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Big Turn out at Bass Harbor - Moosabec Next!



RACHEL IRENE, OBSESSION and ANOTHER DIRLS fight for second in Diesel Class G at Bass Harbor.

BASS HARBOR – The third lobster boat race of the year took us to Bass Harbor on Mount Desert, one of Maine's quintessential working harbors, on 23 June.

We were greeted with a beautiful warm, sunny morning, a pancake breakfast that benefited the public library and a great turn out of racers. When sign-ups were done, there were 77 boats entered, the most ever at this venue and the most so far this year.

The new boat that many wanted to see run was Ryan Lemieux's **OBSESSION** from Cutler, which is a Young Brothers 33 stretched two feet, given a foot more beam and hard chines. She was to compete in Diesel Class G and would be racing the class's top boat Dana Beal's **RIGHT STUFF** [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins].

One that was missing was Jeremy Beal's **MARIA'S NIGHTMARE** [Mussel Ridge 28 (former Wayne Beal 28); 2,500-hp Chevrolet] from Jonesport. She had raced at Boothbay and Rockland, but was not running right. It was obvious that she had the power, but they needed to work out the bugs. As race day approached they still did not feel comfortable running and bowed out. Following the race Jeremy and his crew spent a lot of time doing sea trials, during which time they sheared off the bolts on the flywheel twice. Yesterday it was learned that they were getting closer and

she would be at the Moosabec races this Saturday.

As we made our way out to the barge on the finish line it was learned that the course had been set up using GPS so as to make sure it was square. You could also see that a lot of spectators had come to watch the races from land, lining the road down to the ferry terminal and the dock at Bass Harbor Marine. There were also a large number of spectator boats just here to watch the races. With the race committee in position on the bow of the barge, finish line sighted for those close finishes we were ready.

There were no entrants in the first race of the day, Work Boat Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger), but there were four on the line for Class B (Inboards, outboards, or outdrives 31-90 hp.). When the flag dropped Eric Eaton's **ASSAULT WEAPON** jumped into the lead and led the others to the finish. Second went to Cameron Lunt's **SEA SPRAY** [19' Gilley; 75-hp Mercury] of Bass Harbor followed by Oliver Harper's **JANE M.** [Mitchell Cove 20; 150-hp Mercury] of Tremont in third. In Class C (Inboards, outboards or outdrives 91hp and over) Sue Snow's **Q** [20 Aquasport; 115-hp Yamaha] of Trenton bested the two other competitors. Second went to Dillion Harper's **HOT DAMN TOO** [Mitchell Cove 20, 150-hp



BLACK DIAMOND, LITTLE GIRL and WIDE OPEN competing in Gasoline Classes, B, C and D, all placing first.

Yamaha] and a distant third was Colyn Rich's SHORE THING [Mitchell Cove 20; 115-hp Suzuki] from Bass Harbor.

In the Gasoline Class there were no entrants in Class A (4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over) or E (Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers) and there was one entrant in Class B (V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over), Wayne Rich's WIDE OPEN; Class C (V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over), Randy Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND; and Class D (V-8, 376 to 540 cid, 28 feet and over), Shawn Alley's LITTLE GIRL from Beals Island so they were run up together with each getting first in their respective classes. We all knew who would win this race, LITTLE GIRL, but second was in question. As they came up the course BLACK DIAMOND slid a head for a boat length win.

There was only one Diesel class with no entrants, Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over) and there was a couple with just one, which was combined with another class.

