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SHE'S ALL WET, MISS AMITY and KAYLA ANNE battling it out in Diesel Class N. at Moosabec Reach on 4 July.

MOOSABEC – The Moosabec Lobster Boat Races, held between Beals Island and Jonesport about the 4th of July, has a major concern every year, fog. Over the years when the race committee gathered on the scheduled day for the races there were times when the Reach was shrouded in thick fog. I remember one year where the races had to be stopped with just a couple of races to go. Several of us went back the next day to finish the races left and I got my first ride on Andrew Gove's **UNCLE'S UFO** [Northern Bay 36; 900-hp Mack] in the World's Fastest Lobster Boat Race. Despite going over 50 mph, we crossed second with Glenn Holland's **RED BARON** [Holland 32, 1,100-hp Ford] getting first, but what a memory.

When leaving Winterport on race day it did not look hopeless, but there was plenty of fog here and there as I made my way down to Jonesport. When I arrived at the Reach I could easily see across to Beals Island and I could see all the way out to the east'ard. We were good to go.

With everything going on with the Virus the race committee had already gathered over 60 entrants so there were not many at the sign ups. We set up in the parking lot of Camden National Bank and signed up another 20 so when done we had 81 boats registered.

The only new boat, and it was as new as they get having been

launched the day before, was **MELYNDA M.** [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FTP], owned by Willie Coombs. Another one we had not seen before was Jason West's **PIER PRESSURE** [Osmond 40, 750-hp FTP].

Just after 1000 we were ready to go. The first race was an exhibition race for recreational boats, which was won by Kraig Church in **EGAD**.

There did not seem to be as many skiffs this year with just five coming to the line in Work Boat Class A (Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboards up to 30 hp, operators up to 18 years old). Well out in front was Karli Alley's **GRAMPIE ORDMAN** [16-foot Princecraft; 25-hp Yamaha] coming across the line with a speed of 24.3 mph. She was followed by Noah Carver's **DAWN TREADER** [Starcraft 16; 25-hp Mariner]. Last year the finish in Class B (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp:) was real close with the bows separated by maybe 12 inches. Ralph Davis and **ALPEX** [16', 90 hp Johnson] has been the dominate boat in this class for 20 years and only twice did he not place first. Before the race he said they were gunning for him, but as they came up the course it was all **ALPEX** with a boat length lead. Second went to Ned Merchant, Jr.'s **THE BOY** [16'; 90-hp Mercury] and third was Dennis McComack's **BIG**



The first race of the day, Work Boat Class A, was won by Karli Alley in GRAMPIE ORDMAN [16-foot Princecraft; 25-hp Yamaha].

ENOUGH [Mako 19, 90-hp Yamaha]. Sometimes trying to figure out who placed where in the skiff races is a challenge as it was in the next race. In Class C (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over) there were eight boats on the line. Marcus Fenton's BANDIT [Northern Bay 20; 300-hp Yamaha] came across the line first, but no one on the committee boat know who the second boat was. Third went to Ian Alley's HELPFUL HENRY [Privateer 18; 125-hp Mercury].

There were three boats signed up in the Gasoline Classes, all in different classes. In Class A (Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over) was Joseph McDonald's MISS KHRISTI; in Class B (V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over) was Colyn Rich's WIDE OPEN [26' Robert Rich; 350 Chevrolet]; and in Class C (V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over) was Lindsay Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet]. There were no entrants in Class D (V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over) or Class E (V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos). The three were run together with another great battle between BLACK DIAMOND and WIDE OPEN with WIDE OPEN coming across the line first with a speed of 32.9 mph. MISS KHRISTI came across third with a speed of 13.2 mph.

Next came the Diesel Classes and just Class L (901 hp and over, 28 feet and over) did not have an entrant. Five boats were on the line for Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet) and last year Calvin Beal, Jr.'s JEANINE MARIE [Calvin Beal 30; 235-hp Cummins] got the win, which he repeated again this year with a speed of 32.4 mph. It was a real close battle for second, but at the line second went to Jacob Kirby's BARE BOTTOM [BHM 25, 220-hp John Deere] with Josef Guptil's HOT SHOT [Osmond 27, 220-hp John Deere] back a couple of feet in third. Two boats were on the line for Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over) with the win going to Earl Faulkingham's ALL NINE & A SAILOR [Young Brothers 38; 220-hp John Deere] with Kenneth Frisbee, Jr.'s PAPA'S DREAM [36-foot] coming across in second. With just one boat in Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet), Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN [E. Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar] she was combined with the three boats in Class D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over). LAST DESIGN flew up the course with a speed of 39.2 mph. First in Class D for the third year was Glenn Libby's SYLVIA JEAN [Libby 34; 300-hp Caterpillar]. He was followed over by Jeremy Chandler's KINSLEY-MAE ROSE [Libby 38; 300-hp Caterpillar]. Four boats were signed up for Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet), but just three



