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More Than \$10,000 Raised at MS Harborfest Lobster Boat Races



Alfred Osgood's STARLIGHT EXPRESS from Vinalhaven took top honours and set a new diesel speed record in the process.

PORTLAND – It had been three years since the first rumblings of a Portland lobster boat race was discussed. The first race was scheduled for last year, but unfortunately a scheduling conflict forced it to be dropped from the schedule and re-scheduled as the last race in the 2010 season. All year anticipation built and finally the day arrived and it exceeded all expectations. What should not be lost in the racing and the good times was that this was a benefit race for multiple sclerosis and in the end raised more than \$10,000 for the cause.

We were on a tight schedule, with sign up at Portland Yacht Services from 0800 to 0900; start at the races at 1000 so as to be done by 1200. Then it was back to Portland Yacht Service for the barbeque and awards. We never start on time because racers are usually still signing up at 1000. However, it all went pretty well and those that signed up late, signed up on the committee boat. When all was said and done we had 52 racers.

Out on the course, just off the Eastern Promenade, each side was lined with spectator boats. There were also several hundred people up on the Eastern Promenade watching the day's events. Lobster boat racing had been absent for 24 years and back then the big battle was between the Corliss Holland's RED BARON and the Young Brother's SOPWITH CAMEL.

The first race of the day, Planes, Trains and Automobiles, had four entrants. Two of the entrants had some affiliation with Steve Johnson of Long Island. He had entered his SUNBIRD [Custom Boat/Car, Twin 200-hp Yamaha], which was also the start boat and the HATE ME ROSE [Jingle Johnson 28/Van, 650-hp GM]. Johnson's



Gavin Holland's BABY BARON stays undefeated.

friend, John the Plane guy, brought the HATE ME ROSE II [Sea Plane, 270-hp Diesel], which we have not seen since Winter Harbor in 2005. The other entrant was the DKW (Duck boat). It was a great race as SUNBIRD and the HATE ME ROSE II fought their way up a choppy course. Just as the HATE ME ROSE II neared the finish with a three or four boat length lead, she slowed and then throttled back up and had just enough way on to cross the finish line by a mere few feet. The HATE ME ROSE was a distant third and a very distant fourth was the DKW doing about 3 mph.

There were three Work Boat Classes for boats under 24 feet powered with outboards, outdrives or inboards. The first two races

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Will anyone stop FOOLISH PLEASURE's domination of Gasoline Class D? Will they break the 70 mph barrier?

were combined because there was only one boat in each race. Gavin Holland brought BABY BARON [Holland 14, 30-hp Yamaha] down from Belfast and had the largest fan-base there on the tug ANDREW MCALLISTER, a z-drive tug, which his father, Ed, is engineer on. Sam Whitner's MOON [Pointer 18, 70-hp Yamaha] from Long Island was entered in Class B. What a great race between the two as they battled the chop up the course and it was Holland by three boat lengths at the finish.

In Class C, 90 hp and up, there were three entrants, Dave Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 130-hp Honda], Luke Hubbard's AMELIA [Sisu 22, Outdrive: 125-hp Volvo] from Ogunquit and SUNBIRD. CASCO MISS sped up the course for a first place finish with SUNBIRD second and AMELIA third.

There were four boats in the four Gasoline Classes, with one entrant in Class A and B none in Class C and two in Class D. Classes A and B were combined, which made for a great race between D. & L. Boat Works' CRY BABY [D&L Boat Works 25 foot, 292 cid Chevrolet] and Doug Dodge's BRENDA [Doug Dodge, 350 cid Chevrolet] from Beals Island. When the flag dropped there was that head turning sound of two screaming Chevrolet engines as they headed up the course. It was a close race and it was just by a boat length that CRY BABY crossed the finish before BRENDA.

The next race, Class D, was going to have a rematch between Galen Alley's FOOLISH PLEASURE [Custom 30-footer, 632 cid Chevrolet] and Bruce Engert's THUNDERBOLT [South Shore 30, Chevrolet]. At the Pemaquid races it was no contest as FOOLISH PLEASURE easily won when THUNDERBOLT developed fuel pump issues. As they came up the course, it was easy to see that FOOLISH PLEASURE had the lead and with the chop some wondered if he could do it and he did for another very easy win.

