STONINGTON – We are four races (Boothbay, Rockland, Bass Harbor and Moosabec) into the 2019 lobster boat race season with seven to go and the next one up was Stonington on 7 July. Stonington has always been one of the most popular races, with the most entrants and spectators. One major factor for this is that this race is centrally located on the coast surrounded by several major lobstering villages. With a forecast of bright sun and warm temperatures one knew that the racers and spectators would certainly be there.

Signing up the racers began just before 0800 and when done about 1000 it did not seem like an exceptional turn out, but it was with 109 racers entered.

Before the races began a moment of silence for lobster boat racer Galen Alley of Beals Island, who died in a traffic accident last winter, was observed as MISS KATE came down the course spreading come of Galen’s ashes.

The first races of the day were the three Work Boat Classes. In Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 16 years and younger) there were six boats on the line. These are the three hardest races for the race committee to figure out as to who is who and where they finished. As they came up the course it was obvious that first place would be easy to determine as SCANIA was in big letters down the side of the boat. This is Jay Perrotta’s boat and was helmed by Isaac Chipman. He was followed over by Carson Parker [Corson 14; 20-hp Yamaha] in second and Kolbe Hardy’s GUESS WHAT [14’, 25-hp Yamaha] in third. In Class B (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp) there were just two boats on the line. Getting first was Doug Hanson [14’ Steury; 60-hp Mercury] followed by Tyler Bemis’ NO HAND OUTS [Holland 14; 50-hp Evinrude ETEC]. Class C (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 90-hp and over) had a very interesting entrant, Devin Bray’s SARAH CHRISTINA [Libby 34; 425-hp Yamaha]. This is the first full sized lobster boat fitted with a high-powered outboard that has been entered in the lobster boat races. It is not the first time outboards have been fitted to a lobster boat hull over 30 feet, but the first used commercial. Anyone who has been to the major boat shows knows that a major trend has been an evolution from an inboard engine to outboards. Outboard development has also evolved in relation to their amount of horsepower making it more acceptable for commercial use. Seven boats were on the line and we wondered how SARAH CHRISTINA would perform against the smaller boats with high horsepower. When the flag dropped SARAH CHRISTINA was right with the...
leaders as they headed for the finish line. She did not get first, that went to Caleb Norton’s WHITE LIGHTNIN’ [Eastporter 24; 225-hp Yamaha], but she was second. Third went to Shane Carlsten’s VALKNUT [Webber’s Cove 22; 150-hp Yamaha]. The question now is will we see more full-sized lobster boats powered with outboards.

My favourite race is the John’s Bay Boat Co. Race, which had five entrants. As they came up the course they slowly began to separate with Nathan Jones’ SAILOR’S WAY [47' John’s Bay Boat; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], who had won the previous year, out front. Ryan Larrabee’s RESOLUTE [46' John’s Bay Boat, 800-hp Caterpillar] took second and Vance Bunker’s SARI ANN [42' Johns Bay Boat; 660-hp Volvo] slipped into third.

Next up was the Gasoline Classes, which had four entrants in the five classes. There were no entrants in Class A (4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over) or Class B (V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up). Two came to the line in Class C (V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet), Randy Durkee’s BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet] and Jim Lee’s ROAR [32' Clinton Beal, 1960; 454 ci Chevrolet]; and since there was just one entrant in Class D (V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over), Shawn Alley’s LITTLE GIRL [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 429 Ford], these two classes were run together. It was not surprising to see LITTLE GIRL leading the way to the finish with BLACK DIAMOND back a couple of boat lengths and back another couple of boat lengths was ROAR. The only concern for the race committee was who came over first between BLACK DIAMOND and ROAR, which went to BLACK DIAMOND as LITTLE GIRL was automatically the winner of Class D. The only entrant in Class E (V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos), was Jeremy Beal’s MARIA’S NIGHTMARE [Mussel Ridge (formerly Wayne Beal) 28; 2,500-hp Chevrolet]. She prefers to run alone if possible for safety reasons. Unfortunately, this was her only run of the day, saying they had a couple of issues and did not want to press their luck.