Noah Carver's DAWN TREADER [Starcraft 16; 25-hp Mariner] crossed the line in second place in Work Boat Class A.

came to the line and it was going to be a great battle between Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] and Kenton Feeney's BAD INFLUENCE [Holland 32, 350-hp Yanmar]. These two battled at Bass Harbor with HIGH VOLTAGE getting by for a one-boat length win. As they worked their way up the course it was close, but it looked as though HIGH VOLTAGE was ahead by a few feet, which she held right across the finish line with a speed of 40.3 MPH. Third went to Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins]. Was anyone going to be able to challenge Winfred Alley in AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] in Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over)? Four boats were on the line, but no one had anything for AIDEN MARINER. The real battle was between Alonzo Alley's CALYPSO [Osmond 35; 405-hp Cummins] and Ralph Backman, Sr.'s TEACHER'S PET [Calvin Beal 36; 420-hp Cummins]. They were bow to bow, but as they neared the finish line CALYPSO slid into the lead by half a boat length. Three boats were on the line for Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet), but no one had anything for Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins] as he crossed the line with a two-boat length lead. Second went to Ryan Lemieux's OBSESSION [Young Brothers 35; 450-hp Volvo] followed by Steve Carver's ANOTHER DIRLS [Holland 35, 550-hp John Deere]. How would Willie Coombs' new boat MELYNDA M. do against Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins] in Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over)? When the flag dropped MISS NORMA jumped right into the lead and lead the way to the finish line with a speed of 36.8 mph. Back about two boat lengths was MELYNDA M. followed by Kyle Look's RISKY BUSINESS [Crowley 36; 550-hp John Deere]. The only entrant in Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet) was Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE [Mussel Ridge (ex-Wayne Beal) 28; 600-hp Cummins] so she came down with the two entrants, Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] and Nathan Thompson's EASY MONEY [Calvin Beal 36; 490-hp Cummins] in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over) and the single entrant, Ira Guptill's MYSTERY MACHINE [Northern Bay 38; 750-hp, John Deere] in Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over). First over the line was MARIA'S NIGHTMARE with a speed of 50.1 mph, followed by GOLD DIGGER, the winner of Class J and MYSTERY MACHINE. Seven boats were on the line for Class M(A) and when the flag dropped on the starter boat Milton Merchant's MISS TONIA [Libby 41; 500-hp Cummins] jumped into the lead. Now the battle was between three boats as



The winner of Diesel Class A was Calvin Beal, Jr. in JEANINE MARIE [Calvin Beal 30; 235-hp Cummins].

to who would be getting second. Halfway up the course Mitchell Beal's BUKIE & TUKIE [Wayne Beal 40, 500-hp Deutz] got a boat length lead as the other two, Aaron Beal's NIGHT MOVES II [[RP40; 455-hp QSM 11 Cummins] and Patrick Kelley's FEELIN' NAUTI [Osmond 40; 405-hp Cummins] stayed bow to bow. At the line NIGHT MOVES II had slipped by FEELIN'; NAUTI for third. There were 10 boats signed up for Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) so they were split up into two heats with the first three going on to the finals. With the six boats on the line for the finals the started boat got them running, but could not drop the flag as they were not lined up fairly so they called a re-start. On the next attempt they were lined up better and the flag dropped. As they made their way up the course, Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT] went dead in the water as the others sped by. The fight for first was now between Matt Sheppard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] and PIER PRESSURE, which went to PIER PRESSURE by a boat-length. Then as those on the committee boat turned to see who was third here comes KIMBERLY ANN and she was coming fast, but just did not have enough course as she settled for fifth with third going to Dixon Smith's SIZE MATTERS [Libby 45' 3"; 750-hp Iveco] and fourth to Dean Barrett's GRIN & BARRETT [Young Brothers 40; 610-hp Cummins]. There were 11 boats signed up for Class N (40 feet and over, 750 hp and over) so again we ran two heats with a final run-off. The finals was going to be a close race and as they came up the course the four leaders were within a boat-length of each other. The win went to Kenneth Geiger's SHE'S ALL WET [Osmond 40; 800-hp Scania] followed by Jason Chipman's MISS AMITY [Mussel Ridge 46; 900-hp Scania] in second, Robert Alley, Jr.'s HANNAH LOUISE [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp John Deere] third and Joshua Beal's KAYLA ANNE [Calvin Beal 44; 1,000-hp MAN] fourth. After missing the first three races, Cameron Crawford and WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] made their first appearance of the year. They were the only entrant in Class O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower) and ran up the course by themselves.

