

# Maine Lobster Boat Racing Newsletter

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**LA BELLA VITA, Jeff Eaton from Deer Isle and BLUE EYED GIRL, Andrew Taylor of Southport Island, both in Diesel Class K.**

When arrived at the Town Dock in Friendship I wondered where everyone was. Was a little rain going to stop them from coming? The forecast had been for rain and raining it was, sometimes light and sometimes heavy. Canopies had been erected on the dock and a couple of groups had set up displays and there was something to eat. We, that were there, understand, it was not pleasant weather-wise, but the racing was good as was the crab rolls back on the dock.

Sign-ups were slow, but steady and when all was said and done 30 boats had come to race. The low number meant that there were a lot of classes that would be combined and this would speed up the races.

Just after 1000 hrs. the finish line float was in place and we were ready go and so was the rain, which was now really coming down. First up was the three Work Boat Classes, which had a total of nine entrants signed in. In Work Boat Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger) there was just one entrant, JENILY [Corson 14; 30-hp Johnson], Jennifer and Emily Noyes from Harpswell, and they came down the course by themselves. There were four boats signed up in Class B (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp) and five in Class

C (Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 91 hp and up) and they were combined and sent down. The dominate boat in Work Boat Class C has been CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda], Dave Johnston of Peaks Island, but today DELUSIONAL [Corson 18; 225-hp Evinrude], Ron Pottle of Brunswick would get the with CASCO MISS right behind him. Following them was the winner of Class B, which was ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan], Jacob Noyes, followed by his father David in second.

There were only four boats signed up for the five Gasoline Classes, with no one in Class B (V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up) and Class E (V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos). The first over the line was FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker], Mark Freeman of York, the winner of Gasoline Class D (V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over). There were two entrants in Class C (V-8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 to 29 feet), which was easily won by BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet], Lindsay Durkee of Islesboro. Third over the line was ROAR [32' Clinton Beal, 1960; 454 ci Chevrolet], Jim Lee of Tenant's Harbor, who took second in Class C. Then we waited and waited, and waited some more for the fourth boat to finish and win Class A (4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over), CIN-



The winner of Work Boat Class A (Skiffs 16-feet and under with outboards up to 30 hp, Operator 18 years and younger) was JENILY, Jennifer and Emily Noyes from Harpswell.

DY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet], Jon Johansen of Winterport.

Next up was the Diesel Classes and there were no entrants in Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet), B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over), D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over), F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over), H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over), L (901 hp and over, 28 feet and over) and O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower). With just one entrant in Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 34 feet), Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet) and two in Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet) they were run together. Streaking over the line first was the winner of Class C, VENOM [Mussel Ridge 28; 300-hp Sisu], Steven Osgood of Vinalhaven. He was followed over by the winner of Class G, his father, David in SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 450-hp Volvo]. Next over was the winner of Class E, AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins], Randy Durkee of Islesboro. There was a little confusion, but that dissipated quickly and HEATHER'S BOYS [Mussel Ridge 28; 450-hp Duramax], Isaac Simmons of Friendship slipped over for a second place finish in Class G. There was one boat in Diesel Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet), LIL' LISA MARIE [Mussel Ridge 28; 600-hp FPT], Gary Genthner of Round Pond so she joined the two racers in Diesel Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over). First over the line and winner of Class I was LIL' LISA MARIE [], Gary Genthner of Round Pond. Next came the winner of Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over), HEY BABY [Northern Bay 36; 610-hp Volvo], Carl Gross of Vinalhaven. Second in Class J went to MONICA ELAINE [Osmond 36; 580-hp FPT], Steven Genthner of Friendship. One of the anticipated races was up next between LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT], Jeff Eaton from Deer Isle and BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania], Andrew Taylor of Southport Island, in Class K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over). LA BELLA VITA seemed closer to BLUE EYED GIRL at the Stonington races and the question was did Jeff find a little more speed? As they came flying up the course, it was close, but BLUE EYED GIRL had gained separation and won by a boat length in a great finish. Three boats were registered in Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp). First over the line by a boat length was OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins], Chris Pope of Swan's Island. Second went to INSTIGATOR [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai], Scott Carter of Waldoboro, followed by SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-



The winner of Diesel Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet) was SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 450-hp Volvo], David Osgood of Vinalhaven.

hp John Deere], Alan Knowlton of South Thomaston. There were two boats in Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) and one in Class N (40 feet and over; 751 hp and over) and they were run up together. First over the line and winner of M(B) was ALEX-SA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere], Matt Shepard of Stonington. Second over the line was the winner of Class N (40 feet and over; 751 hp and over), TAYLOR NICOLE [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar], Frank Guptil of Friendship. Third over, but second in Class M(B) was LOW BUDGET II [RP 40; 650-hp Lugger], Michael Jameson of Friendship.

