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Great Day of Racing at Merritt Brackett Races



Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION and Cameron Crawford's WILD, WILD WEST nearing the finish line in the last race of the day.

The Winter Harbor and Merritt Brackett races at Pemaquid is the biggest weekend of lobster boat racing season. The Winter Harbor Lobster Boat races on Saturday had the most racers we have seen in the history of lobster boat racing, even topping the 130 boats that came to win a hull at Winter Harbor in 2002, with 167 boats. In their own right, the Merritt Brackett races draw a large contingent of racers. They are the only race on the coast that is not a points race because they run different classes and that means some racers are not pitted with the same boats they race against the rest of the year. They also have a lot of prizes. Due to these reasons, the Merritt Brackett races is one of the racer's favorites. As for the spectators who want to see a race from land this is the best one as they can sit at the fort and the racers come towards them and race by the point and into the harbor.

The sign-ups on Sunday went well and when done we had 67 boats signed up to race. A little down from last year, and that can be attributed to the long day of racing at Winter Harbor. Several people who had planned to come to Pemaquid got home way late on Saturday and were too worn out to run the three to five hours to get there, which is understandable.

There were some close races and it was a great time as the

Merritt Brackett races always are. One of the most interesting races was between Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] and Nick Wiberg's MISS KATIE [Northern Bay 36; 700-hp Volvo] in Race 13 Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 28 feet and over. In their first race GOLD DIGGER came up the right side with MISS KATIE on the far left. It is always a close race between the two with GOLD DIGGER usually having a slight advantage, but this day it was MISS KATIE having the advantage by a boat length. In their second race, the Diesel Free-for-All it again was MISS KATIE by a boat length. When I saw someone on the committee boat I was told that MISS KATIE was on the favored side because when the tide is running out the current is stronger on the right side where GOLD DIGGER was.

Now it is onto the final weekend of the year at Long Island on Saturday afternoon and Portland at the usual time on Sunday. These are both great events, but especially Sunday as it is a fund-raiser for the MS Society. We all know someone who has MS so if you can come, please do!

REMEMBER: If you are running for points, please make sure you have signed up as a member of the Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association as this weekend is your last chance!





Greg Carter [14', 25-hp] heading to the finish in the first race of the day, in which he took the top spot.



The second skiff race heading up the course with David Noyes' ZIPPIN' [Corson 14; 60-hp Johnson] in first. Just to his right is Al Strout's CLUSTA [Lowe 18; 40-hp Tohatsu], which took third.



Wyatt Poland's DIRTY OAR [18'; 50-hp] struggling in the wakes in the second skiff race of the day.



David Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda] getting away from the competition, but there was one he could not catch in the third skiff race of the day.



The winner of the third skiff race of the day was Jacob Noyes' ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan] with a speed of 45.9 mph.



Competing in the 4 and 6 cylinder class was Steve Johnson's BUD & DAWN [Jingle Johnson 28; V6], which was the only entrant in that class. He is hoping to have a bigger engine back in her for the Long Island and Portland races this weekend.



Matthew Taylor's PRETTY PENNY II [Crowley 28; 205-hp Lugger] heading for a first place finish in Diesel 176 to 210-hp, 24 feet and over.



Don Drisko's MERGANSER [33' Calvin Beal Jr.; 230-hp Yanmar] took first in Diesel 211 to 250-hp, 24 feet and over and took first in the Wooden Boat race.



Nearing the finish of the Diesel 211 to 250-hp, 24 feet and over we had a close finish between Nathan Hanna's HALCYON [32' Novi; 215-hp Isuzu] and Brad Burns' WHAT'S NEXT [Young Brothers 38 (Slippery); 220-hp John Deere].



In Race 10, Diesel 251 to 350-hp, 24 feet and over, the winner was Raymond Carter's WHO'S BUYN [Flower 33; 300-hp John Deere].



One of the big winners of the day was Travis Carter's CANADIAN MIST [38', 300-hp John Deere], which placed second in Diesel 251 to 350-hp, 24 feet and over and first in the Novi Boats.



Mike Lane's PHYLLIS P. [John's Bay 41; 350-hp Caterpillar] came all the way from Cohasset, MA for a launching the day before at John's Bay Boat Company and to race in Pemaquid. He took third in Diesel 251 to 350-hp, 24 feet and over and third in the Wooden Boat Race.



