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WILD WILD WEST Sets Diesel Record at 61.6 mph



WILD WILD WEST, Cameron Crawford, flew down the course and set a new Diesel record with a speed of 61.3 mph in Diesel Class O .

STONINGTON – When I arrived at Billings Diesel & Marine last Sunday it was obvious that this was a great day for a lobster boat race. There was bright sunshine, no wind and cool, but we all knew the temperature would certainly climb and a slight breeze would build out of the sou'west.

There were seven boats tied to the dock, which had stayed the night. Sign-ups started just before 0800 and before 1000 everyone (75) were signed up and in the computer and we were good to go.

Many of the boats chasing points were there, and for the first time this year Cameron Crawford and WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta] came to race. Not only did they race, but they set the new diesel record at 61.6 mph. There were some close races, some different boats that do not usually race, and unfortunately a little confusion at the end which left LITTLE GIRL and WILD WILD WEST waiting for the last race, which had already been sent down the course.

Before the race there was a tribute to those that had passed over the bar and I was sad to hear that Don Trundy had passed away a couple of weeks ago. I knew him when he was a carpenter at Billings. When I arrived home I also learned that Osmond Beal of Beals Island was in hospice and passed away not long after.

The first three races of the day were the Work Boat Classes. There were two in Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 16 years and younger) and this was won by Jason Larrabee [25-hp Yamaha] who was followed over the line by SLEEPLESS NIGHTS [14'; 25-hp], owned by Eric Robbins of Stonington. In Class B (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp), coming all the way from Jonesport, was Troy Alley and SEVEN [Kregger Kraft 20; 90-hp Yamaha] and he showed his other two competitors the way to the finish line. Five boats were on the line for Class C (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 90-hp and over) and the winner was ONLY ADVICE [Bayliner 20; 125-hp Force], Edgar Robbins of Ellsworth. Second went to USED & ABUSED [Mako 23; 200-hp Mercury], Jared Murphy of Stonington.

The next race was the John's Bay Boat Race and there were four on the line. They may not be able to keep up with the fastest diesels, but they look great coming down the course. First over the line was RESOLUTE [46' John's Bay Boat, 800-hp Caterpillar], Ryan Larrabee of Stonington. He was followed by Ben Wood's EMMA & ANDREW [John's Bay 44; 700-hp Caterpillar]; John Williams' KHRISTY MICHELLE [44' Johns Bay; 500-hp Cummins] and Vance Bunker's SARI ANN [42' Johns Bay Boat; 660-



In the first race of the day Jason Larrabee [25-hp Yamaha] took first in Work Boat Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 16 years and younger).

hp Volvo].

There were four boats in the five Gasoline, all in different classes: Class A (4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over) CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet], Jon Johansen of Winterport; Class B (V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up) no entrants; Class C BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet], Lindsay Durkee of Islesboro; Class D (V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over) Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] and Class E (V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos) LITTLE GIRL [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 466 Ford, Blower], Shawn Alley. Since they were all in separate classes they were sent down together, each getting the win in their respective classes. This was still going to be one of the most anticipated races of the day between LITTLE GIRL and FOOLISH PLEASURE. It was a close race as they came up the course, but LITTLE GIRL has a few more horses in his engine and slipped by for a two-boat length lead at the halfway mark with a speed of 50 mph.

The Wooden Boat Races were up next and the easy winner of Wooden Boat A was LITTLE GIRL, who was followed over by Foy Brown's EARLY BIRD [J. O. Brown 32; 220-hp John Deere] from North Haven and in a distant third was CINDY JEN. Three boats came to the line for Wooden Boat B (over 36'), which was a repeat of the John's Bay Boat Co. Race. The winner was RESOLUTE, but this time KHRISTY MICHELLE slipped by EMMA & ANDREW for second.

