

# TEAM TRICKY WINDS



<p><b>Name/Occupation</b></p>	<p>My name is Bernard. I used to work as a commodity trader and as such I traveled and had fun in various countries.</p>
<p><b>Did you sail when you were younger, do you sail in real life now?</b></p>	<p>For sure I sailed when I was younger : I started sailing at the age of 36 on Hobie Cat 16... That was in 1999. Did'nt stop since. I have been participating in French IRC and British offshore RORC championships for the past 15 years on J109, A35, First 40, JPK 10.80 and other floating stuffs. Getting ready for Fastnet race 2019.</p>
<p><b>When did you start playing VSK, how did it happen?</b></p>	<p>A few months after I started sailing I bought my first sailing magazine. In there was an advertising about a fully new virtual sailing game called Virtual Skipper. I had no choice but to buy it.</p>
<p><b>VSK - just a game? How do you see VSK as part of your real life?</b></p>	<p>I have been learning a lot from VSK and VSK players. About sailing rules, about sailing tactics : the tactician on board the boat I sailed last week-end made mistakes that a good VSK player would not make...  VSK is a place where people from (almost) all over the world can regularly meet together, compete together, feel the differences between cultures and mostly enjoy them. Spanish, Italians, Dutch, Germans, English, Scottish, Greeks, Austrians, Polish, Irish, French, Portugueses, Croatians, Swisses, Swedishes, Norwegians, Danes, Russians, Ukrainians, Brazilians, Argentinians, Japanese, US, New-Zealanders, Australians, Mexican, Tahitian(s)... and so on, can chat together there. So nice !</p>

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<p><b>Can you remember your best moment and your worst moment in the game? (no need to say names)</b></p>	<p>Best moments are when you have a tactical battle with fair opponents. Even better when you win. As well, when someone teaches you something related to the game that helps to improve your skills. In any case, best moments in this individual game are when we get collective enjoyment of it. Bad moments ? There are probably thousands of bad moments but they did not print into my memory and I like it this way ☺.</p>
<p><b>Who has influenced you the most in VSK?</b></p>	<p>My first teacher was a Dutchman and I feel sorry not to remember his name. Sunburn, Euphoria, Kwasi, Spitillo, great players who developed the game and the player's skills. Artemisia and Camster were inspiring.</p>
<p><b>What does Tricky Winds as a club mean to you?</b></p>	<p>I was proud to be proposed to join. This because the club is made of people who play in an honest way. As TTW members play for the win as well, they have no other choice but to sail fast and smart. A whole bunch of Friendly, Capable, Steady and Easy Going people.</p>
<p><b>What is your vision for the future of the game and for Tricky Winds?</b></p>	<p>Nadeo had only limited knowledge of regatta when they produced the game. They were smart enough to involve players in further developments that led to our favourite toy. Nowadays the game is at risk because of a lack of players. And as far as I'm concerned I like playing new (strong) opponents. Let's organise and join efforts in order that becomes stay in the game, improve their skills, play well and challenge us. TTW could be the leader in this.</p>
<p><b>Anything else you want to share with us?</b></p>	<p>I am very impressed by energy and time spent by the members who organise events and races. Congratulations. I am really thankful for this.</p> <p>I wish I will be able to arrange a meeting with all of us and that we can sail, drink and have good foods together. To make virtual becomes real life.</p>