with the industry, representing Flikka, Hot Sails, and Black Project, three brands that currently lack representation on this board. I'm involved in teaching programs for windsurfing and help manage a windsurf shop, which has given me a holistic understanding of our sport, not just from the top—from professional competition to grassroots participation.

To my mind, the PWA is a ship in which we all have set sail. Many have tried to steer in different directions, there have even been mutinies! But the integrity of this ship is paramount to sailing anywhere. I am optimistic about the condition of this organization, more so now than ever, and I want to serve it in what capacity I can.

My motivation for joining the board is simple: windsurfing is my passion, my community, and my life. It is my future. I want to help shape a World Tour that is truly inclusive, balancing the interests of riders, brands, organizers, and the industry as a whole. I seek for the health of a community that I love, filled with people I've come to respect and admire.

Maui is the heart of windsurfing for many, home to more athletes and brands than anywhere else, and I feel its representation is a benefit to any organization seeking to accurately represent windsurfing. To be clear, I want to ensure that all wavesailors and all regions have a voice, my experience with AWT/IWT over the years has shown me that many pockets of windsurfing are isolated, disconnected, and the project of the past 10 years has been to reunite the sport through strengthening overlooked relationships.

I am ready to dedicate my time, energy, and experience to this role. I aim to strengthen the PWA and help build a future in which our sport continues to grow and evolve worldwide. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute.

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