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DOHA TO KICK-START 2015 SEASON

H2O Racing will kick-start 2015 with an action packed triple-header in Qatar's dazzling capital city Doha.

The ten days of non-stop racing starts with the UIM-ABP Aquabike Class Pro World Championship with maximum rider line-ups anticipated in Runabout, Ski men and women and Freestyle, and is followed by the fifth outing

of powerboatings' Nations Cup World Series.

The climax to the now customary March Water Festival sees 16 drivers from eight teams representing 10 countries lining up on Doha Bay for the opening round of the UIM F1H2O World Championship.

F1H2O REMEMBERS 'ZIGGY'

In February the world of F1H2O lost one of its favourite sons and a towering pillar of world powerboat racing, Siegfried 'Ziggy' Boettle.

Ziggy was an institution in the sport serving as one of Outboard Marine Corporation's (OMC) top engineers for almost five decades, devoting his time over the years to the powerboat racing community at local, national and international level.

He began his invaluable service with the UIM F1H2O community in 1996 as Technical Commissioner as a representative of the UIM, becoming Chairman of both the UIM Formula One and Safety Cockpit Committee's.

In 2011 he became one of an elite 'band of brothers' to be voted into the F1H2O Hall of Fame.

Ziggy will be greatly missed, always remembered.



PHILIPPE CHIAPPE AND TEAM CTIC CHINA SET OUT ON TITLE DEFENCE



Not to be caught off guard, newly crowned UIM F1H2O World Champion Philippe Chiappe recently completed two full days of testing with his CTIC China Team colleagues as he prepares to start his title defence in Qatar.

The driver who dominated the final two races of the year winning back-to-back Grand Prix in Abu Dhabi and Sharjah to lift his first title last December, spent time on the water in the Emirates working on fine tuning the balance of his Championship winning David Moore built boat, while at the same

time, testing a myriad of propellers that will be needed on the always tricky course along Doha Bay. "We have been very busy working on many combinations of set-up, propellers and new concepts for our team for 2015," said the driver from Rouen. "We realize there are other truly professional organizations working just as hard trying to 'knock us off the mountain' this season and we are doing our best to stay one step ahead of the competition. But I think this team is now more determined than ever to prove to everyone in the sport that we are no one year wonders."



PORTO LIGHTS UP IMPRESSIVE F1H2O CALENDAR

The news that the World's leading powerboat Championship will rekindle its long-standing tradition and association of racing in Portugal, which began in 1999 and sees the sport back racing on Portuguese waters for the first time since 2011, was warmly welcomed at press conference at Pousada do Porto in February, attended by the Mayor of Porto, Rui Moreira, the Mayor of Gaia, Eduardo Vítor Rodrigues, Idea Marketing S.A. vice president Lavinia Cavallero and F1 Atlantic team owner-driver Duarte Benavente. "Our sport has a long and deep

routed association with Portugal and we are delighted to be back and that the beautiful City of Porto is the new venue and home for F1H2O," said Lavinia Cavallero. "Porto is a spectacular setting and to be racing here for the first time is something that all of us are looking forward to."

In addition to Liuzhou in China, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah in the UAE, Porto is one of four new venues on the 2015 calendar, with races and venues in Europe, China and Asia to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

STAR-STUDED CAST SET TO TAKE AQUABIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS

The registered and provisional rider line up for 2015 and the now customary season-opener in Doha, Qatar is littered with World, European and National Champions as the World's number one Aquabike tour looks set to scale event greater heights, with a provisional listing of 46 riders from 17 countries set to kick-start their title challenge.

A quartet of French stars boasting World and National titles head-up the challengers in Runabout, with defending World Champion Teddy Pons set to lead out a maximum field of 25 riders in Doha.

Pons will face still opposition, not least from Jeremy Perez who narrowly missed out in the title chase last season but rounded out the year in top spot in the prestigious World Rankings, Francois Medori and Cyrille Lemoine.

Italy's 2011 World Champion, Mattia Fracasso, heads-up the European challenge, with the likes of Sweden's Lars Akerblom and Poland's Andrej Wisniewski looking to break French dominance.



GUIDO CAPPELLINI JOINS TEAM ABU DHABI AS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND COACH

Abu Dhabi International Marine Sports Club (ADIMSC) has confirmed the appointment of Italian racing legend Guido Cappellini as coach and technical director of Team Abu Dhabi's F1H2O racing team on a three-year contract.

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for the team for the coming season and to give Team Abu Dhabi the best possible opportunity to achieve success. "We always seek to build a strong team to represent the UAE capital on all levels."

The ADIMSC also thanked Scott Gillman for more than 15 years of devoted service to the club and Team Abu Dhabi. Gillman will always be a part of the treasured heritage of the team and the decision to replace him with the Italian was purely based on a change in strategy and different path for the future.

PORETS LOOKING TO KEEP THE TITLE IN THE FAMILY

Defending Ski GP1 World Champion Jeremy Poret sets out in search of a fourth title, but will have to fend off the likes of Italian veteran Alberto Monti, Spain's Nacho Armillas and Slovenia's Tomaz Kete, not to mention his brothers Mickael and Morgan.

The two elder Poret brothers have dominated the Championship with one or other taking it home to France for the last five years, Jeremy winning in 2011, 2012 and last year, big brother Mickael in 2010 and 2013. Who knows, this might be the year that the youngest of the three Morgan adds his name!



SKI GP1 Ladies

Once again the Ladies will be mixing it with their male peers with last year's race winners from France, Jennifer Menard and Estelle Poret and Spain's Sandra Fernandez Rodriquez the trio likely to be the front runners in Doha and in the 2015 title race, defending Champion Menard the one to unseat!

Taking them all on is world number three Marta Sorrentino from Italy, Sweden's Jonna Borgstrom and four newcomers Yuki Kurahashi from Japan and Kylie Elmers from New Zealand.

SZYMURA LOOKING FOR F-4S TITLE HAT-TRICK AND NATIONS CUP SUCCESS

Twenty-one-year-old Mike Szymura will start his bid to win the F-4S Trophy for a third year at the season-opener in Doha.

foundations for his second title.

The youngster from Berlin saw off stiff opposition from Australia's Briney Rigby last season to clinch the title with a race to spare, a string of four wins on the bounce in China and Qatar, laying the

Szymura will have a busy schedule in Doha as he also heads up Germany's debut outing and challenge in the Nations Cup and will be partnered by Austrian Bernd Enzenhofer, facing teams from Belarus, Italy, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.



