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ERIK STARK WINS A PULSATING UIM F1H2O GRAND PRIX OF LONDON

Sweden's Erik Stark delivered the ultimate performance to take a second career win with a sensational victory at the Grand Prix of London, round 2 of the UIM F1H2O World Championship.

It was a pulsating race from start-to-finish with Maverick F1 Racing's Stark surviving two prolonged yellow flag periods and restarts, the first when championship leader Shaun Torrente speared and destroyed a turn buoy forcing him to retire on lap 11, the second when the defending world champion Alex Carella barrel rolled out of the race on lap 36 of 54.

Philippe Chiappe and Peter Morin made it a double celebration for the CTIC F1 Shenzhen China Team finishing second and third after enjoying a race long inter-team battle.

An unfamiliar rolling start instead of the usual dead-engine start of the dock was the preferred option of race officials with Stark leading the 16 boats around the 1.72km three-pin circuit under a yellow caution flag for a couple

of laps before the green flag was given to release them to race. Stark held the advantage of starting from P1 and led from Chiappe, Morin immediately up to third from Carella and Francesco Cantando with Torrente passing Erik Edin to move in to sixth spot on lap 9 when he tangled with the buoy bringing out the first yellow.

The boats were held for six laps under yellow when the green was given, the front three holding station, Cantando passing Carella and up into fourth, Jonas Andersson also getting the jump on Carella a lap later.

The front six boats held point until lap 28 when Andersson dropped out, Cantando's impressive drive and best outing in his relatively new Blaze coming to a disappointing end on lap 30. Stark remained in control at the front despite the pressure from the CTIC duo when the second yellow was shown, signalling Carella's dramatic exit.

For a second time Stark held firm at the restart and was able to control the race with an uninterrupted run to the chequered flag to win by 3.34s from Chiappe with Morin following his team leader home. "It is always difficult to win but I felt that I had control of the race. But you never know. So many things can happen with the boat, the engine," said Stark. "But I had good speed throughout and just hoped it would be enough and it was. I was able to manage the restarts pretty well and always felt I was in control."

A second podium of the season for three-time champion Chiappe moves the Frenchman into the lead in the title race. "I had a very nice set-up and the boat was fast and very good today," he said. "I pushed at the beginning but then I saw Torrente stop so I prefer to manage my race in terms of the championship. I had Peter behind me but close for a lot of the race but we manage that situation well and to both be in on the podium is very nice for the team."

Third place for Morin continues his season story of best performances with his first world championship podium in only his second full season on the UIM F1H2O tour. "It is an unbelievable moment and feeling for me," said Morin. "The whole weekend has been very good for the team. I made a good start and really felt confident in the boat."

Thani Al Qemzi made up for his Abu Dhabi teammates' early exit producing another strong showing and moving up from 12th place to finish in fourth.



After a nightmare opening race and struggling at times this weekend with engine issues, Mad Croc BABA Racing's Sami Selio turned things around to bank his first points of the year finishing in fifth ahead of a great drive by F1 Atlantic's Grand Trask another driver to scythe his way through the field and moving up from 13th, his teammate Duarte Benavente nursing his boat home in tenth.

Despite a frustrating BRM Qualifying session and starting from 14th Marit Stromoy also put her first set of points on the board driving up through the field to finish in seventh ahead of Ahmed Al Hameli, with the race winners' teammate Cedric Deguisne in ninth.

The 54 lap race run on London's Royal Victoria Dock for the first time in 33 years took its toll with six of the 17 starters failing to go the distance and retiring.

Round 3 of the UIM F1H2O World Championship, the Grand Prix of France takes place in Evian on 29 June-1 July.





UIM-ABP AQUABIKE CLASS PRO CIRCUIT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: A SPECTACULAR GRAND PRIX of MEDITERRANEAN 01-03 June Olbia, Sardinia

Runabout GP1

JEREMY PEREZ BACK ON THE TOP STEP OF THE PODIUM WITH GRAND PRIX WIN IN OLBIA

Jeremy Perez followed up his win in Moto 1 with second place in Moto 2 in Runabout GP1 to win the UIM-ABP Aquabike Grand Prix of the Mediterranean, the Frenchman's first GP title in three years. But a post-race 15 second penalty given to race winner Kyorgy Kasza for not maintaining his lane at the start elevated Perez to top spot, dropping Kasza to third behind Yousef Al Abdulrazzaq and reflecting the GP podium positions. Kasza made a sensational start to lead from Perez and Dmitry Tsukov and was 20 seconds clear by lap 5, with Abdulrazzaq making up for a dismal start running outside the top ten but moving into fourth on lap 4 and up into third a lap later. Kasza was able to hold off a hard charging Perez for 12 of the 17 laps and going on to take the win with his lead cut to 3.92s, Abdulrazzaq nearly six seconds back. Dmitry Tsukov's fourth place was his best result in the UIM-ABP Championship, finishing ahead of Lars Akerblom and Anton Pankratov.

