



2022 UIM XCAT
World Championship

Fujairah Grand Prix



Fujairah, March 4th – 6th

Advance Notice

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1. Date of event – Venue – Organisation

The FIMC (Fujairah International Marine Club), under the aegis of the UIM is organizing in Fujairah, UAE:

2022 UIM XCAT World Championship
Fujairah Grand Prix, on March 4th – 6th

The Race will take place at the Fujairah International Marine Club, Fujairah, UAE, and will be valid as:

- 2022 UIM XCAT World Championship – Round 1

2. Provisional Race Timetable

		Date		Timing		Activity	
2022 UIM XCAT World Championship - Fujairah - UAE - March 4 th - 6 th		28 February to 2 March				Areas Setup & Teams tests	
	Thursday 3 March	09:00	-	18:00	Crane Available		
		10:00	-	16:00	Immersion Tests session (Mandatory all Drivers)		
		12:30	-	14:00	Registration		
		12:30	-	17:30	Technical Scrutineering		
		18:00		Drivers Briefing			
	Friday 4 March	08:00	-	18:00	Crane Available		
		08:00	-	18:00	Fuel Available		
		09:30	-	11:30	Official Practice		
		12:00	-	12:30	Pole Position		
		15:30		Team Manager Briefing			
		16:00		Fujairah Boat Parade			
	Saturday 5 March	09:00	-	18:00	Crane Available		
		09:00	-	18:00	Fuel Available		
		10:00	-	11:30	Official Practice		
		15:00		RACE 1 START			
		After Finish		Race 1 Prize Giving			
		20:00		Gala Dinner			
	Sunday 6 March	08:30	-	19:00	Crane Available		
		08:00	-	15:00	Fuel Available		
		09:30	-	10:30	Official Practice		
11:00		-	11:30	Pole Position			
15:00		RACE 2 START					
After Finish		Race 2 & Fujairah GP Pole Position Prize Giving					
	6 - 8 March			DISMANTLING AREAS			

3. Organizing Committee

Fujairah International Marine Club (FIMC), East 99, Corniche street, Near Fortune Royal Hotel – Fujairah - UAE

Event Director: Mr Ahmed Ebraheim Mohamed

Contact: Mr. Haitham Kamal - mailto: admin@fimc.ae

4. Eligibility

All competitors carrying a valid 2022 UIM XCAT Super License are eligible to compete for 2022 UIM XCAT World Championship.

Race Secretariat and Race Administration

Pre-Race headquarters for the event and co-ordination point for all race associate communication will be through:

- Sebastiano Pellecchia - sebastiano@x-cat.racing
- Mohammed Al Sadi - mohammed@x-cat.racing

5. Rules and Regulations

- The races will be run under the current UIM Rules as applicable for XCAT, together with such other rules and amendments as may be issued within their jurisdiction, by the National Authority and/or Race Committee in the Advance Notice and Race Instructions and/or Drivers Briefing and/or Race Bulletins.
- For any reason that may be considered necessary, the Race Committee reserve the right to change the event/race program as detailed in the Advance Notice and/or Race Instructions.
 - DRIVERS MUST WEAR THEIR LIFE JACKET AT ALL TIME IN THE WATER, INCLUDING WHEN DURING THE COURSE CHECK WITH UIM BOATS
 - DRIVERS MUST WEAR THEIR HEAD & NECK RESTRAINT WITH THE MANDATORY QUICK RELEASE SYSTEM AT ALL TIME IN THE WATER DURING ALL ON WATER OFFICIAL SESSIONS (PRACTICE – POLE – RACE)
 - USING CHIN GUARD OR SPIN-TYPE (FIXED MICROPHONE BOOM) HELMETS IS PROHIBITED. DRIVER WHO WILL WEAR THESE TYPES OF HELMET, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
 - OIL MAT AND ANY KIND OF SMALL DRUMS MUST BE UNDER ENGINES / GEAR BOX, WHEN ARE UNDER WORK IN THE PADDOCK.
 - AS STATED IN THE RULE, ALL DRIVERS MUST PERFORM THEIR IMMERSION TEST AT THE FIRST EVENT OF THE SEASON. THE IMMERSION TEST SESSION IS SCHEDULED, ACCORDING TO THE TIME TABLE, ON MARCH 3rd, 2022, AT THE FIMC, FROM 10.00 TO 16.00. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED TO THIS SESSION AND PERFORMANCE. THE SESSION WILL BE ORGANISED BY BERGAMO SCUBA ANGELS, TO WHOM, AT THE EXPENSE OF EACH PILOT, THE RELATIVE PAYMENT OF EURO 130.00 PER TEST WILL BE MADE.