ROK LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SCORE

Who will win in the aerial insanity of Freestyle in Doha and this season is anyone's guess, but what everyone will be watching out for is the perfect score from The 'Rok' Florjancic.

There are few superlatives left to describe the extraordinary talents of the Slovenia Freestyle star as he looks to remain unbeaten on the tour since first turning up and blowing everyone away in China in 2011, winning 24 heats, 12 Grand Prix and two World titles.

Last season in China he carded 99 out of a possible 100 and promised to 'try to improve and do better'!!





2014 UIM F1H2O WORLD CHAMPION PHILIPPE CHIAPPE

Frenchman Philippe Chiappe capped a brilliant season for Team CTIC China to win his first F1H2O World title and complete a journey that began 12 years and 92 races ago. Of the three contenders going into the final two races it was Chiappe and his team who held their nerve, absorbed the pressure and struck the crucial blows when needed. He turned the tables on his Team Qatar rivals to hit the front in the title race, winning in Abu Dhabi and then produced the drive of a true Champion to win in Sharjah and lift the coveted World title.

2014 UIM C1 WORLD CHAMPIONS ARIF AL ZAFFAIN / NADIR BIN HENDI

Victory's most successful partnership marked their return to racing together for the first time since 2011 winning their fourth World title together and a 14th for the Dubai Team. Arif Al Zaffain and Nadir Bn Hendi grabbed five wins out of six in Ibiza, Italy and Abu Dhabi to win the title, adding to their trophy haul along the way with an eighth European and tenth Pole Position Championship.



2014 NATIONS CUP WORLD SERIES WINNERS TEAM BELARUS

WORLD CHAMPIONS

2014 UIM-ABP AQUABIKE CLASS PRO WORLD CHAMPIONS

Runabout GP1: Teddy Pons
Ski GP1: Jeremy Poret
Ski GP1 Ladies: Jennifer Menard
Freestyle: Rok Florjancic



2014 F-4S TROPHY CHAMPION MIKE SZYMURA



2014 UIM V1 WORLD CHAMPIONS AARON CHIANTAR / DOMINIQUE MARTINI

In a spectacular season of racing, Malta's Aaron Chiantar and France's Dominique Martini held their nerve to complete an impressive season treble, winning the V1 World, European and Pole Position Championships. The Chaudron duo picked up race wins in Ibiza and Abu Dhabi, with two further podiums and a fourth helping them to win the V1 World Championship by ten points.

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NEW PLACES SET TO ADD SPARK TO THE 2015 SEASON!



2015 sees the dawning of a new campaign with drivers from 10 different countries looking to put their hat in the ring for a chance at winning fame and glory and a world title, with eight Grand Prix in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

The season kicks off in the City of Doha with the Qatar Team, which is based just down the road from the paddock at the Qatar Marine Sports Federation (QMSF), a giant obstacle for other competitors as their drivers have dominated this circuit in the past two years winning all three previous events. The big question this year will be, will this trend of success continue?

Next stop to the season is a planned race in Europe in June followed by a sparkling new venue in northern Portugal in the lovely city of Porto on the historic Douro River on 1-2 August.

The return to the country of Portugal is an exciting one, with a rich tradition of F1H2O powerboat racing that dates back to 1999.

At a recent Press Conference announcing the event the Mayor of Porto Rui Moreira along with neighboring city of Gaia's Mayor Eduardo Vitor Rodrigues were on hand and excited about bringing F1H2O powerboats back to the nearby Atlantic Ocean for the first time since 2007 when the Grand Prix of France was held in La Rochelle.

The Grand Prix of China will once again be on the Liu River in Liuzhou in the countries Southeast region. The always anticipated event has been held every year dating back to 2008. The eighth year of the event is scheduled for 30 September - 1 October during the country's most important holiday week.

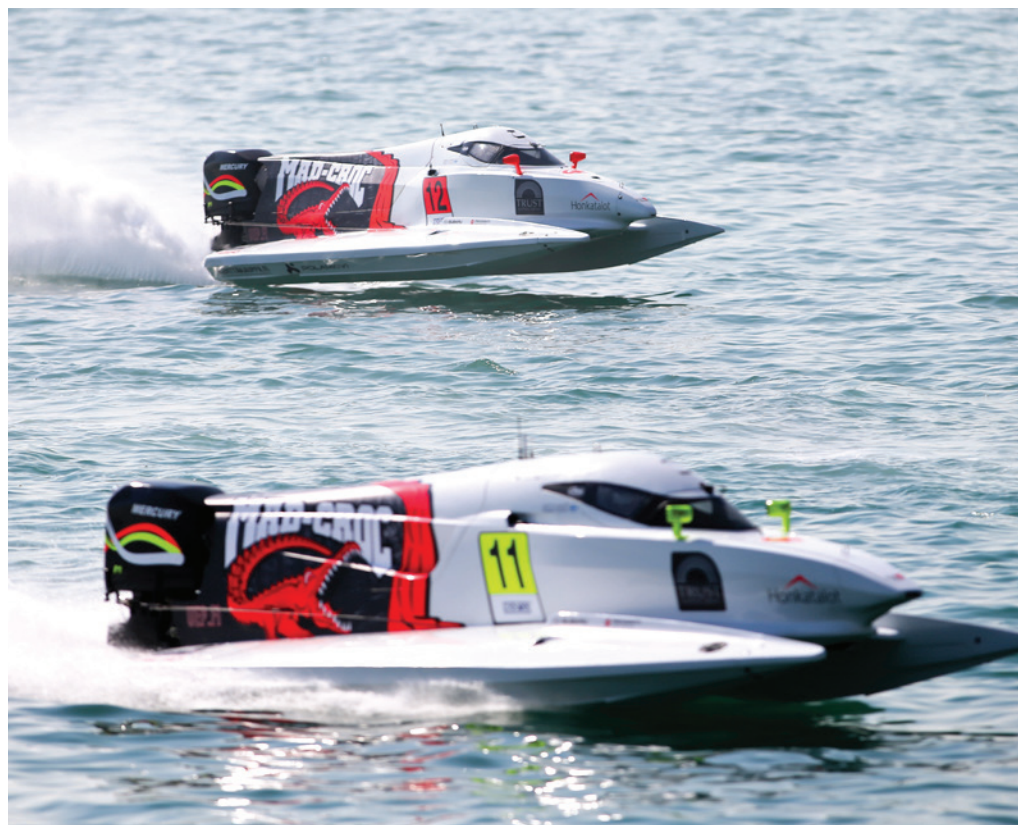
A second race in China the following week is also planned along with another Grand Prix expected in Asia on the weekend of the 7-8 of November.

