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OPPORTUNITY CAME KNOCKING – TWICE

Beckley to Navigate – Rounds Out Team Leibel and Lynch

San Diego, CA – April 11, 2023 – Competing since 1993, well-known and respected **Super Stock** racer and founder of the **Offshore Vintage** museum, **Ryan Beckley**, has a deep respect for the history of offshore racing. Stars aligned for **Beckley** and his wife, Debbie, when just a few months ago they had the ride of a lifetime in **Lorne Leibel's 47 APACHE** entering the **Atlantic** via the famous **Haulover Inlet** to fly down the length of **Miami's** coastline. Could anything possibly top that ride?

Yes! Being invited to navigate alongside Lorne Leibel and Bobby Latham in that infamous **47 APACHE** during the historic **Gateway Marathon – Palm Beach to West End, Bahamas and Back**, June 1-4, based at the **Sailfish Marina Resort** on Singer Island.

"It was a shock when Lorne called me and I'm very excited to have the opportunity" said Beckley. "I am very fortunate and blessed to get to do all the things I do in general, much less getting to do something like this with those two guys, they are both such legends. How do I feel entering this historic race, in this iconic boat, and with Bob and Lorne? It is epic."



Leibel is looking forward to this offshore adventure saying *"From the gauges to the fuel injection to the old drives, even down to the original livery and upholstery ... there's nothing modern on that boat. As a historian and museum curator, Ryan will really appreciate competing in a vintage boat that is exactly how it was in 1987. The only thing modern will be the handheld Garmin which Ryan will use so that we don't get lost! I'm hoping he gets over the excitement of getting in this old battleship again to be able to plot our course and get us there and back. There's a lot of pressure on him!"*

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** 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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