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FOOLISH PLEASURE, Mark Freeman of York, wins Gasoline Class D, Gasoline Free-for-All and Fastest Lobster Boat.

BASS HARBOR - For several days there had been questionable weather in the forecast for Sunday's lobster boat races at Bass Harbor. When I arrived at the Bass Harbor Town Dock Sunday morning for the races there was a slight breeze, some chop in the outer harbor, and someone had pulled the plug as there was not much water in the harbor. It was obvious that we would not have a weather problem. However, anytime the weatherman gives a dire weather prediction the number of boats who come out to compete suffers.

Boats started to arrive around 0800 and sign ups were steady. In the end we had 36 boats signed up for the races. With this many racers, several classes had just one boat so they would be combined with another class, but still get the win in their respective class.

The first races of the day were the three Work Boat Classes, but there was just one entrant for all three. There were no entrants in Classes A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger) and B (Inboards, outboards or outdrives 91-hp and over). Troy Alley came all the way from Jonesport with SEVEN [Kraiger Craft 20; 90-hp Yamaha], albeit on a trailer, and entered Class B (Inboards, outboards, or outdrives 31-

90 hp). There was a pretty good chop on the course and he crashed through it all the way to the finish line. He said after the race that he could not give her full throttle as when he did one-time, she went air borne.

There were only three boats, all in classes of their own, in the five Gasoline Classes so they were run down together. There were no entrants in Class A (4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over) and E (Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers). The question was could Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] run close to full speed and stay ahead of Lindsay Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet]. When the flag dropped you could hear FOOLISH PLEASURE hit the throttle and it looked like a close race, but it was evident that FOOLISH PLEASURE was gaining separation even though she was holding back. When she neared the finish line Mark hit the throttle and shot up and away. The winner of Class B (V8, up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over) was DEFIANCE [Luhrs 28; 350 Chevrolet], Patrick Hanley. BLACK DIAMOND won Class C (V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over) and FOOLISH PLEASURE won Class D (V-8, 376 to 540 cid, 28 feet and over).

Next up was the Diesel Classes and there were no entrants in



In Diesel Class B the winner was Everett Beers' MISS KARI LYNN [Mitchell Cove 32; 220-hp John Deere] with a speed of 21 mph.



All the way over from Vinalhaven came VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu], Steven Osgood, who won Diesel Class C.

Classes A (up to 235 hp, 24-31 feet); D (236-335 hp, 34 feet and over); I (551 to 700 hp, 28-35 feet); L (901 hp and over, 28 feet and over) and O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower). Four boats were scheduled to be on the line for Diesel Class B (up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over), but just three showed. Everett Beers' MISS KARI LYNN [Mitchell Cove 32; 220-hp John Deere] showed the way to the finish line with a speed of 21 mph. The real battle was for second between RICH RETURNS [38' Robert Rich; 210-hp Cummins], Wayne Rich and NEVER ENOUGH [Newman 36; 210-hp Cummins], Daniel Closson, both of Bass Harbor. RICH RETURNS would slide over with a two-boat length lead. There was just one boat (VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu], Steven Osgood from Vinalhaven) entered in Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet), and three in Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24-33 feet) so these classes were combined. VENOM came streaking up the right side of the course and crossed first. The winner of Class E was AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins], Randy Durkee of Islesboro, with a speed of 32 mph. He was followed over by MYRA GRAYCE [Crowley Beal 33; 365-hp FPT], Erin Hinckley of Tremont and then HOLEMJEN [Mitchell Cove 32; 375-hp John Deere], Alan Gordius of Bass Harbor. Four boats were signed up for Class F (336-435 hp, 34 feet and over), but just three came to the line. AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] Winfred Alley from Beals Island led the way to the finish with a speed of 33 mph. He was followed over by JUSTIN & COLBY II [Mitchell Cove 35; 400-hp John Deere], Colby Lee of Seal Cove and a little further back was Colyn Rich's RICH ENDEAVOR [Osmond 37; 430-hp Cummins]. The only entrant in Diesel Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28-35 feet) was RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins], Dana Beal of Beals Island, so he ran down with the two boats in Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over). The winner of Diesel Class H was MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT], Willie Coombs of Prospect Harbor and back a couple of boat lengths was FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36; 410-hp Sisu 645], Travis Otis of Searsport. There were two boats (GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania], Heather Thompson of Harrington and WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT [Crowley Beal 33, 650-hp FPT], Roger Kennedy of Steuben) entered in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over) and just one (JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FTP], David Myrick, Gouldsboro) in Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over) so these classes were combined and

