

PETER SCHOFIELD
PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE
ICF WILDWATER COMMITTEE



Personal Details

DoB: 8th March 1956

National Federation: British Canoeing - GBR

Occupation: Retired

Other relevant information: I am continuing to work internationally developing canoe sport, through leadership focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and supporting Veterans returning to civilian life.

Aims & Objectives

My objectives for the ICF Wildwater Committee would be to continue the direction that we have been maintaining over the last four years:

- To grow the sport at National, Regional and International Level
- To increase the number of nations and move from being a largely European Sport to one with true Worldwide appeal
- To make the rules more open to new races formats and new ideas
- To stay connected with nature and sustainability

Sport Information

ICF Background

I've been privileged to have the opportunity to be part of the ICF Wild Water Technical Committee since 2017 helping shape and develop the sport and continuing to support the international canoeing community. My particular focus has been on helping to simplify the competition rules and leading the work developing on-line coaching training and International Technical Official certification. This has built on the excellent work already done within ICF Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom accelerated by the need to develop digital solutions for the Covid pandemic. I'm delighted to say this work culminated with 18 new ITO's being certified in 2021. The next stage will be to extend the ITO training and certification programme worldwide as part of delivering on the four key committee objectives for Wildwater Canoeing.

British Paddling Background

Whilst I was the GBR Wild Water Committee Chairman between 1999 & 2020 I'm delighted to say that we had our most successful performances ever with Four Junior World individual and team champions, two European and Three World Champions as well as successfully running the 2002 Junior Worlds and 2005 World Cup series.

Developing both performance and participation have been my major aims. Making the sport accessible, family friendly and welcoming have been the key areas I worked on for the last twenty one years. The focus across the UK is rightly on increasing participation and enjoyment of sport at all levels at the same time as improving and driving performance for all.

This has required a great deal of focus on improving the event calendar to maximize participation and providing the coaching structure to help individuals and clubs achieve their ambitions through a network of highly skilled and motivated volunteers.

I think Wild Water Racing is a beautiful sport combining the speed of canoe sprint with the skill of slalom and the agility of freestyle. The complexity and difficulty of the race courses require intense concentration and high levels of visualisation – the complete athlete.

Career Background

- Global Director in DXC Technology, the World's largest independent IT Services provider with 30+ years' experience of business and project management business in a range of different industries.
- Royal Navy HM Submarines 1978-1982
- MA Hons (Oxon) Zoology 1974-1977