



PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICF SUP COMMITTEE
ENDORSED BY THE PADDLE UK BOARD

CV	
Name:	Samantha Rutt
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Paddle UK Membership number:	531519
Position the individual is seeking nomination from:	ICF SUP Technical Committee Member
Stand Up Paddle background/experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Started SUP racing in 2014- Owner of one of the UK's most well-known SUP Race Clubs – Barefoot Ocean Athlete- Coached UK athletes at both national and international level helping them achieve podiums at two ICF World Championships and for selection to the ISA's.- Organised National Championship Series events with GB SUP- Paddle UK SUP lead/consultant to Paddle UK.	
Competitions History National and International	
2017	GB SUP National Championships – Windermere 2 nd Place
2018	GB SUP National Championships – Carbis Bay 1 st Place
2017	National Nisco Championships Sprints 2 nd Place
2018	National Nisco Championships Technical 3 rd Place
2019	GB SUP National Sprint Championships 2 nd Place
2018	Euro Tour – Open – Villa France 2 nd Place
2019	Euro Tour – Open – San Sebastian 1 st Place
2018-20	EASI Series – Series winner multiple years
Other Achievements and events attended internationally	
2023	Guinness World Record Holder as the fastest person and first female to cross from Northern Ireland to Scotland.
Other International Events Attended	
Gla Gla - Annecy	
Alpine Lakes Tour - Annecy	
Nautic Paddle - Paris	
Waterman Performance Centre - Fuerteventura	
Mentor/Coaching Background	
I have worked with some of the world's most prominent coaches/athletes to help develop my coaching and knowledge of SUP as a discipline:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Larry Cain – Canadian Olympic Medallist – C1- Michael Booth – World Champion SUP	

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- Titouan Puyo – World Champion SUP
- Seychelle Webster – World Champion SUP
- Conner Baxter – World Champion SUP
- Leo Nika – Italian National Champion SUP

Relevant career background, skills and experience

- I have extensive technical knowledge of SUP both as an athlete and race organiser.
- Supported the development of the Paddle UK selection procedures and chair the panel.
- ISA team selection panel member for Surfing England
- Extensive knowledge of the development of the sport and the current landscape internationally
- Good links with both athletes, race organisers and key people within the international SUP scene
- Working with Paddle UK on the GBR World CUP bid for 2026.

Relevant international canoeing background/positions/experience

- I sit on the European Canoe Association Working Group for SUP helping support the development of their European SUP Strategy. Started in October 2023 and ongoing.
- Chair Paddle UK Selection Panel for SUP
- Member of the Paddle UK SUP Advisory Group
- Working to support/advise on SUP for Paddle UK in their World CUP bid for 2026.

Aims and objectives if successful in appointment to the role

To support the high standards and professionalism already set by the ICF and bring my knowledge, connections and deep understanding of the sport to the role.

Support development of communication between athletes, national federations and athletes. Support the highly regarded ICF World Championships to continue to grow by establishing links with the wider SUP community internationally.

Any other relevant information

I understand and speak English as my first language and have a background in administration, so my use of technology is good.

My experience as an athlete helps me understand the technical, hosting and course construction and lay out with regards to SUP.

I have a lived understanding of SUP as a discipline, from grassroots to national level and now internationally on the world stage. I also understand the landscape with regards to the SUP pathway to the Olympics and have shown initiative and commitment to SUP within the UK by working voluntarily to establish links with both GB Surfing and Paddle UK to ensure that we can support athletes should SUP make it into the 2032 Olympics.

I feel this lived experience, network of contacts internationally could support the ICF in its continued development of our sport. It would be an honour to play a part in the future of SUP.