There are not as many wooden boats left, but at Stonington they have a good number of them due to the number of John’s Bay Boats they have homeported there. In Wooden Boat Race A (Any hp, up to 35’11”) no one was surprised to see LITTLE GIRL come up the course well in front of his other two competitors. Second went to Kathy Lymburner’s EMMA G. [31' Buxton, 355-hp John Deere] and third was Gary Hatch’s QUEEN’S LADY [29’Rockland Boat; 220-hp John Deere]. In Wooden Boat Race B (Any hp, 36’ and over) it was a re-race of the John’s Bay Boat Company Race with nearly the same results. The difference was third, which went to Ben Weed’s EMMA & ANDREW [John’s Bay 44; 700-hp Caterpillar].

It was now time to see what the Diesel Classes had. In Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet) there were four boats on the line and it was Kevin Hornby’s HIGH HOPES [Osmond 27; 225-hp John Deere] that jumped into the lead and got first. Second went to Gary Hatch’s QUEEN’S LADY and in third was Brandon Murphy’s BLACK THUNDER II [Repco 30; 210-hp Cummins]. Another four boats came to the line for Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and as they came up the course Cory McDonald’s HELLO DARLINGS II [Holland 32, 220-hp [zusu] worked his way out in front with Hilton Turner’s RHONDA JEAN [Duffy 34; 210-hp Caterpillar] on her transom. Third went to the oldest boat in the races, Forest Dow’s TRANQUIL SEA [Frank Day, Sr. 35’; 130-hp GM]. She was built by Frank Day, Sr. at Webber’s Cove Boat Yard of East Blue Hill in 1938. Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet) has been a very competitive class between three racers: Roy Fagonde’s LAST DESIGN [Ernest Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar]; Stephen Osgood’s VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu]; and Daniel Eaton’s WHITE LIGHTNING [AI 28; 305-hp Cummins] and today would be no different. As they went past half way they were close, but WHITE LIGHTNING had a slight lead. She held the lead with second going to VENOM and in third was LAST DESIGN. Crossing the line first in Class D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) was Kaleb Campbell’s BRIELLA GRACE [Duffy 35, 300-hp Cummins] with Robin Dunham’s SANTHARA ERIN [Duffy 35; 315-hp Cummins] second and Zeb Campbell’s LINEAGE [Repco 37; 300-hp John Deere] third. The boat to beat in Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet) has been Dan Sawyer’s HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar], who has won every race in this class so far this year and today would be no different. In second was Royce Fifield’s CALYPSO [Crowley Beal 33; 420-hp Cummins] with Sean Haskell’s BAD OBSESSION [Holland 32; 380-hp Cummins] in third. Ten boats were on the line for Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), but the eyes were on the two top contenders: Winfred Alley’s AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] and Ed Torosian’s MS. ROSE [Mitchell Cove 35; 410-hp Sisu], but unfortunately one would not finish and ended up going home on a trailer. As the two headed up the course it AIDEN MARINER in front and then
Brandon Murphy’s BLACK THUNDER II [Repco 30; 210-hp Cummins] got third in Diesel Class A.

Jim Lee’s ROAR [32’ Clinton Beal, 1960; 454 ci Chevrolet] took second in Gasoline Class C.

MS. ROSE slowed to a stop as AIDEN MARINER headed for the win. Getting second was Jason Barter’s ISLANDER II [Crowley 36, 410-hp Sisu] and in third Deven Haskell’s HOOLIGAN [Young Brothers ‘slippery’ 38.; 375-hp Cummins]. The prognosis for MS. ROSE was not good, valve or burnt piston. Dana Beal’s RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins] had dominated Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet) for the last couple of years has been the boat to beat, but she got second at Moosabec. She jumped into the lead at the drop of the flag and never looked back. Todd Ritchie’s SEACOCK [Calvin Beal 36; 436-hp Sisu] came over second and Ryan Marves’ MISTRESS [RP 35; 500-hp Cummins] got third. There were ten boats on the line for Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and the favourite had to be Jeremy Tyler’s ALL IN [Northern Bay 38, 500 hp Volvo] and Adam McDonald’s MISS MADISON [Northern Bay 38; 550-hp Volvo]. Unfortunately one of the top boats, Dean Beal’s MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins] was a no-show, which would have added some spice to the race. With the drop of the flag ALL IN jumped right into the lead with Rusty Candage’s JUDITH ANN [Crowley 36, 500-hp Cummins] and MISS MADISON on her stern. JUDITH ANN would get second. Chris Smith’s MISTY has been the boat to beat in Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet) and today was no different as she had a two boat length lead midway down the course on her only competitor Keaven Tyler’s SEA BORNE [Duffy 35; 610-hp Cummins]. There has been a great battle in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) all year between Heather Thompson’s GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] and Nick Wiberg’s MISS KATIE [Northern Bay 36; 700-hp Volvo] with just feet separating their bows at the finish line most of their races. As they came up the course it was obvious that they were close and at halfway it was too close to call. At the line the call was GOLD DIGGER followed by MISS KATIE. The real battle was for third between the other four racers in the class. This went to Jason McDonald’s HARD GOINS [Holland 38, 670-hp Cummins]. The next race, Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), was going to be a good one as all four boats have about the same amount of speed. Right after the start the battle was between Andrew Taylor’s BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania] and Colby Oakes’ TRIPLE X [Mitchell Cove 35, 850-hp Detroit] and at midway TRIPLE X looked like she had the edge. Right on their transom was Jeff Eaton’s LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 750-hp FPT]. At the line it was BLUE EYED GIRL, followed by TRIPLE X, LA BELLA VITA. Richard William’s MONEY LOVE & DREAMS [Mitchell Cove 35; 800-hp 3406E Caterpillar] should have battled for the win, but it looked as if she just did not get a good start and got mired in some wakes. There was just one entrant in Class L (901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) Tom Clemens’ MOTIVATION [Northern Bay 36; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], which ran down with Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp) two entrants. MOTIVATION held back until halfway and then sped away. The race committee only had to figure out the winner of Class M(A), but someone was not in the right race as Baren Yurchick’s MONEY MOVES [Wayne Beal 46; 650-hp Caterpillar], who should have been in Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) Heat I went streaking by. The race committee was awake as they ignored MONEY MOVES and posted Chris Pope’s OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] as the winner and KHRISTY MICHELLE second. Sixteen boats were signed up in Class M(B) so they were divided into two heats with a final race to determine the winner. In Heat I the top three boats were Jason Chipman’s MISS AMITY [Osmond 42; 700-hp Scania]; Matt Sheppard’s ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] and MONEY MOVES third. In Heat II the top three were Eric Beal’s KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT], Eben Wilson’s LETTIE ELISE [Young Brothers 45; 650-hp Volvo] and David Ames II’s RENEGADE [Muscle Ridge 42; 750-hp John Deere]. In the finals no one was surprised to see KIMBERLY ANN and MISS AMITY out in front and at halfway MISS AMITY had the edge and held on for the win. Third went to ALEXSA ROSE, which shows just how slippery this hull is. There were eight boats on the line for Class N (40 feet and over, 750 hp and over) and for the first time this year Marshall Spear and JACALWA [Wesmac 46; 1000-hp Caterpillar] was entered to defend her title. JACALWA took the early lead with Spencer Thompson’s MAXED OUT [Calvin Beal 44; 800-hp John Deere] and Jeremy Simmons’ AVERY & ALDEN [Calvin Beal 42; 900-hp Scania] vying for second. Second went to MAXED OUT and AVERY & ALDEN got third. The only boat in Class O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower) was Cameron Crawford’s WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] and she ran down the course by herself.

Six boats were on the line for the Deer Isle-Stonington Exhibition and this was going to be a battle between LA BELLA VITA, MISS KATIE and WHITE LIGHTNING and it was anyone’s...
MOOSABEC FINAL RESULTS

STONINGTON LOBSTER BOAT RACES
7 July 2019

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

Race 1 - CLASS A Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 16 years and younger: 1) ---, Isaac Chipman (23.6 mph); 2) ---, Carson Parker; 3) Guess What, Kolbe Hardy; No position given: Miss Behavin’, Jared Murphy; Shark Nadeau, Hunter Ciomi; and Hollie, Jay Boyce. Race 2 – CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp: 1) ---, Doug Hanson (35.4 mph); and 2) No Hand Outs, Tyler Bemis. Race 3 – CLASS C Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 90-hp and over: 1) White Lightnin’, Caleb Norton (39.3 mph); 2) Sarah Christina, Devin Bray; 3) Valknut, Shane Carlson; 4) Priorities, Richard Quinn; 5) My Kassandra, Travis Dammer; 6) Hat Trick, Casey Spofford; and ) SS Narlee, Zachary Treggall.

Race 4 – Johns Bay Boat Co. Race: 1) Sailor’s Way, Nathan Jones (27.6 mph); 2) Resolute, Ryan Larrabee; 3) Sari Ann, Vance Bunker; 4) Emma & Andrew, Ben Weed; and 5) Khristy Michelle, John R. Williams.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 5 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over: No entrants. Race 6 - Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up: No entrants. Race 7 - Gasoline Class C - V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet: 1) Black Diamond, Randy Durkee (31.4 mph); and 2) Roar, Jim Lee. Race 8 – Gasoline Class D – V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over: 1) Little Girl, Shawn Alley (33.7 mph). Race 9 - Gasoline Class E - V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos. 1) Maria’s Nightmare, Jeremy Beal (52.3 mph).

Race 10 - Wooden Boat Race (Any hp, up to 35’11’): 1) Little Girl, Shawn Alley (26.2 mph); 2) Emma G., Kathy Lymburner; and 3) Queen’s Lady, Gary Hatch. Race 11 - Wooden Boat Race (Any hp, 36’ and over): 1) Sailor’s Way, Nathan Jones (29.1 mph); 2) Resolute, Ryan Larrabee; 3) Emma & Andrew, Ben Weed; 4) Khristy Michelle, John R. Williams; and 5) Sari Ann, Vance Bunker.

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 12 - Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) High Hopes, Kevin Hornby (26.4 mph); 2) Queen’s Lady, Gary Hatch; 3) Black Thundah II, Brandon Murphy; and 4) Miss Chif, Nate Snow. Race 13 - Diesel Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Hello Darlin’ II, Cory McDonald (18.9 mph); 2) Rhonda Jean, Hilton Turner; 3) Tranquil Sea, Forest Dow; and 4) Miss Kylsey, Ed Shirley. Race 14 - Diesel Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet. 1) White Lighting, Daniel Eaton (37.8 mph); 2) Venon, Stephen Osgood; 3) Last Design, Roy Fagonde; and 4) Cat Sass, Julie Eaton. Race 15 - Diesel Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Briella Grace, Kaleb Campbell (23.9 mph); 2) Samantha Erin, Robin Dunham; 3) Lineage, Zeb Campbell; and 4) Liberty, Tony Hooper. Race 16 - Diesel Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet. 1) High Voltage, Dan Sawyer (37.5 mph); 2) Calypso, Royce Fifield; 3) Bad Obsession, Sean Haskell; 4) Emma G., Kathy Lymburner; and 5) Deuces Wild, Nick Eaton. Race 17 - Diesel Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Aiden Mariner, Winfield Alley (38.6 mph); 2) Islander II, Jason Barter; 3) Hooligan, Deven Haskell; 4) Gypsy Queen, Kevin Oliver; 5) Wicked, Justin Boyce; 6) Southern Comfort, Avery Waterman; 7) Southeaster, Johnny Wallace; 8) Addi & Alden, Brian Tripp; 9) Addie’s Way, John Lymburner; and DNF) Ms. Rose, Ed Torosian. Race 18 - Diesel Class G, 436 to 550 hp,
A great battle in Diesel Class K was Andrew Taylor’s BLUE EYED GIRL and Colby Oakes’ TRIPLE X.

