Composition of the UIM Council - status 26th October 2026

UIM COUNCIL



Raffaele Chiulli
President
Italy

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Fred Hauenstein	Senior Vice-President / Administrator	USA
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Kurt Romberg	APBA President	USA
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Jerzy Wojewoda	Administrator	Poland
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Fabrizio Boffi	COMINSAFE	Italy
Sijbrand Booij	Pleasure Navigation Commission	The Netherlands
Pelle Larsson	COMINSPORT	Sweden
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	COMINTECH	Portugal
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	COMINOFF	Belgium

Committee Chairs:

Sergio Abrami	Safety Cockpit Committee	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 & Class 2 Committee	Sweden
Karel Kramer	MotoSurf Committee	Czech Republic
Pelle Larsson	Formula 2 & Formula 4 Committee	Sweden
Manuel Gonzalez Pando	IBC	Spain
Petr Pylaev	Formula Future Committee	Russia
Anthony Radetic	Athletes Committee	USA
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
Kimon 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 26th October 2026

International Sport Commission

COMINSPORT 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.



Pelle Larsson
President
Sweden

Martin Benne	Member	Germany
Fred Hauenstein	Member	USA
Karel Krämer	Member	Czech Republic
Petr Pylaev	Member	Russia
Pascal Reide	Member	France
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.



Luis Miguel Ribeiro
President
Portugal

Jan Trygve Braaten	Member	Norway
Jeff Broman	Member	USA
Max Gamarra	Member	France
Ronan Keys	Member	Ireland
Jari Lehtonen	Member	Finland
Fabio Negro	Member	Italy
Gil Pedroso	Member	Portugal
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
Laura Maria Bettinardi	Member	Italy
Todd DeFilipps	Member	USA
Max Gamarra	Member	France
Mikael Lundblad	Member	Sweden
Per Christian Skoglund	Member	Norway
Claire Toohey	Member	Ireland
Kathy Van Den Hende	Member	Belgium
Sebastiano Pellecchia	XCAT Promoter	Italy

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**.



Fabrizio Boffi
President
Italy

Pernilla Blomquist	Member	Ireland
Alastair Nayler	Member	Great Britain
Robert Wartinger	Member	USA
Jerzy Wojewoda	Member	Poland
Sijbrand Booij	Pleasure Navigation Commission President	The Netherlands
Luca Filiberti	Aquabike Committee Chairman	Italy
Pelle Larsson	COMINSPORT President	Sweden
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	COMINTECH President	Portugal
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	COMINOFF President	Belgium

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.



Sijbrand Booij
President
The Netherlands

Omar Azzopardi	Member	Malta
Matteo Boscolo	Member	Italy
Jeff Buckley	Member	USA
Denis Dillon	Member	Ireland
Miquel Mallafré	Member	Spain
Robert Mould	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.



Anthony Radetic
Chairman
USA

Members TBC 2027

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

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

UIM Class 1 & Class 2 Committee

For the purpose of ensuring an efficient Management of the UIM Offshore Class 1 & Class 2 World Championships, the UIM institutes a **Class 1 & Class 2 Committee**, in charge of monitoring the UIM Class 1 & Class 2 Racing Series. The **Class 1 & Class 2 Committee** is composed as follows and will report directly to the UIM Council.



Christer Gustafsson
Chairman
Sweden

Larry Bleil	Promoter	USA
Fabrizio Boffi	COMINSAFE President	Italy
Jeff Broman (Mercury Racing Director)	Engine Manufacturers' Rep.	USA
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	COMINTECH President	Portugal
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	COMINOFF President	Belgium
TBC	APBA Representative (Advisor)	USA
TBC 2027	Class 1 Drivers' Rep.	
TBC 2027	Class 2 Drivers' Rep	
TBC 2027	Class 1 Team Owners' Rep.	
TBC 2027	Class 2 Team Owners' Rep.	
TBC	Boat Builders' Rep.	

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.



