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## First Round of the UIM Pleasure Navigation World Championships

GROUP A - HOBR F1 / F2 / F3 / SPORT /  
SUPER SPORT

GROUP B - P150 / B300 / S450

Sliema, MALTA: 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### **ADVANCE PROGRAMME**

(Vers. 09<sup>th</sup> February 2026)



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UIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
Group A – HOCR F1 / F2 / F3 / SPORT / SUPER SPORT

UIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
Group B – P150 / B300 / S450 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

At SLIEMA, MALTA

The event organiser as authorized by the Malta Powerboat Federation (MPF) under the auspices of the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) and with the help and support of the Harbour Master's Office will be organising the following event at Sliema, Malta:

**Event:** First Round of the Pleasure Navigation World Championships  
Group A and Group B  
**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

The event is to be run according to UIM rules and regulations for Pleasure Navigation and the relevant Class rules as issued by the UIM Pleasure Navigation Committee and approved by the UIM. The Race Committee may issue further instructions and details, as allowed by such rules, in the event Advance Notice, Race Instructions, Drivers' Briefings and / or Race Bulletins.

### 01 | The Event Organiser

VOOMQUEST LIMITED  
MALTA

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### 02 | UIM National Authority

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### O3 | Event Schedule (v.25.01.26)

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		
1200h	1430h	Arrival of team boats at Dry Pit parking
1500h	1800h	Event & Race Administration Office open – Registration Open for Straight Run races
1500h	1800h	Technical Scrutineering for Straight Run races
1500h	1800h	Preparation (inflating and organizing) of course marks
<b>1800h</b>	<b>1900h</b>	<b>Pilots' Compulsory Briefing at Dry Pit for Straight Run races in Grand Harbour</b>
<b>1900h</b>	<b>2000h</b>	<b>Safety Boat Crew Briefing at Dry Pit</b>

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		
TBA		Placing of course marks on circuit for Straight Run races in Grand Harbour
0730h	1445h	BLS Ambulance / first aider at Dry Pit
0730h	0900h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
0730h	1800h	Cranes available
0800h	1800h	Event and Race Administration Office open – Registration Open
0900h	1800h	Technical Scrutineering for Pleasure Navigation Group A and Group B
0800h	1800h	Race Control Open (_____, Valletta)
<b>0830h</b>	<b>0900h</b>	<b>Pilots' Compulsory Briefing – Wet Pit</b>
0900h		Safety boats exit to Grand Harbour for Straight Line races
0900h	1730h	ALS Ambulance / doctor at Race Circuit Emergency Jetty, at _____ TBC
0945h		All Race Boats leave Wet Pits following Start Boat to Straight Run muster area
<b>1000h</b>	<b>1200h</b>	<b>National Event – Straight Run Races in Grand Harbour</b>
1200h	1300h	Lunch break – Safety fleet packed lunches
1200h	1330h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
1300h		Safety boats exit to Grand Harbour for Straight Line races
1300h		ALS Ambulance / doctor at Race Circuit Emergency Jetty, at _____ TBC
1345h		All Race Boats leave Wet Pits following Start Boat to Straight Run muster area
<b>1400h</b>	<b>1600h</b>	<b>National Event – Straight Run Races in Grand Harbour</b>
1600h	1730h	ALS Ambulance returns to Dry Pit for craning
1800h		Race circuit anchors, rope and lit yellow marks in place @ Sliema Circuit
2000h		Welcome Party at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		
0630h		Placing of course marks on Sliema circuit
0730h	1800h	Cranes available
0730h	1000h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
0730h	1445h	BLS Ambulance / first aider at Dry Pit
0800h	1800h	Event and Race Administration Office open
0800h	1800h	Race Control Open at _____, Sliema
0830h	0900h	Pilots' Compulsory Briefing – Wet Pit
0900h		Safety boats exit Harbour to Sliema Circuit
0900h	1730h	ALS Ambulance / doctor at Race Circuit Emergency Jetty at _____, Sliema
0930h		Safety boats in position – Sliema circuit secure
0940h		Race boats leave Wet Pits following Start Boat
1000h	1200h	Official Testing Sliema for <u>ALL CLASSES</u> : First Lap Following Start Boat – Compulsory
1115h		<i>Latest departure time from Wet Pits to Circuit for testing</i>
1200h	1300h	Lunch break – Safety fleet packed lunches
1230h	1330h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
1330h		Safety boats exit Harbour to Sliema Circuit
1400h		Safety boats in position – Sliema circuit secure
1345h		BLS Ambulance / first aider departs Dry Pit to Emergency Jetty Sliema
1400h		Race Boats ready to follow Start Boat and exit Harbour
1430h	1515h	Group A and Group B Race 1 World Championship Race, Sliema – START + 11 Laps
1530h	1730h	ALS and BLS Ambulances return to Dry Pit

