

TEAM TRICKY WINDS



Name/Occupation	I'm Alex, born in Amsterdam, raised and living in Athens Greece, 40 years young, Naval Architect in the mega - Yachting industry
Did you sail when you were younger, do you sail in real life now?	I started sailing with the optimists, then moved to 420 & 470 which was my major sailing class. Stopped competitive Olympic sailing due to leaving to England for University studies, about 10 years now I am crewing a Beneteau First 50 in local offshore races, but my goal is to own a fast racer like a J70 and ride the waves with a couple of close friends.
When did you start playing VSK, how did it happen?	Came into the VSK virtual world in around 2009, joined the then mighty AYC Club, and then joined TTW after being invited by Bluesweden to race in Blues League. Together with Bluesweden and some other great guys we grew the team and created the Tricky Winds club for full-time members
VSK - just a game? How do you see VSK as part of your real life?	VSK is part of our social lives for years, I have met many interesting people over the years who all had a common passion, the passion for sailing. In addition the experience of contributing to the community and helping run a club, a common place where other persons are enjoying their free time is really satisfying.

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<p>Can you remember your best moment and your worst moment in the game? (no need to say names)</p>	<p>From the virtual sailing point of view, racing against accomplished sailors is always a good moment. However the best moment overall is remembering how we started with TTW, the journey these 7+ years and the fact that we can still enjoy our time, sometimes more than ever. 7 years in VSK is a very long time, yet we are still here, we have evolved, we have become better sailors, better people in VSK world and we are always up for a sailing fight! No bad moments that I can recall sorry ☺</p>
<p>Who has influenced you the most in VSK?</p>	<p>Many people, the overall experience and interaction with people from all over the world have equally influenced me. Special mention to Camster because I learnt that you can be a gentleman in water as well.</p>
<p>What does Tricky Winds as a club mean to you?</p>	<p>Tricky Winds is a journey and an experience which brings together many people from different countries, cultures, backgrounds, ages. It is a sailing club that is a vessel for anyone to better understand sailing, become competitive and discuss everything related to our favourite sport. Also let's not forget that while we have attracted a few top players in the past, for the vast majority of us joining this club meant that we became faster, more tactical, better sportsmen.</p>
<p>What is your vision for the future of the game and for Tricky Winds?</p>	<p>We will take this project into the future for as long as we can, hopefully until the Ubisoft servers shut down and then even further. I like to think that even after 3 or more years of someone taking a break from VSK, when he comes back he will find a few boats with the TTW tag sailing around ;)</p>
<p>Anything else you want to share with us?</p>	<p>Getting closer to 10 years in the game now, it really feels like a lifetime, but also feels like there is still 1 more lifetime ahead of me. I want to thank everyone that sat down and listened to me, exchanged ideas and maybe thought I was a good and respectful player. It is an experience I value very much. Love & peace -</p>