The certain closing grand finale is once again back in the Middle East.

The series longest running event, the Grand Prix of Abu Dhabi is the first of back-to-back events and dates back over 20 years since 1993. The Grand Prix is along the lovely Corniche with the beautiful backdrop of the spectacular downtown area in the distance.

The 10-11 December race will be followed less than a week later in the sister City of Sharjah just outside of Dubai. This final race of the year is known as the Grand Prix 'where champions are crowned' and takes place on 17-18 December wrapping up the 32nd year of racing on the UIM F1H2O racing tour.





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DOHA — A JEWEL IN F1H2O RACING'S CROWN...ON AND OFF THE WATER!



In the four decade history of the UIM F1H2O World Championship that dates back to 1981, there have been 190 different drivers from 36 various nations fighting for 31 years to be crowned F1H2O World Champion.

Of those 190 men and women, only 13 have earned the honor of World Championship status.

The venues that they have raced have been played out on five different continents and one of the most demanding circuits, with the most beautiful and awe inspiring backdrop, is on the West Side of Doha Bay in lovely downtown Doha the capital city of Qatar.

Now one, if not the richest per capita cities in the world, Doha has become a powerhouse in the sport of F1H2O racing.

Ever since the first boat touched the waters along the Corniche on the Gulf back in 2005, the drivers and teams have realized this racing event would be no picnic or walk in the park. The personality of Doha Bay and its waters can be tricky. In an instant it can catch you off guard in a big way and ruin your day.

That scenario was played out in full view of thousands back in 2008 when a pair of World Champions Sami Selio of Finland and Jay Price of the USA blew their boats over in spectacular fashion in their qualifying runs for pole position. Price would eventually finished second and Selio fourth.

Of the ten previous years that the Grand Prix has played out in Doha, there have been 13 races and nine different winners. Of those winners, drivers of the Qatar Team had done remarkably well.

American Jay Price stopped the success of the opposing team drivers in Doha, mainly drivers such as Italian Guido Cappellini, who won four of the first six events, by taking his teams' first win on home waters in 2010.

Price repeated the success a year later in his final season with the Qatar Team. Oddly enough, another American who replaced him, Florida driver Shaun Torrente picked up the mantle of success winning both in 2013 and again in 2014 during the seasons second event in Doha at the Middle East Grand Prix.

Not to be outdone, Torrente's teammate from Italy Alex Carella captured his first victory for the Qatar Team on home waters at the start of the 2014 campaign last March.

The young driver from Piacenza who was the defending three-time World Champion won only after his teammate failed to finish while in the lead with just six laps remaining in what the Qatar Team was hoping to be their second 1-2 at home.



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CTIC CHINA TEAM HAS ONE THING IN MIND - A REPEAT IN 2015!

If there was a truly refreshing statement of the last 2014 campaign it was that the UIM F1H2O World Championship saw a true, veteran personality take the top step as the New World Champion, after what wasn't an easy journey, Frenchman Philippe Chiappe.

The 51-year-old fought for his ultimate goal, becoming known as the world's best driver after winning the F1 H2O title in Sharjah last December. It took him 12 years and 92 races to accomplish it.

Philippe was no "hot shot" youngster who walked in and turned the series on its ear, like his predecessor Alex Carella did. The talented Italian Carella rode the wave of three straight World titles from 2011 thru 2013 as a member of the Qatar Team and who is not yet 30 years old.

No, this veteran earned it the hard way, pushing

himself, his CTIC China Team and his boat builder David Moore to strive in their goal to get better and better each season throughout his 12 year career in F1H2O.

His determination has become infectious within the team and guided by his longtime friend and mentor Philippe Dessertenne, a Grand Prix winner himself back in 2002 at the Grand Prix of Finland, they together with Team Manager Eric Chan have made the CTIC China Team a powerhouse in the sport. "We are overwhelmed with our success that we have been able to establish in the past few seasons," stated the driver from Rouen. "We have been able to correct our weaknesses and focused on one situation at a time, whether back in the racing shop in France or in the racing paddock at a Grand Prix.

"Our secret is that we have a talented veteran crew of individuals who have been together for many years and work as a group and almost as

one individual at once to make things happen."

Young teammate to Chiappe, Chinese driver Xiong "Leo" Ziwei, finished his second full season still learning the nuances of the sport. His 2014 got off to a hot start with a pair of top-10 performances earning eight points on the season and 14th in the championship but a new year should show even more confidence in his rapidly growing driver skills.

This truly professional racing team with a strong Chinese-French connection for success looks for a repeat in 2015 and why not, they have the talent, attitude and budget to make it happen.

Let's see if they don't fall into that "sophomore slump" that some teams do after winning a title. These people will do their best for a repeat so don't bet against them.



QATAR

A TRADITION BUILT ON SUCCESS!

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Like any success in life, good things come from good people, especially those who are dedicated to their work and who are proud of their actions.

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The Qatar Team, winners of the Team Championship on the UIM F1H2O World Championship tour for four of the past six seasons are not only starting their 10th year in 2015 but are fast becoming an institution in the sport.

It was almost in slow motion that the team was put together in 2006. It came together mostly from people that had had a great interest in the success of the Middle East run "Presidents Cup" F2 events. A series that was so popular in the early part of the last decade and one of which many of the drivers in F1H2O got their feet wet in international competition.

After some management juggling at the top, eventually, a pair of veteran drivers was agreed and hired to lead the new team.

American Jay Price, known for getting the most out of a less than perfect race boat, was brought in. His teammate was Italian master driver and boat builder Massimo Roggero and his own boat creations known as a "BABA" hull.

The two earned historic success for the first time for the team, when at the Grand Prix of Italy in Como, Massimo gave the team their first podium and his career final one with a third place, while Price, despite running out of fuel, earned a sixth place.

Two years later, Price, would win a world title in 2008 and go on to capture 11 victories for the team before retiring at the end of 2011.

His young teammate, Alex Carella, would arrive in 2011 after one year in F1H2O and going on to claim three world titles.

But his pre-season team switch has opened the door for a new team member to come in and partner the super talented American, Sean Torrente, winner last time out in Doha and runner-up in the title race in 2013, and third last year.

The Qatar Team, headed by Khalid Al Kuwari as Team Manager along with engine maestro and Race Manager Brendan Power, has guided this professional organization to four driver titles in seven seasons with their drivers finishing second and third just missing out on the championship in 2014.

The Qatar Team has not lost in Doha since the first race in 2012. That's three races ago. Can they keep their success rolling along? I wouldn't say "no" too quickly.