Runabout GP2

SAMUEL JOHANSSON SENSATIONALLY WINS RUNABOUT GP2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

In a dramatic post-race turn of events the first two riders to take the chequered flag In Sunday's third and final Moto in Runabout GP2, defending champion Mattia Fracasso and Alejandro Miranda Molinas, were both disqualified for running non-conforming Skis and all their results from the weekend deleted, sensationally handing the world championship to Sweden's 16-year-old UIM-ABP debutant Samuel Johansson.

The penalty means that Johansson was also elevated to race winner in both Saturday's Motos, his second place in Moto 3 behind Ismael Rojas sealing the overall championship victory.

In GP4 Saturday's double Moto winner Philip Salobir sealed the world title with second place in Sunday's Moto finishing behind his main title rival Rasmus-Koch Hansen.

Third place on Sunday and securing the final championship podium step was 15-year-old Estonian rider Mattias Siimann.

Ski GP1

REITERER WIN-DOUBLE IN OLBIA GIVES VICTORY TEAM MAIDEN GRAND PRIX WIN

Victory Team's Kevin Reiterer took his second win of the weekend in Ski GP1 at the UIM-ABP Aquabike Grand Prix of the Mediterranean to take his first Grand Prix win of the year.

The Austrian rider trailed Quinten Bossche throughout the 10 laps to the chequered flag, but a 15 second post-race time penalty handed out to Bossche for not maintaining his line at the start dropped him to second, with Raphael Maurin coming home in third and take the final step of the Grand Prix podium.

Sunday's result gave Victory Team its maiden Grand Prix title and moved Reiterer 14 points clear at the top of the world championship standings ahead of Raphael Maurin.

Fourth place went to Saturday's parallel slalom winner Mickael Poret, with Stian Schjetlein in fifth ahead of Morgan Poret.

Ski GP2

BENJAMIN SCHARFF TAKES UIM-ABP SKI GP2 WORLD TITLE

Benjamin Scharff rounded out a perfect weekend in Olbia with a third straight win at the UIM-ABP Grand Prix of the Mediterranean to clinch the UIM-ABP Aquabike Ski GP2 World Championship.

The French rider led from start-to-finish to win by 15.44s from Denmark's Andreas Thiesson, with Preston Matzdorf taking third place to seal the final podium slot, rounding off a great tour debut for the young American rider.

In Ski Gp3 Hungary's Barnabas Szabo eased to his second win of the weekend to take the title, with Maxime Faisy and Salman Alawadhi finishing in second and third to complete the championship podium.





Ski Ladies GP1

UZARE WINS GRAND PRIX TITLE -
NILBE TAKES MAIDEN MOTO WIN

Second place in Sunday's Moto in Ski Ladies at the UIM-ABP Grand Prix of the Mediterranean was good enough to give Latvia's Krista Uzare her second successive Grand Prix title of the season, with Estonia's Katriin Nilbe producing an outstanding performance to take her maiden Moto win and second overall.

Sweden's Emma-Nellie Ortendahl came home in third place to take the final step on the Grand Prix podium.

Nilbe led the 10 lap Moto 2 from start-to-finish to run out a comfortable winner from Uzare by 16.13s, with Ortendahl making up for a poor start and moving up through from lying in seventh at the end of lap 1 and into the podium place after passing Jonna Borgstrom on lap seven.

Britain's Mollie Fearn produced yet another solid performance finishing in fifth, with Kylie Ellmers getting her best result of the weekend in sixth.



Freestyle

RASHED AL MULLA MARCHES ON

Team Abu Dhabi's Rashed Al Mulla was again the outstanding Freestyler improving on Saturday's Moto and awarded 93 points out of a possible 100 to take his second Grand Prix title of the season, his fourth on the bounce.

Italy's Roberto Mariani finished second overall with Russia's Alexander Kuramshin's fourth place on Sunday, good enough to put him on the podium for the first time.

