



BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE – RIDER

DIETER VAN DER EYKEN

Hello everyone,

For those who don't know me, my name is Dieter Van der Eyken. I'm originally from Belgium, currently living in Tenerife, Spain, and I've been competing on the PWA Tour since 2010.

I previously served on the PWA Management Board from 2017 to 2020 and have again been part of the board since 2023.

My main goal for the PWA is to help strengthen cooperation between the different organizations within our sport, while doing so in a professional and contractual way with clear guidelines and responsibilities. Through this approach, and through the special agreement we have with World Sailing, I believe we can continue to grow windsurfing not only through competitions, but also through wider initiatives that help develop the sport as a whole.

I believe the PWA has a unique concept and identity that we should cherish and exploit in the best possible way. At the same time, I feel we are currently at an important stage where the direction we choose over the next meetings will have a major impact on the future of the tour and the sport.

I am happy to commit another year to the board, provided we continue building with the right people around us. I strongly believe the Management Board should focus on guidance, oversight, and supporting the professionals employed to run the tour, rather than micromanaging every detail. In my opinion, decisions should not simply be determined by whoever has the most free time available, but through a structured and professional process that benefits the riders and the long-term future of the sport.

Most importantly, I believe all associations and stakeholders should work together as much as possible to help bring windsurfing back to the front again, within a realistic and sustainable framework for everyone involved.

Thank you.