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FINLAND'S SAMI SELIO

LOOKING TO GET "MOJO" BACK!

The Mad Croc Baba Racing Team was on the outside looking in for most of the 2014 campaign and that's not how the two-time World Champion Sami Selio likes it!

The 39-year-old from Helsinki, winner of the 2007 and 2010 World Championships, was hoping that after a heart wrenching self-destructing finish to his title hopes at the final round in 2013, he could turn it around a season ago. It didn't happen as he couldn't quite get back to the "inner circle" of success in 2014.

Selio's high point was a podium third place at the seasons' second race in Doha. He ended the year with a pair of fourth's after an eighth in China in October. His failure to finish at the opening race in Doha last March really hurt him in the chase for the title and he was forced to play catch-up after that.

His new BABA boat at the midway point of the season didn't give him the results he wanted. But now, after a strong winter of work Selio is ready to push for his 13th victory and a third title.

It's only a matter of time to see if Selio can get his "mojo" back and with Team Manager Michael Jenkins encouraging him, it's a strong bet he'll be back up fighting for that title once again in 2015.



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TWELVE TIME WINNER CANTANDO WANTS FIRST WIN IN DOHA!

Nineteen year racing veteran Francesco Cantando has done it all on the UIM F1H2O World Championship tour, except for two things...win a world title and win in Doha.

The driver from Milan, who has finished runner-up in the drivers' championship twice and he along with Finland's Sami Selio, has more wins than any current driver with 12. However, what's on his mind currently, more than anything else, is taking a victory on Doha Bay and adding it to his resume. "I love this circuit," said the 40-year-old father of three. "Last year we were forced to start way down in 12th position off the dock but we came charging back and came home fourth.

"I have just one podium in Doha when I finished second here back in 2009. I would love to win again. My last victory was in 2010 in China and this team is due for another trip to the top of the podium."

Francesco will be starting his 150th

race in Doha on a career that dates back to 1996 when he first arrived in Wuxi, China as a prospective law student. Since that time, the veteran has his 12 victories (tied for fifth best all-time) along with accumulating 42 podiums, 61 top-five and 90 top-ten results making him one of the most prolific drivers in the 32 year history of the sport of F1H2O racing. "I'm far from considering retiring," said Francesco. "This has always been a family project and every one of my crew has the same enthusiasm for the race team, today, as they did when we got our feet wet in the sport over two decades ago.

"Let's take 2015 a race at a time. I want to win here in Doha and finally and I mean finally win a world title in F1H2O."



TEAM NAUTICA'S MARIT STROMOY ENTERTAINING MORE SUCCESS IN 2015!

Some people are born entertainers, while others only wish they could be.

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Norwegian Marit Stromoy, the only woman driver on the current UIM F1H2O World Championship tour, continues to strive in reaching her goal of becoming not only the most prolific driver in the history of the sport from Norway, but also one with that touch of flare that only a feminine driver can bring to the series. "I realize I get a lot of attention because I maybe the only woman who is racing at this ultimate level of power-boating on the F1H2o tour, said Marit. "That's fine, to a point. I want to be recognized as a truly talented driver first and not be categorized because I am a woman who happens to be racing.

"I have spent most of my adult life on stage and performing, so I know what it is to be in the spotlight. I feel comfortable and want to keep it that way so I can enhance my sponsors and promote them through my driving skills and this sport. That's my main goal."

The driver from southern Norway made a real name for herself when she out-dueled 16 other drivers, all men as it would turn out, to take pole position at the 2011 Grand Prix of Portugal in Portimao becoming the first woman in the sport to accomplish this feat.

The following day, with many people doubting that she couldn't hold her number one spot off the dock once the lights went off to start the race, led the field for the first part of the Grand Prix, until, on a re-start she got tangled up and crashed out of the race to the disappointment of all of her race fans throughout Scandinavia.

A year ago Marit finished tied for 12th place in the championship accumulating nine points on the strength of a sixth place result in Doha to start the season and a seventh place in Abu Dhabi. She would love to continue to improve year after year and this season, pass her

goal of bettering her career best fourth paced finish and eighth place in the standings of 2013.

For Marit, the stage is set for her to continue to play out her role as not only driver other young woman around the world emulate, but to be known as well as the best that Norway has ever produced in the sport.

Partnering Marit for a second season is Swedish star Erik Star who will be looking to add to his second place in China and better his sixth overall season ranking.

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F1 ATLANTIC LOOKING FOR HAPPY DAYS IN 2015!

One of the most veteran teams in the sport of the UIM F1H2O World Championship is the Lisbon based F1 Atlantic Team.

Led by Portuguese driver Duarte Benavente, who is beginning his 16th year in the sport, he starts his 119th Grand Prix weekend in the hopes of doing what he did in Doha a year ago, fighting from 10th in qualifying to taking a well-earned third place podium position.

The 43 year-old continues to look for his first victory to add to his tally of five podium appearances and seventeen top-five results since his first race back in his home countries event in Portimao in 1999.

A year ago of the five races he finished the first and final events of the season. That was the good news. In between he had a pair of

failures to finish in China and Abu Dhabi while having problems with his boat at the second race of the season in Doha back in November forcing himself to being an unwilling spectator.

This time around he is ready to push and get consistent top five finishes and hopefully again another podium to start the season in Doha.

The team is yet to confirm who will run the number two boat but there is growing speculation that a driver change is in the pipeline.

With the arrival of the new Grand Prix in the Portuguese northern city of Porto more pressure will be pushed on this team, which maybe a good thing after all.



CHANGES AT THE TOP AT TEAM ABU DHABI



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"Abu Dhabi has a strong presence and for that we have appointed someone with Guido's profile and expertise to train our drivers at the top level of the sport. This will also give us a sound footing for the

future. We trust in Guido's capabilities to provide a strong team to compete at the highest level and we are confident that Team Abu Dhabi will be able to achieve success going forward. I am sure that Guido's presence in the team will also enable us to attract top names to the team in the near future."

Speaking of his appointment, Cappellini said. "My goal is to build a team for the future. I am proud to be given this opportunity to be a coach and technical director at Team Abu Dhabi. I express my thanks to His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al-Nahyan and relish the challenge of taking the team forward to achieve the goals and aims of the club. I have followed Team Abu Dhabi closely over the years and have always had great admiration for the operation and support for marine sport in Abu Dhabi. This has contributed to the emirate being an important hub in marine sport globally.

"The task ahead is not easy, but I love challenges and the task of training and preparing Team Abu Dhabi is a great challenge for me. I will give everything in order to build a strong team to compete at the very highest level. Team Abu Dhabi has a strong line-up with Thani Al-Qamzi and Ahmed Al-Hameli, in addition to all the current technical staff, and I will work with them to refine skills and continue our preparations.