In the Diesel Classes there were no entrants in Class G and only one entrant in Classes B, D, J, K and L. Since there was only one entrant in Class B, that race was combined with Class A sending five boats to the line. For the first time this year Charles Gray's BLUE THUNDER [Northern Bay 28, 230-hp Steyr] came out to race and was the odds-on-favourite for the win, which he did with ease. Second went to Robert Rutter's TEMPTATION [Repc 30, 650 hp Mack] and third was Steve Murray's STEPHEN & LYDIA [Young Brothers 30, 210-hp Cummins].



It may have been her first race of the year, but BLUE THUNDER continued her domination of Diesel Class A.

David Grant signed up his boat VENOM [Muscle Ridge 28, 250-hp Sisu] with Spencer Dyer at the helm. He had five other competitors, but there was no one there that was going to catch him once the flag dropped. The battle was for second, which went to Ted Daggett's ASHLEY LAUREN [Holland 32, 315-hp Cummins] and third was Adam Kimball's MISS ATTITUDE [Holland 32, 265-hp John Deere].

There was only one boat in Class D Todd Hubbard's MELANIE JEAN [Willis Beal 38, 300-hp 3116 Caterpillar] so it was combined with Class E, which had three entrants Fred Preston's GLADIATOR [Crowley Beal 33, 287-hp Volvo 74A], Leland Murray's DIRTY BUSINESS [Young Brothers 33, 425-hp Caterpillar] and Bob Dugas' ENDURANCE [Mitchell Cove 32, 350-hp Caterpillar]. GLADIATOR took the win, with MELANIE JEAN close on her stern for first in each of their respective classes. Second in Class E went to DIRTY BUSINESS and third was ENDURANCE.

There was supposed to be five boats coming from Rye, New Hampshire, but the lead boat developed engine issues and they all stayed with him. However, Ed Torosian from New Hampshire brought over his MS. ROSE [Mitchell Cove 35, 350-hp Cummins] and faced off against Marshall Farnham's GOVERNOR [Calvin Beal 34, 375-hp John Deere] and won.

In Class H Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36, 410-hp Sisu 645] was the favoured boat. His competition included Ed Shirley's ASKK'N [Calvin Beal Jr. 38, 525-hp John Deere] and Tom Martin's LUCKY CATCH [RP40, 454-hp Caterpillar], which finished second and third respectfully.

One of the best match ups has been David Taylor's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33, 650 hp Scania], Chip Johnson's THREE STARS [Mitchell Cove 35, 650-hp Mack] and Scott Wood's WILD ONE [Crowley/Beal 33, 892-GM]. It was another good race as they all came up within a couple of boat lengths of each other and it was WILD ONE first over the line, followed by THREE STARS, MISTY and Zach Donnell's HAPPY HOUR [Mitchell Cove 35, 575-hp Scania].

There was only one entrant in the next three classes, J Bill Hallinan's APPARITION II [Young Brothers 38, 650-hp GM], K Tom Clemon's MOTIVATION [Duffy 37, 900-hp Mack] and L Alfred Osgood's STARLIGHT EXPRESS [Northern Bay 36, 900-hp+ Mack],



Fred Preston's GLADIATOR wins Diesel Class D.



MELANIE JEAN racing in Diesel Class D gets second.



Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM continued his domination in Diesel Class H and easily wins the class.

which meant they would all win their respective classes. Instead of sending them separately we combined all three and sent them off. MOTIVATION did her best to stay with STARLIGHT EXPRESS, but there was no holding her as she sped up the course at over 57 mph. MOTIVATION got second, followed over by APPARITON II.

There were three boats in Class M, 40 feet and over, up to 750 hp, and this was won by Scott Dugas' SAND DOLLAR III [John's Bay Boat, 2008, 700-hp Caterpillar]. Second went to Marshall Spear's ENDEAVOUR and third was Ryan Libby's PREMONITION.