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		
0630h		Placing of course marks on Sliema circuit
0730h	1800h	Cranes available
0730h	0930h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
0800h	0930	BLS Ambulance / first aider at Dry Pit
0800h	1800h	Event and Race Administration Office open
0900h	1330h	Race Control Open at _____, Sliema
0930h	1000h	Pilots' Compulsory Briefing – Wet Pit
0930h		Safety boats exit Harbour to Sliema Circuit
1000h	1230h	ALS Ambulance / doctor & BLS Ambulance at Emergency Jetty at _____, Sliema
1030h		Safety boats in position – Sliema circuit secure
1040h		Race boats leave Wet Pits following Start Boat
1100h	1230h	Group A and Group B Race 2 World Championship Race, Sliema – START + 13 Laps
1245h		ALS and BLS Ambulances return to Dry Pit
1230h	1330h	Fuel Station open - Fire truck in attendance (fueling on-water)
1245h	1345h	Lunch break – Safety fleet packed lunches
1330h		Safety boats exit Harbour to Sliema Circuit
1400h		Safety boats in position – Sliema circuit secure
1400h		BLS Ambulance / first aider departs Dry Pit to Emergency Jetty _____ Grand Harbour
1345h		All Race Boats leave Wet Pits following Start Boat to Straight Run muster area
1400h	1700h	National Event – Straight Run Races in Grand Harbour
1700h	1845h	ALS and BLS Ambulances return to Dry Pit
1830h		Podium

#### NOTES:

- All Pilot Briefings are compulsory for Teams to attend and will include race and safety information together with general event information as considered appropriate by the Organisers.
- Official Testing sessions are compulsory for Teams to participate.
- Drug and alcohol testing for team pilots will be carried out at random per UIM rules.

## 04 | Entry Details

Team Entry Forms and further information is available from the VOOMQUEST Organisation and contact can be made at the address and email at Section 01 above. Entries must be submitted either by email or by hand and must be received by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A financial guarantee of €200 must be sent via the bank details shown on the entry form by no later than 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The financial guarantee will be refunded immediately after championship weekend.

## 05 | Restriction on Pilot Age

The minimum age limit for participation is eighteen (18) years old on the day before the event begins.

## 06 | Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each valid class for the First Round of the UIM World Championship Pleasure Navigation Group A

Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each valid class for the First Round of the UIM World Championship Pleasure Navigation Group B

## 07 | Insurance & Competitors Waiver

07.1 In order to participate all competitors and team members shall agree to waive any and all liability claims against the entire UIM and against the entire Event Organisation and their staff, sponsors, partners, agents, personnel contractors and those of the host venue and hotel. For the avoidance of any doubt this means a waiver of any rights to claims against any parties, individually or corporately.

07.2 All competitors and team members shall be insured and their boats insured against any claims for damage to other persons and boats (Third Parties) to a level that is appropriate to their individual personal circumstances and responsibilities.

07.3 For all crew mandatory insurance cover must be purchased through the Event Organiser. The cost of the insurance cover is €150 per team. This amount is to be paid in cash to the Race Secretary during Race Registration. This insurance covers civil liability against third parties during all official testing and race times as per the official programme. For the avoidance of any doubt the insurance will not cover any on water or on land activities outside official event time.

## 08 | Racing Licence & Medical Certificate

Each Pilot will be required to produce at Race Registration a copy of their National Authority Racing Licence, the written authorization of their National Authority to race abroad and an approved certificate indicating that they have successfully passed an immersion test if they are racing in a boat that is fitted with a cockpit.

## 09 | Fuel

Fuel will be free of charge to all teams.

## 10 | Support Activities

**VOOMQUEST Welcome Reception** – the event organizer will host a welcome reception for the Teams at the location, date and time as indicated in the programme, above.

## 11 | Local Rules

Full Race Instructions will be provided to the Teams in the week of the Event.

## 12 | Location of Event Venue

11.1 Please refer to Section 19, below, for a venue overview plan and the location address.

11.2 The Race Instructions will contain more detailed site plans including for dry pits, wet pits, crane area and the Briefing Room.

## 13 | Event & Race Officials

Please refer to Section 21.

## 14 | Official Hotel Information

The Official Hotel for the event is the Grand Hotel Excelsior where we have secured special rates. Please use the following booking link for discounted rates:

[https://eu-central-1.protection.sophos.com/?d=travelclick.com&u=aHROcHM6Ly9yZXNlcnZhdGlvb nMudHJhdmVsY2xpY2suY29tLzExNDc1Mz9ncm91cEIEPTUxNTA2NTE=&p=m&i =Njg1ZDE1ZTI1NTIjN2U3MMDMOYzU3ODVI&t=MVp4eTVkeGVwc3dlRmlieDdaTGI LSIzdEpPL2taUnh1NzVvay90RGZSTO=&h=be1601c92f62462b87a2e01d67 99223c&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTKNSWVBUSVYfVzf\\_2BGcbth13Zhb09Q0n- IGjjwjFJjRjcOmyun7sg](https://eu-central-1.protection.sophos.com/?d=travelclick.com&u=aHROcHM6Ly9yZXNlcnZhdGlvb nMudHJhdmVsY2xpY2suY29tLzExNDc1Mz9ncm91cEIEPTUxNTA2NTE=&p=m&i =Njg1ZDE1ZTI1NTIjN2U3MMDMOYzU3ODVI&t=MVp4eTVkeGVwc3dlRmlieDdaTGI LSIzdEpPL2taUnh1NzVvay90RGZSTO=&h=be1601c92f62462b87a2e01d67 99223c&s=AVNPUEhUTONFTKNSWVBUSVYfVzf_2BGcbth13Zhb09Q0n- IGjjwjFJjRjcOmyun7sg)

Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis and teams are strongly advised to book as soon as possible, via the link, as availability for our discounted rates is limited.