Some new regulations and procedures are implemented in this Event.

1. "Dashboard - Data Logger - ECUs"

Any type of dashboard is allowed.

Given the control, no problem is seen with the connection of the Dashboards to the engine data bus

Data loggers must be efficient, under the responsibility of the teams that govern their maintenance and ensure their functionality.

Teams have declared that Race Technology will be present with a technician and all the relevant spare parts to guarantee the functioning.

In the event of a data logger malfunction, penalties will be applied, up to and including disqualification, at the sole discretion of UIM Technical Officers, applied by the Race Director.

Penalties will be included in Race Instructions.

Because of the Data Loggers installed and the verifications carried out, also through the Mercury Racing software, randomly, it was decided to distribute the ECUs at registration and leave them installed until the end of the Event. It will be the responsibility of the UIM Technical Officers to make any changes to this rule, from time to time. The UIM Technical Officers will be able to verify, also through Mercury software, at the end of each Pole Position & Race, the general parameters, at the pontoons and/or land.

2. Junction boxes

The junction box must be moved out of the cockpit and installed in a way that can be easily inspected. The change will be effective and mandatory from the second event of the 2022 season.

3. Engine seals

There will be 2 new types of Mercury seals, differing in colour.

One to identify a new engine and the second to identify an engine that has been opened.

In addition, with each application of Mercury seals, a second seal will be applied by UIM.

The two seals will guarantee the eligibility of the engine.

The sealing procedures are detailed in the engine section in point 4.

4. Engines

An important part of maintaining Stock Engine Class status is the control of the engines.

This control and therefore the related declaration of conformity is delegated to UIM, through its institutional XCAT partner, Mercury UAE, which is therefore the only body responsible for the control and affixing of the Mercury seal, together with the affixing of the UIM seal by the UIM Technical Officers in charge.

However, in order to facilitate the teams in carrying out work, including and not limited to rebuilds, the teams are free to choose their own mechanics for the work.

For this reason, below is the sealing and control procedure that will be carried out.

If an engine is opened, Mercury and UIM seals will be affixed at the first useful technical inspection.

At the end of the season, these engines, identified by a different colour seal, as specified in point 3, will undergo a full inspection in the presence of Mercury UAE and UIM.

The inspection will take place in Dubai, where Mercury UAE will make available the necessary material and the bench where the inspection will take place.

Mercury UAE will also make available personnel to open and close the engine, unless otherwise arranged by the team. This inspection, including the use of the bench, equipment and necessary spare parts, will be paid by the respective Team.

If an engine, which has already been sealed because it has been opened previously, needs to be opened again, it will be checked immediately, using the same previous procedures to verify its regulatory integrity.

The payment of the intermediate check, including equipment, materials and personnel, remains the responsibility of the team.

Any infringement of seals and/or fraudulent handling of engines will result in the following penalties:

- ineligibility to race;
- and/or DQ from Entire Event;
- and/or Double Blue Card for the Team's crew

Penalties may be implemented by the Race Director

5. Post-season inspection

As per the rules, it is confirmed that, at the end of the season, the engines of the first three overall finishers, plus a fourth, chosen by draw, will be inspected.

The inspection will be carried out according to the same criteria and payments as in point 4 above.

In addition, the verification of the provisions of point 4 above shall be carried out.

6. Staff identification

Starting from the first Event 2022, all technical personnel belonging to UIM, XCAT, Mercury UAE, will have to be clearly identifiable.

Therefore, especially regarding Teams & Mercury UAE, only authorized technical personnel shall be identifiable by specific clothing and pass.

Such personnel will receive their pass, with photo and name, after XCAT has received their name list with photo.

No one other than these personnel is allowed to operate the boats and/or to access to the pontoons.

And in any case, no authorized operator will have access to the boats without prior authorization from the UIM Technical Officers.

Penalties, up to disqualification, will be applied to the Team where the infraction occurred.

7. Pontoons Access

At the end of each on water session, all Teams' personnel, including drivers, must immediately leave the pontoons (no one will be allowed). This will allow the control of the area.

It will be the Officers themselves, in case of further verification and/or request, to call the relevant Team personnel.

Once the control operations are finished, the UIM Technical Officers will issue the permission to access the pontoons. Session Procedures:

Official practice: No special restrictions in the pontoon area.

Pole Position: At the end of each official practice before Pole Position (i.e. from the display of the RED flag at the pontoons), all personnel, including drivers, must leave the pontoons. During this time no operations may be carried out on the boats (mechanical, electrical, fuel, propellers or weights).

