

Composition of the UIM Council - status 16th April 2025

UIM COUNCIL



Raffaele Chiulli
President
Italy

Administrators:

Fred Hauenstein	Senior Vice-President	USA
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	Vice-President	Belgium
Christer Gustafsson	Treasurer	Sweden
Sami Abu Shaikha	Administrator	Qatar
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Sijbrand Booij	Administrator	The Netherlands
Carla Chaghoury	Administrator	Lebanon
Denis Dillon	Administrator	Ireland
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Vahur Joala	Administrator	Estonia
Christopher Loney	Administrator	Great Britain
Peng Linwu	Administrator	China
Denise Preece	Administrator	New Zealand
Gianfranco Rossi	Administrator	Monaco
Jerzy Wojewoda	Administrator	Poland
Thomas Kurth	Secretary General (non-voting)	Switzerland

Commission Presidents:

Denis Dillon	Pleasure Navigation	Ireland
Fred Hauenstein	Cominsport	USA
Mikael Lundblad	Comintech	Sweden
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	Cominoff	Belgium
Robert Wartinger	Cominsafe	USA

Committee Chairs:

Sergio Abrami	Safety Cockpit Committee (interim)	Italy
Ahmed Ibrahim Alblooshi	Youth Development Committee	UAE
Carla Chaghoury	Equality Committee	Lebanon
Raffaele Chiulli	UIM E1 Committee	Italy
Luca Filiberti	Aquabike Committee	Italy
Christer Gustafsson	Class 1 Committee	Sweden
Karel Kramer	Motosurf Committee	Czech Republic
Pelle Larsson	Formulae Committee	Sweden
Manuel Gonzalez Pando	IBC	Spain
Estelle Poret	Athletes Committee	France
Petr Pylaev	Formula Future Committee	Russia
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	Formula 1 Committee	Portugal

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Composition of the UIM Executive Committee – status 28th October 2024

UIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Raffaele Chiulli	President	Italy
Fred Hauenstein	Senior Vice-President	USA
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	Vice-President	Belgium
Christer Gustafsson	Treasurer	Sweden
Kimón Papachristopoulos	Legal Consultant	Greece/Germany

ADVISORS		
Ahmed Ibrahim Alblooshi	Advisor to EXCO for Youth Development activities	UAE
Emile E. Chaghoury	Diplomatic Advisor to the UIM President	Lebanon
Li Ruilin	Special Advisor to the EXCO for The World Games and UIM Projects in China	China
Gianfranco Venturelli	Technical Advisor to the EXCO	Italy

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Composition of the UIM Commissions & Committees - status 16th April 2025

International Sport Commission

COMINSPOR is the UIM's central body mandated to study, modify, improve and implement all international sporting rules, to draw up the international racing calendar and to examine requests for record homologation.



Fred Hauenstein
President
USA

Ahmed Al Hosani	Member	UAE
Martin Benne	Member	Germany
Vahur Joala	Member	Estonia
Karel Kramer	Member	Czech Republic
Petr Pylaev	Member	Russia
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	Member	Portugal
Wiktor Synoracki	Member	Poland
Aron Tabori	Member	Hungary

International Technical Commission

The duties of **COMINTECH** include the study of all technical rules proposed for international competition, the formulation and administration of all tests on boats, equipment and special materials, to standardize boats and equipment and to recommend homologation procedures. Additionally, **COMINTECH** members study and recommend technical measures likely to interest competitors and improve reliability and safety in the Powerboating sport.



Mikael Lundblad
President
Sweden

Martin Benne	Member	Germany
Jeff Broman	Member	USA
Algo Kuus	Member	Estonia
John Lasschuit	Member	Belgium
Jari Lehtonen	Member	Finland
Gil Pedroso	Member	Portugal
Pascal Reide	Member	France
Jerzy Wojewoda	Member	Poland

International Offshore Commission

The mission of **COMINOFF** is to study, draw up and enforce rules for offshore competition, to assist in compiling the racing calendar and defining championship status, to examine requests for record homologation and to set up specific technical working groups and sub-commissions as deemed appropriate.



Jean-Marie Van Lancker
President
Belgium

Ahmed Alblooshi	Member	UAE
Denis Dillon	Member	Ireland
Rich Luhrs	Member	USA
Mikael Lundblad	Member	Sweden
Denise Preece	Member	New Zealand
Per Christian Skoglund	Member	Norway
Jamie Stickler	Member	Great Britain
Kathy Van Den Hende	Member	Belgium
Aaron Ciantar	V2 Promoter	Malta
Sebastiano Pellecchia	XCAT Promoter	Italy
Azam Rangoonwala	Class 1/P1 Promoter	Great Britain

International Medical & Safety Commission

The main task of the members of **COMINSAFE** is to consolidate the safety specific rules and regulations for all racing disciplines. They study general health aspects of the powerboating sport, new developments in sports medicine and related treatments, aspects of personal and overall safety, questions of pollution and they make regular recommendations to Council for raising the safety standards. The Presidents of the four main Commissions are permanent members of **COMINSAFE**.



