

# Maine Lobster Boat

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Sid Eaton's KIMBERLEY BELLE leading his competitors in Diesel Class E at Moosebec Reach.

BEALS ISLAND/JONESPORT – One of the biggest threats to racing at Moosebec Reach is the “F” word, fog. As the sun rose one could see that it was clear from one horizon to the other. So a perfect day was at hand, the weather for the previous days had been great, so would the racers show? Well racers were ready to sign up first thing and there was hardly a let up and in the end 71 racers were ready to compete in the day's events.

One problem we had at sign up was the change in the Work Boat Classes. The Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association had proposed three classes and the elimination of the hydroplanes at their annual meeting last September and at the Maine Fishermen's Forum in March. These races were developed for the young fishermen, which Moosebec Reach as a number of, so they made changes that worked for them. There was a little problem in putting some of these boats in the right classes, but it did not take to long to straighten that issue out.

In the first race, Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboards up to 30 hp, operators up to 18 years old, it was nine year old Kasey Alley's KARLI MADISON [Alley's Boat Shop, 25-hp Johnson outboard] with a speed of 27.1 mph, crossing the line just ahead of Marcus Smith's BUTTERFLIES [skiff, 25-hp Yamaha] going 19 mph.

In the second race, Class B, Clam/Wrinkle Boat, up to 90 hp, Ralph Davis's ALPEX [Alpex, 90-hp Johnson] at 42 mph. Since 2000 Davis has won 13 times with a top speed of 50.7 mph at Moosebec Reach in 2008. Second went to Richard Alley's skiff with a 90-hp Mercury followed by Doug Dodge Jr.'s Thundercraft with a



MELANIE JEAN makes return to Moosebec Reach.

90-hp Yamaha.

Five boats were entered in the third race, Class C, Working Lobster Boat (Mounted Hauler), up to 60 hp. First to cross the finish line was Jocef Guptill's GOLDEN STARR [16-foot Libby, 40-hp Mercury]. Second went to Alan Crowley's LITTLE NOVI [50-hp outboard] and third was Dennis McComack's BIG ENOUGH [60-hp Yamaha].

REBEKAH MARY [90-hp Mercury], owned by James Kelley of Beals Island, was first in Class D, Working Lobster Boat (Mounted Hauler), 61-hp and over with a speed of 44 mph. Second was Mel

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**Aaron Smith's WHY KNOT.**



**LINDA MAVIS II on her way to victory in Diesel Class H.**

Merchant, Jr.'s MAMA'S WORRY [125-hp Mercury] with Michael Crotto's LIZA JANE [outdrive, 185-hp Ford] third.

For the first time in a couple of years recreational boats were allowed to run, which were broken up into two classes. There was only one entrant in the class for boats up to 125 hp, Michael Emerson's TAKING OVER, who was clocked at 46 mph. In the second recreational class, 126-hp and over, it was Alton Smith's JOHNNY B. GOOD [200-hp Mercury] with a speed of 81 mph just beating out Kraig Church's JOHNNY'S DONZI [Donzi, 652-hp Merlin] at 80 mph.

Only one boat came to the line for the dragger race, PREDATOR, owned by Clark Mills.

Next up was the Wooden Boat Race and three boats were entered. Back for the first time since 2008, was the Willis Beal built 38-footer MELANIE JEAN, formerly owned by Thurman and Melanie Alley of Beals. She had been for sale for the last several years and Todd Hubbard of Ogunquit, who already owns another Willis Beal 38, LIZZIE, purchased her earlier this summer. She was picked up and trucked by Finestkind Boatyard of Harpswell to their shop. When purchasing the boat, Hubbard asked Melanie if she would mind him leaving her MELANIE JEAN, which she readily agreed to. However, everyone had to get used to one thing that was very different. After she was given a quick once over, she was painted black. Hubbard sailed her down for the races and it was said that on Friday night she was grounded out at Willis Beal's dock and Willis went to work caulking her. She was going to be in a tough battle with Chris Page's ABIGAIL & CARTER [42-foot John's Bay Boat Co., 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and Doug Dodge's BRENDA [Doug Dodge, 2007, gasoline, 305-Chevrolet]. As they came up the course, it was evident that this was going to be a close finish, with ABIGAIL & CARTER out in front by more than a boat length, with BRENDA second and MELANIE & JEAN third.