ALL boats must be at the docks.

Any boat that is grounded and/or under technical operation will not be eligible for Pole Position (DQ). NO exceptions to this rule are allowed.

The WHITE flag will determine the authorisation for personnel to return to the docks for the start of Pole.

Race: At the end of each race, the top 4 finishers will be allowed, with the permission of Race Control, to return to the docks, in the section specifically allocated.

When the boats are at the pontoons, all personnel, including the drivers, must leave the pontoons and wait for the UIM Technical Officers to give permission to return.

All other boats will then receive permission to return to the docks.

Anyone returning to the pontoons without permission and/or in unassigned areas will be subject to penalties, up to and including disqualification.

Penalties and fines are:

- First offence: 30 second will be applied and 500 USD fine;
- Second offence: DQ and 500 USD fine

8. Electrical Diagram

As stated in the Rules, all Teams must deliver to UIM the electrical diagram of their boat.

The diagram is an integral part of the Measurement Certificate.

Therefore, starting from the first Event 2022, Teams that have not complied with this provision will not be eligible to participate.

The deadline for the delivery of such a diagram is set by February, 28th, 2022.

6. Documentation

Any alteration to the registered crew members or other details on the entry list will be allowed up to **Thursday, March 3rd** before the Drivers Briefing at 18:00. After this date, any infringement to this rule may result in the minimum penalty fee of **USD 500**

7. Logistical Information

- The Fujairah Grand Prix Paddock will be open from **Tuesday, March 1st**, at 09.00, for those who'd like to access their boat and workshop;
- The Fujairah Grand Prix Paddock will be closed **Monday, December 7th** by **15.00** to give access to the logistic team to work on the movement of the containers and boats to the storage place.

8. Special Conditions / Informations

- It is mandatory that all participating competitors bring their boats to the Paddocks Area by latest **Thursday, March**

3th, 2022, before 13.00. Any late arrivals will liable to **USD 500 fine** and / or non-eligibility to compete, established at the discretion of the Event Race Director.

- Prize Giving: Both drivers from each boat ranked in the top 3 overall after the pole position and race/s must appear at the prize- giving, as per the Time Table. Failure to that penalty: **USD 1000.**
- **The LOC provides a catering service for lunch, open to all participants, free of charge, in the Hospitality area. The service will be available from March 3rd to 6th.**

9. Dates and Times for Registration & Scrutineering

- It is provided for the pre-registration. The attached pre-registration form, must be completed by teams and sent by **Monday, February 21th, 2022** to the following email address:
 - Sebastiano Pellecchia - sebastiano@x-cat.racing
 - Mohammed Al Sadi - mohammed@x-cat.racing
- Registration will take place at the Race Office on **Thursday, March 3th, 2022**, at the times indicated in the Race Time Table.
- The technical scrutineering starts on **Thursday, March 3th, 2022 at 12:30.**
- All Technical Scrutineering will take place in the Paddock at the times specified in the Race Time Table.

10. Course Details

The full Race Course will be made available to all competitors at Registration.
X-Point will be in place and mandatory – Full details will be made available at Registration and Drivers Briefing

11. Event Format

- **Pole Position Format & Race details will be available at Registration**

12. Prizes

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies will be awarded to:
 - **2021 UIM XCAT World Championship –Race 1 & Race 2 & Event Pole Position Overall**
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to award additional prizes. Further details will be provided in the Race Instructions and/or in a Race Bulletin.

13. Insurance

- A Mandatory Third Party Drivers Liability Insurance cover for personal and material damage, is make available from the FIMC.
- The UIM, WPM & FIMC shall not be held liable, directly or indirectly, for any damage, loss, expense, or injury incurred, sustained or suffered by the competitor on-land, or on-water, as a result of his participation in this event.
- The Local Organiser provide a Third Party Event Insurance for any damages, with the exclusion of the participating racing boats.

14. Environmental Rule

XCAT introduces, from the first Event of the 2022 Season, the Environmental Marshal. The Officer, appointed by the LOC, will be in charge of checking that the Environmental rules, both on land and in water, are respected. The reports of established infringements, from time to time, are handed over to the Race Director who will apply the appropriate penalties.

All persons involved in XCAT events are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of powerboating.

The Team Owner is responsible for any disruptive environment, made by any Team member / crew, including any guests.

Every action that causes harm to the environment, including non-respect of using responsibly containers for waste, dumping trash in the areas, etc., a fine will be applied.

In particular Team Owners are required to check that the Team members, including Drivers, leave all areas free from trash and plastic waste (bottles, etc.).