Robert Wartinger
President
USA

Nasser Al Dhaheri	Member	UAE
Fabrizio Boffi	Member	Italy
Pernilla Ingvarsson	Member	Sweden
Pascal Reide	Member	France
Fred Hauenstein	Cominsport President	USA
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	Cominoff President	Belgium
Denis Dillon	Pleasure Navigation Commission President	Ireland
Mikael Lundblad	Comintech President	Sweden
Luca Filiberti	Aquabike Committee Chairman	Italy
Mark Austin	Rescue Working Group	USA
Robert Irvine	Rescue Working Group	Great Britain
Alastair Naylor	Rescue Working Group	Great Britain

International Pleasure Navigation Commission

The **Pleasure Navigation Commission** has a wide ranging brief to promote motorboating by liaison with international organizations and governments, to focus on the discipline's specific safety aspects and environmental issues, incl. cross-border travel. Endurance Racing, Regularity, Radio-Control, Historic Boat competitions and calendar planning all fall within its orbit.



Denis Dillon
President
Ireland

Nasser Al Dhaheri	Member	UAE
Sijbrand Booij	Member	Netherlands
Stefan Exerman	Member	Sweden
Mette Moen Knutsen	Member	Norway
Rich Luhrs	Member	USA
Miquel Mallafré	Member	Spain
Robert McCarthy	Member	Great Britain
Kathy Van Den Hende	Member	Belgium

Athletes Committee

The **Athletes Committee**'s function is related to specific athletes' concerns. The Committee represents athletes within the UIM and also upholds the rights and obligations of the athletes.



Estelle Poret
Chairwoman
France

Ignasi Armillas	Member	Spain
Laura Lakovica Lakovica	Member	Latvia
Aneta Sacherova	Member	Czech Republic

Aquabike Committee

Personal watercraft is one of the biggest growth areas and the **Aquabike Committee** is established to bring together international sporting and commercial interests, administer the calendar and propose ecologically sound developments for Aquabike racing.



Luca Filiberti
Chairman
Italy

Alec Cavallero	Aquabike Promoter	Italy
Paolo Caredda	Technical Commissioner	Italy
Algo Kuus	Safety Commissioner	Estonia
José Miguel Martinez Castejon	Safety Commissioner	Spain
Miguel Valente	Vice Chairman / N.A Representative	Portugal
Hakan Borgström	N.A Representative	Sweden
Lars Magne Drange	N.A Representative	Norway
Davor Hundic	N.A Representative	Croatia
Marco Pietrini	Aquabike Regulations Expert	Italy
Stefano Somigli	Rescue Expert	Italy
Alejo Sotelo	Hydrofly Expert	Argentina
Li Zhongyi	Expert	China
Hady Nakhoul	Expert	Lebanon

UIM Class 1 Committee

For the purpose of ensuring an efficient Management of the UIM Offshore Class 1 World Championship, the UIM institutes a Class 1 Committee, in charge of monitoring the UIM Class 1 Racing Series. The Class 1 Committee is composed as follows and will report directly to the UIM Council.



Christer Gustafsson
Chairman
Sweden

Azam Rangoonwala	Promoter	Great Britain
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	Cominoff President	Belgium
Mikael Lundblad	Comintech President	Sweden
Bob Wartinger	Cominsafe President	USA
Drivers' Rep.	To be announced at first WC Round	
Tyler J. Miller	Team Owners' Rep.	USA
Boat Builders' Rep.	TBC	
Jeff Broman (MERCURY Managing Director)	Engine Manufacturers' Rep.	USA
Chris Fairchild	Host NA's Rep.	USA

UIM E1 Committee

For the purpose of ensuring an efficient Management of the UIM E1 World Championship, the UIM institutes an UIM E1 Committee (E1C), in charge of monitoring the UIM E1 Racing Series.

The E1C is composed as follows and will report directly to the UIM Council.



Raffele Chiulli (UIM President)
Chairman
UIM Nominated

Vahur Joala (UIM Council)	Member	UIM nominated
Ing. Marco Casiraghi (Strategic Advisor)	Member	UIM nominated
Sebastiano Pellecchia (UIM E1 Race Director)	Member	UIM nominated
Rodi Basso (E1 CEO)	Member	E1 nominated
John Williams (E1 CFO)	Member	E1 nominated
Cristiano Macedo (E1 Sporting Manager)	Member	E1 nominated
Regvita Dzemido (E1 Chief Legal Officer CLO)	Member	E1 nominated

Equality Committee

The **Equality Committee**'s function is related to equal opportunity rights for all such as: to encourage and support the effort and developments disseminating the health and social benefits to be gained through regular physical/sport activity, to promote ideal that sport is a human right for all individuals regardless of race, social, class and sex and to encourage sport activities that can be exercised by people of all ages, both sexes and different social and economic conditions.