Parallel Slalom GP1

Either side of the performances by the Freestylers four riders in Runabout and Ski GP1 battled it out for the slalom world title; in Runabout Jeremy Perez beat Marcus Jorgensen and Yousef Al Abdulrazzaq, Mickael Poret getting passed Stian Schjetlein and then beating his brother Morgan in the final. Emma-Nellie Ortendahl took out Mollie Fearn in the semi-final winning both runs in the final to beat Jasmiin Ypraus.



CLAUDIO FANZINI CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION IN CLASS O/350; BRONZE TO MARCO MALASPINA FROM PIACENZA 15-17 June - Barcis, Italy

The "34° Barcis Motonautica" organized by Gruppo Sportivo Motonautico – PN (amateur association), finished on Sunday 17th June 2018 in Barcis (province of Pordenone); this event was valid as World Championship for Classes O/350 and F4. A big celebration for Italy having two Italian drivers winning the gold and the bronze medals in the only one sole event of World Championship Class O/350, therefore valid for the racing season title. In O/350 the drivers race with three points hull boats, lying down drive position, two-stroke engine and they reach the speed of 170 km/h. On the basis of 13 starting drivers, coming from 6 different Nations, the 2018 world title went to Claudio Fanzini from Monticelli d'Ongina (Caorso-Piacenza), born in 1979, representing the Effeci Racing Team. Fanzini won thank to his quite absolute domination of the race (1200 points in the final results), winning 3 out of 4 manches and so conquering his second world title in this category. A well-deserved confirmation for this strong Italian driver who had already conquered the title in Class O/350 in 2014 in San Nazzaro. World silver medal on the lake of Barcis for the USA driver Kurtis Nydahl (1000 points), while Marco Malaspina from Piacenza, member of the club Circolo Nautico Chiavenna, got his bronze medal (825 points). The fourth place went to Matteo Gandolfi from Cremona, while the absolute 5th driver classified was the 2017 World Champion Alex Cremona from Piacenza who, penalized by a disqualification during his first manche (due to the loss of the silencer converter), was not able to express his very best possibilities with his stock engine. Two, instead, were the races run for the starting event of F4 WC (which had no

Italian drivers participating); the first place in the first race went to the Finnish driver Tuukka Lehtonen, while the winner of the second race was the British Benjamin Jelf. The F4 drivers, starting from the age of 15, run with boats having a length of 3.90 m. and a weight of 350 kg, all equipped with Mercury 60 EFI Formula Race engine, homologated by UIM. The hull is a catamaran with safety cockpit and deformable pickleforks in accordance with the UIM safety rules. Next race of the F4 World Championship is scheduled in Rother Valley (UK), on 01-02 September.





DEATH OF DANIEL DEHAEMERS, UIM MEMBER



It is with great sadness that the Union Internationale Motonautique has learnt of the death of Daniel Dehaemers, UIM International Medical & Safety Commission (COMINSAFE) and Safety Cockpit Committee Member, at the age of 68.

This multi-faceted character has spent his life-time working between sky and sea, from the aviation sector to submarines tankers right through the pursuit of a dream to beat the water speed record aboard its SP 600.

Everything he undertook was guided by a sole and unique concern: Safety. «To know the safety is a thing, to understand it is better».

Daniel Dehaemers is first and foremost the one who managed and trained professional deep-sea divers, developed methods of reassurance of submarine conduct to protect the environment and avoid oil pollutions. But Daniel Dehaemers is also the one who designed submarine anchoring tanks, drafted procedures to insure the safety of pilots and de-signed safety plans for the Belgian army.

His death leaves a great emptiness within the Powerboating family. Self made man, Daniel lived his life passionately and was above all respected by all. We will remember his joy when he received the "UIM Safety Award" on March 5, 2016 in Monaco and his unwavering dedication to the good of our Sport.

The UIM expresses its deepest sympathies to Daniel Dehaemers' family.





YOUNGEST UIM MEMBER FEDERATIONS

NMR WORKING FOR THE FUTURE OF DUTCH POWERBOATING

While The Netherlands and its Koninklijke Nederlandse Motorboot Club (KNMC) is one of the founding members of the UIM, the country has been relatively quiet in recent years when it comes to powerboat racing. Legendary figures such as Cees van der Velde and Johan Coenradi may have stamped their names on the history of the sport but over the past decade interest in powerboat racing in The Netherlands, and more specifically the KNMC, has waned.

However, racing bodies Powerboat Holland and Offshore Rib Events have joined forces to create a blueprint for a new powerboating future in The Netherlands.

