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MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II Dominates Moosabec Races



The top boat of the day was Jeremy Beal's MARIE'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] here winning World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat. He had already won Diesel Class L and Diesel Free-for-All with a top speed of 57 mph.

MOOSABEC REACH: The biggest fear in running the lobster boat races on Moosabec Reach between Beals Island and Jonesport is a three-letter word: fog. The fishermen on the coast, especially Downeast, will tell you all they have seen so far this summer is nothing, but the screen of their chart-plotter in hopes of finding their gear.

The Moosabec races were originally scheduled for 1 July. The weather forecast was rain and fog that day, and unfortunately the forecast was correct. However, there was hope it would clear. Two races were run, Work Boat Classes A and B, and as the racers in B made their way down the course the fog closed in and the race committee could not see across the finish line. There was hope the fog would lift again, but after waiting an hour it was still thick as pea soup, so they were canceled. They tried to run them the next day, but the fog was still thick in the Reach and they canceled them again. Looking at the calendar the race committee decided to try and run them on 5 August, hoping the weather pattern would be more cooperative. One the drive to Jonesport the fog was present, but not as thick and in some places visibility was actually pretty good. When we arrived in Jonesport at the Co-op there was some fog, but we could see the bridge and some of Beals Island. Then it

lifted and turned into an absolutely beautiful day.

Unfortunately, not everyone that signed up on the 1 July returned, but there was still a good turn out with some incredibly close finishes. Originally, there were 82 boats signed up, with nine additional racers signing up just before the races for a total of 91 boats.

No one was surprised that the big winner of the day was Jeremy Beal's MARIE'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] winning Class L, Diesel Free-for-All and World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat. The title for the World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat went to Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT].

The day opened with the recreational boats. Two boats were on the line in what would be the closest race of the day. They came flying down the course bow to bow, but at the line Kraig Church in EGAD had a slim lead for the win, with second going to Alton Smith's FLIGHT RISK.

Next up was Work Boat Class C and the winner was Caleb Norton's WHITE LIGHTNING [Mako 20; 200-hp Evinrude] followed by Richard Alley's FAMILY TRADITION in second and Nick Graham's MADDISON ANN [Libby 18; 115-hp Yamaha] in

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The first race of the day was recreational boats and the winner was Kraig Church in EGAD with second going to Alton Smith's FLIGHT RISK in the first close finish of the day.

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For years the Moosabec races used to be dominated by the gasoline powered boats, but today that has dwindled to just two boats, which were run down together. Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] came all the way from York and brought back memories when Galen Alley raced her. She won Gasoline Class D. Troy Alley's ROCKY ROAD [Spargue 24; 130-hp Mercruiser] got the win in Gasoline Class A. Hopefully, Shawn Alley will be able to get LITTLE GIRL's [28' Calvin Beal Jr.; 466 Ford] engine back together. The engine is out in the Midwest getting rebuilt, but Shawn thought they had another problem, a cracked block. He was still hoping to have it back and running this fall.

The Diesel Classes were up next and four boats came to the line in Class A and they were joined by the one in Class B and another in Class C. It was not surprising to see Jacob Kirby's BARE BOTTOM [BHM 25, 220-hp John Deere] coming over the line first for the win in Class A with a speed of 27.7 mph. Second went to Jeremy Tyler's JUMPINS! [Holland 30; 210-hp International] followed by Brevan Kenney's MAKING MEMORIES II [25' Mako; 90-hp Honda]. The winner of Diesel Class B was Chad Libby's MYRTLE BELLE [Libby 34, 205-hp John Deere] and Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN [E. Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar] was the winner of Class C. Class D and E were combined and as they came up the course Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] and Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] were bow to bow, but just before the line AUDREY MAY gained separation and the win. Third in Class E went to Harris Norton's FATHER'S FAVORITE [32' Novi; 350-hp Caterpillar]. The winner of Class D was Ivan Libby's WRECKING CREW [Libby 38; 305-hp Caterpillar] with a speed of 26.5 mph. Coming across in second was Jeremy Chandler's KINSLEY-MAE ROSE [Libby 38; 300-hp Caterpillar]. In Class F the dominate boat has been Winfred Alley's FAITH MELLE [Libby 34; 425-hp Cummins], but today she was in a real battle with Winfred's old boat BOUNTY HUNTER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins], now owned by Mitch White. As they neared the line it was still close, but when they crossed BOUNTY HUNTER got the win by half a boat length. There were no entrants in Class G, but four boats came to the line in Class H. No one was surprised to see Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp Cummins]