The start of Race 11, Diesel 351 to 450-hp, 28 to 39 feet Lucas Cocks' LAURETTA & AUBREY [Calvin Beal 33; 425-hp Cummins] leading the way. Just to her right is Tyler Cheney's LOOSE ENDS [South Shore 34; 375-hp John Deere] and Donnie Benner's NANCY KATHERINE [Osmond 34; 300-hp Caterpillar]. LOOSE ENDS took fourth.



Josh Audet's KARAMEL [Jim Beal-34; 380-hp Hyundai] took second in Race 11, Diesel 351 to 450-hp, 28 to 39 feet.



Justin Papkee's EMPTY POCKETS listed as PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 36; 375-hp John Deere] and Tyler Cheney's LOOSE ENDS [South Shore 34; 375-hp John Deere]. PULL N' PRAY got third and LOOSE ENDS took fourth.



In Diesel 451 to 650-hp, 28 feet and over Chris Smith's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania] jumped into the lead and never looked back. Nick Martinez's PRETTY WOMAN [Calvin Beal 36; 510-hp Caterpillar] took fourth in the race.



Gary Genthner's LISA MARIE [Libby 34; 690-hp FTP] got third in Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 28 feet and over.



Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] came all the way from Harrington to race and in a surprise finish she took second with first going to Nick Wiberg's MISS KATIE [Northern Bay 36; 700-hp Volvo] who came up from Stonington in Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 28 feet and over.



Jim Barclay's **LINA ROSE** [Calvin Beal 42; 550-hp Nanni] took first in Diesel up to 650-hp, 40 feet and over.



Douglas Blassius' **TWILIGHT** [John's Bay 42; 425-hp John Deere] took second in Diesel up to 650-hp, 40 feet and over.



Matt Shepherd's **ALEXSA ROSE** [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] won Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 40 feet and over with a speed of 31.4 mph.



Wayne Clemons' **TEMPTATION** [Young Brothers 40; 730-hp MAN] grabbed second in Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 40 feet and over.



Jason Lord's **AVA LUCILLE** [Calvin Beal 42; 700-hp Volvo] slipped into third in Diesel 651 to 800-hp, 40 feet and over.



Frank Guptill's **TAYLOR NICOLE** [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar] slid over the finish line in second in Diesel 801-hp and over, 40 feet and over.



Jason Simmons' THAT'S MY BOYS [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] was the winner of Diesel 801-hp and over, 40 feet and over.



One of those very tight finishes between Jason Simmons' THAT'S MY BOYS [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and Frank Guptill's TAYLOR NICOLE [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar] with the win going to THAT'S MY BOYS and second was TAYLOR NICOLE.



Getting second in the Novi Race was Kyle Westhaver's HIGHLANDER [32' Novi; 300-hp John Deere].



Tom Clemons' MOTIVATION [Northern Bay 36; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] and Chip Johnson's THREE STARS [Mitchell Cove 35; 650-hp Mack] just after the flag dropped in the Diesel Free-for-All.

See You at the Last Two Races of the Year! **LONG ISLAND**

Saturday 17 August

Sign-ups 1300 - 1400; Start at 1500; Listen on Channel 10

MS HARBORFEST at PORTLAND 100 Gallons of Diesel fuel for every Diesel Class.

Sunday 18 August

Sign-ups 0800 - 0900; Start at 1000; Listen on Channel 10

PEMAQUID FINAL RESULTS

PEMAQUID HARBOR LOBSTER BOAT RACE RESULTS

11 August 2019

Race 1 – Clamdigger and Lobster Pickers: Outboards 25 hp and under. Skiffs 16-feet and under. Age 18 and under: 1) ---, Greg Carter (29.3 mph); 2) *Miss Lilly*, Blake Feltis; 3) *Andrew J. II*, Caleb Young. **No Position given: Crabby Abbie**, Luke Carter; *Dillion & James*, Bryant Harvey; *Byd*, Edison Young; and *Miss Becky*, S. Harvey. **Race 2- Clamdigger and Lobster Pickers: Outboards up to 70 hp. Skiffs over 16-feet:** 1) *Zippin'*, David Noyes (41.4 mph); 2) *Naden*, Frank Bennett; and 3) *Clusta*, Al Stout. **No Position given: Floating Dink**, Zeke Woltz; *Killer Bs*, Jared McLain; *Crabby Abbie*, Ronald Carter; *Pretty Hard*, Caleb Young; *Dirty Oar*, Wyatt Poland; *Special K*, Hunter Prentice; *Seaway*, Tory Euglay; and *I Think So*, Todd Kelley. **Race 3 – Clam-diggers and Lobster Pickers: Inboards or outboards – 71-hp and over, Skiffs 16 feet and over.** 1) *Zippin' Too*, Jacob Noyes (45.9 mph); 2) *Casco Miss*, David Johnston; 3) *Callie Belle*, Mark Zaccadelli. **No Position given: Miss Thelma**, Ron House; *Trick or Treat*, Eben Lord; *Terrie II*, Boe Marsh; ---, C. J. Johnson; and ---, Myron Wotton.