A Fine of USD 500 will be applied and debited directly to the Team, for not respecting this Rule. The decision of the Race Director is final

15. Fuel

- Fuel can no longer be stored in containers on the race site. Teams are advised to take ONLY Official fuel provided by the LOC for their boats in specified area and timings at the Race Time Table. Failure to this rule will be fine up to **USD 1000** and/or may incur disqualification.
- Fuel for 2022 UIM XCAT World Championship, Fujairah Grand Prix, will be 98 Oct.
- **The LOC will provide the participating teams with 600 litres per boat free of charge. Beyond this quantity, each Team will pay directly to the Filling Station the due amount. The price per litre set for the payment of extra quantities is 3,00 AED.**

The official refueling is set from the day February 4, 2022, according to the Time Table.

16. Data Logger & Tests

The organiser will provide the Teams with a setup session for setting up and testing their boats and technical equipment (data loggers, etc.).

The session is scheduled for 1st and 2nd March 2022, from 10.00 to 16.00, for each day.

The organiser will provide 1 crane for these sessions.

It is the responsibility of each Team to carry out these tests and setups; the organiser does not assure any external assistance, both on land and in water, apart from some buoys delimiting the possible practicable area. This area must be respected, always and only in clockwise direction.

The UIM, WPM and FIMC shall not be liable, directly or indirectly, for any damage, loss, expense or injury suffered, incurred or sustained by the competitor on land or in the water as a result of his participation in these sessions.

17. Hotels

The Organizer will render available to each Team, **N. 3 hotel rooms, Half Board, for 4 nights each**. The rooms will be booked according to the information in the Event Entry Form.

A list of Half Board guests is required, which is in any case limited to the Hotel assigned guest numbers.

The organiser will provide a shuttle service to and from the Hotel / Paddock; times will be communicated.

The assigned Hotel is:

NOVOTEL FUJAIRAH 4*

Hamad Bin Abdulla Rd - Fujairah - UAE

All Teams:

Free of charge 3 DBL rooms, Half Board, x 4 nights, per boat

Extra room/night rate: will be communicated as soon

Each Boat need to deposit, at the Check In, a Credit Card for extra costs.

For any assistance, extra night and or extra booking at Novotel Fujairah, please contact:

- Maria Chiara Verga: chiara@x-cat.racing

A Credit Card is needed for any booking operation

18. Drivers & Team Owner Representative Election

- Driver Representative Election

- 2022 Driver's Representative Election will be held during the Drivers Briefing, on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2022**, in presence of the UIM Commissioner
- Candidates must be registered drivers having participated actively in XCAT for a minimum of two complete seasons.
- Drivers wishing to submit their candidature will have to declare their interest by mail by **February 21st, 2022**, to the following addresses.
 - Sebastiano Pellecchia - sebastiano@x-cat.racing
 - Mohammed Al Sadi - mohammed@x-cat.racing
 - Thomas Kurth - tk@uim.sport
- The election will be carried out also in the presence of only ONE candidature
- In the absence of applications, the election will be carried out among all eligible registered Drivers present.
- UIM will communicate on February 22nd, the Candidates List and/or, in absence, the list of Eligible Drivers.

- Team Owners Representative Election

- 2022 Team Owners Representative Election will be held during the Drivers Briefing, on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2022**, in presence of the UIM Commissioner, unless otherwise advised by the Offshore Powerboat Teams Association "OPTA".
- Candidates must be registered Team Owners having participated actively in XCAT for a minimum of two complete seasons.
- Team Owners wishing to submit their candidature will have to declare their interest by mail by **February 21st, 2022**, at the following addresses.
 - Sebastiano Pellecchia - sebastiano@x-cat.racing
 - Mohammed Al Sadi - mohammed@x-cat.racing
 - Thomas Kurth - tk@uim.sport
- The election will be carried out also in the presence of only ONE candidature
- In the absence of applications and/or of specific communication by the OPTA, the election will be carried out among all eligible registered Team Owners present on site.
- UIM will communicate on February 22nd, the Candidates List and/or the OPTA communication, and/or, in absence, the list of Eligible Team Owner

Election procedure:

At Registration each voter will receive 2 envelopes (one for the election of the Driver Representative and one for the Team Owner Representative).

It will be the responsibility of each voter to prepare his ballot and re-seal the relevant envelopes.

At the Drivers Briefing Signature each voter will hand in their envelopes to the Administration.

At the end of the Briefing the UIM Commissioner will open the envelopes and declare the results.

Appendix 1 – Provisional Course



Appendix 2 - Land Map

