



“Torrente and Al Mansoori take top honours at the first Round of the 2019 UIM XCAT World Championship”

Italian jewel Stresa on Lake Maggiore hosted the first Round of the 2019 UIM XCAT World Championship with reigning World Champions Shaun Torrente and Faleh Al Mansoori in Abu Dhabi Boat Nr.4 taking top honours ahead of 2017 World Champions Arif Al Zaffain and Nadir Bin Hendi of Team Dubai Police.

During the course of the 2-day event, thousands of spectators gathered in front of the breathtaking landscape of Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands, to witness an adrenaline-filled contest between 13 high powered XCAT boats, representing 7 different countries.

The Australian duo Tom Barry-Cotter and Ross Willaton of Team Maritimo started race 1 from the pole position but eventually finished second and fourth respectively in races 1 and 2, which granted them the third overall position. They were overcome by Shaun Torrente and Faleh Mansoori in Abu Dhabi Boat #4 who finished both races in first position, therefore taking the overall win, as well as by Team Dubai Police with Arif Al Zaffain and Nadir Bin Hendi, who took third and second position respectively in races 1 and 2.



UIM President, Dr Raffaele Chiulli, presented the Awards to the winners together with H.E. Dr. Saeed Hareb, Secretary General of the Dubai Sport Council and legendary pioneer of the Offshore Powerboat movement in Middle East.

“The Stresa Event is one the UIM’s signature events and this is evidenced by the fantastic atmosphere in the town and on the circuit itself.” He added, “the pilots love it here and judging by the reaction of the crowds they do too! We are very happy with the partnership with the city and we hope to continue building on this for many years to come.”



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 63 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