



First class action Class 1 update and forthcoming events

With four rounds of their 2010 World Championship completed, the Class 1 carnival now enters the home straight and looks forward to a season's climax in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. After battling it out in Brazil, Norway, Sweden and Italy it is the Dubai-based Victory Team that dominates the leader board: Fazza 3, piloted by Arif Al Zafeen and Nadir Bin Hendi, and Skydive Dubai sit in first and second place respectively. The last round of the championship, hosted by the town of Stresa on the shores of lake Maggiore in Italy, delighted home fans. Ten times UIM Formula 1 World Champion Guido Cappellini pushed the Fazza boat hard, coming in second in both races and splitting the two Victory boats. While the contest for the title may come down to a dogfight between the two Victory Team boats, there is still plenty to fight for in the closely matched teams below: the Primatist, Negotiator or Welmax teams. The penultimate round takes place off the Abu Dhabi Corniche over the weekend of 24th-26th November, with the final weekend being contested at DIMC, Dubai on 9th-11th December. WWW.CLASS-1.COM

One small step... New Strider 13 RIB project released

If the exploration of space was Christian Grande's goal when designing this new RIB for Italian manufacturer SACS, then he's taken a giant leap forward. As a tender or day boat, this stylish project offers wide-open spaces that can comfortably accommodate up to eleven people. The cockpit, forward and aft sunpads, and cabin for two have all been supersized. The centre console is the most outstanding design element and captures the attention with its typical aggressive 'eyes' at the front. Behind the helm sits a wetbar and grille, ideal for serving guests with drinks and aperitifs. Potential owners in the Middle East will also welcome the shade provided by the large bimini that can cover the cockpit and aft sunpad. The interior design demonstrates a touch of class too, with exotic wood, elegant furniture and trendy accessories. The owner can choose between several power propulsion systems, up to twin turbo diesel common-rail Fiat Powertrain Technologies rated at 480hp coupled up to surface drives. WWW.SACSMARINE.IT

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

DESIGN: CHRISTIAN GRANDE DESIGNWORKS - L.O.A: 13.35 M
MAX BEAM: 3.83 M - DRAUGHT: 0.7 M
FULL LOAD DISPLACEMENT: 8 T - PEOPLE ON BOARD: 11
BETHES: 2 - ENGINES: DIESEL FPT N60-480 2x480 HP OR
CMD 4.2 2x350 HP - ENGINES: UNLEADED MERCRUISER 377
2x320 HP OR MERCRUISER 496 2x425 HP



Swim like a dolphin : Learn from a World Champion

If our freediving feature in the last issue of Boats Arabia inspired you, then a unique opportunity has arisen to learn from a true master. In partnership with Freediving UAE, World Champion Freediver Mike Marie and Italian national team coach Valter Mazzei will be holding a monofining course in Abu Dhabi on the 3rd and 4th of December. The course is open to all, from complete novices through to experienced freedivers looking to improve on their monofin technique. "This is the first time a monofining course has been held in the UAE and we are excited to be the first to bring this type of course to the UAE," said Mike Marie. He added, "monofining is the most efficient and elegant way to move in the water - you really connect with the movements dolphins and other aquatic mammals make in the water." The course consists of theory, gym and pool sessions with video analysis of the student's monofining technique. The course aims to help students develop the basic theory and techniques of monofining so that they can continue to improve their monofining skills after the course. WWW.FREEDIVINGUAE.COM