that would make for an interesting race. JANICE ELAINE had a slight edge on GOLD DIGGER, but the real question was whether Roger Kennedy had found more speed in WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT. When the flag dropped JANICE ELAINE jumped into the lead with GOLD DIGGER just behind him and they finished one-two with WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT back about three boat lengths. Four boats came to the line for Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp). The early favourite was OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins], Chris Pope from Swan's Island, but the unknown was the new boat, TENACIOUS [Calvin Beal 42; 450-hp QSO9 Cummins], Scott Carter of Bass Harbor. As they worked their way up the course OLD SCHOOL was leading with TENACIOUS just behind him. Third went to DREW & HENRY [Osmond 40; 500-hp John Deere], Chris Goodwin of Bernard and fourth was SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere], Alan Knowlton of South Thomaston. Five boats were entered in Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp), but just three came to the line. The favourite in this race was KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT], Eric Beal of Milbridge, but just after the flag dropped, she went dead in the water due to an overload of fuel. This allowed Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] and AMP [Osmond 43, 750-FPT] Roman Jordan of Franklin to slip by. KIMBERLY ANN got going, but she had a lot of ground to make up and just could not catch them. Three boats came to the line for Class N (40 feet and over, 751hp and over). Jumping right into the lead was MICHAELA KHLOE [Duffy 42; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], Chris Byers of Winter Harbor and he never looked back. The battle was for second between two monsters that were moving a lot of water. Sliding over in second was CARPE DIEM [Dixon 60; 1,200-hp MAN], Ethan Whitaker of Gouldsboro and third went to AMANDA ANN [Dixon 48; 800-hp Volvo], Kevin Tozier.

The next race was for Mitchell Cove Boats, which was won by MISS BETH III [Mitchell Cove 35; 375-hp John Deere], George Lawson, Jr. of Bernard. Second went to HOLEMJEN.

There were no entrants in Wooden Boat A and just one boat in Wood Boat Race B, which was Wayne Rich's RICH RETURNS.

Two boats came to the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All and it was FOOLISH PLEASURE blasting her way through the waves to get the win over BLACK DIAMOND.

Six boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All and



Second in Diesel Class F was JUSTIN & COLBY II [Mitchell Cove 35; 400-hp John Deere], Colby Lee of Seal Cove.



David Myrick of Gouldsboro brought JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FTP] and won Diesel Class K with a speed of 43 mph.

since most can run between 40 and 45 mph it was anyone's guess who would be the first to the finish line. As they worked their way up the course it was RIGHT STUFF sneaking up the right side for the win with JANICE ELAINE right on her side for second and back a couple of boat lengths was GOLD DIGGER.

Four boats went to the line for the Fastest Lobster Boat: ALEXSA ROSE, FOOLISH PLEASURE, GOLD DIGGER and JANICE ELAINE. With the two-to-three-foot chop and being a light boat, the question was whether FOOLISH PLEASURE could keep the throttle down and stay ahead of the others. With spray flying as he hit each wave FOOLISH PLEASURE was able to keep the throttle down enough to get the win with JANICE ELAINE gaining quickly. Third went to GOLD DIGGER followed by ALEXSA ROSE.

Five boats were on the line for the final race of the day, Bass Harbor's Fastest Lobster Boat. Missing was Colyn Rich's WIDE OPEN [26' Robert Rich; 350 Chevrolet] and Greg Lewis' RACHEL IRENE [Mitchell Cove 35; 500-hp Cummins], both past winners. We knew that WIDE OPEN had suffered a major engine failure and will be getting a transplant soon. As they came up the

course it was MISS BETH III sliding over for the win with STEP-PIN' UP [Mitchell Cove 35; 500-hp Volvo], Travis Lunt of Bass Harbor getting second and MISS KARI LYNN third.

There were several boats missing, but most due to the weather. We expected to see WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] Cameron Crawford of Lamoine, but he had blown the transmission in his lobster boat the previous weekend and spent a lot of time getting this out, repaired and put back in. Another couple we were hoping to see was LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 750-hp FPT], Jeff Eaton of Deer Isle and Doug Dodge's new racer. Shawn Alley is getting LITTLE GIRL [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 429 Ford] a new engine put in at Wayne Beal Boat Shop in Jonesport and plans to be at Moosabec. They have already run her on the Reach, but no report as to how fast she went.

So, it is off to Moosabec Reach for the next race on 3 July. It should be a great time so long as we have good weather, especially fog free, and at this time the forecast looks good to go. There is also a full slate of events taking place in Jonesport and should make for a fun day.

