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From left to right : Jérémie Lagarrigue (Hydros Foundation), Marina Tailpied (FIA),Marco Bocciolone (Politecnico di Milano), Christofer Ballin (Torqeedo), Raffaele Chiulli (UIM), Marco Casiraghi (YCM), Bernard d'Alessandri (YCM), Pierre Duval (FAI), Carmine Biancardi (STR Europe), Niccolo Vassena (VAMA), Stefano Besseghini (RSE)

2nd edition of the International Motorsports & Environment Workshop hosted by the UIM and Yacht Club of Monaco at the 2018 Monaco Solar & Energy Boat Challenge!

On Saturday 14th July, the Yacht Club de Monaco and the UIM co-hosted the 2nd edition of the International Motorsports & Environment Workshop. The event held alongside the 2018 Solar and Electric Boat Challenge was presented by UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli and Engineer Marco Casiraghi, and assembled multi-stakeholder representatives from the FIA, FAI and UIM, the renewable-energy industry and Universities, all of whom presented ways how to apply sustainable energy sources for mobility on water, land and in the air.

The main goal of the workshop was to exchange best practice and to provide a platform to discuss "How to have a better world through Sustainable Motorsports & Green energies". UIM President Raffaele Chiulli called on the Motor Sport community, International Federations and other energy stakeholders to continue to fully support green initiatives such as the Solar & Electric Boat Challenge, as undertakings such as these were the bedrock of green innovation.

During the two-hour session, the audience heard from 12 experts who widely acknowledged the importance of the Boat Challenge in bringing together, in healthy competition, young innovators who are the driving force behind the global sustainability research and development efforts. The experts' interventions addressed challenges and rewards of sustainable energy and the democratization of environment-friendly means of propulsion in the major motor sports bodies.

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Finding new more sustainable solutions and apply them to boats is the challenge that is inspiring a new generation like Simon Bernard, 27, co-founder of Plastic Odyssey, a 25m catamaran powered by plastic waste. It is a concept that became obvious faced with the urgency of the situation, one where "*every minute plastic waste the equivalent of the weight of three elephants is dumped into the oceans. Plastic Odyssey is a round the world expedition on a laboratory boat, totally autonomous thanks to plastic, the waste we collect at each port of call being recycled on board. The goal of this project is not to clean-up the oceans, already widely polluted by plastic. Indeed, once it is in the sea, it's too late: only 1% of plastic waste floats to the surface. The remaining 99% breaks-down into micro-particles and carpets the seabed. The goal is to demonstrate that it is too valuable to end up in the ocean*." Plastic Odyssey who was also in Monaco for the Solar & Energy Boat Challenge in the Energy Class category.

Eminent engineer Marco Casiraghi who launched the Monaco Solar & Electric Boat Challenge back in 2014, said, "This event is a way to raise public awareness. Sustainable energy sources exist today and it is up to us to demonstrate their application."

As the governing body for world Powerboating activities, the UIM has a duty to not only support but lead global sustainability action.
Dr. Raffale Chiulli, UIM President commented: "Sport can be a great laboratory for testing new technologies and innovative solutions. Many are the examples that could be mentioned in this area, an important one is certainly the Formula E event. FIA led the way but other Motorsports Federations are also very active such as FIM with the Enel Moto E World Cup, UIM and the Yacht Club de Monaco with the Monaco Solar & Energy Boat races. All these initiatives stress the role of sport as a forerunner for best practices that can be transferred to our road and waterways. Sport has the power to catalyse sustainable mobility development by aggregating financial investments, enhancing technological innovation and engaging communities into this new (r)evolution.

Motor Sport and Industry speakers in attendance:

Raffaele Chiulli	UIM & ARISF President
Marco Casiraghi	YCM Member
Jérémie Lagarrigue	Hydros Foundation
Simon Bernard	Plastic Odyssey
Pierre Duval	FAI Environnemental Commission President
Marina Tailpied	FIA Action for Environment
Niccolò Luigi Vassena	VAMA CEO
Daniele Martignoni	VAMA Partner & Pilot
Carmine Biancardi	STR Europe Director
Marco Bocciolone	Director of the Mechanics Department of Politecnico di Milano
Christofer Ballin	Torqeedo Founder and CEO
Stefano Besseghini	CEO RSE

About the UIM

The UIM is the world governing body for all Powerboating activities, including Aquabike. It is fully recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and is a member of the Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF) and of SportAccord for whom the UIM President serves respectively as President and Vice President. The UIM has 63 affiliated National Federations. Circuit, Offshore, Pleasure Navigation and Aquabike are among the main disciplines. The UIM has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to further its range of environmental initiatives, share expertise and work together for "greening" the Sport.

About the Yacht Club de Monaco

Founded in 1953 by Prince Rainier and presided over by HSH Prince Sovereign Albert II since 1984, the Yacht Club de Monaco brings together more than 1600 members from 66 nationalities. Many of the world's most prestigious private yachts fly the Yacht Club de Monaco's burgee, testimony to its unique position on the international yachting scene.

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