Complimentary transport arrangements between the hotel and Dry Pit shall be made.

## 15 | The Race Course

### Design

The racecourse for the 2026 UIM Class A and Class B Pleasure Navigation World Championship in Sliema, Malta, will be run in a clockwise direction and will be set up as shown in the diagrams at Section 17. Key positions and turn marks will be indicated as follows:

- Muster Area (Coordinates/Start Boat)
- Start Chute (Start Boat, Flags, Yellow Mark and Green Mark)
- Finish Line (Chequered Marks)
- Port-side Marks (Red Marks)
- Starboard-side Marks (Yellow Marks)

## 16 | Start Position

Start positions will be decided by ballot.

## 17 | Testing and Race Course Layout

A plan of the testing and race course, 3.54 Nm in length and indicated by marks A/A1, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K, is shown below.



## 18 | Coordinates & Colours of Course Buoys

The positions and colours of the buoys are as indicated below:

**Degrees and decimal minutes - coordinates**

RACE COURSE			
MARK	COLOUR	LAT	LONG
A	CHEQUERED	35° 55.107'N	14° 30.271'E
A1	CHEQUERED	35° 55.168'N	14° 30.346'E
B	YELLOW	35° 55.287'N	14° 30.075'E
C	YELLOW	35° 55.701'N	14° 30.145'E
D	YELLOW	35° 55.813'N	14° 30.388'E
E	YELLOW	35° 55.756'N	14° 30.678'E
F	RED	35° 55.204'N	14° 30.890'E
G	YELLOW	35° 54.980'N	14° 31.307'E
H	YELLOW	35° 54.777'N	14° 31.355'E
I	YELLOW	35° 54.582'N	14° 31.148'E
J	YELLOW	35° 54.605'N	14° 30.844'E
K	RED	35° 54.929'N	14° 30.563'E

**Muster Area:**

35° 55.845'N	14° 30.803'E
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Distance between marks:	Km	Nm
A-B	0.44	0.24
B-C	0.77	0.42
C-D	0.42	0.23
D-E	0.45	0.24
E-F	1.07	0.58
F-G	0.75	0.41
G-H	0.38	0.21
H-I	0.48	0.26
I-J	0.46	0.25
J-K	0.73	0.4
K-A	0.55	0.3
	<b>6.5</b>	<b>3.54</b>

Start Lap:	Km	Nm
Muster-G	1.85	1
G-H	0.38	0.21
H-I	0.48	0.26
I-J	0.46	0.25
J-K	0.73	0.4
K-A	0.55	0.3
	<b>4.45</b>	<b>2.42</b>

Short Race Distance (Nm) - A & B			Nm	Nm
Start	2.42	Laps	3.54	70%
1	2.42	11	38.94	41.36 Start + 8 Laps

Long Race Distance (Nm) - A & B			Nm	Nm
Start	2.42	Laps	3.54	70%
1	2.42	13	46.02	48.44 Start + 9 Laps

## 19 | VOOMQUEST Land Areas

The satellite image indicates the planned location for the Race Village, to include the Dry Pit, Wet Pit, Crane Area, Fuelling Area and VIP Area. The Race Village will be located at Boilers Wharf, Senglea (35°53'17.94"N; 14°30'53.33"E)



## 20 | Replacement Cost for Destroyed Buoys

The replacement cost for a destroyed mega-sized buoy is €1,500.

## 21 | Transportation Support

The local organizers, Voomquest, will announce any transportation support arrangements that may be available at a later date.

## 22 | Event Promoters, Organisers & Officials

### Contact:

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### UIM

UIM President:      Raffaele Chiulli  
UIM Pleasure Navigation Commission President:      Denis Dillon

**Local Officials**

Harbour Master:

Capt. Fritz Farrugia

**Event Organising Committee**

Chief Executive Officer

Head of Hospitality &amp; Events

Marketing &amp; PR

Chief Marshal

Race Administration

Logistics

Head of Security &amp; Safety

Aaron Ciantar

Charlette Ciantar

Audrienne Ciantar

Paul Micallef

Charlette Ciantar / Matt Camilleri

Audrienne Ciantar

John Muscat

**Race Organising Committee**

Race Director / OOD

UIM Sport Commissioner

Race Secretary

UIM Technical Commissioner

Timekeeping Officials

Medical Officer &amp; Rescue

Ambulance &amp; First Aid

Race Course Officials

Dry Pit &amp; Craning Area Supervision

TBC

Miquel Mallafré

Charlette Ciantar / Matthew Camilleri

Fabio Negro

TBC

TBC

F.S.E.

Paul Micallef / John Muscat

Khiron Security

**Race Jury**

Race Jury Chairman:

Race Jury Members:

UIM Sport Commissioner

TBC

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