

ELECTION OF 2022 UIM DRIVER & JUNIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR

The Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) is delighted to announce that **Aneta Šacherová** from Czech Republic and **Naomi Benini** from Italy have been elected *2022 UIM Driver of the Year* and *2022 UIM Junior Driver of the Year* respectively. It is the first time that the two Awards, which are presented annually, have been bestowed upon two female riders since their inception. This is a memorable “first” for the UIM and for the powerboating community, and we offer our sincere congratulations to Aneta and Naomi.



UIM DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2022

Aneta Šacherová – CZE

Aneta Šacherová, the reigning “Queen of MotoSurf”, has been dominating the competition for the last couple of years with her unrivalled performances. In 2022, Aneta has added an impressive fifth World Championship title to her collection, making her the most decorated female racer in the discipline. Following the season’s final race, the Czech Republic native announced her retirement from professional racing, but she will remain within the sport as new member of the UIM Equality & Athletes Committees.



UIM JUNIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2022

Naomi Benini – ITA

Naomi Benini, aged 16 and born in Emilia-Romagna, Italy, has had a strong presence on Aquabike race sites from the very beginning, as her father had a long career as an Aquabike rider. When she turned 12, Naomi embarked on her own Aquabike racing career and quickly achieved remarkable results. Her successes culminated in the 2022 championship titles at national and international level in the Runabout GP4 Women class. In addition to her racing career, Naomi attends a scientific high school where she is achieving excellent results. Her favourite hobbies include horse riding and snowboarding. Naomi is an incredibly determined personality, of both a cheerful and serious nature. Once she sets a goal, she works relentlessly to reach it, never backing down.

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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 it is a member of the Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF), for which UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli also serves as President (ARISF). The UIM has 64 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.