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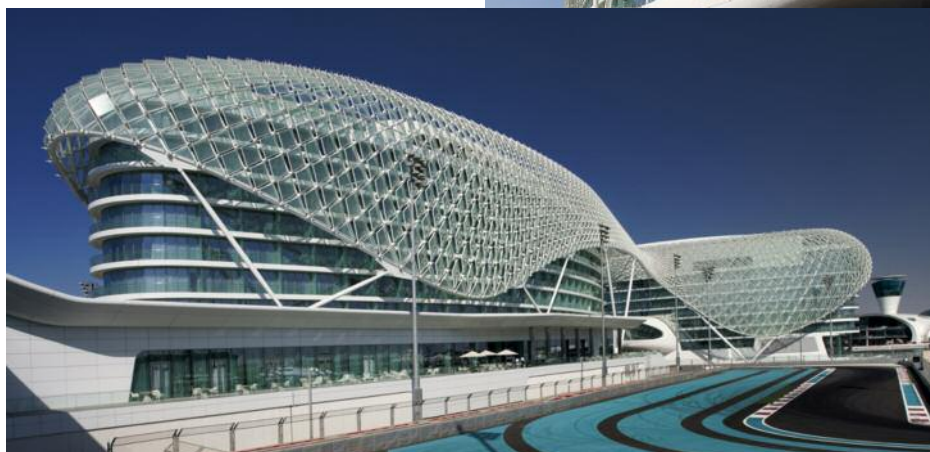


### Abu Dhabi Gears Up for UIM General Assembly.

The UAE capital of Abu Dhabi will host the 84th UIM General Assembly at the world-renowned Yas Island from October 17-23.

Hosted under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa al Nahyan, the GA will feature a number of meetings throughout the week all staged at the spectacular Yas Hotel located on the Yas Marina F1 Circuit.

While the UAE capital prepares to welcome the UIM delegates, a provisional programme has been circulated. The plenary General Assembly will take place Sunday 23rd when the delegates will be called to vote for the proposals and for the UIM Presidential Election.





### UIM Developments Launched In Turkey

UIM President Dr Raffaele Chiulli opened the first race of the UIM World Offshore Class 3 - 225 Championship at the Golden Horn in Istanbul.

During the race weekend, important UIM meetings also took place to set future pathways and launch the

Youth Development Program, a key project for the UIM.

Dr Chiulli, Secretary General Mrs Régine Vandekerckhove and several UIM officers from the US, UK, Sweden, Finland, France, Italy, United Arab Emirates, Norway and Turkey of the Offshore Committee got together in Istanbul to discuss future developments of the UIM Offshore disciplines.

Dr Chiulli congratulated the Istanbul Offshore Club, organiser of the UIM World Offshore Class 3 - 225 Championship, on staging a fully carbon neutral event. On behalf of the UIM, Dr Chiulli handed over the recognition certificate and offered his appreciation for their environmental approach.

"These series can be proud to have obtained the Carbon Zero Certificate, which will encourage other countries to follow suit," he said. "We would like to congratulate the President of the UIM Turkish National Authority Mr Ugur Isik for this outstanding achievement".

The UIM Youth Development Task Force also met regarding the UIM World Youth Development Program when it was decided the programme would start off with Road Shows at the major international boat shows and UIM World Championship events.

This summer's UIM Offshore Class 1 World Championship in Arendal, Norway and the UIM Offshore Class 3 World Championship in Oskarshamn, Sweden will be the first locations to host the series of Road Shows. The Düsseldorf Boat Show and Birmingham International Motor Sport Show, at the beginning of 2012, have also been selected to promote the sport of powerboating to young people.

Several Training Centres will also be established around the globe with the first to be launched at the Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club (ADIMSC) for the Emirates and Gulf Area. Delegates attending the 84th UIM General Assembly at Yas Island in October will be given the opportunity to visit the Training Centre during their stay.

### Date Announced for 2011 World Champions Awards Giving Gala

The UIM Awards Giving Gala will be staged on Saturday, February 11th 2012 at the Salle des Etoiles, in Monaco.

As well as the awards for the sport's 2011 World Champions, the UIM will also use the occasion to allocate the Environmental Awards for the 2011 season.



### Girls On Top In Portimao

Scandinavians Marit Stromoy and Bimba Sjolholm stunned the racing world with two stellar performances at the 13th F1 H2O Grand Prix of Portugal in Portimao.

Stromoy of Norway produced a fantastic flying lap in the final two minutes of the Q3 qualifying session storming to Pole Position ahead of 16 male drivers. It also powered her into the record books as the first woman in the history of the sport to clinch Pole.

Elsewhere, Sjolholm of Sweden also produced a memorable performance by beating eight male rivals in the first of two F-4S races staged on the Algarve.

UIM President Raffaele Chiulli - who attended both the F1 and F-4S races - said he was proud of their achieve-



ments. "It is a great day for our sport and we are very happy that Marit and Bimba are performing at this very high level. Diversifying gender is one of our strategic priorities at the UIM and what they did in Portugal is in that direction."

### New Promoters For Aquabike and Class 1



The UIM has announced that mutually satisfactory deals and agreements have been signed with the new UIM-contracted promoting companies for Aquabike and the Class 1 World and Continental Championships.

Aquabike Promotion will be the UIM partner to promote and develop Aquabike, while Class 1 Promotion will promote and develop Class 1. Between them, the UIM and the contracted promoters will further develop the two disciplines and broaden participation and media attention.

Working as a partner for Aquabike Promotion will be Fabio Ravenna of SPES, the Monaco-based company founded by his late father Mauro. The Aquabike racing season has already started with the first successful leg of the Class Pro World Championship held in Doha, Qatar and the Rally Jet World Championship in Guadalupe.

Class 1 is moving into a new era thanks to the joint efforts of the UIM, the teams and the newly appointed promoter Class 1 Promotion.

The new Class 1 project has already attracted new teams and new venues with the calendar having five key events with Abu Dhabi getting the season underway in the UAE to be followed by Arendal in Norway, Stresa on Lake Maggiore, Italy, Sanya City on the Hainan province in China with the traditional finale in Dubai.

UIM President Dr Raffaele Chiulli said: "It is a crucial move forward to have reached a satisfactory agreement on these two fundamental disciplines where a further change was needed. The proven know-how and experience of the management of our partners guarantees a stable and professional development of our sport".

