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First UIM-ABP Ski Junior World Championship in Denia, Spain

A record number of competitors were attending the UIM-ABP Aquabike Class Pro World Championship June in Denia, Spain as, for the first time in the sport's 22 year history, the UIM has extended registration and afforded World Championship status to a host of additional classes. Since 1995 the World Championship has been the exclusive domain of the sport's 'show case' categories Runabout GP1, Ski GP1 for men and women and Freestyle. But that has all changed in Denia with the addition of Runabout GP2 & 3, Ski GP2 & 3 and Ski Junior all lining up in a UIM sanctioned World Championship event. "We see this as great opportunity to broaden the awareness and develop the sport. The decision to introduce these classes at World Championship level was taken by the UIM Aquabike Committee as a result of the success in terms of the participation in these categories in the European Continental Championships last year." said Raimondo di San Germano

"In 2016 the additional categories compete in Denia only but we will add more events in Europe from 2017 and onwards" The future stars of the UIM-ABP Aquabike World Championship were treated like any of their senior peers, had to register, attend rider briefings and incredibly raced on the same 2000metre plus, 25-pin course and faced the same horrendous seas and conditions. Some of the juniors were just that, but in race suit with helmet donned and on a jet ski all were immense, outstanding and very brave. All deserve huge praise, above all the Estonian duo Marten Manni and Mattias Reinaas: Manni, a veteran at 14!, and Reinaas, 11, took maximum points from the three heats in their respective categories and with the format of all riders racing together produced a fitting final heat finishing first and second, to claim their deserved world titles. Sharing the limelight on the big stage in GP3.3 were UAE duo Sultan Al Hammadi and Salman Al Awadhi and in GP3.2 Portugal's Diogo Barbosa and Matteo Valente.

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UIM President, Dr Raffaele Chiulli and H.H Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Advisor to the UAE Head of State and Chairman Of Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club (ADIMSC)

2016 UIM Class One World Championship gets back on track in Abu Dhabi, Nov 23-25

Following a constructive meeting, Raffaele Chiulli, UIM President and H.H Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Advisor to the UAE Head of State and Chairman of Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club, signed the contract for staging the 2016 UIM Class 1 World Championship in Abu Dhabi on 23rd-25th November.

After the withdrawal of the historic Class1 Promoter, H2O Racing, at the beginning of the year, this agreement represents another important step forward in the untiring efforts of the UIM to perpetuate the series that made the success of Powerboating Sports.

"The 2016 UIM Class 1 World Championship will be held as "single event" with various races, to be held at one single place (Abu Dhabi). In principle, the Event is structured in the traditional format of three races, as it used to be in the past. The arrangement concluded with Abu Dhabi does foresee said "three-races-single event", but the exact programme and dates remain to be confirmed by ADIMSC.

The information on the exact racing format and the timetable is of highest importance, particularly in the context of the shipping of the boats to the U.A.E. and the travel arrangements of the Teams and of all other persons/parties involved, and we expect confirmation of exact dates and event timetable from ADIMSC by the end of this week. " said UIM Secretary General Thomas Kurth.

ADIMSC in their role as Promoter and Local Organizer at the same time, is responsible for preparing and organizing the Event and all related arrangements.

The UIM will cover all competition/rule book specific aspects and the usual Team of six UIM officials composed of Race Commissioners, Race Administrator; Technical Commissioner, Protest Judge and OPC representative will be on-site to ensure all regulatory provisions are respected.

- The safety and security arrangements and services will be provided by the Bergamo Scuba Divers, as this was the case in previous seasons.
- The media coverage of the event is the responsibility of ADIMSC in their role as Promoter of the Event and there will be live TV coverage in the U.A.E.. Abu Dhabi Sports TV will produce the signal for national and international broadcast.





Spectacular Hydro GP event in Ternopil, Ukraine

The Hydro GP event (UIM F500 WC, F250 EC, F125 EC) held on 27-28 in Ternopil, Ukraine, has been broadly welcomed by the powerboating community. 30 drivers from 12 different countries were attending this great event full of surprises.