In Class N, 40 feet and over, 751 hp and over, Andy Johnson's WHISTLIN' DIXIE [Holland 40, 1,000-hp Caterpillar] faced off against Tom Clemon's 4 GIRLS [Wesmac 46, 1,000-hp Caterpillar]. It was a great race and looked close for awhile, but at the finish it was WHISTLIN' DIXIE by three boat lengths.

There were four wooden boats for the Wooden Boat Race and it was anyone's guess who was going to win this one. When the flag dropped we could all hear the 350 Chevrolet engine of BRENDA screaming as she fought her way up the right side of the course. On the left side it was MELANIE JEAN and it was going to be close. At the line it was BRENDA, then MELANIE JEAN, Jake Dugas' GRASSHOPPER [31-foot Will Frost, 1959, 260-hp Volvo] and SAND DOLLAR III.

Well it was now time for the Gasoline Free-for-All and could THUNDERBOLT make it closer between he and FOOLISH PLEASURE? He also hoped to stay ahead of CRY BABY. With the roar of the big engines it was obvious that FOOLISH PLEASURE had just too much and he easily won again. THUNDERBOLT crossed in second place with CRY BABY not too far back.

In the Diesel Free-for-All five boats came to the line, but all eyes were on STARLIGHT EXPRESS. They wanted to see a new record, but Osgood was not looking to push her hard since he did not want an engine issue and be without the boat for a few days. As he came up the course she looked fast and when the speed was read he had set the record again at 58.9 mph. Second went to MOTIVATION and third was THREE STARS.

The next race of the day was the Johnson Boat Yard Race for any boat built, rebuilt or finished at Johnson Boat Yard. Seven boats were signed up and it was CASCO MISS the easy winner

over WILD ONE, followed by Bill Flynn's NANCY ELLEN [Duffy 35, 420hp Caterpillar].

Now for the last race of the day, Fastest Lobster Boat had four boats on the line and again it was STARLIGHT EXPRESS missing the record he had just set by a mere 2/10ths of a mph. Second went to MOTIVATION and WILD ONE was third.

It was now back to the dock and a barbeque for all the racers sponsored by Portland Yacht Services before the awards were given out. As many of the awards were being handed out, many of the racers stepped up and said to donate their winnings to the MS Society, which was greatly appreciated. While the award's ceremony was underway the Tug Muster got going and some of the boats headed out to watch this incredible event. There were a couple of races with the all the tugs, followed by a pushing contest to see just who had the power. Next year the lobster boat and tugboat races will be together. There was no question that this was a very successful venue and it raised over \$10,000 for a great cause. Next year's plans are already being made to make Sunday's events even better and that means if you missed it this year, mark your calendar now so you do not miss next year's.

FINAL RESULTS

PORTLAND LOBSTER BOAT RACES

22 August 2010

Race 1 – Planes Trains and Automobiles.

- 1) *Hate Me Rose II*, John the Plane Guy (39.3 mph)
- 2) *Sunbird*, Steve Johnson (35.5 mph)
- 3) *Hate Me Rose*, Steve Johnson
- 4) *DKW*,

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

Race 2 – CLASS A Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger:

- 1) *Baby Baron*, Gavin Holland (28.4 mph)

Race 3 – CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:

- 1) *Moon*, Sam Whitner

Race 4 – CLASS C Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 90 hp and up:

- 1) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnson (38.6 mph)
- 2) *Sunbird*, Steve Johnson
- 3) *Amelia*, Luke Hubbard

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 5 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over:

- 1) *Cry Baby*, D. & L. Boatworks (31 mph)

Race 6 – Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up:

- 1) *Brenda*, Doug Dodge

Race 7 – Gasoline Class C - V-8, 376 to 502 cid, 28 feet and over:

No entrants.

