

2021 Monaco Energy Boat Challenge

The 2021 edition of the “*Monaco Energy Boat Challenge*” is ready to welcome participants and spectators as of next Tuesday, 6th July until Saturday 10th July. This unique Event focusing on sustainable solutions for marine mobility and offering a variety of boat racing activities is organized by the Yacht Club de Monaco in collaboration with the International Powerboating Federation (UIM) and the Prince Albert II Monaco Foundation.

Young engineers and inventors get a chance to showcase their inventions based on the use of sustainable and clean energy for boat propulsion systems. In addition to the presentation of new boat propulsion solutions, there will be daily Tech Talks, *Round Tables* and meetings, and an “*Exhibitor’s Village*” will be open to the public.



The UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli said: “*This initiative, started eight years ago, is producing the effect that we were hoping for, a bigger awareness on what concerns green energy and sustainable mobility. As President of the UIM, I made the commitment to promote ever more environmentally friendly Powerboating activities. We are so proud that there is a*

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growing number of University centers, research centers, start-ups, and more importantly, young people that are approaching powerboating and the marine environment with a sense of protection and respect.”

The *2021 Monaco Energy Boat Challenge* will welcome Universities and professionals from all over the world, represented by 32 participating teams in total from 17 different countries. The competition is split in three different classes:

- The Solar Class, with propulsion systems entirely run by the power of sun.
- The Open Sea Class, open to boats already on the market or that are going to be commercialized, giving a good visibility and a great chance to show the real-life effect on the marine environment.
- The Energy Class: boats that use hydrogen propulsion systems.

The event goes way beyond the sporting aspect, as it creates a platform on which these young engineers can share their knowledge and skills for a unified goal.

Two conferences are scheduled during the Monaco Energy Boat Challenge: on Thursday 8th July, *“Energy transition, fuel alternatives for the yachting & Maritime industry”*, and on Friday 9th July, the *Round Table* of the Monaco Hydrogen Working Group, with the participation of the UIM President, who has no doubt on the mission of the International Powerboat Federation: *“We continue to face energy and environmental challenges, and we have to identify and to promote eco-sustainable solutions for the future of the Powerboating Sport”*.

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