

Ronald Menzel

Antinea Foundation Director and founding member



His love for the seas started quite late, as Ronald Menzel grew up on the shores of Lake Geneva. There he learned sailing, first on small boats and then racing for 5 years on one of the most “extreme” boats in the world: *Relance II*. He finally discovered the hidden beauties of the oceans at the age of 24 in Australia where he learned diving. Since then he has never been far away from the seas...

While studying Economics at University of Geneva, Ronald launched 2 companies active in the fields of event management and music production. Organizing around 600 concerts and events in Switzerland, he acquired the skills to work under high pressure and manage complex projects. After completing a Master in the UK (Leicester University), Ronald left for a two-year round-the-world journey where he discovered our amazing Planet. The idea of creating the Antinea Foundation came at the end of this trip, in Alaska.

Back in Switzerland, he worked as an economist specialized in company strategy and international project management. He had a successful international career working for Deutsche Bank in Europe, the USA and South-East Asia before moving into the world of environmental protection. 10 years after his first vision on the shores of an isolated Alaskan lake, his dream of creating the Antinea Foundation came true.

Ronald is also a navigator, diver and underwater cameraman, having participated in several oceanic expeditions. He brings to *Sailing to Barcelona* his expertise in the conception of innovative events.