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A Wild Day of Racing at Harpswell



First in Diesel Class M(A) was PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai], Justin Papkee of Long Island.

POTT'S HARBOR, HARPSWELL – Just after drowning at the Friendship lobster boat races, the weather forecast was again for rain at the Harpswell races on 25 July. Amazingly the weathermen were right, but fortunately there was only a brief heavy shower.

Signups were constant and were still ongoing as we made our way out to the finish line boat. When all was said and done, there were 37 boats entered and that would mean we would be combining some of the races.

During the first three races, Work Boat, the race committee held their breath as the little boats had a wild time getting to the finish line upright. There was a good breeze out of the sou'west and that was causing a two three-foot chop. There was only one entrant in Class A (Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboard up to 30 hp, operators up to 16 years old), JENILY [Corson 14; 30-hp Johnson], Jennifer and Emily Noyes of Harpswell, fights their way through the chop with a speed of 15.3 mph. In Class B (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp) there were five boats at the start and the early favorite was ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan], Jacob Noyes as he has been the boat to beat. When the flag dropped they hit the throttle and it was obvious that they were having a problem keeping it in the corner. How far would they dare to push and with the wind on the nose could they keep it upright? Andy Correa [Boston Whaler] had the lead, but right behind him was MISS DIANE III [Lund 18; 90-hp Honda], Griffin Fo-

gerty of Newburyport, MA, ZIPPIN' TOO and BAD POTATO, David Brewer. Then ZIPPIN' TOO slowed, but the others kept in the throttle as much as they dared with Andy Correa crossing first; followed by BAD POTATO and then MISS DIANE. Following the race, Andy showed that he had broken his seat in half bouncing over the waves. In Class C (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over), these are bigger boats, but also a lot more horsepower and there were eight of them on the line. The dominate boat has been CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda], Dave Johnston of Peaks Island, but at Friendship he had been beaten by DELUSIONAL [Corson 18; 225-hp Evinrude], Ron Pottle of Brunswick. They were the leaders about half way up the course, but DELUSIONAL went dead in the water, but there were three others right on the stern of CASCO MISS. A Maritime Skiff 20, owner unknown, was first over with a speed of 46.3 mph, followed by CASCO MISS and then SLICE (The Scania Boat) [Mako 20; 200-hp Suzuki], Margaret Perrotta of Freeport. With those races done I breathed a sigh of relief!

Next came a little problem on the committee boat when she dragged her bow anchor. Fortunately the drag that was holding the stern held and we were good to go, but with a little different view.

In Wooden Boat A (Any hp., up to 35 feet 11 inches) it was all CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet], Jon Johansen of Winterport, as she was the only entrant. There were two boats, DELU-



The top three boats, an unknown racer, SLICE [Mako 20; 200-hp Suzuki], Margaret Perrotta of Freeport, and a Maritime Skiff 20, in Work Boat Class C trying to stay on an even keel.

SIGNAL [38' John's Bay Boat, 600-hp Cummins], Alan Dugas and SAND DOLLARS III [41' Johns Bay Boat; 700-hp Caterpillar], Scott Dugas, both of Yarmouth, on the line for Wooden Boat B (Any hp., 36 feet and over) and this was won by DELUSIONAL with a speed of 23.5 mph.

With just three boats, each in a different class, in the Gasoline Classes, so they were run down together. There were no entrants in Class B (V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over) and C (V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over). CINDY JEN won Class A (Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over); FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker], Mark Freeman of York Class D (V8, 376 cid and over, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer)) and DOWNEAST NIGHTMARE [Mussel Ridge 28; 1,000-hp Chevrolet], Mark Davis Class E (V8, Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers, Alcohol and Nitrous).

Next up was the Diesel Classes and there were no entrants in Classes D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), L (901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower). In Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet 11 inches) LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 235-hp Isuzu], Riley Johnson of Long Island, made his first appearance of the year and won. There was just one entrant in Class B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), REWBEN [RP 35; 230-hp Cummins], Andrew Millar of Durham, so he was run down with the boats in Class C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches). The two boats in Class C, MISS ATTITUDE [Holland 32; 265-hp John Deere], Adam Kimball of Long Island and RUTHLESS [Mussel Ridge 28; 315-hp Yanmar], Bruce Hamlin of Falmouth, was a great battle up the course and at the line it was MISS ATTITUDE by less than a boat length. There were two boats in Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches) and it was AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins], Randy Durkee of Islesboro getting the win over GUILTY PLEASURE [Mitchell Cove 32; 380-hp Cummins], Jake Dugas of Yarmouth. Three boats were on the line for Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and they were combined. This was another great battle between KE II [Northern Bay 38; 405-hp Cummins] Scott Merryman of Harpswell and BLUE DOLPHIN II [Crowley 36; 402-hp Caterpillar] Cameron Murphy of Long Island in Diesel Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), which was won by BLUE DOLPHIN II. Third went to SARAH MARIAH, Robert Johnson. The only entrant in Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches) was ENTRAPMENT [Crowley 33; 490-hp Cummins], Tom Cloutier of Harpswell so he ran down the



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course with the two racers, LIL' LISA MARIE [Mussel Ridge 28; 600-hp FPT] as did the only racer in Class J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), DELUSIONAL. Gary Genthner of Round Pond, and MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650-hp Scania], Chris Smith of Richmond, in Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches). The winner of Class I was LIL' LISA MARIE. Next we combined Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp), which had just one entrant, PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai], Justin Papkee of Long Island, with Class M(B), (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp) which had three boats on the line. It was a close race, but slipping by the others was Matt Sheppard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] of Stonington. Second went to TEMPTATION [Young Brothers 40; 730-hp MAN], Wayne Clemons of Harpswell followed by SAND DOLLARS III. We have not seen WHISTLIN' DIXIE [Holland 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], Andy Johnson of Harpswell, much over the last several years, but he came out today and won Diesel Class N (40 feet and over, 751 hp and over). Second went to another boat that we have not seen for a number of years, which was Tom Clemons' 4 GIRLS [Wesmac 46, 1,000-hp Caterpillar].

