



FROM VISION TO REALITY



A WARM WELCOME



In 64 countries around the world, powerboat races are being organised under UIM leadership with an increasing number of participating drivers and nationalities.

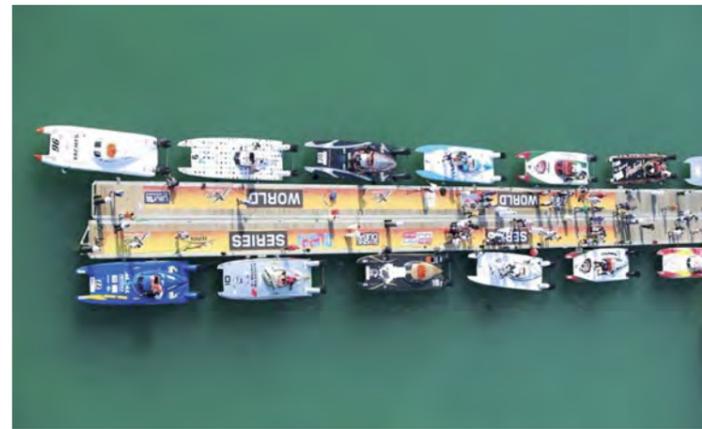
Our sport has a rich heritage that spans more than 100 years. We are committed to its continued growth, extending its global appeal across all continents whilst strengthening the UIM position as the world governing body of power boating and its driving force. We have introduced a new strategic approach and the plan we are implementing is showing very encouraging results.

For example, our environmental good practices have been the catalyst for the cooperation agreement with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), with the objective to extend environmental initiatives while sharing information and know-how. In addition, an agreement was reached with the other leading motor sport world governing bodies to jointly focus on optimal use of resources, reduction of pollution and noise.

The UIM recognises the significant challenges facing motor sports today in areas such as new technologies, the environment, alternative energies and sustainable development and is committed to drive the necessary change. To do so we must also strengthen relationships with key leading sports bodies. If we are to properly serve our sport, it is imperative to understand more fully the global sports landscape. The full recognition given to the UIM by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is a landmark for our endeavours.

The UIM is accountable to its national federations, promoters, competitors and all other stakeholders to look after the sport whilst providing strong and impartial governance. Our priority projects include continuous improvements in safety, youth development and fight against doping. I am impressed by the passion and generosity of the power boating community, many of whom are volunteers, working tirelessly for the good of the sport. In my role as President of the Union Internationale Motonautique I will make all possible efforts to turn our shared vision into reality and build together a great future for our sport.

Dr. Raffaele Chiulli
President, UIM



PART OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

The Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) has been an important member of the Olympic Movement since the International Olympic Committee granted it recognition in 2010.

For close to a century already, the UIM has provided steady governance to the world of powerboating.

The activities of the UIM are increasingly centred on sustainability. You have, for example, adopted an Environmental Code and reached agreements with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The encouragement of environment-friendly practices through the launching of an environmental award should also be commended.

The UIM has also made the protection of clean athletes a top priority. Over the last decade the UIM has adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and introduced the Court of Arbitration for Sport as an independent arbitrator.

These are all excellent initiatives. I would like to encourage the UIM to continue adhering to the principles of good governance; to continue putting its athletes first, in particular the youth; to continue working to grow powerboating in smart, sustainable ways.

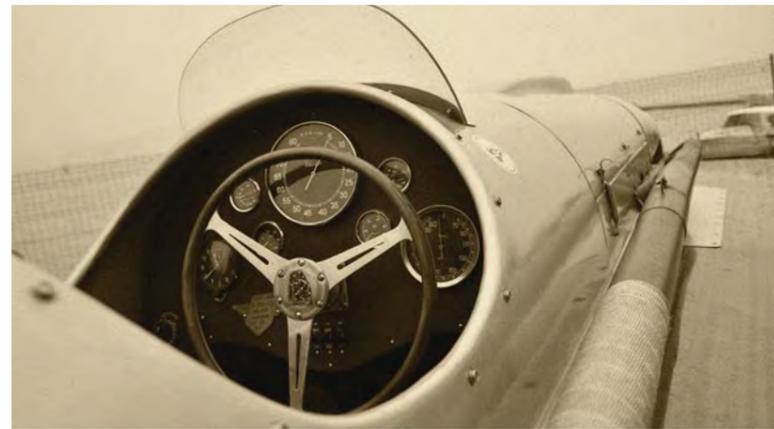
Thanks to such efforts on a global basis, the sport of powerboating will have a bright future. The International Olympic Committee looks forward to strengthening the collaboration between our two organisations in the years to come.

On behalf of the entire Olympic Movement, I wish the UIM and the sport of powerboating continued success.

Thomas Bach

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IOC President





OUR HERITAGE

The UIM is probably the oldest world governing body in motorsport; its roots can be reliably traced back to 1902 when the British formed their Marine Motoring Association. By the following year both the Americans and French had formulated constitutions for their respective associations.

Contested mostly in boats with vertical stem and flat bottoms, relying more on brute force and courage than hydraulic efficiency, the rich and famous took their pleasures on the water quite seriously. Emerging competition on both sides of the Atlantic would increase the professionalism of the sport and spark public imagination.

