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UIM Guidelines for mitigating COVID-19 related risks at Powerboating Events

The COVID-19 pandemic has been heavily impacting our lives over the past weeks and months and all our efforts have been focusing on finding appropriate responses to the risks and threats caused by the virus.

By rigorously applying the protective measures identified by the World Health Organization and most of the Governments, the UIM can contribute significantly to creating the appropriate environment for resuming the safe practice of Powerboat racing. These measures comprise social distancing and a series of sanitary measures that help prevent the further spread of the virus.

In response to the threats of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the Powerboat Sport and the persons who are involved in its competitive practice, the UIM COUNCIL set up a Task

Force that was given the mandate to identify appropriate protective measures. One of the outcomes of the work of this Task Force was the creation of UIM Standard Guidelines for mitigating COVID-19 related risks at international Powerboating Events.

These Guidelines are intended to assist Local Organizers of international Powerboating Events, complementing the rules and recommendations issued by other Organisations and Authorities of reference, such as the World Health Organisation, host countries' national governments, national Sports Authorities and national Powerboat Federations as well as local Authorities.

"To be effective, the fight against Covid-19 requires the efforts of all of us." **Dr. Raffaele Chiulli, UIM President**



UIM GUIDELINES FOR MITIGATING COVID-19 RELATED RISKS AT POWERBOATING EVENTS

The Guidelines document can be accessed in the COVID-19 dedicated section on the homepage of the [UIM website](#)

ANTI CONTAGION SAFETY PROTOCOL | H2O RACING

H2O Racing has created a specific COVID-19 Anti-contagion Safety Protocol (ASP) based on the general requirements of the WHO and in accordance with the UIM practice.

The result is a series of measures and precautions finalised to minimise any risk of Contagion for all the participants to H2O Racing Events.

The guidelines proposed by H2O Racing shall be submitted to the local health and safety authorities and adapted/amended according to the local regulations.

H2O Racing has identified a list of stakeholders which are subject to the ASP:

- UIM
- H2O World PROMOTER
- Event Management
- Collaborators and local staff
- Teams and competitors
- Media - Sponsors – Suppliers

The H2O Racing Anti-Contagion Safety Protocol can be accessed in the COVID-19 dedicated section on the homepage of the [UIM website](#)



UIM XCAT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | COVID-19 Protocol

Due to the current pandemic COVID-19 situation, a working group was formed to develop an intervention protocol to be adopted for the organization and management of an XCAT event, to implement maximum prevention against the risk of contagion.

The document is the first release of the work carried out by the Group and may be implemented, also following the rules, issued from time to time by the WHO and / or by the host Countries and / or by the National Authorities and Local Authorities

The UIM XCAT COVID-19 Protocol can be accessed in the COVID-19 dedicated section on the homepage of the [UIM website](#)



GAISF launch web portal to encourage joint efforts in tackling sustainability issues

The Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has launched *sustainability.sport*, a web portal devoted to sustainability issues such as climate change, economic inequality and social injustice.

The portal has been created to help further sport's sustainability goals, by providing a free tool where sustainability resources from the entire sports community can be grouped together on one dedicated platform.

"Today, we can see a growing momentum across the sports community to help the world build a more sustainable future," said IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell.

"With sustainability being one of the three pillars of Olympic Agenda 2020, the strategic roadmap for the future of the Olympic Movement, our aim is to support sports organisations big and small in their sustainability journey. This platform will form an important part of these efforts. We look forward to our continued cooperation with GAISF to ensure that sport is an impactful player in today's global sustainability efforts."

The content, which will be regularly updated, ranges from sustainability initiatives from International Sports Federations (IFs) to resources from outside the sports ecosystem, such as guidelines and reports.

In addition, a wide range of best practice case studies from sports governing bodies including the IOC also form part of the portal's content, with more to be added in the future.

The portal also features a calendar section that includes relevant sustainability events and milestones.

GAISF President Raffaele Chiulli said: "Sustainability is at the heart of sport, and will be more important than ever in the post-COVID-19 environment.