Powerboat Holland is an enthusiastic club that organises several races in The Netherlands and whose members also compete in races in neighbouring countries, while Offshore Rib Events has been organising adventure RIB events around the world for the past decade. Together these two clubs - led by Duco van Veeren and Sijbrand Booi respectively - are working

hand in hand to further develop powerboating in The Netherlands.

Their efforts have resulted in the funding of the Stichting Nederlandse Motorboot Rensport (NMR) - or Dutch Powerboat Federation - which, with the full co-operation of the KNMC, applied for a Corresponding Membership with the UIM, an application that was granted at the General Assembly in Montenegro in October 2017.

The move marked the start of a new era for powerboating in The Netherlands and the launch of a plan that consists of several levels of activation with a primary focus on F2, F4 and RIB classes and the creation of a fundamental platform for Aquabikes in the near future with the possibly of radio-controlled boating being added in a few years.

A key focus of the Federation is also the launch of a new youth development programme for Formula Future and the first steps on this road have been achieved with the creation of a new Propstars Academy at the headquarters of one of the

NMR's founding members, Offshore Rib Events. Already five instructors have been following the Propstars Training Courses and are accredited to levels 2 and 3.

The next step is to create greater awareness for this programme with partnerships already created with Yamaha Motorsports and several existing watersport events, while a television programme has also been created on Dutch National TV.

While there are still challenges involved in the initial set-up of the NMR Federation and the creation of a fundamental financial and operational structure, thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of freelance volunteers Sijbrand Booi and Duco van Veeren the Federation sees a bright future, looks forward to strong co-operation with the UIM and its members and will do its utmost to get powerboating in The Netherlands back to where it belongs.



YOUNGEST UIM MEMBER FEDERATIONS



DENMARK MOTOR UNION : « OUR FIRST SEASON WITH THE UIM »

What a proud moment we had, when we were officially joined with the UIM. We have – nationally – worked hard to achieve this, and we feel that we now have much more to offer our members at home and abroad.

A restructuring of our organization and new race-regulation gave us and our members a number of new things that we should deal with and challenges we should solve during the season.

Our new organization has given more transparency, given more clarity and we have had more time to strengthen and anchor our sport in Denmark.

The new regulations have – for us – been hugely exciting. It has not been completely unknown to us, but we have not previously dedicated us 100% to the regulations. After our admission of UIM and finally got implemented the regulation gave us a tremendous calm and relief. It's a bold feeling to offer our members a complete set of rules that are thought out, transparent and a regulation that our members also meet for the World- and European Championships.

The challenges we have encountered during the season have been characterized by new computer systems, interpretations of eg. the regulations and the completion of national races.

By nature I have to mention the already great interest that has been for international races and the interest in our national races from abroad – it has been overwhelming. Many of our riders have already participated in international races and we see it as an increasing trend for the coming seasons. Many of our riders have also already marked themselves in the top of the rankings and we are so proud of it.

We have set a clear strategy for how to get more attention on our national races for the coming seasons, thereby hoping that we can make us attractive to hold a bigger international race on Danish grounds. Some may think that we "overreach too much" but we are not afraid to think big and we actually believe that our sport – nationally and internationally – deserves the best framework and more attention in the Nordic countries when looking at everyone of the talents there are in our sport. We are convinced that the framework and the attention we (maybe) together with our neighbors can create a Nordic collaborator.

The processes we have been through in Denmark have only arisen because we were admitted to UIM. We see UIM as a strong and anchored partner with many opportunities – options that we not yet have seen and tried it all. The cooperation with UIM means that we dare to think big and believe that our sport will gain more and more success both nationally and internationally. We needed help to understand the complexity of our sport and we feel that through our new national structure and through the UIM organization. We have used the UIM office several times and we always feel that we receive the necessary help and always with the greatest kindness.

We look with great excitement for the coming seasons. We are looking forward to following our Danish drivers mingle with the elite and we look forward to our cooperation with UIM and not least our neighbors.

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Denmark Motor Union

Helle Noppenau Mølgaard
Sports commission member



SOLAR AND ENERGY BOAT CHALLENGE, 12-14 July Monaco

Buoyed by the success of the first four editions of the Solar and Energy Boat Challenge, the Yacht Club de Monaco is to expand the solar-powered boat event to embrace all clean energy sources with the ultimate goal of promoting and optimising propulsion systems.

Organised in collaboration with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Hydros Foundation and the UIM, the event is the only one of its kind in the world. Its purpose is to encourage technological innovation to meet the energy needs of the leisure boat and shipping industries and the accompanying and environmental prerogatives.

