



## ATHLETE BIOGRAPHY

**Name:** Alex Halank

**Class:** Boys RSX

**Home town/club:** Georges River Sailing Club, NSW

What is your most significant achievement in sport?	Holding the national title in six windsurfing disciplines (freestyle, freerace, slalom, formula, Bic Techno 293 and wavesailing). Becoming world champion in freestyle (under 11s), vice world champion in slalom (under 13s), Raceboard youth world champion and Raceboard 7.8m open world champion. Qualifying for the Australian Youth Sailing Team in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and competing at the Youth Sailing Worlds in Auckland in 2016 and Sanya in 2017. Also, qualifying Australia for the 2018 Youth Olympics
What is your major sporting goal/ambition?	To represent Australia in the 2018 Youth Olympics in windsurfing.
Who are your idols, and why (not necessarily sporting)?	My father who has helped and supported me throughout my life and taught me to windsurf.
Who has most influenced your sporting career, and why?	As above
Do you work or study while training – If so at what?	Still at school
What are your career goals after sport?	I would like to go to university

What do you regard as you most memorable sporting moment?	Selection for the Australian Youth Sailing Team and competing at the Youth Sailing Worlds in Auckland and Sanya.
What is the toughest thing about competitive sailing?	Being patient and staying focused when racing conditions and competition are not favourable
How do you spend your time away from the water?	Surfing, homework and time with friends
Personal motto:	
If I wasn't sailing, I'd be:	Surfing
One thing people don't know about me:	
What are your three favourite places in the world?	Greece, Bonaire and Australia
What was the first event you competed in?	IFCA Pro Kids Freestyle Worlds in 2010
What was the first event you won?	IFCA Pro Kids Freestyle Worlds in 2010
Do you have any superstitions?	No