There was only one Diesel Class that had no entrants and that was Class L (901 and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches). There was only one boat, BLACK THUNDAH II [Repcos 30; 210-hp Cummins], Brandon Murphy of Stonington, in Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet) and Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet), VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu], Stephen Osgood of Vinalhaven, so they ran down with the two entrants in Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches). The winner of Class B was EARLY BIRD followed over by HELLO DARLIN' II [Holland 32, 220-hp Isuzu], Cory McDonald of Stonington. Ivan Libby sailed down from Beals Island with WRECKING CREW [Libby 38; 305-hp Caterpillar] and took the top spot in Diesel Class D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) with second going to OUTNUMBERED [Duffy 35; 300-hp John Deere], Dan Carter of Blue Hill. Five boats were on the line for Diesel Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24



Coming all the way from Jonesport was Troy Alley and SEVEN. When the flag dropped he showed his other two competitors the way to the finish line in Work Boat Class B.

to 33 feet) and it was DESTINY [Crowley 28; 420-hp Yanmar], Danny Eaton, showing the way to the finish line with a speed of 36 mph. The real battle was for second and third between AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins], Randy Durkee of Islesboro and GLORY BOUND [Wayne Beal 28, 420-hp FPT], Ron Eaton of Deer Isle, which was won by AUDREY MAY. Most were not surprised to see AIDEN MARINER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins], Winfred Alley of Beals Island streaking up the course for the victory in Diesel Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches). Second went to CALYPSO [Crowley Beal 33; 420-hp Cummins], Royce Fifield followed by WICKED [Libby 38; 405-hp Cummins], Justin Boyce. The winner of Diesel Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet) was RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins], Dana Beal of Beals Island. Second went to MISTRESS [RP 35; 500-hp Cummins], Ryan Marves of North Haven. Six boats came to the line for Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 480-hp Cummins], Dean Beal of Jonesport outpaced MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT], Willie Coombs for a one-two finish. We all know that MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania], Chris Smith of Richmond has been a dominate boat in Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet), but the unknown entrant was Jacob Brown's SHOWDOWN [Holland 32; 600-hp Cummins] from North Haven. As they came up the course it was SHOWDOWN in the lead with MISTY back a couple of boat lengths. No one was surprised to see GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania], Heather Thompson of Harrington leading the other four entrants up the course in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches). Second went to WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT [Crowley Beal 33, 650-hp FPT], Roger Kennedy of Steuben, took second in Diesel Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) who looked like he had gained some speed. There was also a great battle for third and fourth between SLEEPLESS NIGHTS [Calvin Beal 36; 675-hp Scania], Eric Robbins of Stonington and PATRICIA LYNN [Northern Bay 38; 565-hp Caterpillar], Ben Sparhawk of North Haven. PATRICIA LYNN slipped by and got third. Another highly anticipated race was between BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania], Andrew Taylor of Southport and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 800-hp Nanni], Jeremy Beal of Jonesport; in Diesel Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches). MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II was right on BLUE EYED



The best looking boats then took to the race course in the John's Bay Boat Race. Ben Wood's EMMA & ANDREW [John's Bay 44; 700-hp Caterpillar] took second and third in Wooden Boat B.



One of the anticipated races of the day was between LITTLE GIRL, Shawn Alley of Beals Island, and FOOLISH PLEASURE, Mark Freeman of York.

GIRL transom at the halfway point, but just could not get by and they finished one-two. Third went to JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT], David Myrick of Gouldsboro followed by Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT]. There were six boats on the line for Diesel Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp) and the pre-race favourite was OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins], Chris Pope of Swan's Island. It was a close race between OLD SCHOOL and JUST BECAUSE [Libby 41; 425-hp Caterpillar], Charles Smith of Beals Island, but at the line OLD SCHOOL crossed first. Third went to SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere], Alan Knowlton of South Thomaston. There were four boats on the line for Diesel Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) and the win went to KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT], Eric Beal of Milbridge with second going to ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere], Matt Sheppard of Stonington. Third went to NOAH & LILY [RP 40; 750-hp John Deere], Eric Harjula of South Thomaston. The only class we had broken up was Diesel Class N (40 feet and over, 750 hp and over), as it had nine boats entered. However when two boats dropped out, it was run as one race. When the flag dropped SHE'S ALL WET [Osmond 40; 800-hp Scania], Ken Geiger jumped into the lead and was being chased by SIZE MATTERS [Libby 45' 3"; 1,000-hp FPT], Dixon Smith of Beals Island, up the course. Fortunately, she kept a safe distance and went on for the win with SIZE MATTERS second. WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isotta], Cameron Crawford of Lamoine, made her first appearance of the day in Diesel Class O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower) and flew down the course setting a new Diesel record with a speed of 61.3 mph.

Just FOOLISH PLEASURE and LITTLE GIRL came to the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All, which was won by LITTLE

GIRL.

