

NEXT GENERATION SHINES AT 2019 UIM FORMULA FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA



A record number of 86 participants between 6 and 18 years and representing 11 nationalities, have been competing in 6 boat classes in the 2019 UIM Formula Future World and Continental Championships, held in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Under the attentive eyes of UIM President Raffaele Chiulli, Russian Motorboat Federation President Yunis Lukmanov and Olympic Gold Medallist and representative of the St. Petersburg Government, Natalya Antyukh, the enthusiastic young drivers were competing for honours in two disciplines: manoeuvring and parallel slalom. As if to confirm the traditional supremacy of Russian drivers in the various Formula Future classes, the drivers from the hosting nation took the majority of gold medals, with Latvia and Germany second on the medal ranking table. Russian Motorboat Federation President Yunis Lukmanov could be proud of the results of the athletes competing under the Russian flag: "Our drivers have been extremely successful, more so considering that the open water season in Saint Petersburg lasts only 3-4 months and the rest of the time they have to train indoor and in the pool."



UIM President Raffaele Chiulli was impressed by the excellent organization of the Championships and underlined that he was extremely happy to witness this Event in St. Petersburg: "I am proud of this new generation of drivers and I look forward to meeting them again in other boat classes further ahead. Their enthusiasm is a guarantee for the future of our sport."



After the end of the races held in the Vostochny Yacht Club of St. Petersburg, the participants showed their commitment to environmentally responsible behaviour and planted four new trees in presence of the institutional representatives and Sports dignitaries. UIM President Raffaele Chiulli underlined that "It is important for us to develop environmental awareness and to educate young persons' comprehensively. In our Sport we are using combustion engines, but at the same time we plant new trees and strive for a eco-friendlier future."



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.