The creation of this sustainability portal marks an important milestone in our united journey to continue to positively impact society in this area."



Welcome to Sustainability.sport

Sustainability.sport is a free online platform dedicated to sport and sustainability. Created to collate sport's efforts in sustainability onto one single platform, this portal features a vast array of resources to inform, educate and inspire.



As stewards of our planet's wellbeing, with so many sports being played in a natural environment, we are particularly conscious of the need to prioritise a sustainable future.

"As the united voice of sports, we felt it was only right that GAISF created a service to help support our members in their incredible efforts to promote sustainability issues. It is our hope that this platform will not only serve the global sports community, but also prove to be an invaluable tool for the wider community."

To find out more, visit sustainability.sport. or simply access it through the Sustainability section of the [UIM website](https://www.uim.com)

The 2020 edition of the UIM Yearbook is now available !

The new UIM Yearbook, capturing the International Powerboat Federation's racing activities of the 2019-2020 season, including the Awards Giving Ceremony held in March in Lausanne is now available on the [UIM Website](https://www.uim.com).

Printed copies are currently being distributed to the UIM National Federations, Promoters and stakeholders.

We hope you will enjoy reading the new UIM Yearbook.



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Powerboat race held in Aluksne despite strong winds. LATVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP – UIM International Ordinary Race

On July 11, powerboat season started on Lake Aluksne, Latvia, with a UIM International Ordinary race combining GT15, JT250, E48V, GT30, T550, O125, O250, O350, O500, OSY400, S550, F2, F4, FR1000, RN2000 series and classes.

Since 1959, Powerboat racing is one of the most important sporting events of the year in Aluksne. The racing event, promoted in cooperation with the municipality of the Aluksne region, was attended by the Presidents of the Water Motorsports Federations of the Baltic countries – Mr. Atis Slakteris from Latvia, Mr. Vahur Joala from Estonia and Mr. Edgaras Riabko from Lithuania.

With a total of 13 boats on the starting grid, the GT15 race was a great success. Prizes were won by representatives of all three Baltic States – 1st place went to Nida Kilinskaite (Lithuania), 2nd place to Stens Ivanovs (Estonia) and 3rd place to Nils Slakteris (Latvia).

As the GT30 World Championship originally planned to be held in Aluksne on this weekend had to be cancelled, the drivers had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and technical abilities on occasion of a less crowded, yet fierce competition won by Laura Lakovica-Lakovica (Latvia), leaving Roberts Minings (Latvia) in 2nd place and Karol Soodla (Estonia) in 3rd place.



The racing event also offered the opportunity to observe a boat built in Latvia by Toms Smilskalns (Akvashelf Racing) in action, as well as to verify the determination of the E48V class driver Karlis Degainis (Motorsport 77), foreshadowing the future development of electric boats.

Preparing for the OSY400 class European Championship, new equipment was tested and the race was won by Janis Badaukis.

In O250 class, prize went to Aluksne club member Reinis Musts. The boats started by combined entry, won by five times world vice-champion Nikita Lijcs, and in Formula 2 class by Edgaras Riabko (Lithuania), who was faster than Uvis Slakteris.

"I would like to thank the county municipality of Aluksne for giving us the opportunity to mark the centenary of Aluksne with the opening of the powerboating season! The success of the event with young audiences leaves us full of hope for the great growth potential of our Sport. Fifteen young drivers representing the three Baltic states participated in this competition which brought its own excitement, positive emotions, and healthy rivalry. Five children participated for the first time and despite gusty winds, they reached the finish line. Well done!

I congratulate everyone on Aluksne's centenary! Congratulations to all the members of the Nord Ost Aluksne team for your victory! Congratulations to all

the drivers for their endurance, and especially for being able to resist the bad weather! I would particularly like to thank the officer of the day, Mr. Aivars Dikis, for his patience, and for having transmitted the racing rules to the young drivers.

"I very much look forward to seeing you all in Aluksne in 2021 for the GT30 World Championship!" – said Atis Slakteris, Latvian Water Motorsports Federation President.

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