Next up was the Wooden Boat races and the only entrant was in A (Any hp, up to 35 feet 11 inches) and that was WIDE OPEN.

Just two boats were on the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All and first over the line was BLACK DIAMOND with WIDE OPEN right on her stern.

Nine boats came to the line for the Diesel Free-for-All. We could guess who was getting first and second, WILD WILD WEST



When there is only one boat in a class we run them with another class. Here Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN leads the other racers, but he is the only boat in Diesel Class C. To his right is Glenn Libby's SYLVIA JEAN, who went on to win Diesel Class D. Behind him is Jeremy Chandler's KINSLEY MAE ROSE, which finished second in Diesel Class D.



In Diesel Class E two boats battled all the way down the course, but as they neared the finish line Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE was able to slip into the lead for the win. Kenton Feeney's BAD INFLUENCE took second place.



First in Diesel Class H was Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins].



Launched the day before the races, Willie Coombs' MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT], which placed second in Diesel Class H.



The only boat in Diesel Class K was Ira Guptil's MYSTERY MACHINE [Northern Bay 38; 750-hp, John Deere].

and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE and that is what happened. The battle for third was close but at the line RIGHT STUFF slipped over for third followed by GOLD DIGGER a half of a boat length back.

In the World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat GOLD DIGGER and RIGHT STUFF were ready for battle again. It was close as they came off the line, but as they made their way up the course RIGHT STUFF began slipping by and won by a boat length. Third went to PIER PRESSURE.

In the final race of the day, World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat, just two boats were on the line, WILD WILD WEST and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE. In a cloud of smoke WILD WILD WEST jumped into the lead and did not look back with the best speed of the day at 59.9 mph. However, it was rumoured that their GPS said 62 mph so will the Diesel Record of 60.6 mph set at Bass Harbor in 2016 fall this year? Maybe we will find out Sunday at Friendship!

FINAL RESULTS

MOOSABEC REACH LOBSTER BOAT RACES

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Recreational boats: 1) *Egad*, Craig Church; 2) *Donzi*, Mark Faulkner; 3) *Merc1*, Alton Smith; and 4) *Screaming Leprachan*, Joshua Price.

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

Race 1. Class A, Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboards up to 30 hp, operators up to 18 years old: 1) *Grampie Ordman*, Karli Alley (24.3 mph); 2) *Dawn Treader*, Noah Tobias Carver; 3) ---, Caleb Norton; **No position given:** ---, Aiden Alley; and ---, Sterling Beal. **Race 2. Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Alpex*, Ralph Davis (40 mph); 2) *The Boy*, Ned Merchant, Jr.; 3) *Big Enough*, Dennis McComack; and 4) *Gibby Tuck*, Skylar Libby. **Race 3. Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over:** 1) *Bandit*, Marcus Fenton (40.7 mph); 3) *Helpful Henry*, Ian Alley; **No position given:** *Contingency*, Jazmin Carver; *Daddy Didn't Buy It*, Nathaniel Robertson; *Hey You*, Jared Alley; *Hurricane Reagan*, Nathaniel Robinson; *Jack's Jewell*, Michael Gray; and *Phoney Fisherman*, Sheldon E. Alley

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER

Race 4. Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over: 1) *Miss Khristi*, Joseph M. McDonald (13.2 mph). **Race 5. Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over:** 1) *Wide Open*, Colyn Rich (32.9 mph). **Race 6. Class C, V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee. **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 OVER

