



**PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICF WILD WATER CANOEING COMMITTEE
ENDORSED BY THE PADDLE UK BOARD**

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Paddle UK/Paddle Scotland/Paddle NI/Canoe Wales Membership number:	81014
Name of position the individual is seeking nomination for:	ICF Wildwater Canoeing Committee Member
Canoeing background/experience	
<p>Whilst I was the GBR Wild Water Committee Chairman between 1999 & 2020 I'm delighted to say that we had our most successful performances ever with Four Junior World individual and team champions, two European and three World Champions as well as successfully running the 2002 Junior Worlds and 2005 World Cup series. I have event hosting experience having organised and run the 2002 Wildwater Junior World Championships, the 2005 World Cup Series and taking part in World Championship events as an International Technical Official.</p> <p>Developing both performance and participation continue to be my major aims. Making the sport accessible, family friendly and welcoming have been the key areas I worked on for the last twenty-four years. The focus across the UK is rightly on increasing participation and enjoyment of sport at all levels at the same time as improving and driving performance for all.</p> <p>This has required a great deal of focus on improving the event calendar to maximise participation and providing the coaching structure to help individuals and clubs achieve their ambitions through a network of highly skilled and motivated volunteers.</p> <p>I think Wild Water Racing is a beautiful sport combining the speed of canoe sprint with the skill of slalom and the agility of freestyle. The complexity and difficult of the race- courses require intense concentration and high levels of visualisation – the complete athlete.</p>	
Relevant career background, skills and experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Occupation: Retired: I am continuing to work internationally developing paddlesport, thought leadership focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular combating modern slavery and supporting Veterans returning to civilian life.– Global Director in DXC Technology, the World's largest independent IT Services provider with 30+ years' experience of business, project management and technology innovation in a range of different industries.	



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Relevant international canoeing background/positions/experience

I've been privileged to have the opportunity to be a representative of the ICF as a member of the Wild Water Technical Committee since 2017. I have committed at least eight hours per week for committee work and meetings. I have helped shape and develop the sport and continuing to support the international paddling community. I have a good technical knowledge of Wildwater Canoeing. My particular focus continues to be on helping to simplify the competition rules and leading the work developing on-line coaching training and International Technical Official certification. I have extended the ITO and race organiser training and certification programme worldwide. The next stage is to extend the use of digital coaching resources – using technology as an integral part of delivering on the four key committee objectives for Wildwater Canoeing.

I am fair and openminded and able to place the reputation of the sport at the forefront of any decisions I make. I've been Technical Delegate and Chief Judge at World Cup and Championship level.

Aims and objectives if successful in appointment to the role

My objectives for the ICF Wildwater Committee would be to build on the direction that we have been maintaining over the last six years and:

- Get to 25+ Nations at Senior World Championships and 30+ at J/U23 Worlds.
- With my administration and finance background simplify & reduce costs for ICF Events
- Develop event organiser, athlete and coach development programmes for the next six years (senior & juniors)
- With my nearly 40 years IT experience Introduce new solutions to solve Transport & Sustainability Issues
- Develop a succession plan to maintain involvement in Wildwater Canoeing long-term.

Any other relevant information

- Royal Navy HM Submarines 1978-1982
- MA Hons (Oxon) Zoology 1974-1977