"The goal is to build a team for the future and not just to win one or two races. When I was a World Champion, the reason was not just because of my driving, but because I had one of the best technical crews with me. We worked on boat construction and set-up for many years and this was the beginning of a strong era for excellence and achievements in the sport. I am proud to be working with Thani and Ahmed, as they are talented and experienced drivers and I have known them for a long time." Cappellini also stressed the importance of teamwork and a positive team atmosphere.

The ADIMSC also thanked Scott Gillman for more than 15 years of devoted service to the club and Team Abu Dhabi. Gillman will always be a part of the treasured heritage of the team and the decision to replace him with the Italian was purely based on a change in strategy and different path for the future.

The news also draws increasing speculation over the team driver line up for the season-opener.

TEAM SWEDEN TEAMMATES BACK FOR A 2ND YEAR WITH HIGH HOPES!



F1H2O



The 2014 season had to be a picture of total frustration for the very talented veteran driver Jonas Andersson as the four time winner of races on the UIM F1H2O World Championship circuit watched victories, podium and top-five performances disappear.

One race after another his team was marked with reliability woes thus finishing just once with a fourth place result at the Grand Prix of the Middle East in Doha.

The multi-time F2 World Champion will start his 10th year on the tour in 2015 knowing he still has the talent to do well, just that he needs to find a way to reach the checkered flag at the end of a Grand Prix with consistency.

The driver from Fruvi, Sweden started the 2014 year with a strong statement to the rest of field by taking pole position as the fastest qualifier at the Grand Prix of Qatar, only, not to finish.

Andersson reached the Q3 top-six "Shootout" for pole four of the five times he qualified and this year wants to complete the picture by finishing events after a very disappointing 12th place standing with just nine total points in the drivers' championship a year ago. "Yes, 2014 was by far my worst year," said Andersson. "But, with that, we had some real bright spots as well and feel we can grow with those memories and carry them with us into the new campaign."

Back for his second season is fellow Swede Jesper Forss. The 21-year-old from Nikolai, who dominated the F4 circuit three seasons ago got his best result at the final race in Sharjah last December with a sixth place finish.

Now that Forss has put in some much needed laps into the boat the youngest driver on the tour will be hoping to settle in and feel more comfortable in a F1H2O hull as he starts his second season at his fifth career start in Doha.

AQUABIKE

AQUABIKE STARS SET TO TAKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TO EVEN

GREATER HEIGHT

Without question, 2014 was a year to savour for the UIM-ABP Aquabike World Championship, spectacular competition, intense rivalries, great locations and regularly over-subscribed rider registration with competitors from 22 countries taking part.

2014 delivered countless moments that will forever be etched in the memory, not least the titanic fights for World title honours in Runabout and Ski with the Championships decided at the final Grand Prix.

Celebrating 21 years since first being sanctioned by the world governing body, the Union Internationale Motonautique (U.I.M.) the release by Aquabike Promotion, who took over the Championship in 2011, of the registered and provisional rider line up for 2015 and the now customary season-opener in Doha, Qatar is littered with World, European and National Champions clearly demonstrating that the World's number one Aquabike tour looks set to scale event greater heights, with a provisional listing of 46 riders from 17 countries set to kick-start their title challenge.

Francois Medori will be hoping that the protracted development programme of his bike will now convert to race wins as he looks to launch a challenge to regain the title he won in 2012 and will be looking to go one better than his best result in Doha, second overall.

Cyrille Lemoine has a great record in Qatar, finishing third overall in 2011 and grabbing four race wins on the way to winning the GP title for the last three years. But foremost in his mind will be to erase the memory of 2014, a year that started with victory but was then dominated by mechanical failures as he too looks to grab back the title he last won in 2010.

Italy's 2011 World Champion and Lemoine's teammate last year, Mattia Fracasso, heads-up the European challenge with the likes of Sweden's Lars Akerblom and Poland's Andrej Wisniewski looking to break French dominance.

Fracasso was another to struggle with reliability in 2014, but despite failing to post points in three races, four top four finishes dragged him up to sixth in the standings.

RUNABOUT GPI

A quartet of French superstars boasting an array of World and National titles head-up the impressive list of challengers in the heavyweight category Runabout, with defending World Champion Teddy Pons set to lead out a maximum field of 25 riders in Doha for the fifth Grand Prix of Qatar.

Pons, 32 from Hyeres in France, enjoyed by far his best outing on the tour in 2014 picking up two Grand Prix titles and four heat wins on the road to the coveted world title he last won in 2009, but he knows he will face stiff opposition if he is to hang on to it, not least from Jeremy Perez who, despite taking a Grand Prix title and two race wins narrowly missed out in the title chase last season but rounded out the year in top spot in the prestigious UIM-ABP World Rankings.

Akerblom enjoyed an impressive debut outing on the tour rounding out the season winning the Grand Prix of China to finish third overall in the title race, with Wisniewski getting his best results – two fourths – to make his first podium, also in China.

The Middle East assault for honours comes from 2013 World Champion, Youssef Al Abdulrazzaq but Doha has not been a happy hunting ground for the Kuwaiti rider, failing to score points in three out of four visits, Mohammed Al-Heidus and Thamer Al-Darwish heading up the Qatari challenge.

Amongst the newcomers joining the tour this season are two Martinique riders, 2014 Karujet winner, Ugo Fidelin and Christoph Concoriet.

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" PONS, 32 FROM HYERES IN FRANCE, ENJOYED BY FAR HIS BEST OUTING ON THE TOUR IN 2014 PICKING UP TWO GRAND PRIX TITLES "

SKI GP1

Jeremy Poret is another with a great record in Doha, three visits, three titles and five race wins.

Having seen off the challenge from US rival Chris MacClugage last year, defending World Champion Poret goes in search of a fourth Ski World title, a title that has been in the family trophy room since 2010.

Last year was arguably Poret's toughest. After a perfect start in Qatar he then came under severe pressure from MacClugage who grabbed a race win and the GP title in Italy, then completing the double and closing the gap in the title race in Ibiza. But in China Poret was imperious, responding in the most emphatic manner to break the American's challenge with a double race win to secure the crown.

But in 2015 he knows he will have to fend off the likes of Italian veteran Alberto Monti, number one in the World Rankings and arguably one of the most consistent riders on the tour, Spain's Nacho Armillas who finished third overall in Ibiza and in China and Slovenia's Tomaz Kete, not to mention his [Poret's] brothers Mickael, who has won the Ski and Slalom titles twice and Morgan.