It was in 1922 and due largely to the lobbying efforts of an Englishman, Dr. Morton Smart, and an ex-patriot Irishman living in Belgium, John Ward, that an international authority was established in Brussels. The Union Internationale du Yachting Automobile would prove to be the precursor of today's modern administration.

By 1927, a permanent administrative base had been acquired, the first set of sporting rules introduced and a race calendar published. After a further change of name to the now familiar Union Internationale Motonautique, the association was ready to welcome more nations to its fold and amongst its first intake were Argentina, Belgium, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Holland, Ireland, Monaco, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United States of America.

The Second World War inevitably brought an end to all marine sporting endeavours, though it was coincidentally responsible for much of the technical development which gave the modern sport its direction, particularly in areas of hull and engine design. In 1946, the UIM, which had emerged largely unscathed from the hostilities, moved its administrative base from Brussels to Ghent and began a progressive programme of sporting, technical, administrative and safety development that over five decades would shape the UIM into the body which is recognisable today. Powerboating may have roots firmly bedded in amateurism but today it is enveloped by professionalism at all levels.

Geographical growth, environmental issues, financial pressures and the quest for media exposure continue to increase the complexities of the organisation's role as it delivers governance and change. In recent years, supported by the emergence of independent promoters across all five continents, the UIM, now based in Monaco, has increased its global influence and operates in more than 60 countries worldwide. That trend looks set to continue as powerboating's ultimate authority builds a legacy that will safeguard the sport for future generations.



OUR ORGANISATION, VISION & VALUES

As the internationally recognised authority for world power boating, the UIM is charged with protecting and building the future of the sport on behalf of its national federations and competitors. The UIM governs all power boating disciplines including Aquabike, Circuit, Offshore, Pleasure Navigation, MotoSurf and Radio-controlled boats, and is responsible for creating a safe, accessible, unified and thriving world renowned sport.

Responsible to the General Assembly for the management of the UIM is the Council, made up of the President, the Administrators and the Commission heads which meets as often as necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Union. If the General Assembly is the supreme authority and the Council – guided by the Executive Committee – is the power base of the UIM, it is the Commissions and the Committees which make the sport work. These include representatives from Offshore, Medical and Safety, Sports, Technical, Pleasure Navigation, Formula 1, Formula Future, Formulae, Safety Cockpit, Aquabike, MotoSurf, Athletes and Equality.

The UIM strategic plan, underpinned by the fundamental values of integrity and accountability, is successfully driving positive change within the sport. It has also paved the way for a coordinated approach, with the other leading world motorsport governing bodies to address environmental issues.

The UIM is focusing on a set of clearly defined priorities such as youth development, safety, respect for the environment, increased transparency and promotion of the sport through well-targeted marketing. Its internationally commended Environmental Code, with focus upon sustainable development and alternative energies and technologies, was among the catalysts for the cooperation agreement with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The UIM is committed to further extend the range of its environmental initiatives whilst sharing know-how for the benefit of all. The UIM recognises that faced with today's unpre-cedented world economic, social and environmental challenges, it is essential to increase collaboration with other international sports governing bodies and exercise a stronger leadership than ever before.

With professionalism and pragmatism, vision and drive, the UIM is successfully implementing changes that will strengthen the sport of power boating, today and for future generations.



OUR LEGACY

When, in 1903, Sir Alfred Harmsworth, the proprietor of the Daily Mail newspaper in England, commissioned a trophy to stimulate the development of the marine industry, no one could have imagined that over 100 years later, the Harmsworth Trophy would still be one of the most coveted trophies in motorsport and the Holy Grail of powerboat endurance racing.

Sir Alfred created a legacy on which future generations have been able to build. With the UIM embarking upon its vigorous programme of transformation, it re-affirms its commitment to safeguard the sport and maintain its relevance to the marine industry as a testing ground and marketing platform for product and technological development.

From important improvements in safety, championship rules and regulations to the issues of sustainability and environmental protection, the UIM has a wide ranging brief that demands an impartial, well organised, professional and transparent administration. In fulfilling its role as the world governing body and the ultimate authority of power boating, it acts in the best interests of its stakeholders whilst never losing sight of why so many people across the globe are passionately involved in power boating as participants, organisers and spectators.

Power boating is a healthy, active, outdoor sport. It brings great enjoyment and freedom, encourages competition and sportsmanship and builds lifelong friendships, giving all of us lasting memories. Those experiences serve us well in racing and in life and that is one key reason why we are investing in youth programmes around the world, providing opportunities for more young people from all backgrounds to experience and enjoy this wonderful sport.

We cannot make the vast strides forward that we believe are essential for the sport without the support and cooperation of our members and it is therefore more important than ever that we act now to preserve our heritage.

We care about the world we live in and the world we want our children to inherit. This is reflected in our collaborations with the International Olympic Committee, United Nations and other motorsport world governing bodies.

Cooperation is essential to preserve what we have inherited and what we wish to achieve for the good of power boating, shaping its future and protecting its status, not only as a major world sport, but as a shining example of all that is good in sport as a whole.

Yes. We Care



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The UIM is recognised as the sole competent authority in Powerboating activities including Aquabike/ Jet Ski
and MotoSurf by the International Olympic Committee

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