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2024 Gateway Marathon

Post-race Coverage and Unofficial Results - Two World Records

Palm Beach, FL—The **2024 Gateway Marathon**, held Saturday, June 8, 2024, was a testament to human endurance and determination. Six teams, braving the 128-mile course that twice crosses the **Straits of Florida** between **Palm Beach and West End, Grand Bahama**, set out to etch their names in history by attempting to set **UIM World Records**. At the end of the day, their efforts resulted in two world records that will be submitted to the **APBA/UIM** sanctioning body, marking a significant milestone in the sport.

As is the norm in long-distance endurance racing, attrition was high, with only 50% of the boats finishing the course. The seasoned endurance team, **Patriotic Duty**, with **Tony Adam, Steve Seaton, and Allan Bellinghausen** onboard, reset the **Class B V-Hull >45'** record in Adam's stunning **47' Outerlimits** v-hull. In their first **Ocean Cup** endurance race, **Race Winning Brands**, with **Bill McComb and Ed Wendt** onboard, established the **Class A V-Hull 35-40'** record by piloting their **Skater V399** through a squall to the finish line on one engine, a feat that showcased their skill and grit. Team **Trump 2024**, with **Roger Norman and Nigel Hook** onboard, posted the overall fastest time, having entered Hook's **52' Mystic** in **Class A Catamaran >45'**, hitting 154 mph, the fastest top speed in **Ocean Cup** history.

2024 Gateway Marathon Results*

Class	Cat	Team	Time	Ave MPH	Pilots
A	Cat	Trump 2024	1:18:51	97.42	Nigel Hook & Roger Norman
B	V	>45' Patriotic Duty	1:27:25	87.86	Tony Adams, Steve Seaton & Allen Bellinghausen
A	V	35-40' Race Winning Brands	6:15:39	20.44	Bill McComb & Ed Wendt
A	V	35-40' Copelands Raymarine	DNF		Andy Copeland & Cody Wagoner
B	V	>45' APACHE	DNF		Lorne Liebel, Bobby Latham & Yavuz Siveri
B	V	30-35' Heat Wave	DNF		Brian Creech & Matt Field

**Unofficial Results Pending UIM Ratification*

The **Patriotic Duty Team** was integral to the overall success of the event by sponsoring the aerial streaming from the amazing **Sikorsky S-76c+** helicopters provided by **Walter Garner** and his company **Universal Air Service**, as well as providing the live satellite video feed from their two onboard cameras. *"The live coverage of this event was extraordinary!"* exclaimed **Janet Wilson, General Manager of Ocean Cup**. She added, *"George Hammel and his StarStream.pro team have revolutionized the sport of offshore by bringing the ocean action into your living room. Multiple boats and helicopters were utilizing Hammel's StarStream.pro technology. Their technology and Starlink's satellite network resulted in phenomenal live-action coverage for commentator Martin Sanborn."*



As always, sponsors played a huge part in producing this successful event. A special thanks to the **Boca Raton Naval Sea Cadets'** Color Guard and National Anthem singer **Sunni Bezy** for their stirring performances during both the **Sailfish Marina** for the opening ceremony and the closing awards at **The Ben West Palm Hotel**, both venues hosting as beautiful backdrops for the race boats and providing excellent hospitality for fans.

Local sponsors **Neil London's Supercar Week, Muscle Vodka, Rolls Royce Motor Cars Palm Beach,** and **Al Packer Ford** in Race Village, and a big shout-out to **Amy Dalli, Model and Talent Management**, for all your encouragement over the weekend. **Ocean Cup** would like to thank **Satcom Direct** for providing satellite push-to-talk devices and the Shout Nano tracking of competitors since 2017. Last but not least, thanks to **Apache Powerboats** for their continued patronage.

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