



## Antarctica Marathon Runners Survive Inhospitable Climate

March 16 & 17, 2018

A snow squall enveloped runners minutes before the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> Antarctica Marathon & Half-Marathon held on King George Island in the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica. The events were again run in two waves on consecutive days with a total of 197 runners from 18 countries including three half-marathon participants from the Russian base at Bellingshausen and one Chilean staff from Frei Base

The first wave of runners hosted on board the Akademik Ioffe started at 8:30AM on March 16 with temperatures at 28F under mostly cloudy skies. Winds gusted to 30mph during the day. The second wave on March 17 had to start at 7:20AM to avoid a storm forecasted for mid-afternoon with extremely high winds that would have prevented the use of Zodiacs, which are used to shuttle runners from the ship to the shore.

Todd Lubas of Denver, CO led from the start on day one to garner the victory in a time of 3:07:20. The women's title was claimed by Wendi Campbell from West Vancouver, BC with a time of 3:58:52 finishing in sixth place overall.

Organized by Marathon Tours & Travel of Boston, the annual event fills its maximum field of 200 runners over two years in advance.

Race results timed and produced by Sportstats of Toronto, Canada.

### TOP RESULTS

#### MARATHON

##### Male

Todd Lubas	USA	3:07:20
Bruno Bonicalzi	Italy	3:22:19
John Botti	USA	3:35:31

##### Female

Wendi Campbell	Canada	3:58:52
Sharon Venturi	USA	4:07:48
Nancy Fawley	USA	4:11:18

## HALF-MARATHON

### Male

John Hullender	USA	1:40:44
Ivan Kolesnikov	Bellingshausen	2:00:16
Artem Vinogradov	Bellingshausen	2:05:15

### Female

Ashley Hullender	USA	2:01:35
Kristin Cooke	USA	2:12:44
Valerie Maugle	USA	2:18:01

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