

Richard Jenkins ***Founder and CEO***

CEO and Founder of SAILDRONE, Inc., Richard Jenkins developed SAILDRONE's core technology over a 10-year period, driven by the research he conducted to break the world speed record for wind-powered vehicles. He achieved that record in 2009, setting a speed of 126.2mph on the dry lakes of Nevada. Richard then applied the same, now patented, wing technology to unmanned sailing vehicles, which was the foundation upon which SAILDRONE Inc. was founded. The company now has 250 employees based in Alameda, California, with additional offices in Washington, District of Columbia, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

SAILDRONE designs, manufactures, and operates a global fleet of USVs with a track record of operational success over 1.6 million nautical miles sailed for customers such as NOAA, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard and other research institutions around the world. Richard holds a Master of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, London and is both an avid sailor and private pilot.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2012 - Present

Uncrewed Surface Vehicles for ocean data collection

Founder/CEO, SAILDRONE Inc.

Mar 2011 - Mar 2014

Composites

Carbon composite structures for marine and aerospace applications

President, Photon

Oct 1999 - May 2009

Owned & managed the Windjet Project, high speed wind powered vehicles, which turned into the Greenbird project with Sponsorship from Ecotricity.

CEO, Proteus Speed Ltd

EDUCATION

Sep 1996 - Jun 2000

Imperial College London

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Meinig, C., E.F. Burger, N. Cohen, E.D. Cokelet, M.F. Cronin, J.N. Cross, S. de Halleux, R. Jenkins, A.T. Jessup, C.W. Mordy, N. Lawrence-Slavas, A.J. Sutton, D. Zhang, and C. Zhang. "*Public private partnerships to advance regional ocean observing capabilities: A Saildrone and NOAA-PMEL case study and future considerations to expand to global scale observing*," August 2019. <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2019.00448/full>.

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E. Cokelet, H. Tabisola, R. Jenkins, N. Lawrence-Slavas, C. Meinig, A. DeRobertis, I. Wangen, C. Kuhn, J. Crance, C. Mordy, P. Stabeno, J. Cross, "*Saildrone 2016: Simultaneously measuring the environment, fishes and marine mammals in the Bering Sea*," Alaska Marine Science Symposium 2017 Poster.

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