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Great Racing at Moosabec Reach



Streaking for the finish in the World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat Race was MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II leading all others to the finish.

BEALS ISLAND-JONESPORT – Anticipation was building for the Moosabec Reach Lobster Boat Races off of Jonesport and Beals Island. However, one always worries about fog being a problem at this event. The State had been experiencing hot and humid days, which brings in the fog, but that broke mid-week and we were expecting overcast skies with much cooler temperatures.

Sign-ups were steady before the race and when they were done we had 102 boats entered. Much of the anticipation centred around Shawn Alley's LITTLE GIRL [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 429 Ford]. She had received an engine transplant at Wayne Beal's Boat Shop in Jonesport and had made a couple of runs on the Reach. He said when he was signing up that the engines was a mongrel as it was created from three different engines. Jeff Eaton and LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] were also signed in and this would make for a great race between he and David Myrick's JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT]. Unfortunately, Cameron Crawford's WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] was still a no show as time to get her ready was non-existent. Nevertheless, this was going to make for a great day of racing. There would be some close finishes and a couple of highly anticipated battles.

The first race of the day is a non-sanction race for recreational

boats. Kraig Church of Jonesport has dominated this event over the years and today was no different as his E-GAD [Donzi Classic 22; 540 cid] came flying up the course.

Now came the nightmare, the Work Boat Classes as there was 25 racers in three classes: Class A (Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboards up to 30 hp, operators up to 18 years old) 4; Class B (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp) 8 and Class C (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over) 13. The problem is that some come over together and if you do not know the boats you have to write down their description and hopefully they are not all white. They are also told at sign ups to come to the committee boat on the finish line, but once they cross they scatter just like cats. The race committee does their best to get the top three finishers, but it is a challenge. The first over in Class A was Teggan MacLaughlin of Addison [Sea Snapper 14; 25-hp] followed by Noah Tobias Carver in DAWN TREADER [Starcraft 16; 25-hp Mariner]. Class B has been dominated by Ralph Davis' ALPEX [16', 90 hp Johnson] having won this class since 2002 and today was no different. Second went to Aiden Rittenhouse's CORSON LIGHT [Corson 16; 90-hp Honda]. Many thought Jay Perrotta's SCANIA was the winner, but he was only running the course for fun in Class



The winner of Work Boat Class A was Teggan MacLaughlin of Addison [Sea Snapper 14; 25-hp].

C. In a real close finish and winning by just mere feet was Marcus Fenton's BANDIT [Northern Bay 20; 300-hp Yamaha] with second going to Caleb Norton's WHITE LIGHTIN' [Mako 20; 200-hp Evinrude].

Next up was the Gasoline Classes and one of the most anticipated races of the day was going to be between Shawn Alley's LITTLE GIRL [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 429 Ford] and Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker]. There were no entrants in Class A (Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over) and just one in each of the other classes so they were run down together. When the flag dropped on the starter boat and they hit the throttle everyone on the Reach was wide awake. Nothing turns heads like a huge gas engine with straight pipes. As they made their way to the finish it was close, but LITTLE GIRL had a slight lead and crossed first for the win in Class E (V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos), followed by FOOLISH PLEASURE, winner of Class D (V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over); BLACK DIAMOND [V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over], Class C and JO MARIE [Rockwell 24; 350 ci Chevrolet], Class B (V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over).

The 15 Diesel Class followed and there were just three classes I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet), L (901 hp and over, 28 feet and over) and O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower). Eight boats came to the line in Diesel Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet) and in a great battle Jacob Kirby's BARE BOTTOM [BHM 25, 220-hp John Deere] slipped over the finish line just ahead of Anson Kelley's MISTY MAE I [Wayne Beal 28; 230-hp John Deere]. Three boats were signed up for Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over), but just two were on the line and the win went to Chad Libby's MYRTE BELLE [Libby 34, 205-hp John Deere] of Beals Island. In Second was ALL NINE AND A SAILOR [Young Brothers 38; 220-hp John Deere], Earle Faulkingham of Beals Island. The dominate and early favorite for Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet) would be Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN [E. Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar], however as they neared the finish line the win went to Richard Alley's FAMILY ALLIANCE [Webber's Cove 26; 305 hp Cummins]. Class D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over) was another real close finish with the win going to SYLVIA JEAN [Libby 34; 300-hp Caterpillar], Glenn Libby and WRECKING CREW [Libby 38; 300-hp Caterpillar], Ivan Libby slipping over in second. Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet) has