Next up was the Fastest friendship Lobster Boat Race and there were four boats on the line. With the drop of the flag TAYLOR NICOLE jumped into the lead and showed the way to the finish line. Next over was LOW BUDGET II and then MONICA ELAINE.

There were only three boats on the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All and no one was surprised to see FOOLISH PLEASURE leave everyone in his wake. Next over was BLACK DIAMOND and then away back was CINDY JEN.

There were five boats entered in the Diesel Free-for-All and it was all BLUE EYED GIRL, closely followed by LA BELLA VITA and then LIL' LISA MARIE.

There were just two entrants in Wooden Boat A and this was won by ROAR with CINDY JEN second.

The last race of the day was Fastest Lobster Boat and any betting person had all their money on BLUE EYED GIRL. Now on the line was FOOLISH PLEASURE and many of us wondered where she would finish. With the dropped of the flag BLUE EYED GIRL took the lead followed by LA BELLA VITA with FOOLISH PLEASURE right on her side, but just did not have enough to get by settling for third.

With half the racing season in the books the racing has been good, but we want more. With five more races to go I am betting it could. I want to see more WILD WILD WEST [West 28; 1,050-hp Isota], Cameron Crawford of Lamoine; and where are those two boats that Steve Johnson has been putting together?

Now it is onto Harpswell (25 July).



The winner of the Diesel Class N was TAYLOR NICOLE [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar], Frank Guptil of Friendship. She also won the Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat Race.



MONICA ELAINE [Osmond 36; 580-hp FPT], Steven Genthner of Friendship and LOW BUDGET II [RP 40; 650-hp Lugger], Michael Jameson in the Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat Race.

## FINAL RESULTS: Friendship

### FRIENDSHIP LOBSTER BOAT RACES

18 July 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:** 1) *Jenily*, Jennifer and Emily Noyes. **Race 2 - CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Zippin' Too*, Jacob Noyes; 2) *Zippin*, David Noyes; 3) *Rocky Seas*, Austin Wilshire; and 4) ---, Isaac Simmons. **Race 3 - CLASS C, Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 91 hp and up:** 1) *Delusional*, Ron Pottle; 2) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnson; 3) ---, Myron Wotton; 4) *Melody Marie*, Chris Achorn and DNS) *White Lightning*, Caleb Norton.

#### GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

**Race 4 - Gasoline Class A - 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over:** 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 5 - Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up:** *No entrants*. **Race 6 - Gasoline Class C - V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee; and 2) *Roar*, Jim Lee. **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:** *No entrants*.

#### DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

**Race 9 - Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet:** *No entrants*. **Race 10 - Diesel Class B - Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 11 - Diesel Class C - 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 34 feet:** 1) *Venom*, Steven Osgood. **Race 12 - Diesel Class D - 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 13 - Diesel Class E - 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee. **Race 14 - Diesel Class F - 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 15 - Diesel Class G - 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Split Second*, David Osgood and 2) *Heather's Boys*, Isaac Simmons. **Race 16 - Diesel Class H - 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 17 - Diesel Class I - 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Lil' Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner. **Race 18 - Diesel Class J - 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Hey Baby*, Carl Gross; and 2) *Monica Elaine*, Steven Genthner. **Race 19 - Diesel Class K - 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*,

Andrew Taylor and 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton. **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; 2) *Instigator*, Scott Carter and 3) *Sea Urchin*, Alan Knowlton. **Race 22 - Diesel Class M(B) - 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard and 2) *Low Budget II*, Michael Jameson. **Race 23 - Diesel Class N - 40 feet and over; 751 hp and over:** 1) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill. **Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** *No entrants*.

**Race 25 - Hyundai Race:** *No entrants*.

**Race 26 - Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat:** 1) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill; 2) *Low Budget II*, Michael Jameson; 3) *Monica Elaine*, Steven Genthner and 4) *Heather's Boys*, Isaac Simmons.

**Race 27 - Gasoline Free for All:** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman; 2) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee; and 3) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen.

**Race 28 - Diesel Free for All:** 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Lil' Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner; 4) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; and 5) *Hey Baby*, Carl Gross.

**Race 29 - Wooden Boats, up to 35' 11":** 1) *Roar*, Jim Lee and 2) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen.

**Race 30 - Wooden Boats, 36 feet and over:** *No entrants*.

**Race 31 - Fastest Lobster Boat:** 1) *Blue Eyed Girl*, Andrew Taylor; 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman; 4) *Lil' Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner and 5) *Hey Baby*, Carl Gross.