Race 8 – Gasoline Class D - V-8, Over 502 cid, 28 feet and over, Naturally aspirated:

- 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Galen Alley (50.7 mph)
- 2) *Thunderbolt*, Bruce Engert (41.7 mph)

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 9 – Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet:

- 1) *Blue Thunder*, Charles Gray (29.2 mph)
- 2) *Temptation*, Robert Rutter
- 3) *Stephen & Lydia*, Steve Murray
- 4) *Risky Business II*, Parker Poole IV

Race 10 - Diesel Class B - Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:

- 1) *Hattie Rose*, Steve Train

Race 11 - Diesel Class C - 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:

- 1) *Venom*, David Grant (35.9 mph)
- 2) *Ashley Lauren*, Teddy Daggett (32.1 mph)
- 3) *Miss Attitude*, Adam Kimball
- 4) *Sarah Beth*, Kenneth Yorke
- 5) *Grasshopper*, Jake Dugas
- 6) *Kathyrn Ann*, Robert Malley

Race 12 - Diesel Class D - 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:

- 1) *Melanie Jean*, Todd Hubbard (31.9 mph)

Race 13 - Diesel Class E - 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:

- 1) *Gladiator*, Fred Preston (32.8 mph)
- 2) *Dirty Business*, Leland Murray
- 3) *Endurance*, Bob Dugas

Race 14 - Diesel Class F - 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:

- 1) *Ms. Rose*, Ed Torosian (30.6 mph)
- 2) *Governor*, Marshall Farnham (28.1 mph)

Race 15 - Diesel Class G - 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:

No entrants.

Race 16 - Diesel Class H - 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:

- 1) *First Team*, Travis Otis (31.1 mph)
- 2) *Askkn'*, Ed Shiley
- 3) *Lucky Catch*, Tom Martin

Race 17 - Diesel Class I - 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:

- 1) *Wild One*, Scott Wood (38.2 mph)
- 2) *Three Stars*, Chip Johnson
- 3) *Misty*, David Taylor
- 4) *Happy Hour*, Zach Donnell

Race 18 - Diesel Class J - 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:

- 1) *Apparition II*, Bill Hallinan

Race 19 - Diesel Class K - 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:

- 1) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons

Race 20 – Diesel Class L, 901 and over, 28 feet and over:

- 1) *Starlight Express*, Alfred Osgood (57.2 mph)

Race 21 – Diesel Class M, 40 feet and over, up to 750 hp.:

- 1) *Sand Dollar III*, Scott Dugas (24.7 mph)
- 2) *Endeavour*, Marshall Spear (23.6 mph)
- 3) *Premonition*, Ryan Libby
- DNS) *Adam & Joshua*, Mike Kimball

Race 22 – Diesel Class N, 40 feet and over, 751 hp and over:

- 1) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson (39.3 mph)
- 2) *Four Girls*, Tom Clemons
- DNS) *Bailey & Bella*, Keith Jordan

Race 23 – Wooden Boat Race

- 1) *Brenda*, Doug Dodge (31.7 mph)
- 2) *Melanie Jean*, Todd Hubbard (30.7 mph)
- 3) *Grasshopper*, Jake Dugas
- 4) *Sand Dollar III*, Scott Dugas

FINAL RESULTS



David Taylor's MISTY racing in Diesel Class I.



Bill Hallinan's APPARITION II at Portland wins Class J.

Race 24 - Gasoline Free for All:

- 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Galen Alley (59.2 mph)
- 2) *Thunderbolt*, Bruce Engert (38.7 mph)
- 3) *Cry Baby*, D. & L. Boatworks

Race 25 - Diesel Free for All:

- 1) *Starlight Express*, Alfred Osgood (58.9 mph)
- 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons (50.5 mph)
- 3) *Three Stars*, Chip Johnson
- 4) *Four Girls*, Tom Clemons
- 5) *Gladiator*, Fred Preston

Race 26 – Johnson Boat Yard Race (Any boat built, rebuilt or finished at Johnson Boat Yard)