Raffaele Chiulli (UIM President)
Chairman
UIM Nominated

Riccardo Ballesio	Member	UIM nominated
Ing. Marco Casiraghi (Strategic Advisor)	Member	UIM nominated
Vahur Joala	Member	UIM nominated
Sebastiano Pellecchia (UIM E1 Race Director)	Member	UIM nominated
Jamie Copas (E1 CEO)	Member	E1 nominated
John Williams (E1 Managing Director)	Member	E1 nominated
Cristiano Macedo (E1 Sporting Director)	Member	E1 nominated
Regvita Dzemido (E1 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 tough regular physical/sport activity, to promote ideal that sport is an 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
Pernilla Blomquist	Member	Ireland
Darya Garbuzova	Member	Russia
Antonio Tunes	Member	Portugal

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

Jonas Andersson	Drivers Rep.	Sweden
Nasser Al Dhaheri	Member - F1 Local Organizer	UAE
Jeff Broman	Engine Manufacturer Rep.	USA
Nicolò di San Germano	Promoter	Italy
Scott Gillman	Team Owners Rep.	USA
Fred Hauenstein	Senior Vice-President	USA
Li Haojie	Vice-President Asia	China
Marco Pietrini	Race Director	Italy

Formula 2 & Formula 4 Committee

The **Formula 2 & Formula 4 Committee** is responsible for all aspects of Formula 2 and Formula 4 racing.



Pelle Larsson
Chairman
Sweden

Sergio Abrami	Safety Cockpit Committee Chairman	Italy
Fabrizio Boffi	COMINSAFE President	Italy
Owen Jelf	F2 Drivers Representative	Great Britain
Elek Kozma	F2 Teams Representative	Hungary
Szymon Nowak	F2 UIM Technical Chief	Poland
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	COMINTECH President / F2 Race Director	Portugal

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
Liliana Carneiro	Member	Portugal
Joe Gavin	Member	Ireland
Marian Jung	Member	Slovakia
Matas Kvizikevicius	Member	Lithuania
Nadezhda Pylaeva	Member	Russia
Dmitry Schiller	Member	Latvia
Piotr Wencel	Co-opted Member	Poland

International Board of Consultants

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



Manuel Gonzalez Pando
President
Spain

Per Benson	Vice-President	Sweden
Sami Abu Shaikha	Member	Qatar
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

Tatyana Karpova	Member	Russia
Irene Ho	Member	Macao, China
Frederico Silva	Member	Portugal
Murat Yorgancilar	Member	Turkey
Yue Zang	Member	China
Martin Jančálek	Member - MSWC Director	Czech Republic
Petr Provaznik	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
Chairman
Italy

Fabrizio Boffi	COMINSAFE President	Italy
Alex Cherigny	TBC	Spain
Arthur Colle	TBC	Belgium
Christer Gustafsson	Class 1 & Class 2 Committee Chairman	Sweden
Rob Irvine	Rescue Team's Rep	Great Britain
Pelle Larsson	COMINSPORT President / Formula 2 & Formula 4 Committee Chairman	Sweden
Luis Miguel Ribeiro	F1 Committee Chairman	Portugal
Jean-Marie Van Lancker	COMINOFF President	Belgium
Bob Wartinger	Expert personal safety equipment	USA
TBC	Expert on composites and design	
TBC	Sports Doctor	
TBC	Boat Builder's Rep	

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 Member Federations with regards to all aspects of junior training and racing as well as proposing rules within this purpose.



Ahmed Alblooshi
Chairman
UAE

Elida Alawi Nakhoul	Member	Lebanon
Hailey Ciantar	Member	Malta
Yan Fei	Member	China
Joe Gavin	Member	Ireland
Nadine Kössler	Member	Germany
Matas Kvizikevicius	Member	Lithuania
Anna Pylaeva	Member	Russia

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
Rinad Hafez	Expert	Saudi Arabia
Mohammed Harib	Member	UAE
Vahur Joala	Member	Estonia
Mattia Luchetta	Expert	Italy
Joris A. Melkert	Member	Netherlands
Stefano Bennati (ALENS)	Co-opted Member	Italy

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