"Our wish is to bring together a new generation of engineers to imagine and build the motorboats of tomorrow," says YCM General Secretary, Bernard d'Alessandri. "It is an integral part of the Principality's commitment to the environment, spearheaded by our President Prince Albert II. If we want to position Monaco as the capital of yachting, we are duty-bound to play our part in these technical advances. These students are reinventing motorboating and are creating their future by building a cleaner tomorrow."

The initiative will highlight innovative ideas conceived by the young engineers who will share their works on "Open Source" every evening. All share the same ambition: to create, innovate and rethink propulsion systems for the future that fully respect the environment.

A mainstay at every edition since the event launched in 2014, solar energy still has top billing. An endurance fleet race, timed slaloms and one-on-duels will be organised throughout the three days in the bay – all under the patronage of Bertrand Piccard, the man behind Solar Impulse, the first fuel-less zero-emissions plane with limitless autonomy.

an offshore race from Monaco to Ventimiglia. Boats must comply with YCM Offshore Class requirements, which means being able to take three people and meet technical specifications defined in a collaboration with the UIM. While the two harbours are set to be interconnected soon, this race presents a big test for renewable energy end- users.

"With this new route, the aim is to highlight the enormous potential of our young engineers supported by the shipyards. We have a common goal, which is to work together to build the leisure boats of tomorrow," explains Marco Casiraghi, himself an engineer and the man behind this project.

INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORTS & ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP

On Saturday 14th July, the Yacht Club de Monaco and the UIM will co-host the second edition of the International Motorsports & Environment Workshop. The event which will be held alongside the 2018 Solar and Electric Boat Challenge will be attended by multi-stakeholder representatives from the four International Motorsport Federations FIA, FIM, FAI and UIM, the renewable-energy industry, Design Studios and Academia, all of whom will present ways how to apply sustainable energy sources for mobility on water, land and in the air.

The main goal of the workshop is to exchange best practice and to provide a platform to discuss "How to have a better world through Sustainable Motorsports & Green energies".



FIRST UIM AQUABIKE PROPSTARS TRAINING PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA

Course report by Sarah Potts, Secretary LPA

Owning and riding an Aquabike in Sri Lanka is becoming nearly as popular as their national sport, cricket. Sri Lanka as a small island surrounded by beautiful oceans and with lush inland waterways is the perfect place to develop Aquabiking. With a year round season there are many opportunities for island wide training centers.

Five participants were carefully selected to take part in the first UIM Aquabike Propstars Training program in Sri Lanka. This is indeed an exciting opportunity, as a build up to the opening Aquabike World Championship in March 2019.

- Commodore Anura Danapala - Naval Officer
- Mr Malaka Rubasinghe - University lecturer and Water Sports Trainer
- Mr Priyanka Perera - Head of Security, Cinnamon Lakeside hotel
- Ms Sarah Potts - Teacher and LPA secretary
- Mr Thilanga Dakshitha Sumathipala - Owner Jet Water Sports

Choosing trainees from different areas meant that excellent cooperation and interaction could be fostered with key organisations, navy, police marine division, lifesaving association and local water sports centers that are already involved with jet skis. Everyone participated in different ways to ensure this course was a huge success.

The local water sports centre provided the use of skis and some safety equipment, the hotel, Amagi Aria provided excellent classroom facilities, accommodation and food to keep everyone relaxed and fueled up. They also provided t-shirts for the competitors and vests for identification on the water.

Prior to the training, the event was promoted with various paper articles and a press conference with invited sports reporters from various papers, keen to learn about the future of Aquabike in Sri Lanka.





The first day started with the basic course, an introduction from John Puddifoot explained about the course, content and expectations. The enthusiastic participants were keen to share their experience and existing knowledge with John, a bond and good camaraderie was formed.

The course soon turned interactive and informative with all participants being asked to present early on. Under an ever darkening sky, the classroom session shifted outside to a practical explanation of the parts of the Aquabike, before breaking for lunch. Wind, rain and tides all combined to make a perfect storm cutting short the first day. The participants, keen to learn were given homework by John and went home to study.

Day two dawned with better weather, and, after extremely detailed presentations from the trainees we quickly changed and on to the ski's. I ran the next session under John's watchful guidance and took the guys through the basic maneuvers to and from the jetty. The rest of the day was spent on (and in the water) learning the basic handling with some guys spending more time in the water than the rest of us! Deep water boarding and capsize drill done both intentionally and unintentionally led by John himself.