In European F250 two drivers put up an impressive performance, the two world champions: Massimo Rossi finishing first and Peter Bodor second. Third position was taken surprisingly by Rasmus Haugasmägi, competing for the first time in the F250 European Championship. F125 race was won by Henryk Synoracki who was still able to finish his first heat with a broken piston.

F-500 lithuanian driver Glebas Sobciukas won his first UIM World Championship round ever with two heat wins. The third heat was won by the Estonian Erko Aabrams, who had been stopped in the first heat in leading position.

The 2015 season F500 World Champion Marian Jung's boat engine crankcase failed in the first heat while one ignition wire broke in the third heat from the leading position after first turn. Austrian driver Attila Havas finished first heat using power only from three cylinders. Giuseppe Rossi was stopped during the first heat because of battery failure while Robert Hencz changed engine from VRP to GRM.

Pierre Lundin secures the 2016 UIM F2 World Championship title in Macon, France

They might have started the day on equal points but last week end Sweden's Pierre Lundin was the toast of the Maconnais – Beaujolais wine region after not only winning the UIM F2 Grand Prix of France but also securing enough points to reclaim his World Championship title in the process after his title rival Erik Edin crashed out just eleven laps into the fifty five lap race. As the start light went out Edin once again made the perfect start and quickly opened up a gap over Lundin who had started back in fifth place. Around the short course on the River Saone the action was fast and frenetic as the eighteen drivers battled their way through the choppy condition. Amongst the early retirements was Mette B. Bjerknæs, who had started from third place on the grid. Just after seven laps in her Moore hull shit hit a wash and flew through the air. "I saw the wash but it was too late" said the Norwegian driver. "As the boat landed I knew something had broken because I lost my power-steering, it was impossible to continue so I had to pull off the course. Yes, I'm a little bit disappointed but qualifying shows that I'm beginning to master this hull."

Moments later the destiny of the 2016 UIM F2 World Championship title was decided when the leading drivers began to lap the field. As Edin approached the top turn the door was firmly closed on him by the Abu Dhabi Team driver Rashed Al Tayer and over he went. "And suddenly my world championship dream became a nightmare" said Edin.



Pierre Lundin at the UIM F2 Grand Prix of France

With the course now back to normal the race was back under way but it didn't last long after Konstantin Ustinov clashed with Owen Jelf at the top turn. The Russian New Star driver had been in third place but eventually went the way of the Lithuanian driver Edgaras Riabko. "We came here just to collect some world championship points, I really didn't think it would be twelfth" he said as he stepped down from the podium.

Just ahead of him was the Abu Dhabi driver Rashid Al Qamzi, who secured the team's best ever result in F2. "Al Qamzi has the potential to be the first UAE driver to win the UIM F2 World Championship" said his team principal Guido Cappellini. "He has the speed and he has the strength to succeed, all we need to work on now is his mental ability to be a winner."

As Pierre Lundin headed off to celebrate his World Championship title success, all thoughts now turned to the final round of the series taking place on 7-9 October in Ribadouro, Portugal. Would the Swedish be making the long trip south. "Of course we will be there" he said. "I and my whole team just love racing F2." As the Grand Prix was nearing the final laps Britain's Matt Palfreyman misjudged the bottom turn and took out both turn buoys. In doing so he was instantly disqualified from the race. As the officials were replacing the marks the laps were quickly being counted down and as they approached the fifty fifth lap the UIM Commissioner had little option but to add a further five laps onto the race after a new rule was introduced to make sure the race was not concluded under yellow flag.



Rashid Al Qamzi takes second place to earn the Abu Dhabi team there best result in the 2016 UIM F2 World Championship series

Edgaras Riabko flies his way to third place at the UIM F2 Grand Prix of France



First UIM Propstars centre in the Middle East

The UIM Youth Development Programme "Propstars" continues to expand and is now attracting interest beyond frontiers.

Since the last General Assembly great progress has been made, a brand new UIM Propstars Training Academy has been established in Fujairah at the Fujairah International Marine Club and the official opening will coincide with the 2016 General Assembly.