Four boats were on the line for Class A (up to 235 hp, 24-31 feet) and Jacob Kirby's BARE BOTTOM [BHM 25, 220-hp John Deere] of Jonesport jumped into the lead and led the others to the finish. Back a couple of boat lengths in second was Neal Snow's MISS CHIF [Mitchell Cove 28; 225-hp John Deere] of Southwest Harbor and third went to Charles Dillion's JANA D. [Sisu 30, 220-hp John Deere]. The race committee had to be on their toes for the next race, Class B (up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over) as there were nine boats on the line. When the flag dropped Everett Beers' MISS KARI LYNN [Mitchell Cove 32; 220-hp John Deere] of Bernard grabbed the lead and the battle was now for second between two boats, David Schlarfer's CAITLIN [Osmond 32; 225-hp John Deere] of Bernard and Cory McDonald's HELLO DARLINGS II [Holland 32, 220-hp Izusu] from Stonington. When they crossed the line CAITLIN slipped over in second and HELLO DARLINGS II in third. Next up was Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet) and it would be the first time this year Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN [E. Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar] of Jonesport would race Dan Eaton's WHITE LIGHTNING [AJ 28; 305-hp Cummins] of Deer Isle. Last year WHITE LIGHTNING had the advantage, but as they neared the finish line in the first close battle of the day it was LAST DESIGN by just half a boat length. Third went to Pat Hanley's MICHAEL ALAN [Mitchell Cove 32; 300-hp Cummins] of Bass Harbor. There were three boats in Class D (236-335 hp, 34 feet and over), which was won by Shawn Stanley's MISS MARGO [Mitchell Cove 35; 300-hp John Deere] from Southwest Harbor followed over by



Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE showing the way to the finish line in Diesel Class E.

Scott Harper's DIANA DAWN II [RP 35; 265-hp John Deere] of Bernard in second and Richard Higgins' JACQUELIN [Stanley 36; 300-hp Caterpillar] from Bass Harbor in third. Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24-33 feet) could be interesting with seven boats entered. The two to watch were Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] from Jonesport and Jim Beal's UPTOWN GIRL [Crowley-Beal 33; 425-hp Cummins] from Milbridge, which had not raced in several years. HIGH VOLTAGE took the lead right at the start and held on for a boat length win with UPTOWN GIRL second. Third went to Kathy Lymburner's EMMA G. [31' Buxton, 355-hp John Deere] from Brooksville. In Class F (336-435 hp, 34 feet and over) the two top boats have been Winfred Alley's AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] from Beals Island and Ed Torosian's MS. ROSE [Mitchell Cove 35; 410-hp Sisu] from New Hampshire, but MS. ROSE was not present. It was still going to be interesting as Robert Lee's JUSTIN & COLBY II [Mitchell Cove 35; 265-hp John Deere] of Seal Cove went well. AIDEN MARINER took off and JUSTIN & COLBY II just did not have enough to keep up with her finishing three boat lengths back. Third went to George Lawson, Jr.'s MISS BETH [Mitchell Cove 35; 375-hp John Deere] from Bernard. Nine boats were on the line for Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28-35 feet) and this would pit RIGHT STUFF up against the new OBSESSION. Well the first start ended up a false one and the racers were called back. At the second start it looked close, but RIGHT STUFF slowly gained separation and slid over for the win. The real battle was for second between OBSESSION, Steve Carver's ANOTHER DIRLS [Holland 35, 550-hp John Deere] of Jonesport and Greg Lewis' RACHEL IRENE [Mitchell Cove 35; 500-hp Cummins] from Bass Harbor. As they approached the finish line there may have been 10 feet separating their bows. The call was OBSESSION, second followed by ANOTHER DIRLS and RACHEL IRENE. Last year Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over) was dominated by Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins] of Jonesport and he took the top spot at Boothbay, but in a surprising finish was bested by Jeremy Tyler's ALL IN [Northern Bay 38, 500 hp Volvo] at Rockland. As they came up, but neither of them were in the lead, it was Tee Trundy's TOP SECRET [Calvin Beal 36; 500-hp] of Steuben who got the win. The finish for second was so close the race committee called it a tie, giving ALL IN and MISS NORMA each second. In Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28-35 feet) we had Chris Smith's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania] of Swan Island and Cody Hooper's LAST ROUND

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Robert Lee's JUSTIN & COLBY II [Mitchell Cove 35; 265-hp John Deere] took second in Diesel Class F.