Everyone soon gained confidence and were keen to put their handling skills to the test starting to gain experience through a slalom and around a square shaped course with increasing speed and skill.

On day three, the day started with a fascinating look into the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS), navigation, tide and weather which sparked many questions and interesting discussions. IRPCS, man over board and capsize drill were all put into practice with John soaking us again, I think enjoyed watching us swim!!

After a recap of the meaning of the green, red, yellow and black flags we were given the opportunity to start to ride around a simple square shaped course one at a time with John explaining the best lines and weight distribution for a smooth line, slowly increasing our speeds and getting used the wind and waves which continued to make our lessons and riding interesting. John kept us working super hard with a final session in the classroom, with an introduction to the advanced course, race admin and officials.



The next day, everyone was so enthusiastic that training started practically at dawn. Starting with an intensive, informative and very productive introduction to racing. Personal Safety Equipment was put on and we all went onto the water with John putting us through our paces around a simple M shaped course, challenging us with racing lines and use of flags and racing rules being put into action.

This was an intensive course with challenging weather conditions, north easterly winds of 15 - 18 knots providing very choppy conditions. The final day on Saturday saw excellent classroom presentations followed by superb on water instructions and so proud to say that all 5 participants achieved basic instructor qualification and 2 worked incredibly hard to achieve advanced instructor qualification.

Bonds were forged between the trainees and a training calendar is being implemented. The navy, has an existing annual jet ski event in Nuwara Eliya is keen to work with the LPA to develop and improve the event by implementing a comprehensive training program leading up to the event.

The summer will be very busy for the Lanka Powerboat Association Neely qualified

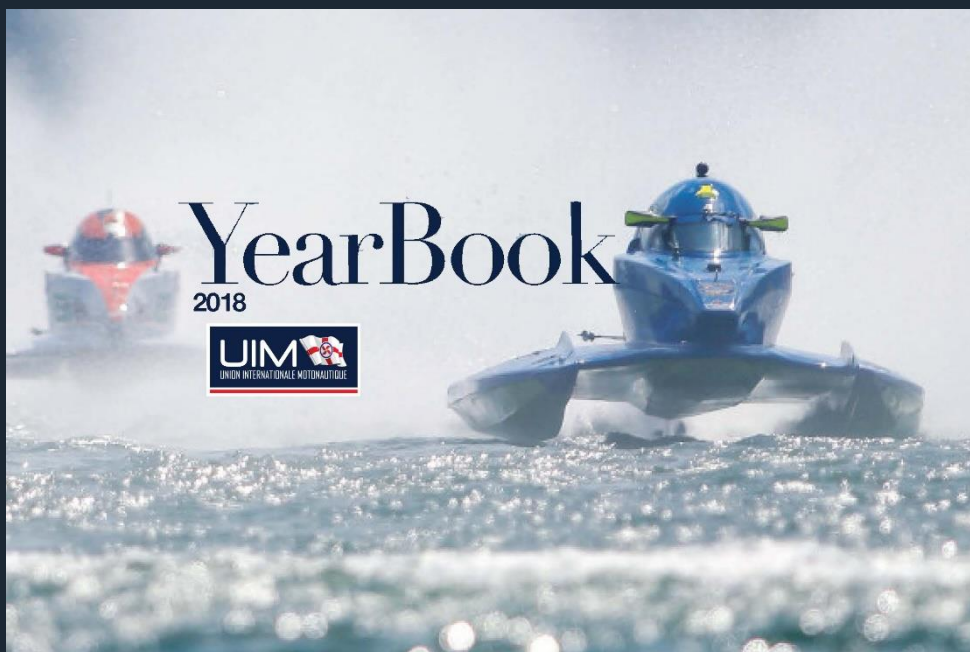
ambassadors with many people requesting from basic handling upto learning how to race a ski.

The UIM Propstars Powerboat program for children and adults will be relaunched in a new location which Prassane was able to show John, an ideal location with fantastic facilities, calm water and an excellent classroom - with the long school holidays coming 2, 5 day courses will be run for new and existing propstars.

This is just the start of what will be an exciting and interesting Aquabike and Powerboat program in Sri Lanka.



The 2018 edition of the UIM Yearbook is now available !



The new UIM Yearbook, capturing the International Powerboat Federation's racing activities of the 2017-2018 season, including the Awards Giving Ceremony and Gala Event held in March in Monaco is now available on the [UIM Website](http://www.uim.org).

We hope you will enjoy reading this new UIM Yearbook.