FINAL RESULTS: Bass Harbor

BASS HARBOR LOBSTER BOAT RACES

27 June 2021

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) Seven, Troy Alley (34 mph).** **RACE 3 - Class C: Inboards, outboards or outdrives 91hp and over. No Entrants.**

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) Defiance, Patrick Hanley (16 mph).** **RACE 6-Gasoline Class C: V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over: 1) Black Diamond, Lindsay Durkee.** **RACE 7 - Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 to 540 cid, 28 feet and over: 1) Foolish Pleasure, Mark Freeman (39 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: No entrants. **RACE 10- Diesel Class B- up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over: 1) Miss Kari Lynn, Everett Beers (21 mph); 2) Rich Returns, Wayne Rich; 3) Never Enough, Daniel Closson; and DNS) Sun Dancer, Brian Gordius.** **RACE 11- Diesel Class C- 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet: 1) Venom, Steven Osgood (37 mph).** **RACE 12- Diesel Class D- 236-335 hp, 34 feet and over: No entrants.** **RACE 13- Diesel Class E- 336 to 435 hp, 24-33 feet: 1) Audrey May, Randy Durkee (32 mph); 2) Myra Grace, Erin Hardy; and 3) Holemjen, Alan Gordius.** **RACE 14- Diesel Class F- 336-435 hp, 34 feet and over: 1) Aiden Mariner, Winfred Alley (33 mph); 2) Justin Colby II, Colby Lee; 3) Rich Endeavor, Colyn Rich; and DNS) Miss Beth III, George Lawson.** **RACE 15- Diesel Class G- 436 to 550 hp, 28-35 feet: 1) Right Stuff, Dana Beal (34 mph).** **RACE 16- Diesel Class H- 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over: 1) Mylinda M., Willie Coombs; and 2) First Team, Travis Otis.** **RACE 17- Diesel Class I- 551 to 700 hp, 28-35 feet: No entrants.** **RACE 18- Diesel Class J- 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over): 1)**



Coming over from Swan's Island was Chris Pope in OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] and won Diesel Class M(A) with a speed of 23 mph.



MISS BETH III [Mitchell Cove 35; 375-hp John Deere], George Lawson, Jr. of Bernard won the Mitchell Cove Race and the Bass Harbor's Fastest Lobster Boat.



Taking first in Diesel Class N and fifth in the Diesel Free-for-All was MICHAELA KHLOE [Duffy 42; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], Chris Byers of Winter Harbor.



The newest boat at the races was TENACIOUS [Calvin Beal 42; 450-hp QSO9 Cummins], Scott Carter of Bass Harbor, which took second in Diesel Class M(A).

Gold Digger, Heather Thompson (41 mph); and 2) *WTF*, Roger Kennedy. **RACE 19- Diesel Class K- 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick (43 mph). **RACE 20- Diesel Class L- 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **RACE 21- Diesel Class M(A) - 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Old School*, Chris Pope (23 mph); 2) *Tenacious*, Steve Carter; 3) *Drew & Henry*, Chris Goodwin; and 4) *Sea Urchin*, Alan Knowlton. **RACE 22- Diesel Class M(B) - 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard (35 mph); 2) *AMP*, Roman Jordan; 3) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; DNS) *Mister E.*, Nick Hadlock; and DNS) *Miss Behanvin' Again*, Jason Gordius. **RACE 23- Diesel Class N - 40 feet and over, 751hp and over:** 1) *Michaela Khloe*, Chris Beyers; 2) *Carpe Diem*, Ethan Whitaker; 3) *Amanda N.*, Kevin Tozier; and DNS) *Turn the Paige*, Parker Murphy. **RACE 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: No entrants.**

RACE 25- Mitchell Cove Boats: 1) *Miss Beth III*, George Lawson (22 mph); and 2) *Holemjen*, Alan Gordius.

RACE 26- Wooden boat, up to 35 feet 11 inches: No entrants. **RACE 27- Wooden boat, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Rich Returns*, Wayne Rich.

RACE 28- Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman; and 2) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee.

RACE 29 - Diesel Free for All: 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (44 mph); 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick; 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 4) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; 5) *Michaela Khloe*, Chris Beyers; and 6) *Amanda N.*, Kevin Tozier.

RACE 30- Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman; 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick; 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; and 4) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard.

RACE 31- Bass Harbor's Fastest Lobster boat: 1) *Miss Beth III*, George Lawson; 2) *Steppin' Up*, Travis Lunt; 3) *Miss Kari Lynn*, Everett Beers; 4) *Rich Endeavor*, Colyn Rich; and 5) *Rich Returns*, Wayne Rich.

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