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## FINAL RANKINGS OF TOP UIM CLASSES TO BE DECIDED IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The final rounds of the main UIM classes will be held in the United Arab Emirates these days with the 2019 UIM World Champions in UIM F1H2O, UIM F2, UIM XCAT and 4 categories of the UIM-ABP Aquabike discipline to be crowned between December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

This weekend will see the last round of the UIM F2 World Championship held in Abu Dhabi where local driver Rashed Al Qemzi (UAE) of Team Abu Dhabi is the clear favourite with an advantage of 27 points over Duarte Benavente (POR) in second place.

Speaking about the UIM Offshore XCAT World Championship (December 12-14) to be held in Dubai, the favourite Team is Dubai Police who currently hold first place in the championship, with the gap to second and third ranked Teams amounting to just seven and eight points respectively (pending the outcome of an Appeal procedure currently in progress).

This situation will ensure a very spectacular final phase of the UIM XCAT World Championship.

From December 17-21, the final round of the UIM-ABP Aquabike World Championship and the UIM F1H2O World Championship will be held in Sharjah.

In Aquabike, Andrzej Wisniewski (POL) is in prime position in Runabout GP1 but Yousef Al-Abdulrazzaq (KUW) and Rashed Al Tayer (UAE) are just seven points adrift. In the two Ski division disciplines, Kevin Reiterer (AUT) and Emma-Nellie Ortendahl (SWE) have secured their world titles by creating a huge gap over the second position, while Rashid Al Mulla (UAE) is the favourite in the Freestyle disciplines with an 18-point gap over Roberto Mariani (ITA).

Elsewhere, Shaun Torrente (USA/UAE) leads the UIM F1H2O World Championship by just five points from Jonas Andersson (SWE), which guarantees a nail-biting finish to the championship series



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND OF THE UIM XCAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HELD OVER 3 RACES IN SHANGHAI, CHINA – 1-3 NOVEMBER



*Team Dubai Police : Arif Al Zaffain (UAE) & Nadir Bin Hendi (UAE) win Race 1 of UIM XCAT Grand Prix of Shanghai, China*



*Team Martimo : Tom Barry-Cotter (AUS) & Ross Willaton (AUS) win Race 2 & race 3 of UIM XCAT Grand Prix of Shanghai, China*

The UIM XCAT World Championship went to China for the Grand Prix of Shanghai, the second stage of the 2019 season with three races over four days on Dishui Lake.

In Race 3 Martimo took the advantage to make a double first podium over the Shanghai weekend followed by Abu Dhabi 5 and in the third place Abu-

Dhabi 4. (subject of the outcome to the appeal in progress).

The final round of the season will take place in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on December 12-14 and announces two very spectacular races due to the minimal points' difference between the first 3 places in the overall Championship ranking.





## 92<sup>ND</sup> UIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN QINGDAO, CHINA

The 92nd UIM General Assembly was hosted this year by the China Water Sports Administration (CWSA) and welcomed over 140 UIM delegates who had travelled from more than 40 countries to attend this institutional summit in Qingdao, China.

One of the outstanding points on the agenda were the Presidential elections, where Dr. Raffaele Chiulli was re-elected UIM President for another four years term. "This re-election rewards the strong willingness I have always expressed over these years, to renew and to rejuvenate the Powerboat Sport," said Dr. Chiulli after his re-election.

As for the elections for the Council, Commission and Committee members you will find below a summary of what happened during the General Assembly:

### COUNCIL

- Mr. Joala Vahur (EST) has been re-elected for a 4 years' term as member of the Council
- Mrs. Denise Preece (NZL) has been re-elected for a 4 years' term as member of the Council

### COMMISSIONS

- Mr. Jerzy Wojewoda (POL) elected as COMINSPOORT member
- Mr. Sijbrand Booij (NED), Mr. Robert McCarthy (UK) elected as Pleasure Navigation Commission members

### COMMITTEE

- Mr. Christer Gustafsson (SWE), Mr. Sijbrand Booij (NED) appointed as Youth Development Committee members
- Mr. Davor Hundic (CRO) appointed as co-opted member for Aquabike activities within the Youth Development Committee
- Mr. Stefano Somigli (ITA) appointed as co-opted member for Aquabike activities within the Youth Development Committee
- Mr. Alejo Sotelo (ARG) appointed Expert Hydrofly within the Aquabike Committee
- Mr. Miguel Valente (POR) appointed Vice-Chairman of the Aquabike Committee
- Mr. Luo Bing (CHN) appointed Expert within the Aquabike Committee
- Mr. Marco Pietrini (ITA) appointed Expert for Aquabike regulations within the Aquabike Committee

To conclude, the 92nd UIM General Assembly brought many changes to the rulebooks of the different disciplines. The changes will be available on the [UIM Website](http://www.uim.sport) as from the 20<sup>th</sup> December.





## UIM-MOTOSURF THE MOST RECENT UIM DISCIPLINE

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 during the 92nd UIM General Assembly in Qingdao, China, UIM President Dr. Raffaele Chiulli and UIM Secretary General Mr. Thomas Kurth signed the partnership agreement with the MotoSurf World Cup Principals Martin Sula and Jan Zeman.

The sport of MotoSurf is one of the safest and most affordable motorsports in the world. With ultra light-weight, high-tech water equipment and the ability to transport them via person, car, boat and plane, the sport allows riders to easily travel the world with their own machines.

At present, the UIM MotoSurf World Cup comprises five rounds all over the world (Asia, Europe and America) divided in two categories for women and men.

The UIM President is very proud of the step the UIM has taken in moving forward. "This young and very easily accessible sport fits perfectly with our continued efforts to renew the Powerboat Sport and to offer ever more opportunities to the young generation to join the UIM community," he said.



*Jetsurf Principal, Martin Sula and UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli signing the affiliation contract*



MotoSurf World Cup Principals were very pleased to accept this affiliation with the UIM, which will help ensure "a global platform for growth and promotion."

Moreover, thanks to this cooperation, MotoSurf will have a place in the UIM organigram as a Committee, the persons of said committee will be announced soon.

*From left to right: Jetsurf Principal, Jan Zeman, UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, Jetsurf Principal, Martin Sula and UIM Secretary General, Thomas Kurth*

## UIM OPENS THE NEWSLETTER TO ALL NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

The UIM has the pleasure to announce that we open the UIM Newsletter to all National Authorities that would like to feature in the next edition of UIM Newsletter.

All members who wish to be part of the UIM Newsletter are invited to send the information to [media@uim.sport](mailto:media@uim.sport) :

- An article in English (max 700 words) outlining the highlights of a national racing event or other newsworthy story
- Up to seven colour pictures in JPEG format (high resolution where possible)

Please send us all these documents before February 7<sup>th</sup> , 2020 for the February Edition of the UIM Newsletter.



## NEW EDITION OF THE UIM YDP TRAINING MANUALS

The latest edition of the UIM Circuit and Offshore training manual will be uploaded on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 on the UIM website under the "Youth Development Programme" section as well the new UIM Training manual for the One Day Introductory Training Course for Aquabike.



**About the Union Internationale Motonautique.** The UIM is the world governing body for all Powerboating activities. 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 the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) for both of which UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli also serves as President. The UIM has 62 affiliated National Federations. Circuit, Offshore, Pleasure Navigation, Aquabike and MotoSurf are 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.