Race 4- Four and six cylinder gas, 24 feet and over: 1) *Bud & Dawn*, Steve Johnson (22.9 mph). **Race 5 – Gas V-8 any cu. in. and under, 24-feet and over:** 1) *Dragon Ass*, Edison Young. **Race 6 Gas V8 Modified: No entrants.**

Race 7 – Diesel 175 hp and under, 24-feet and over: 1) *Little R. & R.*, Gregory Carter; and 2) *Joanna A.*, Peter Kass. **Race 8 – Diesel 176 to 210-hp, 24-feet and over:** 1) *Pretty Penny II*, Matthew Taylor (21.7 mph); 2) *Bad Attitude*, Marina Felton; and 3) *Lasca J.*, Kevin Brewer. **Race 9 – Diesel 211 to 250-hp, 24-feet and over:** 1) *Merganser*, Don Drisko (29.2 mph); 2) *High Anxiety*, Nathan Simmons; 3) *What's Next*, Brad Burns; and 4) *Halcyon*, Nathan Hanna. **Race 10 – Diesel 251 to 350-hp, 24 and over:** 1) *Who's Buyn*, Raymond Carter (23.5 mph); 2) *Canadian Mist*, Travis Carter; and 3) *Phyllis P.*, Mike Lane. **Race 11 – Diesel 351 to 450-hp, 28 to 39 feet 11 inch and under:** 1) *Lauretta & Aubrey*, Lucas Cocks (31.4 mph); 2) *Karamel*, Josh Audet; 3) *Pull & Pray*, Justin Papkee; 4) *Loose Ends*, Tyler Cheney; 5) *Sheila & Ivy*, Bill McLean; 6) *Black Pearl*, Clyde Poland; 7) *Fugitive*, Dexter Benner; and *Nancy Katherine*. Donnie Benner. **Race 12 – Diesel 451 to 650-hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Misty*, Chris Smith;

2) *Three Stars*, Chip Johnson; 3) *Thunderstruck*, Zach Geyer; and 4) *Pretty Woman*, Nick Martinez. **Race 13 – Diesel, 651 to 800-hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Katie*, Nick Wiberg; 2) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; and 3) *Lisa Marie*, Gary Gentner. **Race 14–Diesel 801-hp and over, 28 feet and over.** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford; 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; and 3) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor. **Race 15 –Diesel up to 650-hp, 40 feet and over:** 1) *Lina Rose*, Jim Barclay (27.3 mph); and 2) *Twilight*, Douglas Blasius. **Race 16 –Diesel 651 to 800 hp, 40 feet and over:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepherd (31.4 mph); 2) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons; 3) *Ava Lucille*, Jason Lord; and 4) *Tory Lyn*, Adam Gamage. **Race 17 –Diesel 801-hp and over, 40 feet and over.** 1) *That's My Boys*, Jason Simmons (33.1 mph); and 2) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill.

Race 18, Novi Boats: 1) *Canadian Mist*, Travis Carter (19.7 mph); 2) *Highlander*, Kyle Westhaver; 3) *Black Pearl*, Clyde Poland; and 4) *Halcyon*, Nathan Hanna.

Race 19 – Wooden Boats, diesel or gas, 24-feet and over: 1) *Merganser*, Don Drisko (29.4 mph); 2) *Twilight*, Douglas Blasius; 3) *Phyllis P.*, Mike Lane; and 4) *Joanna A.*, Peter Kass.

Race 20 – Gas Free-for-All, 24-feet and over: 1) *Bud & Dawn*, Steve Johnson (22 mph); and 2) *Dragon Ass*, Edison Young (15 mph).

Race 21 – Diesel Free-for-All, 24-feet and over: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (52.4 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; 3) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 4) *Miss Katie*, Nick Wiberg; 5) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 6) *Three Stars*, Chip Johnson; 7) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepherd; 8) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill; 9) *That's My Boys*, Jason Simmons; and 10) *Karamel*, Josh Audet.

Race 22 – Fastest Lobster Boat Afloat, Must place 1, 2 or 3 in races 17 or 18 to qualify: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (53.5 mph); 2) *Motivation*, Tom Clemons; and 3) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor.

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