There were only three boats entered in the four Gasoline Class, one each in Class A, B and D. EMPTY POCKETS [Riley Beal, wood, 1957, 250 Chevrolet], owned by Jeremy Chandler of Beals Island was in Class A. In Class B it was BRENDA with a speed of 28 mph. All were hoping for a battle of the big gas boats in Class D between Galen Alley's FOOLISH PLEASURE [custom Riley Beal 30-footer, 632 Chevrolet powered with alcohol] and Ellery Alley's UNDERDOG [Libby, 548 Chevrolet]. Unfortunately UNDER DOG's engine had

blown up on the dyno and was not ready for the races. So it was just FOOLISH PLEASURE coming to the line for the easy win with a speed of 50 mph.

Forty four boats were entered in the diesel classes. There were no entrants in Class I, K and L and there was only one in Class A, Richard Alley's FAMILY ALLIANCE [Webber's Cove 26, 210-hp Cummins], which continued his winning ways since 2008. In Class B there were three boats on the line, which in the past has been dominated by Ennis Wright's ERIKA & KYLE [Young Brothers 33, 210-hp Cummins]. He continued his winning ways with a speed of 36 mph. He was followed over the line by Steve Carver's BIGGER DIRLS [Holland 32, 225-hp John Deere] and Winifred Alley's GREEN MACHINE [Young Brothers 33, 225-hp John Deere].

As we were signing up the boats for racing that morning, we received a call from Calvin Beal, Jr. saying that he was still working on his boat and if he got her running in time for his race could he run, which was not a problem for the race committee. As Class C lined up there was Calvin's new boat, SEA SHELL and the battle was on between her and Erick Blackwood's SHANNA & ERICK [Osmond 27, 300-hp], which has been a threat in this class for more than a decade with Osmond Beal at the helm. As they came to the mid-point on the course it was SEA SHELL in the lead and won by two or three boat lengths. Third went to Stonington's Nick Wiberg's MISS KATIE [Holland 30, 265-hp Cummins].

Six boats were entered in Diesel Class D, which has been dominated by Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34, 300-hp Caterpillar]. She has won every time at Moosebec and has just one second at Winter Harbor in 2008. Again RIGHT STUFF took top honours, but he was being pushed by MELANIE JEAN and Troy Crowley's ASHLEY NICOLE [Libby 34, 300-hp John Deere], who took second and third respectively.

Sid Eaton of Stonington brought his KIMBERLY BELLE [AJ 28, 370-hp Volvo] down and was one of four in Class E. He had already competed at Boothbay and Rockland and was looking to continue his winning ways, which he did with a speed of 27 mph. Second went to Shawn Johnson Sr.'s MARIE BELLE [Mitchell Cove 32, 375-hp John Deere] followed by Bryant Ciomei's GENERAL II [Osmond 29, 370-hp Volvo].

Class F had seven entries, but two major players in this class were missing, Ed Torosian's MS. ROSE and Bill Grant's DOUBLE G.



**16th AVENUE and JANICE ELAINE.**



**ABIGAIL & CARTER and PHANTOM in battle in Class N.**

Aaron Smith, WHY KNOT [Libby 34, 420-hp Caterpillar] who was second at Boothbay and Rockland, was the only other in this class entered in the points and he came out with the win. Second went to Dan Riley's MARY ELIZABETH [Calvin Beal 34, 420-hp Caterpillar] and third was Brent Davis' HEE HAW [Wayne Beal 34, John Deere], who was also the start boat for these races.