Race 9. Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Jeanine Marie*, Calvin Beal, Jr. (32.4 mph); 2) *Bare Bottom*, Jacob Kirby; 3) *Hot Shot*, Josef Guptill; 4) *Head Strong*, Tucker Rocks; and 5) *Money Shot*, Mitch White. **Race 10. Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *All Nine & A Sailor*, Earl Faulkingham (12.1 mph); and 2) *Papa's Dream*, Kenneth Frisbee, Jr. **Race 11. Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde (39.2 mph). **Race 12. Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Sylvia Jean*, Glenn Libby (31.3 mph); 2) *Kinsley-Mae Rose*, Jeremy Chandler (22 mph); and DNS) *Erica & Kyle*, Ennis Wright. **Race 13. Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *High Voltage*, Dan Sawyer (40.3 mph); 2) *Bad Influence*, Kenton Fenney; 3) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee; and DNS) *Nataya & Bransen*, Ned Merchant, Jr. **Race 14. Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley (38.3 mph); 2) *Calypso*, Alonzo Alley; 3) *Teacher's Pet*, Ralph Backman, Sr. (29 mph); and 4) *Miss Gisele*, Stephen Hall. **Race 15. Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (42.3 mph); 2) *Obsession*, Ryan Lemieux; and 3) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver. **Race 16. Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal (36.8 mph); 2) *Melynda M.*, Willie Coombs; 3) *Risky Business*, Kyle Look; 4) *Whit's End*, Abraham Beal; 5) *Just Dew It*, Tony Graham; and 6) *Madison Alexa*, Roger Kennedy. **Race 17. Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare*, Jeremy Beal (50.1 mph). **Race 18. Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over:** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; and 2) *Easy Money*, Nathan Thompson. **Race 19. Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Mystery Machine*, Ira Guptil. **Race 20. Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** **No entrants.** **Race 21. Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500hp:** 1) *Miss Tonia*, Milton Merchant (28.3 mph); 2) *Bukie & Tukie*, Mitchell Beal; 3) *Night Moves II*, Aaron Beal; 4) *Feelin' Nauti*, Patrick Kelley; 5) *Just Because*, Brain Smith; 6) *Nancy Anne*, Sonny Beal; and



The battle for fourth and fifth in Heat I of Diesel Class M(B) was between Cameron Farris' KERRIANN LYNN [Osmond 42; 750-hp John Deere] and Luke Crowley's MISS SHAYLEE [Millennium 44; 750-hp Iveco] with KERRIANN LYNN getting fourth.



Second in the finals of Diesel Class M(B) went to Matt Sheppard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere]. Behind him is Dean Barrett's GRIN & BARRETT [Young Brothers 40; 610-hp Cummins], which got fourth.

7) *Butterfly Kisses*, Mark Carver. **Race 22. Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp: Heat I** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (40 mph); 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; 3) *Grin & Barrett*, Dean Barrett (30.4 mph); 4) *Kerri Ann Lynn*, Cameron Farris (24.1 mph); and 5) *Miss Shaylee*, Luke Crowley. **Heat II:** 1) *Pier Pressure*, Jason West; 2) *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; 3) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley; 4) *Sea Monster*, Suki Pinkham; and 5) *Joy Frances*, Logan Alley. **Finals:** 1) *Pier Pressure*, Jason West (40.8 mph); 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard (38.1 mph); 3) *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; 4) *Grin & Barrett*, Dean Barrett; 5) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; and 6) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley. **Race 23. Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over: Heat I:** 1) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley Jr. (36.7 mph); 2) *Kayla Anne*, Joshua Beal; 3) *Relentless*, Sean Milliken; 4) *Maxed Out*, Spencer Thompson; and 5) *Isla & Grayson*, Travis Perry. **Heat II:** 1) *She's All Wet*, Kenneth Gieger (38 mph); 2) *Miss Amity*, Jason Chipman; 3) *Phantom*, Nick Lemieux; 4) *Bre Lea*, Jeff Libby; 5) *Jennerator*, Kenneth Kelley; and 6) *Weather Oar Knot*, Shane Farris. **Finals:** 1) *She's All Wet*, Kenneth Gieger (35 mph); 2) *Miss Amity*, Jason Chipman; 3) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley Jr.; 4) *Kayla Anne*, Joshua Beal; 5) *Relentless*, Sean Milliken; and 6) *Phantom*, Nick Lemieux. **Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (55.9 mph).

Race 25. Wooden Boat Race A (Any hp, up to 35 feet 11 inches): 1) *Wide Open*, Colyn Rich (18.9 mph). **Race 26. Wooden Boat Race B (Any hp, 36 feet and over):** *No Entrants*.

Race 27. Gasoline Free-for-All: 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee (35 mph); and 2) *Wide Open*, Colyn Rich.

Race 28. Diesel Free-for-All: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (52.8 mph); 2) *Maria's Nightmare*, Jeremy Beal; 3) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal; 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 5) *Mystery Machine*, Ira Guptil; 6) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley; 7) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde; 8) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; and 9) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver.

Race 29. World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat: 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (42.9 mph); 2) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 3) *Pier Pressure*, Jason West; 4) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde; and 5) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver.

Race 30. World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (59.9 mph); and 2) *Maria's Nightmare*, Jeremy Beal.



Nine boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All. Here is Ira Guptil's MYSTERY MACHINE [Northern Bay 38; 750-hp, John Deere]; Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania], Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE and Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins].



Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST's [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] best time was 55.9 mph.