In the Diesel Free-for-All there were nine boats entered so they were broken up into two heats with the top three going onto the finals. In the finals it was not surprising to see WILD WILD WEST streaking up the course for the easy win and setting the Diesel speed record again, this time at 61.6 mph. Next over the line was BLUE EYED GIRL followed closely by MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II.

Just before the Andrew Gove Memorial Cup Race (Fastest Working Lobster Boat), MISS KATIE, the former UNCLE'S UFO [Northern Bay 36; 700-hp Volvo], Andy's boat and now owned by Nick Wiberg of Stonington, went up the course as a tribute to Andy.

The top spot in the Andrew Gove Memorial Cup Race was a close battle between BLUE EYED GIRL and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II with the win going to BLUE EYED GIRL with MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II second.

The final race of the day was the Fastest Lobster Boat Race and as the competitors streaked up the course many were wondering where LITTLE GIRL and WILD WILD WEST were. There was a little confusion and they were overlooked at the starting area. BLUE EYED GIRL grabbed the win, followed by LA BELLA VITA and GOLD DIGGER.

After the races were over there was a drawing for \$1,000, which went to Eric Beal of KIMBERLY ANN. Now I am not sure how far out the Thoroughfare he had gotten, but I bet it did not take him long to turn around and come back to claim his prize!

It is now onto Friendship this Sunday 18 July. Sign-ups will be on the town dock between 0800 and 0900 and as always it will be a fun day.

FINAL RESULTS: Moosabec Reach

STONINGTON LOBSTER BOAT RACES

11 July 2021

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET

Race 1 - CLASS A Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 16 years and younger: 1) ---, Jason Larrabee and 2) *Sleepless Nights*, Eric Robbins. **Race 2 - CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Seven*, Troy Alley; 2) *J-Bird*, David Ames and 3) ---, Tim Caldwell. **Race 3 - CLASS C Inboards,**

outboards or outdrives, 90-hp and over: 1) *Only Advice*, Edgar Robbins (31 mph); 2) *Used & Abused*, Jared Murphy; 3) *Priorities*, Richard Quinn; No Position given: *Genesis*, Michael Ross, Jr. and *Gidget*, Chris Chase.

Race 4 - Johns Bay Boat Co. Race: 1) *Resolute*, Ryan Larrabee (25 mph); 2) *Emma & Andrew*, Ben Weed; 3) *Khristy Michelle*, John R. Williams and 4) *Sari Ann*, Vance Bunker.



Mark Freeman's **FOOLISH PLEASURE** just did not have enough to get by **LITTLE GIRL**. She took first in Gasoline Class D and second in the Gasoline Free-for-All with a speed of 45 mph.



In Diesel Class D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) all the way from Beals Island came **WRECKING CREW**, Ivan Libby who would be the winner with a speed of 29 mph.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 5 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over:

1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 6 – Gasoline Class B – V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up: No entrants.** **Race 7 – Gasoline Class C – V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee. **Race 8 – Gasoline Class D – V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over.** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (45 mph). **Race 9 – Gasoline Class E – V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos.** 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley.

Race 10 – Wooden Boat Race (Any hp, up to 35'11"): 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley (50 mph); 2) *Early Bird*, Foy Brown and 3) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 11 – Wooden Boat Race (Any hp, 36' and over):** 1) *Resolute*, Ryan Larrabee (22 mph); 2) *Khristy Michelle*, John R. Williams; and 3) *Emma & Andrew*, Ben Weed.

