

Eligible Candidates

IFDS Vice-President Nominations

Micky Ayalon (ISR)

Experience Profile

- Coaching;
- Sailing – Club Level;
- 1957-1973 Israeli National Champion in FD and Snipe Classes;
- 1960 – First Israeli Olympic Sailing Team;
- Sailed – Snipe, 420, FD & Yacht Classes;
- Competitor from the age of 12.

Sailing Administration

- Present – Very Active in the Club;
- 2008 – 2010, Chairman, Israel Disabled Sailing Committee;
- 1996 – 2002, Chairman, Israel Disabled Sailing Committee;
- 1976 – 1996, Board Member, Israel Yachting Federation, Part time Treasurer;
- 1975 – 1985, President, Hapooel Tel-Aviv Yacht Club.

Other Sports Administration

- 2000-2004, Board Member, Israel Weight Lifting Federation;
- 1952-1965, Coaching and Teaching Kayak rowing.

Roles within IFDS

- 2004, Technical Delegate, Paralympic Sailing Competition;

- 2003, Technical Delegate, IFDS World Championships;
- 2002, Chairman, International Jury, IFDS World Championships;
- 2000, Member, International Jury, Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- 1996, Member, International Jury, Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- 2004 - 2008, Member, ISAF Youth & Development Committee, Disabled Sailing Representative;
- 2002 – 2004, Member, ISAF Youth Committee, Disabled Sailing Representative;
- Member, IFDS Development Committee;
- 1983 – Present, ISAF International Judge.

Other significant Experiences

- 1985 – 2010, Directing, Coordinator, Teaching of Courses – Coach, Measurers, Judges, Race Officers;
- Sailing teacher – 42 years;
- National Authority – Member of the Rules Committee and Appeals Committee.

Bernard Destrubé (FRA)

Experience Profile

- School Instructor / Flying Junior and school racing;
- Crew on 50-70 foot safety boats and Medical Assistant for several Figaro Solo Races;
- Considerable family cruising experience in Canada and France;
- Medical Assistant for Vendee Globe Races.

Sailing Administration

- Previous member of the Executive Committee, CVAN Sailing Club, France;
- Present, Chief National Classifier for France;
- Present, Member of the FFVoile Medical Committee
- Present, Member of the French Disabled Sports Federation Medical Committee
- Chief Medic, ISAF World Cup, Semaine Olympique Française, Hyeres.

Other Sports Administration

- Volunteer for the organization of the European Figure Roller Skating Championship, Nantes, France.

Roles within IFDS

- Present - Chair, IFDS Medical Committee;
- Senior (Level 2) IFDS International Classifier;
- Chief event classifier or IFDS International Classifier at numerous events, including IFDS World Championships in Rochester, Athens, Medemblik and the 2008 Paralympic Sailing Competition;
- Organizer & Lecturer at numerous IFDS International Classification Seminars;

- Member of the IFDS Equipment Evaluation Commission, 2005 & 2010.

Other significant Experiences

- 2009 – 2010 - IFDS International Classifier, ISAF World Cup Events;
- Medical Doctor.

Linda Merkle (USA)

Experience Profile

- Skipper of Flying Dutchman – Local Champion;
- Skipper of Morgan 27 – Local Champion;
- Skipper of Lindenberg 28 – Winner of several local regattas and series;
- Various other boats – Butterfly women's Champion.

Sailing Administration

- Competition Manager – 1996 Paralympic Sailing Competition, Atlanta, USA;
- USS Certified Club Race Officer;
- USS Certified Sailing Instructor;
- Flag Officer, including commodore, local sailing club, Lakewide organization;
- Regatta Chair – Local, Regional Regattas, including Jr Olympic Sailing Festival, Adams Quarterfinals (USS Women's Championship);
- Director Local Sailing Club Junior Program – 5 years;
- Regatta Chair – Disabled Sailing Events in St Petersburg, Florida, USA;
- Race Committee Member – Local, Regional (Catalina 22 Nationals, Men's and Woman's National Championships – USS Sailing, Various Lakewide Regattas, Junior Events, Nood Regattas – St Petersburg, Florida, USA. 1-2 events per year since 1995;
- Jury Member Local, Regional Competitions.

Roles within IFDS

- 2008-Present – IFDS President;
- 2006-2008 – IFDS Vice-President;
- 2005–Presenter YES Europe Conference;

- Presenter at various IFDS International Classification Seminars;
- Jury Secretary:
 - i) IFDS Worlds, 1998, Newport, USA;
 - ii) 2000 Paralympic Sailing Competition, AUS;
 - iii) IFDS Worlds 2005, ITA;
 - iv) IFDS Worlds, 2006, Perth, AUS;
 - v) Multihull Worlds, 2008, POR.
- Classification Secretary:
 - i) IFDS Worlds, 2002, NED;
 - ii) IFDS Worlds, 2003, GRE;
 - iii) IFDS Worlds, 2006, AUS;
 - iv) IFDS Worlds, 2005, ITA;
 - v) IFDS Worlds, Multihull, 2003;
 - vi) IFDS Worlds, Multihull, 2005 CAN.
- Technical Delegate:
 - i) IFDS Worlds, 2005, DEN
 - ii) IFDS Multihull Worlds, 2005, CAN;
 - iii) IFDS Multihull Worlds, 200X, GBR;
 - iv) IFDS Blind Worlds, 2006, USA;
 - v) IFDS Multihull Worlds, 2008, POR;
- 1999-2006 – IFDS Technical Committee

Other significant Experiences

- 1998-Present - Member, US Sailing Committee for Sailors with Disabilities;
- 2005-2009 – Chair, US Sailing Committee/Council for Sailors with Disabilities;
- 2003-2006 – Member, Women’s Sailing Committee USS;

- 2002-2005 – Regional Training Co-ordinator USS.