SKI GP1 LADIES

Once again the Ladies will be mixing it with their male peers with last year's race winners Jennifer Menard, Estelle Poret and Sandra Fernandez Rodriguez the trio likely to be the front runners in Doha and in the 2015 title race, defending Champion Menard the one to unseat!

Menard was the outstanding performer of the trio last season, winning both races in Doha to take her first title, backing it up to take overall victory in Italy and rounding out her year with two wins in China to claim the crown.

Young Estelle Poret will be looking to keep the pressure on her countrywoman after enjoying her best season, taking the runners-up slot after grabbing her first ever win on the tour in Italy and four second placed finishes.

Both will face a strong challenge from Spain's Sandra Fernandez Rodriguez who made her mark, winning on her debut in Ibiza.

Taking them all on is world number three Marta Sorrentino, Jonna Borgstrom and tour newcomers Yuki Kurahashi and Kylie Elmers.





FREESTYLE

Who will win in the aerial insanity of Freestyle in Doha and this season is anyone's guess, but what everyone will be watching out for is the perfect score from The 'Rok' Florjancic and an extraordinary number of back flips!!

There are few superlatives left to describe the extraordinary talents of the Slovenia Freestyle star as he looks to remain unbeaten on the tour since first turning up and blowing everyone away in China in 2011, winning 24 heats, 12 Grand Prix and two World titles.

Last season in China he carded a 99 out of a possible 100 and promised to 'try to improve and do better'..!!

Over the seasons his fiercest rival and closest challenger has been younger brother Nac, who won his title in 2012, and their rivalry is all set to continue, with Italy's Roberto Mariani facing the daunting task of taking them both on.

THE 'ROK' FLORJANCIC
LOOKING FOR THE
PERFECT SCORE







TEAM BELARUS SET OUT TO DEFEND NATIONS CUP TITLE

NOW IN ITS FIFTH YEAR THE THRILLS, SPILLS AND THE SPECTACULAR THAT HAVE BECOME THE HALLMARK OF THE NATIONS CUP SINCE ITS FIRST OUTING ON MARINA BAY IN SINGAPORE IN 2011 ARE SET TO CONTINUE WITH THE WORLD SERIES RETURNING TO DOHA, QATAR FOR THE THIRD TIME.



NATIONS CUP



Teams from Germany, Italy, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia and the UAE will take on the current holders Team Belarus.

Belarus field a revised three man squad with Dmitry and Roman Vandyshv joined by Dmitry Malkin, who replaces Andrey Ovchinnikov, as they look to defend the title they won by a solitary point last year.

Last time out consistency was the key to their overall success and despite not picking up a win in either the Match or Sprint Races, a string of top six finishes in all competitions was enough to see them through to win by one point from Italy.

Germany makes their first appearance in the series and will be relying heavily on the experience of two-time F-4S Trophy Champion Mike Szymura, who teams-up with Austrian Bernd Enzenhofer to mount their challenge.

Back for their third appearance is Team Italy who has been impressive in both previous outings, this year rolling out a new driver line up with Domenico Leidi and Roberto Lo Piano making their debut.

The star of the show for Italy in both their previous outings was young Stefano Paoletti; in 2013 in Abu Dhabi Paoletti and Marco Gambi finished second, but it was the youngster from Miane's brilliant virtuoso performances in Doha last year, winning the Match Race and both Sprint Races that almost gave them the title, missing out by one point to Belarus.

Qatar is the only team to have appeared in all Nations Cup events since 2011, with veteran driver Khalid Al Kuwari making his sixth appearance and joined for the second time by Mohammed Al Obaidly.

The team has enjoyed mixed results so far, coming close to winning but finishing as runner-up in 2011 and 2012, taking a disappointing fifth in 2013 and fourth last year, the high points for Al Kuwari, his very popular double Match Race wins in 2013.

TECHNICAL

- Identical stock boats, engines, propellers: Single-seater, tunnel hull catamaran
- Overall Length: 5302mm (with engine 5945mm)
- Beam: 2185mm
- Minimum Weight: 455kgs
- Engines: Mercury Optimax 200XS SST
- Capacity: 2.5litre
- HP: 225
- RPM: 8000
- Propeller: Dewald (two sets)
- Design/Build: H2O Racing
- Boat Construction: Carbon / Kevlar – Epoxy
- Boats, engines, propellers drawn for at beginning of event weekend



QATAR IS THE ONLY TEAM TO HAVE APPEARED IN ALL NATIONS CUP EVENTS SINCE 2011

The current Team Russia line up will be hoping to try to emulate the success their countrymen enjoyed in 2013 after winning in Doha, but the revised line-up of Mikhail Kitashev, Andrey Panyushkin and Kostantin Ustinov fell short last year, managing only fifth, Ustinov's second place in the Match Race their only notable result.

Making a very welcome return after missing out in 2014 is the series' most successful team, the UAE, fielding a revised line up of Rashed Al Qemzy and newcomer Rashed Al Remeithi with Rashed Al Tayer making his second appearance as their third driver.

In all their previous outings their drivers have dominated, Ahmed Al Hameli guiding them to victory in 2011 winning the Match and Sprint Races, Majed Al Mansoori matching him the following year. In 2013 Rashed Al Qemzi finished first in all four Sprint Races to give them their third title in a row.

Also back and making their third start in Nations Cup is Saudi Arabia with Naem Alkedawi and Saud Ahmad.





UIM NATIONS CUP WORLD SERIES

A one-make international inshore circuit racing powerboat series:

- World governing body, Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM)
- Promoter, H2O Racing
- Emphasis on team participation and country success rather than individual performance and result
- Each team is sanctioned by its UIM affiliated National Authority
- Each team run two boats, with two to four drivers sharing practice, qualifying and racing responsibilities over a three day Grand Prix weekend
- Maximum ten countries and 20 boats per event
- Country participation 2011 (Singapore); Brazil, Brunei, Finland, Hungary, Malaysia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, UAE
- Country participation 2012 (Khor Fakkan); Brazil, Brunei, Finland, Malaysia, Qatar, South Africa, UAE
- Country participation 2013 (Doha/Abu Dhabi); Italy, Lebanon, Norway, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Venezuela
- Country participation 2014 (Doha): Belarus, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Qatar, Russia
- Country participation 2015 (Doha): Abu Dhabi, Belarus, Germany, Italy, Qatar, Russia