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 12 – Diesel Class A – Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Black Thundah II*, Brandon Murphy. **Race 13 – Diesel Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Early Bird*, Foy Brown and 2) *Hello Darlin' II*, Cory McDonald. **Race 14 – Diesel Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Venom*, Stephen Osgood. **Race 15 – Diesel Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Wrecking Crew*, Ivan Libby (29 mph); 2) *Outnumber*, Dan Carter and 3) *Baba Buoy*, Bennett Gray. **Race 16 – Diesel Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Destiny*, Danny Eaton (36 mph); 2) *Audey May*, Randy Durkee; 3) *Glory Bound*, Ron Eaton; 4) *Dutchess*, Josh Duym and 5) *Kameron & Hope*, Shawn Carlson. **Race 17 – Diesel Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Aiden Mariner*, Winfield Alley (38 mph); 2) *Calypso*, Royce Fifield; 3) *Wicked*, Justin Boyce; 4) *Money Bags*, Broddie Eaton; 5) *Southern Comfort*, Avery Waterman; 6) *Jo-Becca II*, Russell Bray; and 7) *Rich Endeavour*, Colyn Rich. **Race 18 – Diesel Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (36 mph) and 2) *Mistress*, Ryan Marves. **Race 19 – Diesel Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal (38 mph); 2) *Melynda M.*, Willie Coombs; 3) *All In*, Jeremy Tyler; 4) *Judith Ann*, Rusty Candage; 5) *First Team*, Travis Otis; 6) *Dreadnaught*, Brian Billings and DNS) *Margaret Ann*, Jeremiah MacDonald. **Race 20 – Diesel Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Showdown*, Jacob Brown (40 mph) and 2) *Misty*, Chris Smith. **Race 21 – Diesel Class J,**



The winner of the John's Bay Boat Co. Race and Wooden Boat B was **RESOLUTE** [46' John's Bay Boat, 800-hp Caterpillar], Ryan Larrabee of Stonington.



There was only one boat in Diesel Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet) and C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet) and two in Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) so they were run together.

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In Diesel Class H MELYNDA M., Willie Coombs and MISS NORMA, Dean Beal of Jonesport battles for the top spot. Winner was MISS NORMA with MELYNDA M. second.



Jacob Brown's SHOWDOWN [Holland 32; 600-hp Cummins] from North Haven was the winner of Diesel Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet).

551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches: 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson (42 mph); 2) *Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot*, Roger Kennedy; 3) *Patricia Lynn*, Ben Sparhawk; 4) *Sleepless Nights*, Eric Robbins; and 5) *Molly Ryan*, David Haskell. **Race 22 - Diesel Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor (51 mph); 2) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal; 3) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick and 4) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton. **Race 23 - Diesel Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** *No entrants*. **Race 24 - Diesel Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Old School*, Chris Pope (27 mph); 2) *Just Because*, Charles Smith; 3) *Sea Urchin*, Allan Knowlton; 4) *Tied Together*, Mike Ross; 5) *Farrah Marie*, Travis Faulkingham and 6) *Priorities*, Shawn Haskell. **Race 25 - Diesel Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; 3) *Noah & Lily*, Eric Harjula and 4) *Catch 22*, Johnson Boyce. **Race 26 - Diesel Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over:** 1) *She's All Wet*, Ken Geiger; 2) *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; 3) *Sunday Money*, Murray Thompson; 4) *Michaela Khleo*, Chris Byers; 5) *Hooligan*, Deven Haskell; 6) *Decadence*, Ryan Haskell and 7) *Faye Renae*, Ben Hardy. **Race 27. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (61.3 mph).

Race 28 - Deer Isle-Stonington Exhibition: 1) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; and 3) *Hello Darlin' II*, Cory McDonald.

Race 29 - Scania Exhibition Race: 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 2) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson and 3) *Misty*, Chris Smith.

Race 30 - Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Little Girl*, Shawn Alley and 2) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman.

Race 31 - Diesel Free for All: Heat I: 1) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 2) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson; 3) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; 4) *Sunday Money*, Murray Thompson and 5) *Black Thundah II*, Brandon Murphy. Heat II: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (61.5 mph); 2) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 3) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal and 4) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal. Finals: 1) *Wild Wild West*, Cameron Crawford (61.6 mph); 2) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor and 3) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal.

Race 32 - Andrew Gove Memorial Cup - Fastest Working Lobster Boat: 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 2) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal and 3) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton.

Race 33 - Fastest Lobster Boat Afloat: 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton and 3) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson



In Diesel Class M(B) KIMBERLY ANN, Eric Beal of Milbridge took the win with second going to ALEXSA ROSE, Matt Sheppard of Stonington.



The battle for the top spot in the Andrew Gove Memorial Cup Race (Fastest Working Lobster Boat) was close between BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania], Andrew Taylor of Southport, and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 800-hp Nanni], Jeremy Beal of Jonesport. The win went to BLUE EYED GIRL with MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II second. BLUE EYED GIRL would also get the win in the Fastest Lobster Boat Race as two racers, LITTLE GIRL and WILD WILD WEST were overlooked at the starting area.