[RP-31. 700-hp Isotta] of Gouldboro, which over the winter was re-powered, but knew she was not yet dialed in. As they came up the course MISTY gained steady and went over the line with a boat and a half length lead. With just one boat in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over), Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] from Harrington and one in Class L (901 hp and over, 28 feet and over), Tom Clemon's MOTIVATION [Northern Bay 36; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] from Harpswell, they ran up together with each getting the win in their respective classes. Five boats were on the line for Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp) and it was another real close finish as Aaron Beal's NIGHT MOVES II [RP40; 455-hp QSM 11 Cummins] from Milbridge and Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] of Swan's Island neared the finish. Slipping over first, maybe with two feet to spare, was NIGHT MOVES II. Third went to Lewis Bishop's PROVIDER II [Young Brothers 40, 405 Cummins]. There were 11 boats signed up for Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) and it was decided to split the class in two heats and then race the top three off in a finals race. In the first heat it was no surprise to see the Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT] from Milbridge and Jason Chipman's MISS AMITY [Osmond 42; 700-hp Scania] came flying up the course side by side for first and second, with third going to Mike Ross' TIED TOGETHER [Hustler 45 (Novi); 670-hp Cummins] from Stonington. In Heat II first over Robert Alley, Jr.'s HANNAH LOUISE [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp John Deere]; followed by Roman Jordan's KRYSTAL E. [Osmond 40, 750-FPT] and Ira Kelley's DDT II [Osmond 42, 750-hp Nanni] of Jonesport. At the Boothbay and Rockland races the top three boats have been HANNAH LOUISE, KIMBERLY ANN, both with a second and a third and MISS AMITY with two firsts. As they came up the course it was obvious that it was going to be a close finish with KIMBERLY ANN and MISS AMITY side by side. At the line, again by no more than two feet, was KIMBERLY ANN followed by MISS AMITY and then HANNAH LOUISE. Four boats were on the line for Class N (40 feet and over, 751hp and over) and with just one boat in Class O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower), Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] ran down with them. Streaking first over the line was WILD WILD WEST and now the battle was for the top spot in Class N, which went to Joshua Beal's KAYLA ANNE [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp MAN] from Milbridge followed by Spencer Thompson's MAXED OUT [Calvin Beal 44, 800-hp John



Another surprise of the day was when Tee Trundy's TOP SECRET [Calvin Beal 36; 500-hp] outpaced all comers in Diesel Class H.

Deere] also from Milbridge in second and Jason Gordius' MISS BEHAVIN' AGAIN [Duffy 42, 800-hp Caterpillar] from Southwest Harbor.

In Wooden Boat A (up to 35 feet 11 inches) no one was surprised to see LITTLE GIRL fly over the finish line first with WIDE OPEN second and EMMA G. third. There were no entrants in Wooden Boat B (36 feet and over).

The Gasoline Free for All was the same as the earlier gasoline races with the same results: LITTLE GIRL, BLACK DIAMOND and WIDE OPEN. Unfortunately when LITTLE GIRL came over the line she slowed and it was obvious there was an engine issue.

In the Diesel Free for All eight boats came to the line. Again no one was surprised to see WILD WILD WEST spew a mass of black smoke and then she was off crossing first with MOTIVATION second and LAST DESIGN third.

In the Fastest Lobster Boat it was again WILD WILD WEST followed by MOTIVATION with WIDE OPEN third.

The final race of the day was Bass Harbor's Fastest Lobster Boat and this was won by RACHEL IRENE, followed by Travis Lunt's STEPPIN' UP [Mitchell Cove 35; 500-hp Volvo], and third JUSTIN & COLBY II.

Following the races almost everyone returned to the town dock in Bernard for hamburgers and hot dogs, again to benefit the public library. This was followed by the awards ceremony.

A little excitement happened after this over at Rich's wharf in Bass Harbor when a fight broke out. Supposedly this was over a woman and one of the assailants was in the water being held down. The sheriff's department, State Police and an ambulance responded to the incident.

Looking forward to the Moosabec Reach Lobster Boat Races tomorrow (29 June) we are all hoping for no fog. As for boats, Jeremy Beal is working through engine issues on MARIA'S NIGHTMARE and should be there. Shawn Alley's LITTLE GIRL is sitting outside at Wayne Beal's Boat Shop in Jonesport. He knows he has a rocker arm issue, but it is also suspected that one of the pistons is burned. There is talk of putting another engine in, but probably will not happen before this weekend's races.