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leading the way up the left side of the course with Willie Coombs' MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT] right on her transom and the finished one-two. Third went to Josef Guptil's INDIAN OUTLAW [Northern Bay 38; 500-hp Cummins] who just beat Dan Beal's BETHANIE GRACE [Libby 38; 500-hp FPT] across the line. Heather Thompson's GOLD DIGGER [Wayne Beal 36; 675-hp Scania] came out for the first time this year and just slid by Nick Lemieux's ASPIRATION [Young Brothers 35; 450-hp Volvo] in a combined race for a one-one finish. ASPIRATION got the win in Diesel Class I and GOLD DIGGER in Diesel Class J. Steve Carver's ANOTHER DIRLS [Holland 35, 550-hp John Deere] took second in Diesel Class I. There were no entrants in Class K and just one in Class L, which was MARIE'S NIGHTMARE II, who flew up the course with a speed of 56.6 mph on the radar gun and 58 mph on his GPS. The difference being the angle for the radar gun. Seven boat were on the line for Class M(A) and when the flag dropped Mitchell Beal's BUKIE AND TUKIE [Wayne Beal 40, 500-hp Deutz] jumped into the lead and never looked back. Back a couple of boat lengths was Wade Faulkingham's SEA-COAST RAMBLER [Osmond 40; 500-hp John Deere] in second and Sonny Beal's NANCY ANNE [Young Brothers 40; 450-hp Cummins] in third. When the flag dropped on the start boat for Class M(B) no one was surprised to see Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT] leading the pack. Next over was Logan Alley's JOY FRANCIS [Libby 41, 593-hp FPT], who just edged out Frank Thompson's LIL' BROOKS [Wayne Beal 46; 750-hp John Deere]. Ryan Lemieux's OBSESSION [Young Brothers 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and Dana Beal's NATALIE E. [Libby 41; 1,000-hp FPT] have been battling all year in Diesel Class N with the wins going to NATALIE E. As they came up the course it was anybody's race, but as they neared finish line OBSESSION had a very slight advantage and that is how they finished, one-two. Third went to Isaiah Pinkham's BOTTOMS UP [Duffy 42; 1000-hp].

At Beals Island-Jonesport one would expect that there would still be some wooden boats around. This was once a wooden boat strong hold, but now there are just a few still fishing. The only one entered in the Wooden Boat Races, was Jon and Ann Johansen's SARI ANNI I [40' Johns Bay Boat, 375-hp 3208 Caterpillar], skippered by Alonzo Alley, in Wooden Boat B, so she ran down by herself for the win.



As Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] and Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] came up the course in Diesel Class E.



The next close race took place in Diesel Class F between Mitch White's BOUNTY HUNTER [Calvin Beal 34; 425-hp Cummins] and Winfred Alley's FAITH MELLE [Libby 34; 425-hp Cummins]. Again, these two were bow-to-bow as they neared the finish line and with the judges on the line the win went to BOUNTY HUNTER by just feet.

Next came the Gasoline Free-for-All, which was easily won by FOOLISH PLEASURE followed over by ROCKY ROAD.

Four boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All, but barring a major issues this was MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II's race to lose, but she streaked up the right side of the course living the rest in her wake. Second went to KIMBERLY ANN and third was MISS NORMA.

Who would be win the title of the World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat? The rules preclude MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II as you must make your living from the boat. The title went to KIMBERLY ANN with a speed of 38.1 mph. Right on her stern was FAITH MELLE and in third was MISS NORMA.

In the final race of the day, World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat, it was all MARIE'S NIGHTMARE II, who was the only entrant.

Next up is Winter Harbor this Saturday (12 August) and the rumours are confirmed, the big prize is ten tickets for a cruise ship in the Caribbean this February. I am betting there will be plenty of races there hoping for a get-away this winter. For those that do not win a cruise, you may purchase tickets and join the fun.



A battle for the third position in Diesel Class H between Josef Gup-til's INDIAN OUTLAW [Northern Bay 38; 500-hp Cummins] and Dan Beal's BETHANIE GRACE [Libby 38; 500-hp FPT], which went to INDIAN OUTLAW.

FINAL RACE RESULTS

MOOSABEC REACH LOBSTER BOAT RACES

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RECREATIONAL BOAT

Recreational boats: 1) *Egad*, Kraig Church; and 2) *Flight Risk*, Alton Smith.

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) ---, Ethan Faulkingham.

Race 2. Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp: 1) *Alpex*, Ralph Davis. *No position given or Did not Start.* ---, Aiden Alley; ---, Jason Alley; ---, Michael Emerson; ---, Matt Morrissey; ---, Brandon Norton; *19 KRW*, Devon Beal; *Big Money*, William Gray; *Boss Hog*, Aiden Rittenhouse; *Money Maker*, Trent Libby; *Screen Time*, Mason Vintinner; *The Blurr*, Keegan Beal; and *Work Horse*, Charlie Smith. **Race 3. Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over:** 1) *White Lightning*, Caleb Norton (38.8 mph); 2) *Family Alliance II*, Richard Alley; and 3) *Maddison Ann*, Nick Graham. *No position given or Did not Start.* ---, Eli Peabody; *Bandit*, Marcus Fenton; *Bay King*, Mitch White;



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Another extremely close race was between Ryan Lemieux's OBSESSION [Young Brothers 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and Dana Beal's NATALIE E. [Libby 41; 1,000-hp FPT] in Diesel Class N.

