



## TEAM ABU DHABI DUO FIRST & SECOND IN THE UIM F1H2O WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND

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Sunday, 12 September, San Nazzaro (Italy): Thani Al Qemzi rounded off a perfect weekend in San Nazzaro with a start-to-flag victory at the F1H2O UIM Grand Prix of Europe, leading home his teammate Shaun Torrente to complete a Team Abu Dhabi one-two, with Sharjah Team's Sami Selio finishing in third.

Al Qemzi started from second and had to survive two yellow flag incidents and restarts. The first yellow flag came on lap 21 when Gillman Racing's Erik Stark crashed out, compounding a bad weekend for the team with Alec Weckstrom failing to finish even the first lap because of engine problems.

The second yellow flag was raised on lap 36 when Sweden's Jonas Andersson came to a stop in the middle of the circuit, and the boat was held under caution for some laps till the green flag could be raised.

Polesitter Alberto Comparato ran the race till lap 15, where he retired due to a technical problem; Filip Roms retired

in lap 7; Marit Stromoy retired in lap 13; three-time World Champion Philippe Chiappe retired at lap 34 and Francesco Cantando at 38.

Al Qemzi took control of the race from the moment Comparato retired despite early pressure from teammate Shaun Torrente, with Sami Selio running strongly in third.

After all the withdrawals, the fight behind the lead trio ended up being between France's Peter Morin and Poland's Bartek Marszalek from the new team Stromoy Racing who, despite engine problems during Qualifying, was able to finish the race in fifth position.

Kalle Vippo failed to start after the Lap Parade because of a piece of wood floating on the river, while F1 Atlantic's Duarte Benavente withdrew from the race before the start.

Despite all the problems in the water, a huge crowd of enthusiastic public and F1H2O fans followed the race from the shore of the Po River.



**UIM-ABP AQUABIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: 2021 SEASON START IN SARDINIA / ITALY**

Jeremy Perez rounded out a thrilling and incident-filled day of racing at the UIM-ABP Aquabike Regione Sardegna - Grand Prix of Italy in Olbia, cruising to victory in the last Moto in a Runabout GP1 to kickstart his season and put himself back in the title race.

Second place went to UIM-ABP tour rookie Samuel Johansson, who displayed a good performance, with France's François Medori coming home in third place.

In Ski GP1, Kevin Reiterer polished off his weekend serving up another master class to seal his Grand Prix victory, presenting a perfect scorecard and following up pole positions with three Moto wins apiece and maximum points.

Nacho Armillas completed his great weekend on the UIM-ABP tour with another second-place to seal his first podium and the runners-

up slot, with Daniel Svae Andersen on the third step of the podium.

In the Ladies division, Jasmiin Ypraus ended first in Moto 3 with Joana Borgstrom, making light work of the conditions and maintaining a strong pace throughout the race to make second place. This gave her the overall victory in the Ski Ladies division, with Latvia Krista Uzare in second and Emma-Nellie Ortendahl coming home in third position to complete the podium, making it a double celebration for Sweden.

In Freestyle, Rashed Al Mulla's relentless superiority of tricks continued as he extended his Grand Prix winning streak, topping the points for variety and style and carding 94 out of 100. Roberto Mariani finished second and took second overall, with fellow Italian Alberto Camerlengo in third position.



# A FORMULA FUTURE WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT IN KAUNAS/LITHUANIA FOR THE RECORD

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This year the UIM World and European Championship of the 5 Formula Future Classes took place in Kaunas/Lithuania, from August 17–22. The Lithuanian Powerboat Federation who organized the Event with over 100 participants were extremely happy with the outcome of the Championships:

*‘Contributing to the education of young people in the field of water sports is a great experience. The competitions offer the children a great opportunity to learn more about the subtleties of Formula Future Class piloting, competing with others and respecting at the same time safe behavior on water.’*



*‘We thank the Community Center ‘Petrašiūnai’ for hosting this Boating Event. It is an ideal occasion to encourage children to engage in physical activity.’*



Nine different countries participated in the Event in Kaunas. The top ranking in the team races was for Russia, followed by Latvia, and in third place was the Czech Republic. Russia also came first in the individual rankings of the Formula Future categories 1, 2, 3 and 4, while Latvia took the first place in the 5<sup>th</sup> category.



## THE BALTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

This Year, the Baltic Championship for powerboats took place in Aizkraukle, Latvia. The Event is organized on a rotation basis in Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia. Given its traditional character, the Baltic Championship is one of the most important competitions of the season and attracts many participants not only from the Baltic countries but also from other countries. The heat of this summer surprised everyone with unforeseen weather conditions. The South wind brought huge waves into the bay of the Daugava River, making the race very difficult. As a result, several heats had to be cancelled.

The Mayor of Aizkraukle county, Leons Lidums, and the Vice-Mayor, Andris Zalitis, attended official ceremonies and they discussed plans for the future of the Event with the President of Latvian Powerboat Federation, Atis Slakteris.