Tom Clemon's left MOTIVATION in Lamoine following the Bass Harbor races instead of taking her all the way back to Harpswell. This means he will race for first time at Moosabec, which should be a treat for the spectators.

Moosabec is one of the most well-attended races and one eas-



Travis Lunt's STEPPIN' UP [Mitchell Cove 35; 500-hp Volvo] got fifth in Diesel Class G.



Aaron Beal's NIGHT MOVES II crossing the finish line just ahead of Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL in Diesel Class M(A).

ily seen from shore. There is nothing better than enjoying a day of racing and several lobster or crab rolls!

FINAL RESULTS

BASS HARBOR LOBSTER BOAT RACES

23 June 2019

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

RACE 1 - CLASS A: Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger: No entrants. **RACE 2 - Class B: Inboards, outboards, or outdrives 31-90hp:** 1) *Assault Weapon*, Eric Eaton (32 mph); 2) *Sea Spray*, Cameron Lunt; 3) *Jane M.*, Oliver Harper; and 4) *Maine Event*, Harlee Donovan. **RACE 3 - Class C: Inboards, outboards or outdrives 91hp and over:** 1) *Q*, Sue Snow (33 mph); 2) *Hot Damn Too*, Dillion Harper; and 3) *Shore Thing*, Colyn Rich.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UNDER

RACE 4- Gasoline Class A: 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over: No entrants. **RACE 5-Gasoline Class B: V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over:** 1) *Wide Open*, Wayne Rich. **RACE 6-Gasoline Class C: V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee. **RACE 7 - Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 to 540 cid, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley (42 mph). **RACE 8-Gasoline Class E: Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers: No entrants.**

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

RACE 9- Diesel Class A- up to 235 hp, 24-31 feet: 1) *Bare Bottom*, Jacob Kirby (28 mph); 2) *Miss Chif*, Neal Snow; 3) *Jana D*, Charles Dillon; and 4) *Still Just Bitchin'*, Jim Harper. **RACE 10- Diesel Class B- up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Kari Lynn*, Everett Beers (20 mph); 2) *Caitlin*, David Schlaefer; 3) *Hello Darlings II*, Cory McDonald; 4) *Rampage*, Frank White; 5) *Ocean Belle*, Alton Pinkham; 6) *Sundancer*, Brian Gordius; 7) *Never Enough*, Daniel Closson; 8) *Reese Abigail*, Fred Thurston; and DNF) *Celtic Ties*, Jake Mitchell. **RACE 11- Diesel Class C- 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde (37 mph); 2) *White Lightning*, Dan Eaton; and 3) *Michael Alan*, Pat Hanley. **RACE 12- Diesel Class D- 236-335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Margo*, Shawn Stanley (22 mph); 2) *Diana Dawn II*, Scott Harper; and 3) *Jacquelin*, Richard Higgins (7.5 mph). **RACE 13- Diesel Class E- 336 to 435 hp, 24-33 feet:** 1) *High Voltage*, Dan Sawyer (35 mph); 2) *Uptown Girl*, Jim Beal; 3) *Emma G.*, Kathy Lym-