The principal aim of the programme is to train UIM Propstars Instructors/Ambassadors so that they can deliver the Propstars programme in their country to a wide range of potential competitors and Race Officials. John Puddifoot, UIM Propstars Commissioner and Inspector assists in this process and provides the training to the new trainers and the UIM Instructors/Ambassadors.



"The Propstars training in Fujairah held on 7-13 september has been a very successful week. I have trained three new UIM Instructors/Ambassadors and five support crew to assist them. The new training centre, boats and equipment are excellent, Major Ahmed Al Blooshi has done a fantastic job and is very proud that he has established the first UIM Propstars centre in the Middle East. I think this will create a great deal of interest and I hope that it will inspire some of the other National Authorities." "The UIM General Assembly will be a great opportunity to present the brand new Fujairah Youth training centre to a large number of UIM Officials. The Training Centre opening on Saturday 22 October will include a tour of the facilities and an on water demonstration by 6 local children that the new Instructors will now train, with the participation of Oban Duncan, the new UIM Propstars Ambassador."



Major Ahmed Al Blooshi, Managing Director of Fujairah International Marine Club and John Puddifoot, UIM Propstars Commissioner &





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*Oban Duncan,
UIM Propstars
Ambassador*



10 years old driver appointed UIM Propstars Ambassador

The story of OBAN DUNCAN

My name is Oban Duncan, aged 10. I have been powerboating since I was 8 years old. For the past two years I have accumulated over 300 hours driving different types of boats, mainly RIB's with varying horse power outboards from 15Hp up to twin 225 Hp, but mostly I drive my own 4.8 metre Highfield Rib which has a Honda 50 Hp outboard, which is called Sunny. Over the past two years, I have competed in the RYA Honda Youth RIB Challenge. In 2015 I became the youngest Scottish champion at aged 9 years, ranked 5th at the national finals held at the Southampton boat show. I am very keen to share my knowledge and have taken my boat into school to teach the children about boat and water safety.

I also took my brownie pack out to the North Sea.

It was great to share my hobby with them and we were able to observe seals on the mud banks.

2016 has been a very busy year for me. I was privileged to have been asked to demonstrate my RIB handling and control skills for four P1 Superstocks events throughout the United Kingdom. At these events, I challenged some of the best powerboat racing drivers in the world including Shelley Jory-Leigh, John Wilson, Dave Taft and Sam Colman to name a few, to a challenge on my RIB.

I am very enthusiast and passionate about powerboating and racing.

It is unfortunate that some families look upon powerboating as dangerous and unsafe, especially for children. It has been great to share my sport with over 200,000 spectators at events this year. If I can do it, anyone can!



In July an opportunity arose to attend a UIM Propstars training programme in Sri Lanka. How could I refuse? The trip to Sri Lanka was a brilliant experience, our instructors Rob Moore and Sarah Flynn were superb. The three day course was intensive covering boat and water safety using Thundercat P750 Catermerans with tiller bar control. The course covered the basic, advanced and competition training. I was lucky enough to be able to teach a classroom session on boat handling techniques and boat safety.

I still have a lot to learn myself but it is nice to pass on to others what I know. I am privileged and honoured to have been deemed worthy to become the first UIM Propstar Ambassador. When I competed against Shelley Jory-Leigh (a British and World champion), Shelly commented that I get in the zone, focusing on the job in hand and the course. I feel a thrill and excited whilst driving my boat at speed. "I would like to promote this great UIM Propstars programme initiative everywhere and encourage other young people to try it too".



To test and develop my own skills and RIB handling, I am undertaking several RIB challenges over the next few years. These challenges range from relatively easy to extreme. I sat down with my long term instructor Ryan Tozzer to look at progressive challenges. I recently completed my first RIB challenge becoming the youngest and fastest to Helm a RIB from Cardiff Bay out to and around Flat Holm Island located in the Bristol Channel, UK. The water around Flat Holm Island can change very quickly and it did during my challenge. I completed this challenge in 34 minutes. For this challenge I was accompanied by an experienced navigator, medics and a safety boat, just in case anything unexpected should happen.