There has been a battle between Gary Genthner's LISA MARIE [Libby 34, 540-hp Iveco] of Round Pond and Todd Ritchie's SEACOCK [Calvin Beal 34, 436-hp Sisu] of Stockton Springs for the last five years. Both boats came down and as they came up the course it was obvious that it was going to be close and at the line it was SEACOCK by maybe a half a boat length. This gave SEACOCK two firsts and LISA MARIE one so far this year.

The dominate boat in Class H has been FIRST TEAM, Travis Otis of Searsport, but they did not make the trek down. The winner of this class was LINDA MAVIS II [Wayne Beal 36, 500-hp Volvo], owned by Herbert L. Smith of West Jonesport followed in second by Ed Shirley's ASKK'N [Calvin Beal 38, 525-hp John Deere].

In Class J Wendell Bryant of Cutler came with his 16<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE [Holland 38, 660-hp Caterpillar] and won a close battle with David Myrick's JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38, 610-hp Cummins].

Ten boats came to the line in Class M, which was going to be an impressive sight coming up the reach. They lined up and jogged for position at the start, but there were a few that were not lining up well and a restart was called, however some did not hear that there was a false start and ran the course. They all then headed back to the starting area and waited three entrants in Class N to run their race. This was won by ABIGAIL & CARTER, who just got by Nick Lemieux' PHANTOM [Young Brothers 46, 825-hp Detroit] with third going to Fred Backman's PROMETHEUS [Northumberland 46, 800-hp Scania].

Class M came to the line again and this time the start was good. Colon Alley, who won this class last year with his AMANDA JOY & LOGI BEAR [Libby 41, 593-hp Iveco], won again with Billy Bob Faulkingham's 51 [Osmond 40, 610-hp Cummins] second followed by Patrick Faulkingham's GRAMP'S BIRD [Osmond 40, 700-hp Iveco] and Wayne Beal's KENDRICK & CHANDLER [Wayne Beal 40, 500-hp Caterpillar].

The only boat entered in the Gasoline Free-for-All was Doug Dodge's BRENDA.



**AMANDA JOY & LOGI BEAR and 51 leading the other racers in Diesel Class M to the finish line.**

Seven boats lined up for the Diesel Free-for-All, which was won by KIMBERLEY BELLE with SEACOCK second and MARY ELIZABETH third.

A major discussion has always taken place regarding working and the souped-up lobster boats. This is something that has been left up to each race venue and Moosebec opted to break up the fastest lobster boat title into working and recreational lobster boats. Six boats entered the Working Lobster Boat race, which was won by KIMBERLEY BELLE with a speed of 39.6 mph. Second went to SEACOCK and following in third was ERIKA & KYLE.

The only boat to run in the World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat was FOOLISH PLEASURE. Unfortunately, due to the choppy conditions on the reach she was not able to try and break the record she set at Rockland.

It was an excellent day of racing, the fog stayed out and while everybody else was sweating in the heat, it was cool 65 degrees with a nice sea breeze. Of course before one leaves, you have to have one of the lobster or crab meat rolls, which at \$7.50 and \$5.00 respectively is the best buy on the coast. With three down, seven to go, it is now on to Searsport.

# FINAL RESULTS

## MOOSEBEC REACH LOBSTER BOAT RACES

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### 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) *Karli Madison*, Kasey Alley (27.1 mph)
- 2) *Butterflies*, Marcus Smith (19 mph)

#### Race 2. Class B, Clam/Wrinkle Boat, up to 90 hp.

- 1) *Alpex*, Ralph Davis (42 mph)
  - 2) *No name*, Richard Alley
  - 3) *No name*, Doug Dodge Jr.
- DNS) *Magic Conch*, Aaron Stanwood