2012 Nations Cup winner; Team UAE - Majed Al Mansoori / Rashed Al Tayer

- 2012 Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, UAE
- Match race winner; Majed Al Mansoori
- Sprint race 1 winner; Majed Al Mansoori
- Sprint race 2 winner; Majed Al Mansoori

2013 Nations Cup winner: Team UAE - Mohamed Al Mehairbi / Rashed Al Qemzi

- 2013 Doha, Qatar
- 2013 Nations Cup Qatar Grand Prix winner; Team Russia – Mikhail Kitashev / Andrei Paniushkin / Dmitry Vandyshev / Roman Vandyshev
- Match Race winner; Khalid Al Kuwari (qat)
- Sprint race 1 winner; Rashed Al Qemzi (uae)
- Sprint race 2 winner; Rashed Al Qemzi (uae)

2013 Nations Cup Abu Dhabi Grand Prix winner; Team UAE - Mohamed Al Mehairbi / Rashed Al Qemzi

- Match Race winner; Khalid Al Kuwari (qat)
- Sprint race 1 winner; Rashed Al Qemzi (uae)
- Sprint race 2 winner; Rashed Al Qemzi (uae)

2014 Nations Cup winner; Team Belarus - Dmitry Vandyshev / Roman Vandyshev / Andrey

- 2014 Doha, Qatar
- Ovchinnikov
- Match Race winner; Stefano Paoletti (ita)
- Sprint race 1 winner; Stefano Paoletti (ita)
- Sprint race 2 winner; Stefano Paoletti (ita)

2011 Nations Cup winner; Team UAE - Ahmed Al Hameli / Majed Al Mansoori

- 2011 Marina Bay, Singapore
- Match race winner; Ahmed Al Hameli
- Sprint race 1 winner; Ahmed Al Hameli
- Sprint race 2 winner; Ahmed Al Hameli

EVENT

- Two/Three days
- one/two practice sessions
- One official qualifying session to determine start order of Match Race / Race 1
- Match Race; knockout competition for team points, two boats racing off on an alternate course, best of three runs, winners progress to final
- Two x 20 minute sprint races
- Circuit length; circa 1600m

POINTS

- Points - 1st 25pts ; 2nd 22pts ; 3rd 20pts ; 4th 18pts ; 5th 16pts ; 6th 15pts ; 7th 14pts ; 8th 13pts ; 9th 12pts ; 10th 11pts ; 11th 10pts ; 12th 9pts ; 13th 8pts ; 14th 7pts ; 15th 6pts ; 16th 5pts ; 17th 4pts ; 18th 3pts ; 19th 2pts ; 20th 1pt

Points (ALL points achieved by drivers from the Match Race and Sprint races count towards overall Nations Cup Team result - Match race and Sprint races are individual driver competitions - points from sprint races are combined to determine winner - points achieved in sprint race 2 determines overall result in the event of a tie).



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COMBINED C1 AND V1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS



2014 saw the coming together of the undisputed heavyweights of world powerboat racing when, for the first time in over two decades, C1 catamarans and V1 monohulls joined forces to race together on tandem circuits and compete in three Grand Prix in Ibiza, Spain, Terracina in Italy and the UAE Capital City, Abu Dhabi.

The strategic restructuring, revised format and new look ClassOne World Powerboat Championship proved a resounding success, six boats lined up in C1 seven in V1, and has given the sport a new direction and a solid platform to build on in 2015.

Victory dominated in C1 with Arif Al Zaffain and Nadir Bin Hendi easing to the team's 14th World title by a comfortable 35 point margin, a tenth Pole Position

Championship with three straight wins and an eighth European title.

In V1 the title race was a much closer affair, four different outfits grabbing race wins and six picking up podium finishes. The title race swung one way then the other, with Chardon's Aaron Chiantar and Dominique Martini holding their nerve to win by ten points. They added to their tally of silverware with a one point win in the European Championship and winning two out of three qualifying sessions to complete their trophy hat-trick.

VICTORY

Teaming-up for the first time since 2011 Arif Al Zaffain and Nadir Bin Hendi immediately rolled back the years and the duo that has won three World titles together had just one thing in mind, to clinch a fourth, and they did, in imperious fashion.

They and the boat were a class apart and cruised to emphatic Victories in five out of the six races, and were robbed of a perfect six-for-six season win tally when a broken drop box ended their challenge in race 2 in Terracina.

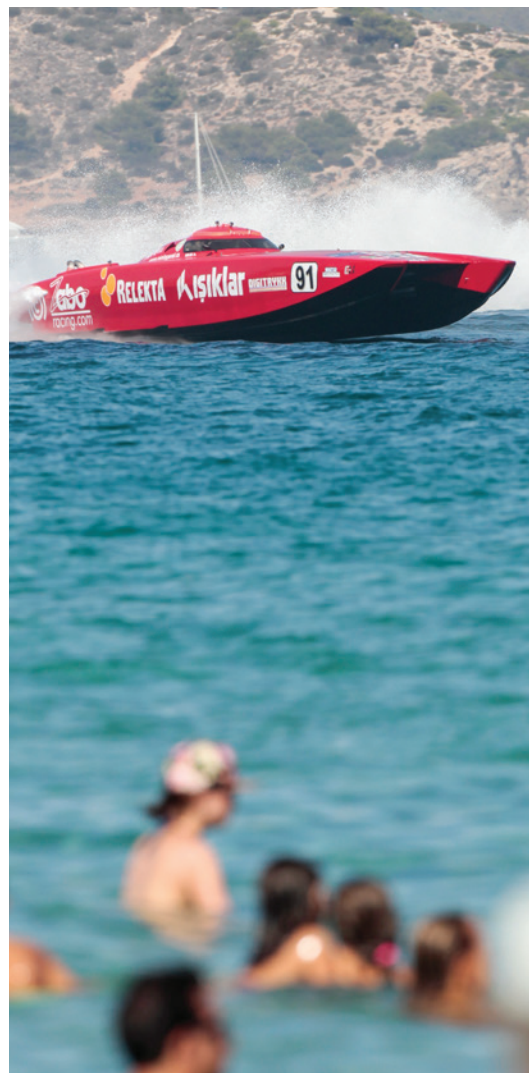
RELEKTA-ZABO-ISIKLAR

2014 was another strong season for Ugur Isik and Christian Zaborowski, claiming the world number two slot for the second year in a row.

Whilst that first win remained elusive they proved it is not far off, a double podium in Ibiza followed by two seconds proved their pedigree and a fighting fourth in race 1 in Terracina after breaking three gearboxes demonstrated the true spirit of the team.

LFF10

Despite a frustrating first event in Ibiza, first equalling Victory's time in qualifying, then breaking in race 1 and not starting race 2, Luca Fendi and Giovanni Carpitella hit back on



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home waters in Terracina to finish second and then finally take their first race win together.

They were unable to carry that momentum to Abu Dhabi, finishing fourth but rounding out their season with a podium third and take third overall in the title race.

ABU DHABI

Very much a season of two different crews for Team Abu Dhabi!

Faleh Al Mansoori and Rashed Al Tayer kicked the season off in their new MTI, their third place in race 1 in Ibiza was then demoted to fifth after a post-race penalty for taking out a turn buoy, a first corner crash in race 2 ended their weekend and season.

Enter American race aces Gary Ballough and John Tomlinson who were immediately on the pace in Terracina, finishing third and fifth, despite running out of petrol, and picking up two podiums at the teams home Grand Prix in Abu Dhabi.

NEW STAR-POLIFORM

A very solid first season for Russia's entry into the Championship and the collaboration between Guido Cappellini and Andrey Kitashev, his son Mikhail joining Cappellini in the cockpit.

An impressive first outing saw them finish second and third in Ibiza, take a third in Terracina and ending the season with a fifth and then sitting out the last race.

LFF8

It was not to be the same fairy tale season they enjoyed in 2013 winning the European title.

Miles Jennings was joined by Tarek Oktem in Ibiza, starting solidly with a fourth then breaking. Alfredo Amato was back alongside Jennings for the next two events, managing a fifth and fourth but then failing to finish and start the final two races in Abu Dhabi.





V1 - IBIZA

The performance of race 1 came from the Tommy One crew of Maurizio Schepici and Stefano Bonanno who powered their way through the field from a long way back in fourth spot, first passing Bernico-New Star, then the early race leader's Chaudron before setting their sights on and overhauling the pole sitters Giuseppe and Antonio Schiano in Karelpiu, to take the win in 36:33.39s.

Hercules Sagemann finished in fifth ahead of Aquasport, Silverline retiring on early on lap 2.

Honours in race 2 went to Aaron Ciantar and Dominic Martini in Chaudron who left their rivals in their wake to win unchallenged over the 12 laps, taking the chequered flag with the chasing pack well in arrears, finishing on the same lap as the C1 boats ahead of them to take an early lead in the Championship standings.

Second home was Karelpiu, the team switching driver for race 2 with Federico Montanari teaming -up with Antonio Schiano. The duo held off a strong challenge from Aquasport on lap 3 as the two outfits thundered through the start-finish line side-by-side and then from a momentarily advancing Tommy One.

The drive off the afternoon belonged to Drew Langdon and Ian Blacker in Silverline who found good pace mid race, moving up from sixth spot on lap 2, passing Bernico-New Star and overhauling Aquasport and Tommy One on lap 7 to take the third step of the podium. Sixth spot went to Hercules Sagemann ahead of Bernico-New Star's second pairing of Dmitry Vandyshin and Andrey Panyushkin.



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V1 - TERRACINA

With the top three boats side-lined before the restart, Tommy One and Kareliu crashing out, Chaudron breaking, the Championship race had been blown wide open and Bernico-New Star, Silverline and Aquasport capitalised on it and produced a brilliant race, the trio swapping places throughout.

Aquasport's Daniel Cramphorn and Nico Huyben's led from the restart but were overhauled by Nico Bertels and Frank Hemelaer in Bernico-New Star on lap 3 and a lap later by Silverline's Ian Blacker and Drew Langdon.

The leaders then raced side-by-side for the next two laps with Silverline piling on the pressure and passing the race leader on lap 5, but two laps later Bernico-New Star came again and made the decisive pass going on to take a brilliant win by 2.86seconds to move to the top of the Championship standings.

Despite missing out on the top step, Drew Langdon was more than happy to pick up a second podium in two races, with third place for Aquasport their best result this season putting them back in the title race.

After seeing victory slip from their grasp in race 1 Aquasport's Daniel Cramphorn and Nico Huybens made up for it, going quickest in qualifying in the morning and delivering an emphatic start-to-finish victory over Chaudron and Tommy One in race 2.

Second place after their race 1 retirement was enough for Aaron Chiantar and Dominique Martini to clinch the V1 European Championship, with another retiree from race 1 Tommy One rewarded after a late night working on the boat, Stefano Bonanno and Maurizio Schepici moving up from the back of the field to take third.

Kareliu's Giuseppe and Antonio Schiano, another team to work late into the night on repairs, held off a race long challenge from Bernico-New Star to take fourth, with Silverline, who had been running in third, finishing sixth after a spin out. It was a frustrating event for Hercules Sagemann, failing to start both races.



V1 - ABU DHABI

In a somewhat processional first race, Aaron Ciantar and Dominique Martini staked their claim on the Championship, cruising home untroubled and unchallenged in Chaudron with a lap to spare.

After a late disqualification from third place in qualifying and forced to start from the back, Dmitry Vandyshev and Andrey Panyushkin recovered well to finish second in Bernico-New Star, with Stefano Bonanno and Maurizio Schepici bringing Tommy One home in third.

Fourth place for Aquasport's Daniel Camphorn and Nico Huybens kept them in the hunt for the title, with Hercules Sagemann's Andreas Podolsky and Udo Gross finishing in fifth head of Ian Blacker and Drew Langdon who limped home in an ailing Silverline to take points in sixth. But a second DQ for Bernico-New Star would alter the results.

Not for the first time during the season the teams produced some great racing, with the lead changing hands and the race for the podium places hotly contested.

After the frustrations for Bernico-New Star's four man squad, disqualified from both qualifying and race 1, Nico Bertels and Frank Hemelaer came back in style to take a well-deserved win.

Champions elect Chaudron got the jump on pole-sitters Aquasport and led from the start with Bernico-New Star giving chase and keeping the gap too under eight seconds. On Lap 5 Bernico-New Star hit the front and pulled away from a struggling Chaudron to take their second win of the year.

Behind the leaders Aquasport, Karelpui and Tommy One enjoyed and produced the best fight of the race; first Aquasport held the upper hand, then Karelpui grabbed the advantage until lap 5 the two trading places again before Daniel Cramphorn and Nico Huybens hit trouble and dropped back, eventually finishing in fifth.

With Chaudron slowing to a crawl and limping home in fourth to secure the title, the remaining podium positions went to Karelpui's Federico Montanari and Antonio Schiano and Tommy One's Stefano Bonanno and Maurizio Schepici.

It was a frustrating afternoon for Hercules Sagemann's Andreas Podolsky and Udo Gross who struggled with technical problems, completing just five laps.





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