28 to 35 feet. 1) Right Stuff, Dana Beal (36.2 mph); 2) Seacoach, Todd Ritchie; 3) Mistress, Ryan Marves; and 4) Always Something, Stuart Bray. Race 19 - Diesel Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) All In, Jeremy Tyler (35.6 mph); 2) Judith Ann, Rusty Candage; 3) Miss Maddison, Adam McDonald; 4) Intuition, Tony Bray; 5) Carla Jean, Joe Wallace; No position Given: Miss Brianna, Francis Hardy; Captain Jack, Ethan Turner; Margaret Ann, Jeremiah MacDonald; First Team, Travis Otis; and Daddy’s Gems, Jason Clough. Race 20 - Diesel Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet. 1) Misty, Chris Smith (38.1 mph); and 2) Sea Borne, Keaven Tyler. Race 21 - Diesel Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Gold Digger, Heather Thompson (39.6 mph); 2) Miss Katie, Nick Wiberg; 3) Hard Gains, Jason McDonald; 4) Molly Ryan, David Haskell; 5) Defiance, Brian Eaton; and 6) Elizabeth Grace, Jay Clough. Race 22 - Diesel Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Blue Eyed Girl, Andrew Taylor (46.4 mph); 2) Triple X, Colby Oakes; 3) La Bella Vita, Jeff Eaton; and 4) Money Love & Dreams, Richard Williams. Race 23 - Diesel Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches. 1) Motivation, Tom Clemons (49.8 mph). Race 24 - Diesel Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp. 1) Old School, Chris Pope; and 2) Kristy Michelle, John R. Williams. Race 25 - Diesel Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp. Heat I: 1) Miss Amity, Jason Chipman (31.8 mph); 2) Alexis Rose, Matt Sheppard; 3) Money Moves, Baren Yurchick; 4) Sylvia Mae, Andy Smith; 5) Tied Together, Michael Ross; 6) What’s Next, Eric Ray; 7) Catch 22, Johnson Boyce; and 8) Carpe Diem, Ethan Whitaker. Heat II: 1) Kimberly Ann, Eric Beal (34.8 mph); 2) Lettie Elise, Eben Wilson; 3) Renegade, David Ames II; 4) Miss Joanne, Jamie Hardy; No position Given: Grin & Barrett, Dean Barrett; Sea Smoke, Nick Lunt; Under Pressure, Cory Alley; and Resurrection, Phil Torrey. Finals: 1) Miss Amity, Jason Chipman; 2) Kimberly Ann, Eric Beal; 3) Alexis Rose, Matt Sheppard; 4) Money Moves, Baren Yurchick; 5) Renegade, David Ames II; and 6) Lettie Elise, Eben Wilson. Race 26 - Diesel Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over. 1) Jacalwa, Marshall Spear (33.1 mph); 2) Maxed Out, Spencer Thompson; 3) Avery & Alden, Jeremy Simmons; No position Given: Decadence, Ryan Haskell; Isla & Grayson, Travis Perry; She’s All Wet, Charles Giren; Miss Jessica, Parker Murphy; and Money Shot, Drew Eaton. Race 27. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower. 1) Wild Wild West, Cameron Crawford (55.8 mph).

Race 28 – Deer Isle-Stonington Exhibition. 1) Miss Katie, Nick Wiberg (40 mph); 2) La Bella Vita, Jeff Eaton; 3) White Lightning, Daniel Eaton; 4) Sarah Christina, Devin Bray; 5) Alexis Rose, Matt Sheppard; and 6) Samantha Erin, Robin Dunham.

Race 29 - Gasoline Free for All: 1) Little Girl, Shawn Alley (32.8 mph); and 2) Black Diamond, Randy Durkee.

Race 30 - Diesel Free for All: 1) Wild Wild West, Cameron Crawford (53.6 mph); 2) Motivation, Tom Clemons; 3) Blue Eyed Girl, Andrew Taylor; 4) Gold Digger, Heather Thompson; and 5) Miss Katie, Nick Wiberg.

Race 31- Jimmy Stevens Cup – Fastest Working Lobster Boat. 1) Motivation, Tom Clemons (47.4 mph); 2) Blue Eyed Girl, Andrew Taylor; 3) Gold Digger, Heather Thompson; and 4) Triple X, Colby Oakes.

Race 32) Fastest Lobster Boat Afloat. 1) Wild Wild West, Cameron Crawford (53.4 mph); 2) Motivation, Tom Clemons; and 3) Gold Digger, Heather Thompson.

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