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LUCK RUNS OUT BUT SAFETY IS GOOD FOR LIFE

Patriotic Duty Deep Dives into Offshore Safety with Captain Mustad

Del Mar, CA August 18, 2023 A saying sometimes used in response to a minor complaint, inconvenience, or a mistake is “**worse things happen at sea**”. That is an understatement. An accident at sea is a much larger event than a similar accident ashore. **Ocean Cup** has been working with the **Patriotic Duty** team to ensure their **415-mile world record attempt** from Northern California to Southern California – **NorCal to SoCal** – on **September 15**, can be ratified and recorded by the UIM. Safety preparedness is always first and foremost and per the **UIM rules**, all riding crew members must have both a first aid certificate and a safety at sea certificate.

Expanding on the safety at sea training, **Patriotic Duty Team Manager and Navigator, Allen Bellinghausen** engaged **Captain Arnstein Mustad**, Yachtmaster for Oceans, to do a comprehensive walkthrough of their **47' Outerlimits**. Captain Mustad spent more than four hours with the team systematically inspecting the boat and playing out what-if scenarios such as fire, fuel cutoff, dewatering systems, deploying sea anchors, man overboard rescue, how to clear water pickups, how to get back in the boat, and abandon ship procedures which included tethering life rafts together. Not exactly the happy path that most racers like to think about.



Captain Arnstein Mustad with Patriotic Duty



Reviewing the teams' electrical equipment.

“Never underestimate the power of preparation.” said **Janet Wilson, General Manager of Ocean Cup**. “Allen is a pleasure to work with because he is detail oriented, organized, and serious about contingency planning. Of course a team can’t plan for every possible eventuality, but they can plan what they are going to do if any of the more common emergency scenarios occur. Allen understands that luck runs out but safety is good for life!”

“No place is rough all the time and a lot depends on which way you are going” said Bellinghausen. “Northbound tends to be rougher, southbound smoother. We’ve chosen southbound. But nonetheless, we anticipate possible fog and a lot of challenging water, not to mention all the kelp beds ready to clog water pickups. The plan is to average more than 70mph so that we can pick off both records”.

Yes, TWO records are being targeted. The UIM course begins at **San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge**, runs south along the **California** coast, and finishes at the historic **Queen Mary** ocean liner in **Long Beach**. The objective is to claim **Nigel Hook’s** 9 hours 50 minutes 51 seconds UIM record established in 2013. However, the real challenge and primary goal is to better **Bob Nordskog’s San Francisco to Marina del Rey** record of 5 hours 57 minutes 22 seconds set in 1988. To do that, the team is planning to deviate slightly from the Long Beach track to do a flyby at **Marina del Rey’s** breakwater.

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