

Maine Lobster Boat Racing Newsletter

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WILD WILD WEST Continues Domination



Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER, Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST and Andrew Taylor's BLUE EYED GIRL.

I am making a change to the newsletter/racing report. The old method was a re-hash of the results with information as to what happened before, during or just after the races. I am cutting down the writing and adding more photographs, with all the same information, but I hope more interesting. Let me know if you agree.

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What a great day for the Friendship Lobster Boat Races on 21 July: beautiful sunny skies, no fog, no breeze, and hot. Fortunately a sea breeze filled in nicely after the races got going and it was very comfortable in the middle of Friendship Harbor.

Sign-ups started slow and by 0900 there were no more than 15 boats registered. Then we learned that a lobstermen rally was taking place in Stonington and wondered what effect that was having. Just as we got ready to close sign-ups down with 30 boats another rush took place and we ended up with 39 racers, one more racer than last year. The race committee had gathered a lot of prizes and those that came reaped the benefit.

This is one of the best places to race on the coast and I fail to understand why there are not 60 or more boats signed up to race. They had a great day and great prizes and that should translate into a good turnout. Make sure you mark your calendar so you do not

miss this event next year!

Now it is onto the Harpswell Lobster Boat Races (Sunday, 28 July). Last year we had 46 boats entered and it would be great to have an excellent turn out to honour the loss of Larry Ward. Larry was the person instrumental in bring the races back to Harpswell and unfortunately passed away this winter. His "Angels" took over the races in his honour and have done an excellent job collecting prizes to make this a very successful event.

What can we look forward to tomorrow. Ann Johansen's CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal; 292 Chevrolet] just came out of the shop at Kittery Point Yacht Yard at Kittery Point and they have guaranteed her more speed, at least one or two tenths of a knot. She will be competing in Gasoline Class A. Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE in Gasoline Class E was getting a new ignition system, which they hoped would help her find more RPMs. If she is running well he is planning to be there. Heather Thompson and GOLD DIGGER will be coming all the way from Harrington. We also know that Cameron Crawford and WILD WILD WEST will be there.

The forecast is for a great day so if you can come to Harpswell you should!





As we have at all previous races, a moment of silence was observed for lobster boat racer Galen Alley who lost his life in a traffic accident last winter. Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION came down the course spreading some of his ashes during the moment of silence.



LOW BUDGET II followed Galen Alley's moment of silence with another moment of silence for local fisherman Robert Gray, who also passed away this past winter.



The easy winner of Work Boat Class A was Nolan Gahagan [Holland 14; 30-hp Suzuki] of Friendship.



Second in Work Boat Class A was Walker Simmons [14'; 20-hp Yamaha] who was back a few boat lengths.



All the way from the clam flats of the North Shore of Massachusetts came Frank Bennett's NADEN [Naden 16; 60-hp Suzuki] who easily got the top spot in Work Boat Class B.



Second in Work Boat Class B went to Devon Carter's BIG MAMA [Corson 15; 60-hp Yamaha].



Avery Simmons helming RED TIDE [Carolina Skiff 19; 75-hp Honda] to a third place finish in Work Boat Class B.



Dave Johnson's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda] from Peaks Island easily took the top spot in Work Boat Class C with a speed of 47.4 mph.



Second in Work Boat Class C was Caleb Norton's WHITE LIGHTNIN' [Eastporter 24; 225-hp Yamaha] who came all the way from Jonesboro.



R. Achorn's MELODY MARIE [Privateer 24.5; 250-hp Suzuki] just slipped over for third in Work Boat Class C.



The top boat in Gasoline Class C was Randy Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet] from Islesboro, which also won the Gasoline Free-for-All.



ROAR [32' Clinton Beal, 1960; 454 ci Chevrolet], owned by Jim Lee of Port Clyde took second in Gasoline Class C, second in the Gasoline-Free-for-All and first in the Wooden Boat Race A.



All the way from Long Island came Steve Johnson and ADELINE DAWN [32'; 235-hp], which won Diesel Class B.



The top boat in Diesel Class C was Steve Osgood's VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu] from Vinalhaven with a speed of 35.3 mph.



Second in Diesel Class C went to Kaleb Campbell's BRIELLA GRACE [Duffy 35, 300-hp Cummins].



Tony Hooper's LIBERTY [35' Ernest Libby, Jr.; 350-hp Caterpillar] took the top spot in Diesel Class D with a speed of 20.9 mph.



It has been awhile since we have seen David Osgood's SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 450-hp Volvo] out racing, but he came to Friendship and took the top spot in Diesel Class G with a speed of 35 mph.



Also in Diesel Class G Walker Simmons' had his grandfather's boat (Gilbert Simmons') LAST DATE [Duffy 35; 500-hp Caterpillar], but he just did not have enough to get second, which went to Robbie Malomeaux's MISS ADALYN [Maineway 35, 500-hp Iveco].



Chris Smith's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania] jumped out in front and never looked back winning Diesel Class I with a speed of 39.5 mph.



First in Diesel Class H was Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36; 410-hp Sisu 645] with a speed of 30 mph.



In Diesel Class J Carl Anderson, III's DANICA HAILEY [Calvin Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] from Harpswell did his best to keep up with Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] from Harrington, but just did not have enough as they finished one-two. The winning speed was 42.5 mph.



