

**David Bangs**  
**BDA 016 Level 4 Coach**  
**BDA Director of Coaching**

I respectfully request that my name be put forward to the BDA Membership for election to the BDA Executive

**Personal Resume**

I have been a member of the BDA Executive for several years and have the role of Director of Coaching. I believe I have a continuing role to play in the restructuring and growth of the BDA. I have some long term plans for the future and consider that I have both the experience and commitment to deliver these.

As part of the restructuring process I intend to develop and improve the communication between our coaches, not only with the BDA Executive but also with each other.

One of my main objectives has been to generate a BDA Coach Level 3 in each of our registered clubs. To achieve this I have been regularly running Coaching Courses from Basic Helm up to Coach Level 3. This has been quite successful and we now have a significant number of CL3 Coaching in place. However, this is an ongoing job as clubs evolve and change with new people occupying key positions, so new coaches need to be developed and this is a priority of my work.

I aim to finish the next edition of the BDA Coaching Scheme by the middle of this season and with the help of some other BDA Coaches I aim to do this in conjunction with an upgrade of the BDA Water Safety Policy.

Having competed in all of the World and European Championships since their start in 1995, I have a huge amount of valuable experience which I desire to make available to the current GB Squads. As a member of the BDA executive I can provide a valuable link between the two, thus promoting complimentary development.

I and my club Amathus have been instrumental in the inception and growth of new clubs such as Preston Dragons and Spirit of Yorkshire, which are now fully committed BDA Registered clubs. As a member of the executive, I wish to continue to both promote and help in the development and growth of new clubs.

We are now seeing an increase in Dragon Boat activities in many Water Sport Centres and I specifically developed the Centre Coach Award to support their activities. I am currently working with two centres in Southport and Manchester who wish to develop their Dragon Boat activities along BDA Guidelines. This is the case across the country and I aim to improve the way in which our BDA Coaches can support and develop the staff within these various centres.

As the manager of a significant BDA Club, Amathus, I believe I am able to bring the perspective of that club management and the views of my members to the BDA Executive to help with our plans for restructuring in the future.

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