I have met some wonderful people during my travels, I am very lucky that I have a very supportive mum and dad. I love the thrill of achieving new goals and knowing that I have to stretch myself to achieve.

I would strongly recommend children and families to explore the water and powerboating, it's simply the best fun ever, but please seek professional guidance from a club or association and always wear either life jackets or buoyancy aids if near or on the water.

If you are driving a boat for fun, please always wear and test your kill cord to ensure that the outboard engine will cut in cases of emergency. Powerboating and powerboat racing is brilliant family fun, try it! Enjoy and stay safe!

You can follow me at:

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Yes, We Care

UIM "Low Impact Events" concept

The UIM is proud to launch its new environmental concept "Low impact Events" aiming at stimulating the environmental consciousness of powerboat races organizers and to offer them the opportunity and the method to organize a "clean" event.

In its Strategic Plan, the UIM identified the importance of controlling environmental impacts and adopted specifications to implement actions in line with its Environmental Policy.

The UIM Low Impact Events concept paper describes the actions to be implemented when holding an event that causes impact on environmental aspects. The idea is to hold an event that can also capitalize on the environmental system around it, involving not only the environmental territory but also enterprises, products and all intangible values, in order to achieve the objective of a low impact event.

The Low Impact Events specifications show up the fields where action is possible as well as the specifics of what can be done and how to assess the impact of each process and/or action.

The specifications also include a method to measure CO2eq emissions produced by anything that can be linked to the event, in order to have a benchmark that can be used to decide on the impact reduction line and/or compensation, if any. Some macro-processes have been identified as part of the assessment: the event preparation, the event management and the post-event management.

To measure what can be defined as "low impact" events, some areas of action were created to identify and assess the impact: the organization, the location, the competition, the food & beverage, the hospitality, the transport and the Communication supports.

To recognize the best practices, the UIM has defined three categories of compliant events:

UIM SILVER EVENT

An event that has calculated its CO2equivalent emission and has offset the emissions, and is compliant with all the specifications of this document, especially selecting green label providers, studying innovative solutions for transportation, etc.



UIM GOLD EVENT

An event that goes beyond the limits of this document, being compliant with other and more binding international standards



UIM BRONZE EVENT

An event that has calculated its CO2equivalent emission and has offset the emissions





H2O Racing president Nicolò Di San Germano and BUND president Xin Chongjie

UIM Nations Cup and Aquabike events achieve Carbon Neutral status

H2O Racing and BUND Holding Group have confirmed that this week's UIM-ABP Aquabike and UIM H2O Nations Cup Grand Prix of Shanghai will be the first carbon neutral events across both the sporting categories to take place in the People's Republic of China.

Throughout the negotiations and planning stages to bring two such high profile international events to Shanghai, ensuring the carbon neutral status of both was a high priority for BUND Holding Group's Chairman, Mr Chongjie Xin. "Investing in high quality carbon reduction projects and making events carbon neutral is our commitment to ensure that we respect and achieve our corporate social responsibilities."

BUND Holding Group's carbon neutral strategy is very much in line with the strong direction on environmental responsibilities taken and implemented by Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, President of the sport's world governing body, the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) and its close working relationship with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). "The Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) governs all Powerboating disciplines and acknowledges that every activity conducted on water can make a difference in the fight against climate change. We are fully committed to promoting environmentally friendly practices which we hope will help to contribute towards

solving some of the environmental challenges of today particularly those involving the unsustainable use of energy resources. We do encourage more of these efforts favouring the protection of the environment which result in a reduction of the environmental footprint in all types of motorboating activities." Stated UIM President Raffaele Chiulli.