The winner of Diesel Class K was Andrew Taylor's BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania] with a speed of 44.4 mph.



Despite having a fuel issue Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION [Northern Bay 36; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] slide down the course for a first place finish.



Alan Knowlton's SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere] took the top spot in Diesel Class M(A) with a speed of 22 mph.



Scott Carter's **INSTIGATOR** [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai] took second in Diesel Class M(A). For those that remember back a number of years ago there was a spring storm and this boat broke her mooring and came ashore at Spruce Head piling up on the rocks. Scott purchased her and was able to rebuild her bottom and she looks as good as new.



Jason Simmons' **THAT'S MY BOYS** [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] leading Frank Guptill's **TAYLOR NICOLE** [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar] in Diesel Class N.



Also in Diesel Class N was Jeromy Simmons' **AVERY & ALDEN** [Calvin Beal 42; 900-hp Scania] who got second.



In the Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat Race Andrew Simmons' **CARSON EMMA** [Wayne Beal 46, 1400-hp MAN] and Keith Simmons' **ISAAC & COLBY** [Wayne Beal 46, 1,400-hp MAN] heading for the finish. **CARSON EMMA** got fourth, but **ISAAC & COLBY** took the win.

See You at Our Next Race:

Harpswell

Sunday 28 July

Sign-ups at Erica's Take Out between 0800 - 0900

Start at 1000

Listen on Channel 10

Remember for a great lunch eat at Erica's Take Out!

FRIENDSHIP FINAL RESULTS

FRIENDSHIP LOBSTER BOAT RACES

21 July 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: 1) ---, Nolan Gahagan (25.1 mph); and 2) ---, Walker Simmons. **Race 2 – CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Naden*, Frank Bennett (43.6 mph); 2) *Big Mama*, Devon Carter; and 3) *Red Tide*, Avery Simmons. **Race 3 – CLASS C, Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 91 hp and up:** 1) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnson (47.4 mph); 2) *White Lightnin'*, Caleb Norton; 3) *Melody Marie*, R. Achorn; 4) ---, Myron Wotton; and 5) *Lobster Catcher*, Wyatt Simmons.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 4 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over: No entrants. **Race 5 - Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up: No entrants.** **Race 6 - Gasoline Class C - V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee (31.6 mph); and 2) *Roar*, Jim Lee. **Race 7 - Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over: No entrants.** **Race 8 - Gasoline Class E - V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos. No entrants.**

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 9 - Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Little R & R*, Gregory Carter. **Race 10 - Diesel Class B - Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *Adeline Dawn*, Steve Johnson. **Race 11 - Diesel Class C - 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 34 feet:** 1) *Venom*, Steven Osgood (35.3 mph); 2) *Briella Grace*, Kaleb Campbell; and 3) *Peyton Marie*, Samuel Lash. **Race 12 - Diesel Class D - 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Liberty*, Tony Hooper (20.9 mph); and 2) *Maloney Tradition*, Ryan Maloney. **Race 13 - Diesel Class E - 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet: No entrants.** **Race 14 - Diesel Class F - 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over: No entrants.** **Race 15 - Diesel Class G - 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *SPLIT Second*, David Osgood (35 mph); 2) *Miss Adalyn*, Robbie Maloneux (23 mph); and 3) *Last Date*, Walker Simmons. **Race 16 - Diesel Class H - 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *First Team*, Travis Otis

(30 mph). **Race 17 - Diesel Class I - 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Misty*, Chris Smith (39.5 mph). **Race 18 – Diesel Class J – 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson (42.5 mph); and 2) *Danica Hailey*, Carl Anderson III (34 mph). **Race 19 - Diesel Class K - 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor (44.4 mph); and 2) *Heidi MacKenzie, Jr.*, Ronald Hall. **Race 20 - Diesel Class L - 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons (41 mph). **Race 21(A) - Diesel Class M(A) – 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Sea Urchin*, Alan Knowlton (22 mph); and 2) *Instigator*, Scott Carter. **Race 21(B) - Diesel Class M(B) – 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepherd (36 mph). **Race 22 - Diesel Class N – 40 feet and over; 751 hp and over:** 1) *That's My Boys*, Jason Simmons (34.9 mph); and 2) *Avery & Alden*, Jeromy Simmons (34 mph); 3) *Isaac & Colby*, Keith Simmons; 4) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill; 5) *Natalie & Rose*, Greg Simmons; and 6) *Carson Emma*, Andrew Simmons. **Race 23. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (55.1 mph).

Race 24 – Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat: 1) *Isaac & Colby*, Keith Simmons (35.8 mph); 2) *That's My Boys*, Jason Simmons (34 mph); 3) *Avery & Alden*, Jeromy Simmons; 4) *Carson Emma*, Andrew Simmons; and 5) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill.

Race 25 - Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Black Diamond*, Randy Durkee (31.9 mph); and 2) *Roar*, Jim Lee.

Race 26 - Diesel Free for All: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (54.9 mph); 2) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor (41 mph); and 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson.

Race 27 (A) – Wooden Boats, up to 35' 11": 1) *Roar*, Jim Lee. **Race 27 (B) – Wooden Boats, 36 feet and over. No entrants.**

Race 28 - Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (55 mph); 2) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor (43 mph); and 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson.

No one covers lobster boat racing or the coast like we do!

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