

Dear FD Class,

the past nine years as General Secretary for the FD Class have been truly remarkable. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you, and I've thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with all of you. The atmosphere within our class has evolved tremendously, and it's heartening to see how well the young sailors are integrating and contributing to our vibrant community.

Now, the time has come for me to step down, as the byelaws do not permit me to extend my term as General Secretary after 9 years. However, after discussing with Maarten Bausch, who has graciously offered to step into the role of General Secretary, I would like to step into the role of IFDCO President to bring things forward and to work with Maarten on his great ideas.

I'm very happy to get the commitment of Kai Schäfers, who has expressed his willingness to serve as Vice President Technical and support the General Committee if Marteen and I were elected. I am thrilled to see our committee becoming increasingly younger, filled with active sailors who bring their energy and experience from sailing around the world.

I would love the opportunity to continue working alongside all of you for a few more years as part of this dynamic and passionate team.

I hope to see you all soon at our Worlds 2025 in Puerto Sherry!

Yours sincerely,

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