The battle between Marcus Fenton's BANDIT and Caleb Norton's WHITE LIGHTIN' was a real close finish, but BANDIT won, but by no more than a couple of feet.

been dominated by Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] and today was no different with second going to Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] from Islesboro. The boat to beat in Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over) is Winfred Alley's AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] and no one would get by him today. Second went to Brian Strout's SUNSHINE CHALET [Mitchell Cove 35; 425-hp John Deere]. Three boats were on the line for Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet) and this was going to be great battle. As they came to the finish line Wayne Beal's MISS MARIENA [Wayne Beal 32; 500-hp Cummins] was in the lead by a boat length over Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins] and back two boat lengths was Steve Carver's ANOTHER DIRLS [Holland 35, 550-hp John Deere]. However, there was a problem with the start and this race was run again with the same results. Four boats were on the line for Class H (Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over) and the win went to MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins], Dean Beal, who was followed over by Willie Coombs' MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT]. Next up was Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over) and no one was surprised as GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania], Heather Thompson of Harrington, lead the way to the finish line. Next over was Roger Kennedy's WHISKY TANGO FOXTROT [Crowley Beal 33, 650-hp FPT]. Another anticipated race was in Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over) between two identical boats, JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT], David Myrick of Gouldsboro and LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT], Jeff Eaton, Deer Isle. It is known that LA BELLA VITA was not going as well as expected. The win went to Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 800-hp Nanni], followed over by JANICE ELAINE and right behind her was LA BELLA VITA. Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500-hp) had nine boats come to the line and as they approached the finish line the top boats were still close. The win went to MISS TONIA [Libby 41; 500-hp Cummins], Milton Merchant immediately followed by FEELI' NAUTI [Osmond 40; 405-hp Cummins], Patrick Kelley in second and third went to BUKIE & TUKIE [Wayne Beal 40, 500-hp Deutz]. There were 12 boats in Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) and there were split up into two heats with the usual suspects taking the top three spots in each heat. They went onto the finals and the win went to KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal



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In Diesel Class D there was a close battle for the top spot between SYLVIA JEAN, Glenn Libby and WRECKING CREW, Ivan Libby. The win went to both as it was too close to call.

42; 750-hp FPT] Eric Beal of Milbridge with MISS MADELYN [Osmond 42; 700-hp Scania], Jason Chipman of Milbridge second. Eleven boats were on the line for Class N (Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over) and this class was split into two heats with the top three boats going to the finals. In Heat I it was not surprising to see Kenneth Gieger's SHE'S ALL WET [Osmond 40; 800-hp Scania] out in front followed closely by Robert Alley, Jr.'s HANNAH LOUISE [Calvin Beal 42; 800-hp John Deere] in a close finish. PIER PRESSURE [Osmond 40; 815-hp FPT], Jason West of Milbridge, was the winner of Heat II and second went to NIGHT MOVES [RP 40; 800-hp Scania], Aaron Beal. When the six boats in the finals headed up the course it was close between PIER PRESSURE and SHE'S ALL WET, but as they neared the finish line PIER PRESSURE got separation and the win with second going to SHE'S ALL WET and third went to HANNAH LOUISE.

Next up was the Wooden Boat Classes and there was just one boat entered, LITTLE GIRL and she ran down the course by herself. She instantly turned around after crossing the finish line and headed back down for the Gasoline Free-for-All and a rematch with FOOLISH PLEASURE. They were the only two boats on the line and again all eyes were on them as they both screamed for the finish line. It was close and LITTLE GIRL looked like she had the lead as she neared the finish line, but then she slowed and FOOLISH PLEASURE slipped by for the win. LITTLE GIRL was still

moving and there was nothing obviously wrong, until they crossed the finish line and stopped. At that point Shawn walked aft and lifted the blower belt that was shredded and laying on the deck. He said later that he had one overnighted on Tuesday, but it had not gotten to Jonesport yet. This meant he was done for the day.

Who would win the honours of being the top diesel boat? As the five entrants headed for the finish line it was JANICE ELAINE talking the top spot followed by LA BELLA VITA and GOLD DIGGER.

A no-show in the Diesel Free for All was MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II, but she was on the line for the World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat. When the flag dropped five boats hit the throttle and headed down the course. Streaking for the finish MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II and he was followed over by JANICE ELAINE and LA BELLA VITA.