burner; 4) *Flirtin' With Disaster*, Max Goodwin; 5) *Jessica Ann*, Cody Pettengill; 6) *Holemjén*, Alan Gordius; and 7) *Shady Lady*, Boomer Carroll. **RACE 14- Diesel Class F- 336-435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley (35 mph); 2) *Justin & Colby II*, Robert Lee III; 3) *Miss Beth*, George Lawson, Jr.; and 4) *Tenacious*, Steve Carter. **RACE 15- Diesel Class G- 436 to 550 hp, 28-35 feet:** 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (33 mph); 2) *Obsession*, Ryan Lemieux; 3) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver; 4) *Rachel Irene*, Greg Lewis; 5) *Steppin up*, Travis Lunt; 6) *Gypsy Queen*, Kevin Oliver; 7) *Kailey A.*, Brennan Spofford; 8) *Mary Louise*, Gunner Lymburner; and 9) *Addie's Way*, John Lymburner. **RACE 16- Diesel Class H- 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Top Secret*, Tee Trundy (33 mph); 2) *All In*, Jeremy Tyler; 2) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal; and 4) *Risky Business*, Kyle Look. **RACE 17- Diesel Class I- 551 to 700 hp, 28-35 feet:** 1) *Misty*, Chris Smith (35 mph); and 2) *Last Round*, Cody Hooper. **RACE 18- Diesel Class J- 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson. **RACE 19- Diesel Class K- 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over: No entrants.** **RACE 20- Diesel Class L- 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons (42 mph). **RACE 21- Diesel Class M(A) - 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp.:** 1) *Night Moves II*, Aaron Beal (26 mph); 2) *Old School*, Chris Pope; 3) *Provider II*, Lewis Bishop; 4) *Drew & Henry*, Chris Goodwin; and 5) *Sea Urchin*, Alan Knowlton. **RACE 22- Diesel Class M(B) - 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp.:** **Heat I:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (34 mph); 2) *Miss Amity*, Jason Chipman; 3) *Tied Together*, Mike Ross; 4) *Two Chances*, Roy Hadlock; and 5) *Brycen & Elyza*, Jon Chipman. **Heat II:** 1) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley, Jr. (34 mph); 2) *Krystal E.*, Roman Jordan; 3) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley; 4) *Maverick*, Blake Haass; 5) *Joy Frances*, Logan Alley; and 6) *Miss Meadow*, Wayne Gilley. **Finals:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (36 mph); 2) *Miss Amity*, Jason Chipman; 3) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley, Jr.; 4) *Krystal E.*, Roman Jordan; 5) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley; and 6) *Tied Together*, Mike Ross. **RACE 23- Diesel Class N - 40 feet and over, 751hp and over:** 1) *Kayla Anne*, Joshua Beal; 2) *Maxed Out*, Spencer Thompson; 3) *Miss Behavin' Again*, Jason Gordius; and 4) *Miss Jessica*, Parker Murphy. **RACE 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (49 mph).

RACE 25- Wooden boat, up to 35 feet 11 inches: 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley (48 mph); 2) *Wide Open*, Wayne Rich; and 3) *Emma G.*, Kathy Lymburner. **RACE 26- Wooden boat, 36 feet**



Joshua Beal's KAYLA ANNE [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp MAN] from Milbridge took the top spot in Diesel Class N.



Jason Gordius' MISS BEHAVIN AGAIN [Duffy 42, 800-hp Caterpillar] running up the race course in Diesel Class N.

and over: *No entrants.*

RACE 27- Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley; 2) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee; and 3) *Wide Open*, Wayne Rich.

RACE 28 - Diesel Free for All: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (56 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; and 3) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde; 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 5) *High Voltage*, Dan Sawyer; 6) *All In*, Jeremy Tyler; 7) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley; and 8) *Risky Business*, Kyle Look.

RACE 29- Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (55 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; and 3) *Wide Open*, Wayne Rich.

RACE 30- Bass Harbor's Fastest Lobster boat: 1) *Rachel Irene*, Greg Lewis; 2) *Steppin up*, Travis Lunt; 3) *Justin & Colby II*, Robert Lee III; 4) *Miss Behavin' Again*, Jason Gordius; 5) *Brycen & Elyza*, Jon Chipman; and 6) *Holemjen*, Alan Gordius.



In the final race of the day, Fastest Bass Harbor Boat, we find Jason Gordius' MISS BEHAVIN AGAIN [Duffy 42, 800-hp Caterpillar], Jon Chipman's BRYCEN & ELYZA [Osmond 42, 750-hp John Deere], Robert Lee's JUSTIN & COLBY II [Mitchell Cove 35; 265-hp John Deere] and Wayne Rich's WIDE OPEN [26' Robert Rich; 350 Chevrolet] heading for the finish line.

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