

## ELECTION OF 2024 UIM DRIVER OF THE YEAR & JUNIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR

We are delighted to announce that Massimiliano Cremona and Nicole Cadei from Italy have been elected **2024 UIM Driver of the Year** and **2024 UIM Junior Driver of the Year** respectively.



### UIM DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2024 Massimiliano Cremona – ITA

Massimiliano Cremona, from Piacenza, Italy, has been a force in motorboat racing since 2001, building a remarkable career in the 250 and 350 Inshore categories. Known for his clean racing, exemplary sportsmanship and fairplay, Massimiliano has won numerous Italian, European, and World titles, as well as silver and bronze medals, solidifying his reputation as a top competitor.

In 2024, Massimiliano achieved another extraordinary triumph, securing his third consecutive World Championship title in the F250 category—a feat that places him among the most accomplished drivers in the powerboating sport. This success, built on his immense passion and years of dedication, reflects the meticulous preparation of each race by Massimiliano and his team.



### UIM JUNIOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2024 Nicole Cadei – ITA

Nicole Cadei, born in Brescia in 2008 and now living in Bergamo, has been a standout talent in Aquabike racing since her debut in the Italian Youth Spark Championship in 2020. The daughter of Endurance Aquabike Champion Michele Cadei, Nicole has embraced the values of sacrifice, determination, and fair play, which have shaped her competitive journey.

Despite facing a challenging leg injury during a race this year, Nicole turned adversity into strength, demonstrating resilience and an unwavering hunger for success. Her passion for jet skiing not only fuels her competitive spirit but also offers her the chance to connect with riders from different cultures, enriching her perspective on life and sport. Balancing her studies with rigorous training and tough competitions has taught Nicole the importance of organization and perseverance.

In 2024, Nicole's achievements include the first place in the Runabout F4 Novice category at the Italian Championship, the third place in the Runabout GP4 Ladies category at the UIM World Championship, and additional podium finishes in Italian and European races. Her dedication and promising talent make her a rising star in the sport.

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