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OCEAN CUP – RACING BACK TO THE FUTURE

Loren Leibel and Bobby Latham Enter 2023 Gateway Marathon

San Diego, CA – March 20, 2023 – Lorne Leibel and his infamous **47' APACHE**, still in its original 1987 livery with triple 750hp Keith Eickert engines, has registered for the **2023 Gateway Marathon**. And who is Leibel's throttleman? None other than **Bobby Latham** reminiscent of Leibel's first win when he and Latham won the 1986 158-mile **Apache Grand Prix** in his 38' Cigarette Molson Indy with a set of 725 hp Coyote engines averaging 77.1 mph.

Named **Rookie of the Year** in 1986, Leibel continued racing boats winning the **U.S. National Championship** in 1993, 2001, and 2003, the title of **Superboat World Champion** in 2001 and 2003, and another **World Championship** in 2021 with **Johnny Tomlinson** in the Super Cat class.

"Ocean Cup provides the opportunity for those wanting to compete in classic offshore racing" says Ocean Cup's General Manager, Janet Wilson. "Having Lorne Leibel and Bobby Latham is outstanding. Those two entering together WITH one of the most famous boats in the world – Hull #1 of the classic 47' APACHE, this is almost too good to be true!"



"I've raced vintage cars, but never alongside modern designed cars" said Lorne Leibel. "Bobby and I are representing classic boats and we welcome the opportunity to compete alongside today's modern hulls and equipment".

Bob Latham said *"Anything that gets your blood racing is probably worth doing and when Lorne called, I didn't hesitate. This style of racing is the heritage of offshore and I've missed it."*

In addition to Lorne and Latham, three other teams have registered and all three are veterans of the **2022 Ocean Cup - Huntington Beach around Catalina**:

Patriotic Duty – **Tony Adams, Steve Seaton, and Allen Bellinghausen** – 47' Outerlimits
The Super Fountain – **Andy Copeland** – 42' Fountain
Revelation Racing – **Michael Drury** – 32' Lavey Craft

This year's non-stop **Gateway Marathon**, June 1-4 is a 128-mile course twice crossing the **Straits of Florida** between **Palm Beach and West End, Bahamas** and is hosted by the **Sailfish Marina Resort** on Singer Island.

Visit our website www.OceanCup.com/palmbeach for more information about this event. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

About Ocean Cup

Since 2013 Ocean Cup® has embraced the heritage of powerboat racing providing athletic and sporting event services by conducting Point to Point powerboat competitions sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association under authority of the Union Internationale Motonautique, the world governing body for powerboat racing. Ocean Cup provides the opportunity for monohulls, catamarans, and center console teams wishing to have their racing abilities challenged on all levels; vessel maintenance and preparedness, navigation, currents and wind, seaworthiness, and open ocean. This challenging offshore race model is what distinguishes Ocean Cup from all other forms of offshore racing.

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