Next up was the Gasoline Free-for-All, and FOOLISH PLEASURE decided not to race so the easy winner was DOWNEAST NIGHTMARE followed over by CINDY JEN.

Five boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All and this was going to be a good race between WHISTLIN' DIXIE and ALEXSA ROSE, and it was WHISTLIN' DIXIE slipping by for the win. Third went to TEMPTATION.

The winner of the Slowest Boat and the Novi Class was PHOENIX [30' Stanley Greenwood; 130-hp GM], Jesse Mitchell of Harpswell.

Four boats came to the line for the final race of the day, Fastest Lobster Boat, which was going to be a rematch between WHISTLIN' DIXIE and ALEXSA ROSE, with DOWNEAST NIGHTMARE thrown into the mix. Even though she was 12 feet smaller DOWNEAST NIGHTMARE handled the wave well enough to stay out in front for the win with WHISTLIN' DIXIE second and ALEXSA ROSE third.

Despite the weather it was a great day of racing and had the weather been nice I am certain that the turn out would have been much better.

There are two weeks before the next race, which is at Winter Harbor on 14 August followed the next day by the Merritt Brackett Races at Pemaquid.



WHISTLIN' DIXIE [Holland 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar], Andy Johnson of Harpswell, much over the last several years, but he came out today and won Diesel Class N and Diesel Free-for-All.



The big winner of the day was **DOWNEAST NIGHTMARE**, Mark Davis. He won Gasoline Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches), the Gasoline Free-for-All and the Fastest Lobster Boat.

FINAL RESULTS: Harpswell

HARPSWELL LOBSTER BOAT RACES

25 July 2021

WORK BOATS UNDER 24 FEET.

Race 1 - Class A, Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboard up to 30 hp, operators up to 16 years old: 1) *Jenily*, Jennifer and Emily Noyes (15.3 mph). **Race 2 - Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) ---, Andy Correa; 2) *Big Potato*, David Brewer; 3) *Miss Diane*, Griffin Fogerty; 4) *Zippin' Too*, Jacob Noyes and 5) *Zippin'*, David Noyes. **Race 3 - Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over:** 1) Maritime Skiff 20 (46.3 mph); 2) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnston; 3) *Slice*, Margaret Perrotta; **No position given:** ---, Seamus McCarthy; *Delusional*, Ron Pottle; *Kati Elaine*, Matt Clemons; *Lost Soul*, Tyler Hodgkins and *Malago*, Jim Koehling.

Race 4 - Wooden Boat Race A, Any hp., up to 35 feet 11 inches: 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen (16.6 mph). **Race 5 - Wooden Boat Race B, Any hp., 36 feet and over:** 1) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas (23.5 mph) and 2) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 6 - Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over: 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 7 - Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over:** **No entrants.** **Race 8 - Class C, V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over.** **No entrants.** **Race 9 - Class D, V8, 376 cid and over, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer):** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman. **Race 10 - Class E, V8, Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers, Alcohol and Nitrous:** 1) *Downeast Nightmare*, Mark Davis.

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 11 - Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet 11 inches: 1) *Lynn Marie*, Riley Johnson; and 2) ---, Tristan Cloutier. **Race 12 - Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Rewben*, Andrew Millar (16.5 mph). **Race 13 - Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Miss Attitude*, Adam Kimball and 2) *Ruthless*, Bruce Hamlin. **Race 14 - Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** **No entrants.** **Race 15 - Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee and 2) *Guilty Pleasure*, Jake Dugas. **Race 16 - Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Blue Dolphin II*, Cameron Murphy; 2)

K. E. II, Scott Merryman; and 3) *Sarah Mariah*, Robert Johnson. **Race 17 - Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Entrapment*, Tom Cloutier. **Race 18 - Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** **No entrants.** **Race 19 - Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Lil' Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner; and 2) *Misty*, Chris Smith. **Race 20 - Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas. **Race 21 - Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** **No entrants.** **Race 22 - Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches:** **No entrants.** **Race 23 - Class M (A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Pull n Pray*, Justin Papkee. **Race 24 - Class M (B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; 2) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons; and 3) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas. **Race 25 - Class N, 40 feet and over, 751 hp and over:** 1) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson; and 2) *Four Girls*, Tom Clemons. **Race 26 - Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** **No entrants.**

Race 27 - Gasoline Free-for-All: 1) *Downeast Nightmare*, Mark Davis; and 2) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen.

Race 28 - Diesel Free-for-All: 1) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson; 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; 3) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons; 4) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas; and 5) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas.

Race 29-Slowest Boat: 1) *Phoenix*, Jesse Mitchell; 2) *Tidely-Idley*, Sam Coolidge; and 3) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen.

Race 30-Novu Boats: 1) *Phoenix*, Jesse Mitchell.

Race 31 - Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Downeast Nightmare*, Mark Davis (39.7 mph); 2) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson; 3) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Sheppard; and 4) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons.