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Carl Anderson III's DANICA HAILEY doing all he can to keep up with Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER in Diesel Class J.

What a great day for racing at Harpswell on Sunday. When I left Winterport I had fog all the way to Augusta and began to worry if Harpswell would be fogged in. Fortunately, south of Augusta the fog broke and it was clear sailing the rest of the way.

Sign-ups started just after 0800 and it went slow, to point that I started worrying that we were not going to break 30 boats. Right about 0900 a number of boats came into the harbor and made their way to Erica's Take Out to sign-up. When everyone was entered into the computer we had 38 boats and there was an excellent spectator fleet lining both sides of the race course as well as a lot of people on shore watching.

There was just one Gasoline class with no entrants, Class D and there were two in the Diesel Classes: Class E and G. Since there were a number of classes with just one entrant we combined a number of the races. In the Gasoline Classes there was only one entrant in each of the classes so they were run together. In the Diesel Classes we combine Class B, C and D; K and L; and M(A), M(B) and N. Unfortunately if they are not the first over the line some think they did not win, even though they win their respective class. In the last combined race I made a mistake as to the order of finish in M(B), but that was corrected later.

Just before the start of the races there was a moment of silence for Larry Ward, his father and Galen Alley. Larry was the person you stepped up to run the Harpswell races in 2018, which had not been run since 2013. At the end of the 2017 racing season he found out what he needed to do to make it happen, put together his "Angels" and they were off. Larry and his "Angels" beat the bushes for prizes and racers and the day went off without a hitch. He was working hard on this season, when he passed away this past winter. Fortunately his "Angels" and friends all stepped up and took over the reigns and did a great job making it happen, all in his memory.

All in all it was a great day of racing and the parties were legendary. Many of those attending the races headed up and had lunch at either Erica's Take Out or the Dolphin Restaurant.

We have this weekend off and then it is onto Winter Harbor on 10 August where they will be giving away a Mitchell Cove 35 hull. The following day we head to Pemaquid for the Merritt Brackett Lobster Boat Races. Both venues always draw lots of racers making for a great weekend of racing.



Before the start of the races there was a moment of silence to remember Larry Ward, his father and Galen Alley. Larry was the person responsible for restarting the Harpswell races last year. Just a month after Larry's passing, his father, a local fisherman, also passed away. Galen Alley was a dominate force on the racing circuit for 10 years, who was killed in a traffic accident last winter.



Aran Johnson's HAZEL B. [Lund 16; 25-hp Evinrude] of Long Island and Amanda Clemons' [Kencraft 16; 25-hp Yamaha] from Harpswell battling it out in Work Boat Class A.



Give this an outboard and she can race.



There were three boats in Work Boat Class B that were going to be fighting for the top spot: David Noyes' ZIPPIN' [Corson 14; 60-hp Johnson], his son, Jacob's, ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan] and Frank Bennett's NADEN [Naden 16; 60-hp Suzuki]. Here are the two ZIPPIN's coming down the course with ZIPPIN' in the lead.



The real battle in Work Boat Class B was for second between Frank Bennett's NADEN [Naden 16; 60-hp Suzuki] from Newburyport, MA and Jacob Noyes' ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan], which went to NADEN by half a boat length.



Trying to catch the top three boats in Work Boat Class B was David Brewer's BIG POTATO [Boston Whaler 17; 70-hp Johnson], who got fourth.



In Work Boat Class C it was all Dave Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda].



A great battle took place for the second and third positions in Work Boat Class C between Jim Koeling's MALAGO [Crowley Beal 23; 150-hp Yamaha] and Matsen Hawkes' LITTLE BONES [Osmond 20; 150-hp Honda] with MALAGO getting second.



Trevor Walls' GRASSHOPPER [Frost 31'; 260-hp Volvo] shown here winning Wooden Boat A. She also won Diesel Class C.



Ann Johansen's CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal; 292 Chevrolet] took second in Wooden Boat A. She also won Gasoline Class A, got second in the Slowest Boat and third in the Gasoline Free-for-All.



Alan Dugas' DELUSIONAL [38' John's Bay Boat, 600-hp Cummins] crossed the finish line first in Wooden Boat B. He also took third in Diesel Class J and sixth in the Diesel Free-for-All.



Scott Dugas' SAND DOLLARS III [41' Johns Bay Boat; 700-hp Caterpillar] took the second spot in Wooden Boat B, fifth in Diesel Class M(B) and seventh in the Diesel Free-for-All.



Mark Davis' WHISKEY GIRL [BHM 25; 350 300 hp Chevrolet] and Randy Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet] running up the course in the Gasoline Class. Since there were just four boats in the Gasoline Classes, all in different classes, they were sent up together. WHISKEY GIRL won Class B and BLACK DIAMOND Class C.



Steve Johnson's BUD & DAWN [Jingle Johnson 28; 1,100-hp Chevrolet] showed up despite having lost his high powered Chevrolet engine several weeks ago. She now sports a V-6, but still raced in Gasoline Class E for the points.



Riley Johnson's LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 235-hp Isuzu] of Long Island came out for the first time this year and took first in Diesel Class A with a speed of 28 mph.



Coming all the way from Scituate, MA was Jeff Patterson's SIMPLE MAN [Stanley 36; 315-hp Cummins], who won Diesel Class D.



Tim Flynn's DOTTIE MAE [32' John Luke; 186-hp Isuzu] was the winner of Diesel Class B.



Justin Papkee's PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 40; 550-hp Isuzu] suffered a catastrophic fire several weeks ago coming into the dock at Long Island. In the meantime Justin purchased EMPTY POCKETS [Wayne Beal 36; 375-hp John Deere] and entered Sunday's race coming in a close second in Diesel Class F.



Scott Merryman's K. E. II [Northern Bay 38; 405-hp Cummins] took first in Diesel Class F with a speed of 26.9 mph.



In Diesel Class H two boats came to the line: Ben Perry's MISTRESS [Calvin Beal 38; 500-hp C9 Caterpillar] and Nick Martinez's PRETTY WOMAN [Calvin Beal 36; 510-hp Caterpillar] with PRETTY WOMAN getting the win.



We have not seen Scott Wood's WILD ONE [Crowley/Beal 33; 892-GM] this year, but he came to Harpswell and faced off against Chris Smith's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania] and just fell short as they finished one-two.



Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] got separation in Diesel Class J and speed over the finish line in first place.



There was only one boat in Diesel Class K, Andrew Taylor's BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania] and one in Diesel Class L, Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION [Northern Bay 36; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] so they came up the course with each getting the win in their respective classes.



Want to mess up the race committee, combine several races, which we did with Diesel Class M(A), M(B) and N. This is Wayne Clemons' TEMPTATION [Young Brothers 40; 730-hp MAN] and Marshall Spears' JACALWA [Wesmac 46; 1000-hp Caterpillar] just before crossing the finish line.



Second in Diesel Class M(B) went to Jim Barclay's LINA ROSE [Calvin Beal 42; 550-hp Nanni].



Third in Diesel Class M(B) was Jason Lord's AVA LUCILLE [Calvin Beal 42; 700-hp Volvo].



Jesse Mitchell's PHOENIX [30' Stanley Greenwood; 130-hp GM] did not finish Diesel Class A, but he took top honours in the Slowest Boat Race.



Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER, Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION and Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST just after the flag dropped in the Diesel Free-for-All. No one was going to get by Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST She won Diesel Class O, Diesel Free-for-All and the Fastest Lobster Boat.

See You at Our Next Two Races:

WINTER HARBOR

PRIZE - Mitchell Cove 35 hull

Saturday 10 August

MERRITT BRACKETT at PEMAQUID

Always lots of Prizes!

