

Dear IFDCO General Committee Officers, FD sailors, dear friends,

As you can read on the IFDCO website, the procedure to renew the IFDCO General Committee has begun. According to the ByeLaws and Foundation Rules, the first step is to collect the Application of the IFDCO Members available for each specific role.

I am here to present my application for the IFDCO President role.

Most of the long-term FD sailors know me very well and have met me often all over the World, but allow me to nevertheless briefly introduce myself to the younger generation:

I started to sail Flying Dutchman in 1989 and I am glad to have been invited and involved in the IFDCO management since 1997.

From 1997 to 2000, I was the IFDCO Commodore for the Mediterranean Countries.

Afterward, from 2000 to 2015, I had the privilege of serving as IFDCO President and representing our prestigious Class.

During such a long time sailing FD and living the FD Class, I have been charmed by the atmosphere of gentlemanship and faithful friendship shown by the Competitors and the Officers of every Country.

From each sailor, champion and Officer I met, I collected information, suggestions, and my experience managing the Class with a team-approach,, which evolved over time.

So, I clearly perceived that sailing an FD is a lifestyle, and IFDCO is my family.

It is my belief that to support the prestige and diffusion of FDs Worldwide, the Class needs a synergic approach, style, enthusiasm, and teamwork involving the General Committee, Commodores, National Secretaries, and each FD sailor.

A multinational representation has been and is a fundamental requirement for the evolution of our Class.

I think that the involvement of every Country, the link between young and old generations of sailors, is very important to promote our Class.

Moreover, the changes in sailing sports regarding technical aspects, networks, advertisement, and sponsorship represent mandatory tools for reaching future goals.

So, for all those topics, I decided to be here, at the disposal of the FD Class, to restart with a teamwork approach, to pass down my passion, and to contribute to the FD development.

Cheers,
Alberto