- 1) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnston (38.6 mph)
 - 2) *Wild One*, Scott Wood
 - 3) *Nancy Ellen*, Billy Flynn
 - 4) *Hate Me Rose*, Steve Johnson
-) *Sunbird*, Steve Johnson
) *Hattie Rose*, Steve Train
DNS) *Bailey & Bella*, Keith Jordan

Race 27 - Fastest Lobster Boat:

- 1) *Starlight Express*, Alfred Osgood (58.7 mph)
- 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons
- 3) *Wild One*, Scott Wood
- 4) *Three Stars*, Chip Johnson



Following the lobster boat races the tugs took to the course.
Photograph: Steven Lang



A very tight race between Tom Clemons' 4 GIRLS and Andy Johnson's WHISTLIN' DIXIE in Diesel Class N.

Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association Award's Banquet

16 October 2010

Trade Winds Motor Inn
Rockland

1800 hrs. Cocktails
1900 hrs. Dinner followed by
General Meeting and Awards

Dinner \$25.00

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SEASON RESULTS - FINAL**GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER****Class A**

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Baby Baron</i> , Gavin Holland	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	40

Class B

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Full Throttle</i> , Colyn Rich	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	38
<i>Valkyrie</i> , Ed Upham	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	30

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER**Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over**

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Cry Baby</i> , D & L Boatworks	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	50

Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Linda Carol</i> , Chris Smith	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	40
<i>Frosty Punkin</i> , Walter Rich	2	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	37

Class C, V8, 376 to 502 cid, 28 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Black Diamond</i> , Lindsay Durkee	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	30

Class D, V8, Over 502 cid, 28 feet and over, Naturally aspirated, Turbos

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Foolish Pleasure</i> , Galen Alley	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	50

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER**Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet**

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Slowhand</i> , Marcus Curtis	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	30

Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
NO ENTRANTS.									

Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Venom</i> , David Grant	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	50

Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Pisscuttah II</i> , Cory Robertson	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	50
<i>Rich Returns</i> , Wayne Rich	2	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	36
<i>Melanie Jean</i> , Todd Hubbard	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	30

Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>General II</i> , Bryant Ciomei	2	2	2	1	2	—	—	—	46
<i>Kimberly Belle</i> , Sid Eaton	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	40

SEASON RESULTS - FINAL**Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over**

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Ms. Rose</i> , Torosian	1	1	—	1	2	1	1	—	50
<i>Why Knot</i> , Aaron Smith	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	38
<i>Double G</i> , Bill Grant	3	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	35

Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Seacock</i> , Todd Ritchie	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	50
<i>Lisa Marie</i> , Gary Genthner	1	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	38

Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>First Team</i> , Travis Otis	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	50
<i>Askk'n</i> , Ed Shirley	2	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	46

Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Wild One</i> , Scott Wood	3	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	36
<i>Misty</i> , David Taylor	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	29
<i>Three Stars</i> , Chip Johnson	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	27

Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Janice Elaine</i> , David Myrick	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	2	49
<i>Decadence</i> , Ryan Haskell	2	4	—	—	3	—	—	3	32
<i>16th Avenue</i> , Wendell Bryant	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	30

Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Motivation</i> , Tom Clemons	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	40

Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Starlight Express</i> , Alfred Osgood	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	50

Class M, 40 feet and over, up to 750 hp

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>51</i> , Billie Bob Faulkingham	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	50
<i>Gramp's Bird</i> , P. Faulkingham	2	2	2	—	2	—	—	2	45
<i>Sari Ann</i> , Vance Bunker	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	3	26

Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Abigail & Carter</i> , Chris Page	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	50
<i>Bailey & Bella</i> , Keith Jordan	3	3	—	—	—	2	3	—	33
<i>Whistlin Dixie</i> , Andy Johnson	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	30

Wooden Boat Race

	BBH	R	MR	S	ST	F	H	WH	Tot.
<i>Abigail & Carter</i> , Chris Page	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	50
<i>Sari Ann</i> , Vance Bunker	2	3	—	2	2	4	—	2	44
<i>Rich Returns</i> , Wayne Rich	3	4	—	3	3	—	—	—	31
<i>Melanie Jean</i> , Todd Hubbard	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	—	27