

# face-2-face:

ANNELOUS LAMMERTS | DUTCH PRO KITEBOARDER



## WAS THERE A SPECIAL MOMENT WHEN YOU REALIZED THAT KITEBOARDING IS YOUR LIFE?

Straight from the first moment with the trainer kite in my hands I knew that I was addicted. The first one and a half year I was still going to school and after I finished school I could fully commit to kiteboarding. I knew that kiteboarding was my life when I was working full time in the kite shop Natural High. Luckily I could always get a break when it was windy so I could train as much as possible.

It was always a dream to be a professional kiteboarder and it is amazing that the last two years I could make that dream come true and make competing in kiteboarding my job.

## WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING THIS LIFE?

The best thing about living this life is constantly doing what I love the most and I'm always challenging myself. There are no limits in kiteboarding and every session I want to do better than the one before. Of course that is not always working but when it happens it's the best feeling in the world. I also love traveling and that comes with the job since we are always chasing the wind.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT? WHY?

My favorite spot I would say is **Icapui in Brazil**. There are so many amazing spots and everyone has something different, but this is the spot where I had my best session so far. It's an undiscovered lagoon south of Fortaleza in Brazil. We went there last year since we couldn't kite in Uruau during the weekends and we ended up having the most flat water and a great accommodation at our friends place "the Kitemansion".

## I LOVE YOUR BEANIES – TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Thank you! The idea of our company Sea is Snow started together with Belle, a talented rider with who I train a lot. Belle made me a beanie which would keep me warm during the competitions and what would give me some extra luck. We got a lot of nice comments from people and they told us that they also wanted a beanie so we started making more and more. Kiteboarding is not yet an olympic sport, so it makes it pretty hard to find the financial support that is needed to go to all the competitions, especially in the beginning. That's why we started to sell the beanies so we can use the profit for our professional career. Make sure you take a look on [www.seaissnow.nl](http://www.seaissnow.nl) and order your favorite beanie!

*„Buy one beanie, support two girls, fulfill one dream.“*

## WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF ST. PETER ORDING LAST YEAR?

St. Peter Ording is definitely one of my best memories since it was my best competition so far. It is the biggest world cup of the season and for me to make it to my first freestyle final with all my sponsors, family and friends on the beach was amazing. In the end I won silver in both freestyle and the discipline slalom, so when I think of this Tourstop it brings a big smile on my face and it reminds me that all the hard work I put in to kiteboarding over all those years paid off.

## YOUR PLANS FOR 2016:

For 2016 my focus is on doing the biggest world cups and other big competitions. Beside competing I will also work on a few video projects, with the first coming out really soon. Next to kiteboarding, I hope I can get a short holiday to go somewhere to learn surfing.