In the final race of the day World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat FOOLISH PLEASURE was the only boat on the line and he raced up the course by himself.

Now it is onto Stonington next Sunday, 11 July. Remember sign-ups are at Billing's Diesel and Marine's fuel dock at the western end of the Deer Isle Thoroughfare between 0800 and 0900. All prizes for first, second and third will be handed out after each race from the barge on the finish line. At the end of racing there will be a drawing for \$1,000. Hope to see you there.

FINAL RESULTS: Moosabec Reach

MOOSABEC REACH LOBSTER BOAT RACES

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RECREATIONAL BOAT

Recreational boats: 1) *Egad*, Kraig Church; and 2) *Miss Joy*, Colon Alley.

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) ---, Teggan MacLaughlin; 2) *Dawn Treader*, Noah Tobias Carver; **Not Given a position:** *Miles Stone*, Bradley Kelley and *Fog Cutter*, Walter Holbrook. **Race 2. Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Alpex*, Ralph Davis; 2) *Corson Light*, Aiden Rittenhouse; 3) *Persistence*, Evan Merchant; **Not Given a position:** *19 KRW*, Devon Beal; *Big Enough*, Dennis McComack; *Chasin Crustaceans*, Damon Beal;

Jamma, Kyle Chandler; and *Mini Me*, Jet Joy. **Race 3. Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over:** 1) *Bandit*, Marcus Fenton; 2) *White Lightning*, Caleb Norton; **Not Given a position:** *Daddy Didn't Buy It*, Nathaniel Robertson; *East Sider*, Sterling Beal; *Helpful Henry*, Ian Alley; *Hurricane Reagan*, Jim Robinson; *Jack's Jewell*, Daniel Gray; *McKenzie Star*, McKenzie Mills; *Madison Ann*, Nick Graham; *Noble Ladies*, Eli Peabody; *Phoney Fisherman*, Sheldon E. Alley; *Serenity*, Caroline Carver; and *The Boy*, Ned Merchant, Jr.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 4. Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over: **No entrants.** **Race 5. Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over:** 1) *Jo Marie*, Lindon Rockwell. **Race 6. Class C, V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee.



The winner of Diesel Class E was Dan Sawyer's **HIGH VOLTAGE** [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar].



Second in Diesel Class F went to Brian Strout's **SUNSHINE CHALET** [Mitchell Cove 35; 425-hp John Deere].



Another highly anticipated race was between Wayne Beal's **MISS MARIENA** and Dana Beal's **RIGHT STUFF**. It was close, but **MISS MARIENA** slipped over for the win by a boat length.



In Class K we had two identical boats going to face off: **JANICE ELAINE**, David Myrick of Gouldsboro and **LA BELLA VITA**, Jeff Eaton, Deer Isle. It was a close, but **JANICE ELAINE** got the win.

Race 7. - Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman. **Race 8. - Gasoline Class E - V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos:** 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley.

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 9. Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Bare Bottom*, Jacob Kirby; 2) *Misty Mae I*, Anson Kelley; 3) *Money Shot*, Mitch White; 4) *Jumpin's*, Jeremy Tyler; 5) *Head Strong*, Tucker Rocks; 6) *Justin n' Case*, Charlie Smith, Jr.; 7) *Kelsey Lauren*, Marcus Fenton and 8) *Miss Khristi*, Joseph M. McDonald. **Race 10. Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *Myrtle Belle*, Chad Libby; 2) *All Nine & A Sailor*, Earle Faulkingham; and DNF) *Papa's Boy*, Kenneth Frisbee, Jr. **Race 11. Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Family Alliance*, Richard Alley; and 2) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde. **Race 12. Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Sylvia Jean*, Glenn Libby; 1) *Wrecking Crew*, Ivan Libby; 3) *Kinsley-Mae Rose*, Jeremy Chandler; and 4) *Rachel & Loretta*, Clifton Emerson. **Race 13. Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *High Voltage*, Dan Sawyer; 2) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee; 3) *Morgan Elaine*, Allan Leighton; 4) *Nataya & Bransen*, Ned Merchant, Jr.; and 5) *Barely Afloat*, Danny Beal, Sr. **Race 14. Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley; 2) *Sunshine Chalet*, Brian Strout; 3) *Calypso*, Alonzo Alley; and 4) *Haley Marie*, Braden Alley. **Race 15. Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Miss Mariena*, Wayne Beal (42.2 mph); 2) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal; and 3) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver. **Race 16. Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal; 2) *Melynda M.*, Willie Coombs; 3) *Risky Business*, Kyle Look; and 4) *Alivia Ann*, Aaron Beal. **Race 17. Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** *No Entrants*. **Race 18. Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over:** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson (38 mph); 2) *WTF*, Roger Kennedy; and 3) *Easy Money*, Nathan Thompson. **Race 19. Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal; 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick; and 3) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton. **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)

