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UIM F1H2O 20th Grand Prix of France: Carella rules the waves in Evian to take victory

Three-time World Champion Alex Carella of Team Abu Dhabi mixed talent with luck for 48 laps and ended up being the first to cross the finish line of the 20th Grand Prix of France on Lac Lemman in Evian, France, 11.72 seconds ahead of Filip Roms from Finland who preceded Victory Team's Shaun Torrente by less than a second.

Local drivers Cedric Deguisne of Maverick Racing obtained a well-earned fourth position, a lap behind the leader, ahead of fellow Frenchman Christophe Larigot of F1 Atlantic Team.

Marit Stromoy came home sixth after starting seventh for the EMIC Team, with Portugal's Duarte Benavente sliding into seventh place after qualifying eighth in his F1 Atlantic Team boat.

The event which had assembled thousands of spectators all over the beautiful Evian waterfront area and which was attended by representatives of leading international sports federations, including the I.O.C., F.I.A. and F.A.I. along with the President of the UIM Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, saw the 20 drivers from 12 different nations honour the victims of the recent tragedy in Nice with black ribbons adorned on their boats as they lined up on the starting grid.

The next round of the UIM F1H2O World Championship will take place in Portimao, Portugal in two weeks' time on 30-31 July on the Arade River for the 15th Grand Prix of Portugal.



Alex Carella of Team Abu Dhabi, winner of the Grand Prix of Evian on Lac Lemman



Grand Prix of Evian Podium – From left to right: Raffaele Chiulli, UIM President, Shaun Torrente 3rd, Alex Carella 1st, Filip Roms 2nd