Sunday 11 August

Sign-ups 0800 - 0900; Start at 1000 (Maybe!); Listen on Channel 10

FRIENDSHIP FINAL RESULTS

HARPSWELL LOBSTER BOAT RACES

28 July 2019

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

Race 1 - Class A, Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboard up to 30 hp, operators up to 16 years old. 1) *Hazel B.*, Aran Johnson (21.2 mph); and 2) ---, Amanda Clemons. **Race 2 - Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp.** 1) *Zippin'*, David Noyes (41.3 mph); 2) *Naden*, Frank Bennett; 3) *Zippin' Too*, Jacob Noyes; 4) *Big Potato*, David Brewer; and 5) ---, Taylor Goodwin. **Race 3 - Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over.** 1) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnston (44 mph); 2) *Malago*, Jim Koehling; and 3) *Little Bones*, Matsen Hawkes.

Race 4 - Wooden Boat Race A, Any hp., up to 35 feet 11 inches. 1) *Grasshopper*, Trevor Walls (24.7 mph); and 2) *Cindy Jen*, Ann Johansen (12.8 mph). **Race 5 - Wooden Boat Race B, Any hp., 36 feet and over.** 1) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas (25.2 mph); and 2) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER

Race 6 - Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over. 1) *Cindy Jen*, Ann Johansen. **Race 7 - Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over.** 1) *Whiskey Girl*, Mark Davis. **Race 8 - Class C, V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over.** 1) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee (31.6 mph). **Race 9 - Class D, V8, 376 cid and over, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer). No entrants.** **Race 10 - Class E, V8, Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers, Alcohol and Nitrous.** 1) *Bud & Dawn*, Steve Johnson

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER

Race 11 - Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet 11 inches. 1) *Lynn Marie*, Riley Johnson (28 mph); and DNF) *Phoenix*, Jesse Mitchell. **Race 12 - Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Dottie Mae*, Tim Flynn. **Race 13 - Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Grasshopper*, Trevor Walls. **Race 14 - Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Simple Man*, Jeff Patterson (23.1 mph). **Race 15 - Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches. No en-**

trants. **Race 16 - Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *K. E. II*, Scott Merryman (26.9 mph); and 2) *Pull n Pray*, Justin Papkee (24 mph). **Race 17 - Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches. No entrants.** **Race 18 - Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Pretty Women*, Nick Martinez (28.5 mph); and 2) *Mistress*, Ben Perry. **Race 19 - Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Misty*, Chris Smith (39.8 mph); and 2) *Wild One*, Scott Wood. **Race 20 - Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson (40.8 mph); 2) *Danica Hailey*, Carl Anderson III; and 3) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas. **Race 21 - Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Blue Eye Girl*, Andrew Taylor. **Race 22 - Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches.** 1) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons (49.4 mph). **Race 23 - Class M (A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp.** 1) *Mystery*, Tucker Johnson. **Race 24 - Class M (B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp.** 1) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons; 2) *Lina Rose*, Jim Barclay; 3) *Ava Lucille*, Jason Lord; 4) *Dominator*, Lee Mae Vane; and 5) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas. **Race 25 - Class N, 40 feet and over, 751 hp and over.** 1) *Jacalwa*, Marshall Spear. **Race 26 - Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower.** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (54 mph).

Race 27 - Gasoline Free-for-All. 1) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee (32.4 mph); 2) *Whiskey Girl*, Mark Davis; and 3) *Cindy Jen*, Ann Johansen.

Race 28 - Diesel Free-for-All. 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (56 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; 3) *Blue Eye Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 5) *Danica Hailey*, Carl Anderson III; 6) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas; and 7) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas.

Race 29-Slowest Boat. 1) *Phoenix*, Jesse Mitchell (7.5 mph); and 2) *Cindy Jen*, Ann Johansen (14.2 mph)

Race 30-Novi Boats. 1) *Phoenix*, Jesse Mitchell.

Race 31 - Fastest Lobster Boat. 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (52 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; 3) *Blue Eye Girl*, Andrew Taylor; and 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson.

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