Everyday actions consume energy and produce carbon emissions, such as driving, flying and heating buildings. Carbon offsetting is used to compensate for your emissions by funding an equivalent carbon dioxide saving elsewhere

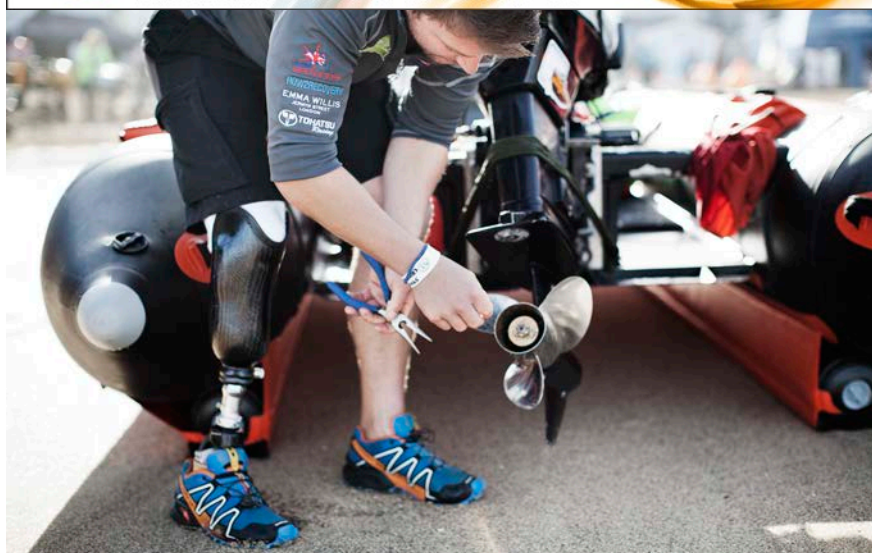
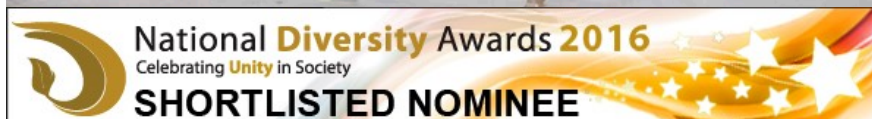
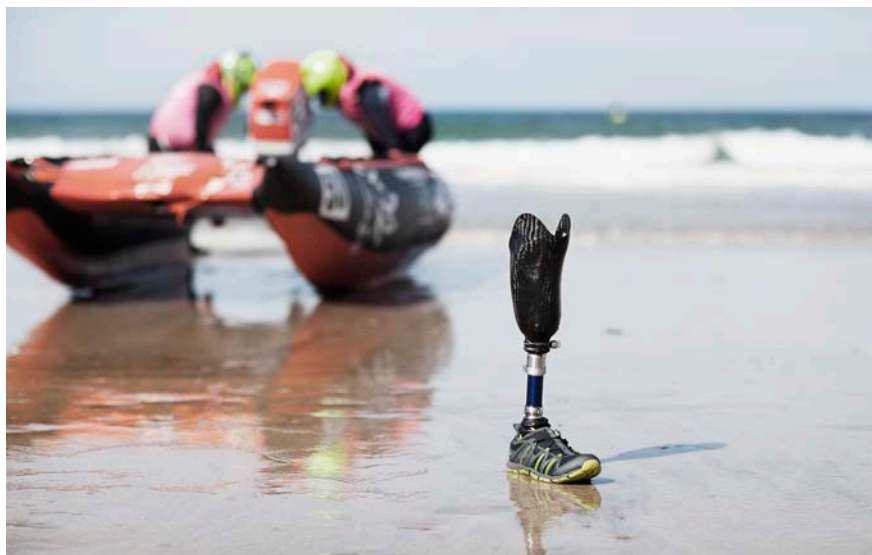


Thundercat Racing UK shortlisted for the UK' Largest Diversity Awards

ThunderCat Racing (P750) UK is one of the finalist for the UK's most prestigious accolade at the National Diversity Awards 2016 - 'Community Organisation Award for Multi-Strand'. The Best of British Diversity will travel to Liverpool to celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have demonstrated their devotion to enhancing equality, diversity and inclusion in today's society on September 16th 2016. Over 20,000 nominations and votes were received, paying tribute to communities and companies nationwide.