The F2 Race assembled the strongest pilots of the world finished with Stefan Hagin (ROWE PowerBoat, Germany) on the first position, who received the commemorative prize of Lotars Millers, citizen of honour of Aizkraukle. In the F4 class the overall ranking was won by Paulius Stainys (Lithuania). The GT15 class saw fierce competition between 16 pilots, with Eliza Lakovica-Lakovica (Latvia) finishing in the top position and taking home for the second consecutive year "Edvins Voits Challenge Trophy". Other winners were Laimis Armonas (Lithuania) in the F500 class, Reinis

Musts (Nord Ost Aluksne, Latvia) in F250, Joonas Lember (Estonia) in F125 and Rene Suuk (Estonia) in OSY400 .

Supporters from Aizkraukle had been looking forward to the F500 race all day long because European Champion Ieva Millere was debuting in it. 'It is always a challenge to change the type of boats. The picturesque Daugava River is my home base, and I am always ready to drive a boat and try something new,' said Ieva Millere.

National class winners were: RN2000 – Janis Simanovs. GT30 – Roberts Minings. TN550 – Kristers Musts. SN550 – Gints Rozenbergs. JTN250 – Otto Varkalis. Electric class ER48V – Amanda Degaine (Motorsport 77 Aizkraukle, Latvia). FRN1000 class – Tomas Marcinkus from Lithuania. It has to be said that the strongest Baltic GT30 pilots were participating in the European Championship in Poland on the same weekend.

Atis Slakteris, President of Latvian Powerboat Federation expressed his gratitude to the Authorities of the Aizkraukle County for their cooperation, support, and for making of this event a festivity, which brought huge joy to all those involved. He also thanked the Team *Motorsport 77* for establishing the tradition of the "Edvins Voits Challenge Trophy" and for the outstanding organization of the championship in these difficult times.'





## UIM FORMULAE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PELLE LARSSON AWARDED THE SWEDISH MOTOR FEDERATION'S ROYAL MEDAL



UIM F2 Chairman Pelle Larsson (right) receiving the Motor Federation's Royal Medal by SVERA President Jonas Gustafson.

UIM Formulae Committee Chairman and F2 Race Director Pelle Larsson has been awarded the Swedish Motor Federation's Royal Medal for over 50 years of dedicated, deserving, and successful work for the motorsport. The four motorsport federations in Sweden, together with the Swedish Royal Court, awarded Pelle Larsson the Motor Federation's Royal Medal.

In 1971, 16-year-old Pelle started competing as a junior. Over the years, Pelle has had two careers in Sport: The first finished about 20 years after his debut where he was a factory driver for Mercury, competing worldwide in everything from the smallest junior class boat to Formula 1. In the early 2000s, it was time for a comeback—in F2. This career path ended a few years later but gave inspiration to other drivers.

In recent years, Pelle has served as a Sport Official on duty at Powerboating Events ranging from small youth races around Sweden to races at the highest level around the world within the UIM. Nowadays, many CIRCUIT and OFFSHORE races in Sweden are organized under Pelle's guidance or placed under his direction.

Fifty years after his powerboat racing debut, Pelle still inspires passion in all drivers, and he continues to breathe boat racing every day. UIM would like to congratulate Pelle for this incredible achievement led by his motivation and commitment to the Powerboating World.



UIM President Raffaele Chiulli and HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco



UIM President Raffaele Chiulli, Alejandro Agag, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, Designer Sophi Horne, Rodi Basso, and Brunello Acampora. Photo by Lloyd Images/Getty Images.



The UIM E1 World Electric Powerboat Series 'RaceBird' prototype. Photo by Lloyd Images/Getty Images.

## UNVEILING OF THE UIM E1 SERIES "RACEBIRD" AT THE YACHT CLUB OF MONACO

The prototype of the electric boat that the pilots of the UIM E1 Series will race in the world's first electric powerboat championship has been unveiled to an all-star lineup in Monaco, led by HSH Prince Albert II. The series itself is taking shape with water testing on schedule for early 2022 and with Monaco confirmed as one of the host cities in the inaugural E1 Series in 2023. The event offered UIM President Raffaele Chiulli the opportunity to announce publicly that HSH Prince Albert II has graciously agreed to accept his invitation to be nominated UIM Honorary President.

The *RaceBird* is specially designed for foil-to-foil racing and is capable of reaching speeds up to 50 knots (93 km/h or 58 mph), with pilots showcasing their skills using tight, technical circuits located close to shore in the heart of urban areas.

The new design was co-created by SeaBird Technologies' founder Sophi Horne alongside Brunello Acampora, founder and CEO of Victory Marine, the official *RaceBird* engineering and manufacturing supplier of the E1 Series.

Using innovative hydrofoil technology, the electric *RaceBird* powerboats will rise above the water surface, allowing for minimum drag and maximum energy efficiency. Being lifted above the surface will not only improve performance but will also promote close and competitive racing with reduced wake when following an opponent.

Target speed: 50 knots

Length: 7m

Beam: 2m (with foils 3m)

Foil height: 0.5m

Weight: 800kg

