



2018 Top Guns — Race Summaries

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The 2018 Shootout Top Gun was Tony Battiato and John Cosker with their 204 mph run in Don Onken's American Ethanol 51-foot Mystic catamaran. That run also made them the Professional Cat class winner. American Ethanol has been Top Gun for four years in a row. Cosker has been in the cockpit for all four of those years; Battiato ran with him in 2017 as well.

In the **Professional V-Hull** class, Jim Schultz and Mike Faucher took the win in *Factory Billet* with an impressive 162 mph run.

In the **Non-Professional V-Hull** class, Dennis and Jason Parvey continued their reign, with their 153 mph run in *Black Thunder*. That put them far ahead of

the rest, with the next fastest run by Chad Prater at 104 mph.

In the **Non-Professional Cat** class, Dave Southern soared far above the crowded class, with a 165 mph run in his 38-foot *Skater 388 Pure Platinum*. Southern's race was especially memorable for the crew aboard the start boat: his rooster tail soaked them as he sped away from the starting line.

In the **Manufacturer V-Hull** class, Mark Weigl took home the trophy, with a jaw-dropping 125 mph run in the 28-foot *TUFF 28*.

In the **Manufacturer Cat** class, Tony Chiamonte took the cake, with a 168 mph run in a (gorgeous) brand-new, DCB M-35.

In the **Pontoon** class, Brad Rowland in *Tooned In Two* held off serious competition from newcomer *King Floater* driven by racing veteran Jim Dorris, but not before *King Floater* tied Rowland's first run of 98 mph. Rowland topped that with a 106 mph victory.

The weekend's fastest **PWC** driver was Steve Lee in his watercraft that can't seem to be beaten: *Let's Dance*. Lee hit a dizzying 78 mph on his PWC to keep his Top PWC title from 2017.

There were 70 race classes in 2018: class divisions are created based on hull type, engine modifications, and driver classification. Many classes only had one competitor last year (challengers welcome!), but others were stacked with three, four, or five racers.

Photos by Al Griffin
(Racer photos are not shown in any particular order.)

CLASS - NAME - SPEED

- **MC3P2R** — Tony Chiamonte — 168 mph
- **MC5P2R** — Rusty Rahm — 148 mph



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- **MCC01E1** — Randy Vance — 25 mph
- **MCO2C2** — John Odom — 73 mph
- **MCO3C2** — Taylor Scism — 116 mph
- **MP2P2B** — Jim Dorris — 79 mph
- **MPO1C1** — Carolyn Dorris — 79 mph
- **MPO2C1** — JT Dorris — 52 mph
- **MV2F1R** — Mark Weigl — 125 mph
- **NC1P1A** — Larry Wiser — 116 mph
- **NC1P1B** — Larry Wiser — 112 mph
- **NC1T1R** — John Hice — 112 mph
- **NC2P1A** — Warren Neighbor — 119 mph
- **NC2P2A** — Rudy Sanzottera — 131 mph
- **NC2P2B** — Nathan Huffman — 134 mph
- **NC2A2A** — Jim Christensen — 114 mph
- **NC3F2B** — John Robinson — 114 mph
- **NC4P2R** — Dave Southern — 165 mph
- **NC5P2R** — Nick Unnerstall — 121 mph
- **NCC01S1** — Ethan Nieder — 58 mph
- **NCO2S2** — Tom Kennedy — 118 mph
- **NCO3C2** — Scott Blumberg — 117 mph
- **NCO2S2** — Reese Langheim — 100 mph
- **NCO4C2** — Rusty Williams — 117 mph

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WINNERS

- **ND2P2A** — George Ogden — *126 mph*
- **NP1S1** — Luke Burris — *56 mph*
- **NP1S3** — Brad Rowland — *106 mph*
- **NP2P2A** — Jim Dorris — *98 mph*
- **NPO1S1** — Timothy Schoening — *57 mph*
- **NPO2C2** — Timothy Schoening — *77 mph*
- **NV1F1B** — Carrie Sixkiller — *68 mph*
- **NV1M1B** — Ricky Amos — *81 mph*
- **NV1P1B** — Tyler Stevenson — *97 mph*
- **NV2P1A** — Lawrence Coelho — *98 mph*
- **NV2P2B** — Zack Newman — *90 mph*
- **NV2S2B** — Mike Kemp — *65 mph*
- **NV3M2B** — Monte Bohrofen — *91 mph*
- **NV3P2B** — Chad Prater — *104 mph*
- **NV3S2B** — Mark Hanson — *80 mph*
- **NV4A2R** — Shawn Lewis — *99 mph*
- **NV4F2B** — Kody Riddell — *91 mph*
- **NV4M2A** — Dwight Heabner — *94 mph*
- **NV4M2B** — Rudy Sanzottera — *86 mph*
- **NV4S3B** — Mike Maasen — *92 mph*
- **NV5P2R** — Dennis Parvey — *153 mph*
- **PC1P1A** — Chris (Duff) Johnson — *93 mph*



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- **PC3S2** — Andrei Allen — 111 mph
- **PC4P2R** — Anthony Smith Jr. — 148 mph
- **PC5P2R** — Rusty Rahm — 151 mph
- **PC6P4R** — Tony Battiato & John Cosker — 204 mph
- **PC03C2** — Billy Moore — 119 mph
- **PC03S2** — Rob Unnerstall — 119 mph
- **PPO2S2** — Philip Pfundstein — 62 mph
- **PV1F1B** — Mike Gordon — 74 mph
- **PV1M1B** — Rick Tanner — 83 mph
- **PV1P1A** — Tyler Crockett — 122 mph
- **PV2M2B** — Brad Harrington — 85 mph
- **PV3M2A** — Tim Kowalski — 80 mph
- **PV3S3** — Tiffany Maasen — 75 mph
- **PV4P2R** — Charlie Schaefer — 121 mph
- **PV6P2R** — James Schultz — 162 mph
- **PVL2M1** — Billy Shipley — 92 mph
- **PVL3P1A** — Robert Winoski — 120 mph
- **PWC1** — Alex Ashcroft — 58 mph
- **PWC3** — Ashley Sherrill — 70 mph
- **PWC4** — Brian Rossie — 76 mph
- **PWC5** — Steve Lee — 78 mph