"I am so excited and proud of our ThunderCat Community being shortlisted for this award, we hope that the judges will see what we are achieving within powerboat racing, supported by the UIM and RYA – fingers crossed, in true racing spirit we are going for gold! We want to show nationally and globally how within our unique sporting community 'recovery through sport' changes lives both on and off the water. It's so easy to judge the book by the cover – but behind visual personas there can be issues of PTSD, anxiety, anger, depression, bipolar and chronic illnesses. People say 'how are you today?' a typical British statement of politeness, but do we really mean it? Do we give time to listen and understand? Or wish to actually find out how the person is truly feeling? Both mental and physical illnesses have a stigma and lack of empathy in society especially if we cannot evidently see the disability. The reality is, everyone has their demons but some struggle more than others.

Powerboat Racing especially our sport offers a high action, adrenaline series that pushes teams to the extreme, building strong bonds and trust between racers; as well as a true sense of core understanding of family values within the community.



Everyone helps each other to fulfil their aspirations and conquer any negative vibes – a true proactive and positive environment to be part of" states Fiona Pascoe, Director of ThunderCat Racing UK. This prestigious black tie event provides recognition for excellence regardless of race, faith, religion, gender, identity, sexual orientation, age, disability and culture. Microsoft will be just one of the brands supporting a Skyfall of diversity talent alongside Adidas, Direct Line Group, ThoughtWorks, Financial Ombudsman Service, Kier, MI5, MI6, GCHQ, PwC, and Transport for London, ITV and The Open University. The NDA's are supported by the likes of Stephen Fry, Adam Hills and Sir Lenny Henry amongst many. www.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk
www.thundercatracing.com

Jorgensen's final test attracts Royal interest

Runabout GP1
 championship leader
 Marcus Jorgensen's final preparations for his trip to China for rounds 4 and 5 of the UIM-ABP Aquabike World Championship attracted a group of very special onlookers, with members of Denmark's Royal Family taking a great interest in what he was up to.

The 21-year-old from Copenhagen was testing at Hornbaek Harbour and looking to find the perfect set-up at the same time as a sailing regatta was taking place. His activities caught the attention of a group of 'Royal' onlookers. "After my first test the Royal Family came over and started talking with me and my mechanic.

We talked about the sport and which competition I was racing in.



Marcus Jorgensen and HRH Prince Henrik of Denmark

We talked about the UIM Aquabike World Championship series and I said I was going to China soon so we only had few more days to make the perfect setup for my ski before we leave.

"There was a world championship sailing competition which Crown Prince Frederik was taking part in, so the Royal Yacht was out in front of the harbour and they asked me if I would like to come out and visit them. So I joined them on board after the test for a drink and we talked more about the [Aquabike] championship and I had some photographs taken with Prince Henrik Carl Joachim Alain, the husband of HM Queen Margrethe 2."

Jorgensen leads the points' standings on 86, 20 clear of defending world champion Youssef al Abdulrazzaq and a further 16 points ahead of championship newcomer James Bushell.

The Grand Prix of Shanghai takes place on the 23-25 September with heats 1 & 2 [on the 24 and 25] broadcast and streamed live on the official UIM Aquabike Promoter website: aquabike.net



OUT & ABOUT

Duarte Benavente of F1 Atlantic Team at Grand of Harbin



Giuseppe Rossi F500 Ternopil



Class V1 WC, Chioggia



Kalle Vippo of Team Sweden at UIM F4 Grand Prix of Harbin, China



Glebas Sobciukas F500 WC ternopil winner



Racer demonstration - Historic Boat, Mâcon, France



F2 WC Mâcon, France

UIM F2 WC, Ribadouro, Portugal



UIM F1 Grand Prix of Harbin, China



From left to right: UIM Secretary General, Thomas Kurth, UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, H.H Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Advisor to the UAE Head of State and Chairman Of Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club (ADIMSC), Head of UIM President's Office, Riccardo La Cognata, ADIMSC Board Member, Ahmed Al Romaithi



Ski Junior GP3 at the Grand Prix of Costa Blanca, Denia, Spain