Carla Chaghoury
Chairwoman
Lebanon

Nouf S. Alarify	Member	Saudi Arabia
Elida Alawi Nakhoul	Member	Lebanon
Ivan Bakaidov	Member	Russia
Tesa Hundic	Member	Croatia
Pernilla Ingvarsson	Member	Sweden
Aneta Sacherova	Member	Czech Republic
Antonio Tunes	Member	Portugal
Carolien Van Akelyen	Member	Belgium

Formula Future Committee

The mission of the **Formula Future Committee** is to develop, promote and administer all types of youth competition.



Petr Pylaev
Chairman
Russia

Ahmed Alblooshi	Member	UAE
Lisa Andreß	Member	Germany
Joe Gavin	Member	Ireland
Marian Jung	Member	Slovakia
Matas Kvizikevicius	Member	Lithuania
Nadezhda Pylaeva	Member	Russia
Dmitry Schiller	Member	Latvia

Formula 1 Committee

The **Formula 1 Committee** is the body responsible for all aspects of F1 racing and reports directly to the Council.



Luis Miguel Ribeiro
Chairman
Portugal

Fred Hauenstein	Senior Vice-President	USA
Li Haojie	Vice-President Asia	China
Salem Al Romaithi	Member - F1 Local Organizer	UAE
Jeff Broman	Engine Manufacturer Rep.	USA
Alberto Comparato	Drivers Rep.	Italy
Nicolo Di San Germano	F1 Promoter	Italy
Scott Gillman	Team owners Rep.	UAE
Robert Irvine	Osprey Team Chairman	Great Britain

Formulae Committee

The **Formulae Committee** is responsible for all aspects of promoted formulae racing, excluding Formula 1.



Pelle Larsson
Chairman
Sweden

Fred Hauenstein	Cominsport President	USA
Owen Jelf	F2 Drivers Representative	Great Britain
Elek Kozma	F2 Team Representative	Hungary
Mikael Lundblad	Comintech President	Sweden
Szymon Nowak	UIM Technical Chief	Poland
Sergio Abrami	Safety Cockpit Committee Interim Chairman	Italy
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	UIM Race Director	Portugal
Robert Wartinger	Cominsafe President	USA

International Board of Consultants

The mission of the **International Board of Consultants** is to assist or advise the UIM on sportive, technical and commercial matters and the members are appointed by the Council.



Manuel Gonzalez Pando
President
Spain

Sami Abu Shaikha	Member	Qatar
Per Benson	Member	Sweden
Harald Halvorsen	Member	Norway
Edouard Luy	Member	Switzerland
John Reed	Member	Great Britain
Philip Stacey	Member	Great Britain

MotoSurf Committee

MotoSurf is the latest addition to the UIM's range of Powerboating disciplines. It combines ultra-light weight Jetsurf race boards with small state-of-the-art engines, either combustion or electric. The MotoSurf Committee is established to administer the international racing calendar, to draw up the competition rules and formats and to promote the access of youth to practice this motorized water sports discipline.



Karel Kramer
Chairman
Czech Republic

Irene Ho	Member	China Macau
Aleksei Semenikhin	Member	Russia
Yue Zang	Member	China
Martin Jančálek	Member - MSWC Director	Czech Republic
Petr Provazník	Member - MSWC Technical Director	Czech Republic
Martin Šula	Member - MSWC Safety	Czech Republic

Safety Cockpit Committee

The **Safety Cockpit Committee** is convened to study all aspects of safety in cockpit design and material specifications.



Sergio Abrami
Interim Chairman
Italy

Fred Hauenstein	Cominsport President	USA
Denise Preece	Member	New Zealand

Youth Development Committee

The **Youth Development Committee** is in charge of the management and development of the UIM Youth Development Programme. This responsibility includes facilitating of new new national youth training centers, giving guidance and other assistance to existing training centres and to National Authorities with regards to all aspects of junior training and racing as well as proposing rules within this purpose.



Ahmed Alblooshi
Chairman
UAE

Joe Gavin	Member	Ireland
Nadine Kossler	Member	Germany
Hady Nakhoul	Member	Lebanon
Natalia Plotnikova	Member	Russia
Denise Preece	Member	New Zealand
Stefano Somigli	Advisor for Aquabike Safety Matters	Italy

Environmental, Solar and Electric Working Group

The **UIM Environmental and Solar/Electric Working Group** has the role to advise the UIM on policies to be adopted in terms of environmental protection, alternative energies and sustainable development. It supports NA's and Promoters in developing and managing "green" events/races. It promotes the UIM Environmental Award and advises the UIM EXCO in the selection of the Winner and assignment of Special Mentions. It coordinates the development of solar & electric boat racing in close cooperation with other expert bodies within the UIM and it leads the search for "Green Partners".



Riccardo Ballesio
Chairman
Italy

Carla Chaghoury	Member	Lebanon
Jeroen Droogsma	Member	Netherlands
Mohammed Harib	Member	UAE
Vahur Joala	Member	Estonia
Joris A. Melkert	Member	Netherlands

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