Chasing Crustacean, Damon Beal; *Daddy Didn't Buy It*, Nathaniel Robertson; *East Sider*, Sterling Beal; *Hurricane Reagan*, Jim Robinson; and *Lexiann Marie*: Desire Crowley.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 4. Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over: 1) *Rocky Road*, Troy Alley. **Race 5. Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 6. Class C, V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 7. - Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (35 mph). **Race 8. - Gasoline Class E - V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos:** *No entrants*.

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 (27.7 mph); 2) *Jumpin's*, Jeremy Tyler; 3) *Making Memories Too*, Bevin Kenney; and 4) *Justin n' Case*, Charlie Smith, Jr. **Did not Start.** *Headstrong*, Tucker Rocks; *Miss Khriis*, Michael Kenney and *Misty Mae I*, Anson Kelley. **Race 10. Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *Myrtle Belle*, Chad Libby (17.3 mph). **Race 11. Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde. **Race 12. Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Wrecking Crew*, Ivan Libby (26.5 mph) and 2) *Kinsley-Mae-Rose*, Jeremy Chandler. **Did Not Finish:** *Ellen Louise*, Conner Rossi. **Race 13. Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee (35.8 mph); 2) *High Voltage*, Dan Sawyer; and 3) *Father's Favourite*, Harris Norton. **Race 14. Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Bounty Hunter*, Mitch White (37.8 mph); 2) *Faith Melle*, Winfred Alley; and 3) *Miss Emersyn*, Ethan Dorr. *No position given or Did not Start.* *Aftermath*, Dwight Chandler, Jr.; and *Sunshine Chalet*, Brian Strout. **Race 15. Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** *No entrants*. **Race 16. Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal (27.9 mph); 2) *Melynda M.*, Willie Coombs; 3) *Indian Outlaw II*, Josef Gupstill; and 4) *Bethanie Grace*, Dan Beal. **Race 17. Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Aspiration*, Nick Lemieux; and 2) *Another Dirls*, Steve Carver. **Did not Start.** *Crustacean Hunter*, Keenan Feeney. **Race 18. Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over:** 1) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson (36.2 mph). **Did not Start.** *Fifth Generation*, Mack Kelley; and *Serenity*, B. Kennedy. **Race 19. Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 20. Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (56.5 mph). **Race 21. Class M(A), 40**

feet and over, up to 500hp: 1) *Bukie & Tukie*, Mitchell Beal (25 mph); 2) *Seacoast Rambler*, Wade Faulkingham; 3) *Nancy Anne*, Sonny Beal; 4) *Just Because*, Brian Smith; 5) *Noble Ladies*, Craig Crowley; 6) *Merle Maid*, Charles Smith; and 7) *Miss B Haven*. **Did not Start.** *Alivia Ann*, Aaron Beal; *Feelin' Nauti*, Patrick Kelley; *Kimberly Lynn*, Kyle Look; and *No Harpen*, Harrison Rossi. **Race 22. Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (24.5 mph); 2) *Joy Frances*, Logan Alley; 3) *Lil' Brooks*, Frank Thompson; and 4) *Tammy Lynn*, Michell White. **Did not Start.** *Nikki Elizabeth*, Zach Geel; and *Roxy Elizabeth*, Spencer Thompson. **Race 23. Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over:** 1) *Obsession*, Ryan Lemieux (37.9 mph); 2) *Natalie E.*, Dana Beal; 3) *Bottoms Up*, Isaiah Pinkham; 4) *Weather Oar Knot*, Shane Farris; 5) *Sandy Rose*, Charles Smith; 6) *Amanda May*, Alan Crowley; and 7) *Autumn Gale*, Jeff Libby. **Did not Start.** *Carlee Marie*, Alex Thompson; *Night Moves II*, Aaron Beal; *Size Matters*, Dixon Smith; and *Terrie J.*, Todd Pinkham.

Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: *No entrants*. **Race 25. Wooden Boat Race A (Any hp, up to 35 feet 11 inches):** *No entrants*. **Race 26. Wooden Boat Race B (Any hp, 36 feet and over):** 1) *Sari Ann I*, Jon Johansen (17.2 mph). **Race 27. Gasoline Free-for-All:** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (36.5 mph); and 2) *Rocky Road*, Troy Alley. **Race 28. Diesel Free-for-All:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal; 2) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; 3) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal; and 4) *Joy Frances*, Logan Alley. **Race 29. World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (38.1 mph); 2) *Faith Melle*, Winfred Alley; 3) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal; and 4) *Gold Digger*, Heather Thompson. **Race 30. World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (57.0 mph).