F1H2O
U.I.M. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

ROADTOSHARJAH
GP OF SHARJAH

ADVANCE PROGRAM

EVENT NAME:
UIM F1H2O WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD TO SHARJAH GRAND PRIX OF SHARJAH

LOCATION: Sharjah, UAE

DATE: 18th , 19th , 20th December 2026

EVENT DESCRIPTION: **SCTDA** with the authorization of **H2O Management Ltd** under the aegis of the **Union Internationale Motonautique** and **UAE Marine Sports Federation** is organizing in Sharjah, UAE the:

"UIM F1H2O World Championship 2026"
Final Round

PROMOTED BY
H2O RACING UIM

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RACE OFFICIALS

OOD: TBA
UIM SPORT COMMISSIONER: Ivan Motta
PROTEST JUDGE: Kimon Papachristopoulos
MEDICAL OFFICER: TBC
UIM TECHNICAL COMMISSIONERS: Gil Manuel Pedroso, Rui Xavier
RACE DIRECTOR: Marco Pietrini

MEDICAL FACILITIES

LAND: AL ZAHARA HOSPITAL - Sharjah

WATER: Osprey Rescue Team

RACE REGULATIONS

As per UIM F1 Circuit Rules Book - Blue Pages page:336-357
https://www.uim.sport/Documents/RuleBookRelease/RuleBookRelease137/2026%20UIM%20Circuit%20Rulebook%20-%20republished%20on%2005.03.26.pdf

RACE COURSE

Water registration: UAE18/11.22
https://www.uim.sport/Documents/WaterPlan/Venue343/2952-UAE_Sharjah_18112022_exp2026.pdf

ENTRIES FEES

EURO 2'000 for "Non-Committed drivers" per race and F1 boat to be paid to H2O Management.

Entry will be valid upon receipt of payment by H2O Management.

Acceptance of an entry is the discretion of the F1H2O Committee.
Late entries may be accepted at the F1 H2O Committee's discretion and upon paymentof double fee.

INSURANCES

To enter any UIM F1H2O World Championship race every driver must hold the F1 Super license issued by UIM and be properly insured as per local legal requirementsand UIM requirements.
For "Committed Drivers" the first entry form of the season will be valid for all races provided that the drivers keep their licenses.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS

Race numbers to be supplied by H2O Management.

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FUEL
According to UIM F1 fuel rules art.9.1/9.6 page 344 Blue Pages.

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES
According to UIM F1 rules Art.2.7/2.10 page 335 Blue Pages

PROTESTS
Protests must be made in writing and handed to the Officer of the Day within 60 minutes from the time of posting the results.

Protests to be affixed at UIM Commissioner's tent.

IMAGE
The team member/driver participating in an UIM F1H2O Powerboat World Championship event which has ongoing international and sportive significance and in consideration of the acceptance of his/her participation in the Championship, the team member / driver accepts to be filmed, televised, photographed and otherwise recorded during the World Championship under the conditions and for the purposes now or hereafter authorized by the UIM and the F1 promoter

PROGRAMME
See attached the TIME SCHEDULE (unless announced differently at race registration).

If there is a change in the racing course, there will be an extra free practice.

If the time trials need to be stopped by force majeure and less than 50% of the 45 minutes time trials were run, the results of the time trials will not be considered, and the overall classification will be taken for the pole position.

In case of force majeure, this format may be amended by the UIM Commissioner.

No racing engines will be allowed without previous approval of UIM Commissioner.

OVERTAKE LAP
1. For the sole purpose of improving overtaking opportunities during the race, an Overtake Lap may be performed by each driver a maximum of two (2) times during the main race and one (1) time during the sprint race.

2. The Overtake Lap consists of an alternative course configuration, marked by one or more dedicated buoys strategically positioned by the Race Committee. The shorter line allows a driver to potentially gain distance and attempt an overtaking manoeuvre on the boat ahead.

3. A driver may only perform an Overtake Lap after completing at least three (3) laps following the start, or after three (3) laps following a restart under yellow-flag conditions.

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4. An Overtake Lap may only be performed during a lap in which the time gap between the driver and the boat immediately ahead is less than one and a half (1.5) seconds at the finish-line timing point.

5.The leading boat at any time during the race may not perform the Overtake Lap. If a driver performs an Overtake Lap while being the race leader or when the Overtake Lap is not authorized, the manoeuvre shall be considered invalid and will result in a ten-second (10 s) time penalty automatically applied to the race classification.

An Overtake Lap shall be considered used once the driver has performed the manoeuvre, regardless of whether the lap is subsequently neutralized, cancelled, or invalidated due to a yellow-flag situation or any other Race Direction decision. In particular, if a yellow flag is shown during or after an Overtake Lap and the race classification is reverted to the positions recorded on the previous lap, the Overtake Lap shall nevertheless count towards the driver's maximum permitted number of Overtake Laps.**

6. The Race Direction may, at their absolute discretion, suspend the use of the Overtake Lap at any time for reasons of safety.

7. When approaching or performing an Overtake Lap, any manoeuvre deemed dangerous, unsporting, or likely to cause contact or unsafe turbulence will be subject to penalty at the discretion of the Race Direction. Depending on the severity of the incident, penalties may include:

- The loss of any position gained through the manoeuvre,
- A one-lap penalty,
- Disqualification from the race,
- And/or the showing of a yellow card in addition to the above.



(not in scale, subject to changes)
NB: The Race Committee reserves the right to change and update the above Race Course drawing and the start procedure based on weather, safety or any other unforeseen circumstances.

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ECU BOXES

It is compulsory to install the ECU boxes on the F1H2O engines before each test, timed trials and race. These ECU boxes are supplied by H2O Management and will not be tampered with.
At each race site, the approved F1H2O race ECU boxes will be handed out, assigned randomly.
Installation has to be completed prior to the start of activitiesin the water.
The approved ECU boxes will be returned at intervals during and after the race week-ends.

ONBOARD CAMERA

Each boat must lodge the on-board camera whenever required by the official TV crew, therefore all boats must be set up to lodge the on-board camera following the instructions given by H2O Management.

DRIVERS' BRIEFING

Meeting will be held at race Headquarters as per time schedule.
It is compulsory to be present at drivers meeting roll call.

REPAIRS

Only if the boat reaches the pontoon on its own engine power, repairs can made onthe rear side of the start pontoon or on the launching pontoon, while the boat is completely in the water or on its trailer.
Further instructions for the repairing area may be given at Driver's Briefing – ref Rule 4.
See also UIM F1 rule Art.4 page 337 Blue Pages.

PASSES

Passes shall be supplied to teams locally.

ACCREDITATIONS

All photographers and TV crew members will need accreditation supplied by the promoter.

SPACE ALLOCATION

The allocation of the paddock positions shall be made on basis of the Teams' sporting merit and with due consideration of the Promoter's contractual commitments as well as respecting the preference for the Team of the organizing city and/or country.

SPONSORS

It is the driver's responsibility to make sure that his sponsors are in compliance with the local and television transmission rules.
Drivers have to mention their sponsors on the Entry Form; all new boat sponsors have to be approved by H2O Management. In case of conflict Series and Event sponsors will prevail.
Series sponsors and event sponsors logo/stickers to be displayed on the racing boatshall be distributed at the Registration on Day.

AWARDS

Trophies to be announced at race registration.

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December 18th, 19th, 20th 2026

Wednesday, December 16th

16:30	Press Conference

Thursday, December 17th

10:00 – 11:00	Teams Registration	09:00 – 10:00	Fuel distribution
11:00 – 17:00	Technical scrutineering		

Friday, December 18th

09:00 – 12:00	Technical scrutineering
11:00 – 12:00	2-seater
12:00 – 14:30	*Lunch*
13:00 – 13:30	Drivers Briefing
14:00 – 15:00	Free Practice 1
15:30 – 16:30	Free Practice 2

Saturday, December 19th

09:00 – 09:30	Drivers Briefing	09:00 – 10:00	Fuel distribution
10:10 – 11:25	**Qualifications**		
11:45 – 14:30	*Lunch*		
13:30 – 14:30	2-seater		
14:55	Parade Lap Sprint Race 1		
15:10 – 15:25	**Sprint Race 1**		
15:35	Parade Lap Sprint Race 2		
15:50 – 16:05	**Sprint Race 2**		
16:10	Sprint Races Prize Giving Ceremony		
16:20 – 17:00	2-seater	16:00 – 17:00	Fuel distribution

Sunday, December 20th

08:30 – 09:00	Drivers Briefing	08:00 – 09:00	Fuel distribution
09:00 – 10:00	Photo session by the podium		
10:00 – 11:00	Warm Up		
11:15 – 12:30	2-seater		
11:30 – 14:30	*Lunch*	13:00 – 14:00	Fuel distribution
14:55	Parade Lap F1H2O		
15:10 – 15:55	**ROAD TO SHARJAH GRAND PRIX OF SHARJAH** Prize Giving Ceremony		

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