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MISS TONIA, Milton Merchant, **JUST BECAUSE**, Brian Smith of Beals Island, and **BUKIE & TUKIE**, Mitchell Beal heading for the finish line in Diesel Class M(A).



KIMBERLY ANN, **TERRIE J.** and **MISS MADELYN** near the finish line in Diesel Class M(B). The win went to **KIMBERLY ANN** followed by **MISS MADELYN** and **TERRIE J.**

Miss Tonia, Milton Merchant (27 mph); 2) *Feelin' Nauti*, Patrick Kelley; 3) *Bukie & Tukie*, Mitchell Beal; 4) *Just Because*, Brain Smith; 5) *Nancy Anne*, Sonny Beal; 6) *Mearl Maid*, Charles Smith; 7) *Seacoast Rambler*, Wade Faulkingham; 8) *Miss Behavin*, Joe McDonald; and 9) *Butterfly Kisses*, Mark Carver. **Race 22. Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** Heat I 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (34 mph); 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; 3) *Sea Monster*, Isaiah Pinkham; 4) *Lord Byron*, Matt Lester; and 5) *Tamie Lynn*, Mitchell White. Heat II 1) *Miss Madelyn*, Jason Chipman (35.5 mph); 2) *Terrie J.*, Todd Pinkham; 3) *Devocean*, Jordan Drouin; 4) *Joy Frances*, Logan Alley; 5) *U. S. C. G. 47274*; 6) *Miss Shaylee*. Luke Crowley; and 7) *Amanda May*, Alan Crowley. Final 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (39 mph); 2) *Miss Madelyn*, Jason Chipman; 3) *Terrie J.*, Todd Pinkham; 4) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; 5) *Sea Monster*, Isaiah Pinkham; and 6) *Devocean*, Jordan Drouin. **Race 23. Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over:** Heat I 1) *She's All Wet*, Kenneth Gieger (34.8 mph); 2) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley Jr.; 3) *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; 4) *Maxed Out*, Spencer Thompson; 5) *Isla & Grayson*, Travis Perry; and 6) *Amanda Ann*, Kevin Tozier. Heat II 1) *Pier Pressure*, Jason West (39.6 mph); 2) *Night Moves II*, Aaron Beal; 3) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley; 4) *Weather Oar Knot*, Shane Farris; and 5) *Grin & Barrett*, Dean Barrett. Finals: 1) *Pier Pressure*, Jason West (39.3 mph); 2) *She's All Wet*, Kenneth Gieger; 3) *Hannah Louise*, Robert Alley Jr.; 4) *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; 5) *Night Moves II*, Aaron Beal; and 6) *DDT II*, Ira Kelley. **Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: No entrants**



Heading towards the finish in Diesel Class N DDT II, **NIGHT MOVES**, **WEATHER OAR KNOT** and **GRIN N. BARRETT**.

Race 25. Wooden Boat Race A (Any hp, up to 35 feet 11 inches): 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley (44.6 mph). **Race 26. Wooden Boat Race B (Any hp, 36 feet and over): No Entrants.**

Race 27. Gasoline Free-for-All: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (43 mph); and 2) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley.

Race 28. Diesel Free-for-All: 1) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick (39.2 mph); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 4) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfred Alley; and 5) *Miss Tonia*, Milton Merchant.

Race 29. World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat: 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal; 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick; 3) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; and 5) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal.

Race 30. World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (38.7 mph).



A rematch between Shawn Alley's **LITTLE GIRL** [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 429 Ford] and Mark Freeman's **FOOLISH PLEASURE** [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] took place in the Gasoline Free-for-All. **LITTLE GIRL** had the lead as she approached the finish, but she slowed and **FOOLISH PLEASURE** slipped by for the win. After crossing the finish line **LITTLE GIRL** came to a stop and Shawn Alley held up what was left of his blower belt. He had over-nighted another one on Tuesday, but it has not yet arrived.