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I started sailing young as a child. Before I could walk there was a sailboat in our family. In my youth I sailed in local classes. The competitions were local. When I later started working for Gaastra International Sportswear, I came into contact with competitive sailing again. Since then I have competed on various boats. In 2015 I started sailing with Tanja in the NED33 as crew.

In addition to my work, where technology, commerce and organization are important pillars, I have always been active as a volunteer in various sports organizations. In my teenage years as a hockey coach and organizer of social events at the club. At my current sailing club, the K.W.V.L. I have been involved in organizing training for children in the Optimist, competitions and events with our old wooden flat bottom boats, the "Schouwen".

For me, the IFDCO is the glue for international sailing in the FD. And although I enjoy sailing on Loosdrecht and other Dutch lakes, what sets the FD apart is the international competition.

Sailing with and against people with the same passion on beautiful locations.

I envision a time where international sailing will become increasingly difficult. Aging population and increased costs are not in our favor. In addition to the regular General Secretary duties, I want to focus with the team on the small FD countries. They deserve our attention and conversely we need them to remain an international class and sail in the most beautiful locations! We have to finalize and implement the development of a modern system for the IFDCO membership and fee collection. We need all our energy to stay vibrant and bring the class to the next phase. With respect for our history but more important with a vision for the future.

I express the good expectation that, with your support, I will be elected as General Secretary at the next AGM.

Thanks, Maarten Bausch