

**DERRICK PAUL EUGENE MENEZES**

Derrick was born on the 9th of July 1961 on the enchanting island of Zanzibar off the coast of Tanzania. Having the Goan lineage, his family left Zanzibar during the revolution and landed in Goa in 1964.

Derrick and his family have always excelled in sports. He and his brother were proficient badminton players and represented Goa on several occasions. His father who was an avid fishing sportsman and a sailing aficionado, was one of pioneers of Sailing in Goa and successfully set up the renowned Goa Yachting Association.

Derrick picked up the sail at an early age of 7 and participated in his first World Championships of 7 and participated in his first World Championships with his father at 13 years...and the rest is history!

With the passion he has for the sea and water sports, Derrick started his shipbuilding career at a shipyard in Goa and went on to study Naval Architecture in The UK. This is where he learnt and understood how boats worked, what they did at different speeds, how the wind affected its maneuverability...and a wealth of experience and knowledge which he considers a huge advantage in his career as a windsurfer.

Derrick won his first National Championship in 1985 and then 17 more in the next 25 years! He has stood on victory podiums across the world representing India in many international championships winning gold, silver & bronze positions.

Sailing and Windsurfing embarked Derrick on a professional journey as well with honorable United Nation postings across the world. He owes his sporting laurels and life achievements to his one and only passion - water sports, sailing and windsurfing - and for him, now is the time to give back to the this sport.

Derrick has been coaching youngsters and adults since few years and has now associated with Sportsfort to provide an opportunity to be introduced to this sophisticated sport along with a taste of the lifestyle that surrounds it.

“Make your work your passion and things will be fun” - Derrick Eugene Menezes

**Qualifications**

- Royal Yachting Association Instructor - Isle of Wight 1987
- Royal Yachting Association Trainer - Plas Meni 1990
- National Sportsboat Certificate - BSAC UK 1992
- RYA Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Windsurfing
- RYA Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Dinghy Sailing
- St Johns Ambulance First Aid Certificate
- NIWS Instructors Certificate: Parasailing & Water Skiing,
- Powerboat handling, Windsurfing & Sailing
- Yachting Association of India - National Windsurfing Coach '96 – 2000

**Personal Achievements**

- Windsurfing coach for youth team at the 2019 Singapore Open Championships. - Won 1 silver & 1 Bronze
- Raceboard 75 Knot masters regatta, 2018 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Windsurfing National Coach for Indian Army & Navy teams 2016-2017 – Won gold and silver at the RSX Olympic Class YAI National Regatta 2017
- Inland National Championships 2016. Pawna. Raceboard - 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Windsurfing National Champion 1983, 1986, 1989,1990,1992, 1994, 1996, 1998 ,1999, 2001, 2002 ,2004, 2006,2008 & 2010.
- IMCO/Raceboard Worlds 1st in Master Mistral One Design France 1998
- IMCO/Raceboard Worlds 2nd in Master Mistral One Design Thailand 2002
- Asian Regatta 2003 - Bronze Medal
- Raceboard World Championships 2008 - 9<sup>th</sup> Place
- Watersports Festival Sailing Champion 1990
- Race/Organising Committee for Enterprise World Championships 1997
- London Regional Windsurfing Nationals 3rd 1998 U K
- South East Region Windsurfing Nationals 4th 1998 U K
- Represented Goa in several National Championships in both 470, Enterprise & Laser classes
- Represented India in the Hong Kong Open Asian Regatta 1999
- Principle Race Officer at the National Enterprise Masters Championships 1999