#### Race 3. Class C, Working Lobster Boat (Mounted Hauler), up to 60 hp.

- 1) *Golden Star*, Joseph Gupstill (25 mph)
  - 2) *Little Novi*, Alan Crowley
  - 3) *Big Enough*, Dennis McComack
- ) *No name*, Daniel Gray  
) *Bug Picker*, Marcus Fenton

#### Race 4. Class D, Working Lobster Boat (Mounted Hauler), 61 hp and over.

- 1) *Rebekah Mary*, James Kelley (44 mph)
  - 2) *Mama's Worry*, Mel Merchant Jr.
  - 3) *Liza Jane*, Michael Crotto (35 mph)
- ) *No name*, Cole Beal  
) *Big Decision*, Shane Farris  
) *Lobster Hound*, Dan Sawyer  
) *No name*, Nicholas Graham

#### Race 5. Recreational Inboard/Outboard Class, up to 125 hp.

- 1) *Taking Over*, Michael Emerson (46 mph)

#### Race 6. Recreational Inboard/Outboard Class, 126 hp and over.

- 1) *Johnny B. Good*, Alton Smith (81 mph)
  - 2) *Johnny's Donzi*, Kraig Church (80 mph)
  - 3) *No name*, Travis Perry
- DNS) *No name*, Randy Kelley

#### Race 7. Dragger Race

- 1) *Predator*, Clark Mills

#### Race 8. Wooden Boat Race

- 1) *Abigail & Carter*, Chris Page (30 mph)
- 2) *Brenda*, Doug Dodge
- 3) *Melanie Jean*, Todd Hubbard

### GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

#### Race 9. Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over.

- 1) *Empty Pockets*, Jeremy Chandler (11 mph)

#### Race 10. Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over.

- 1) *Brenda*, Doug Dodge (28 mph)

#### Race 11. Class C, V8, 376 to 502 cid, 28 feet and over.

No Entrants

#### Race 12. Class D, V8, Over 502 cid, 28 feet and over.

- 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Galen Alley (50 mph)

### DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

#### Race 13. Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet.

- 1) *Family Alliance*, Richard Alley

#### Race 14. Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over.

- 1) *Erika & Kyle*, Ennis Wright (36 mph)
- 2) *Bigger Dirls*, Steve Carver
- 3) *Green Machine*, Winifred Alley

#### Race 15. Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet.

- 1) *Sea Shell*, Calvin Beal, Jr.
- 2) *Shanna & Erick*, Eric Blackwood
- 3) *Miss Katie*, Nick Wiberg
- 4) *Miss Behavin*, Trevor Jessiman

#### Race 16. Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over.

- 1) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal (31 mph)
- 2) *Melanie Jean*, Todd Hubbard
- 3) *Ashley Nicole*, Troy Crowley
- 4) *Endangered Species*, Brian Smith
- 5) *Tyler & Hannah*, Jason Faulkingham
- 6) *Miss Shaylee*, Luke Crowley

#### Race 17. Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet.

- 1) *Kimberley Belle*, Sidney Eaton (27 mph)
- 2) *Marie Belle*, Shawn Johnson, Sr.
- 3) *General II*, Bryant Ciomei
- 4) *Father's Favorite*, Harris Norton

#### Race 18. Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over.

- 1) *Why Knot*, Aaron Smith
- 2) *Mary Elizabeth*, Dan Riley
- 3) *Hee Haw*, Brent Davis
- 4) *Pirate's Loot*, Alex Thompson
- 5) *Beyond R Reach*, Shane E. Farris
- 6) *First Choice*, Joshua Beal
- 7) *Musette Belle*, Jeremy Beal

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**Race 19. Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet.**

- 1) *Seacock*, Todd Ritchie (38.1 mph)
- 2) *Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner

**Race 20. Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over.**

- 1) *Linda Mavis II*, Herbert L. Smith
- 2) *Askk'n*, Ed Shirley

**Race 21. Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet.**

No entrants

**Race 22. Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet over.**

- 1) *16<sup>th</sup> Avenue*, Wendall Bryant (37 mph)
- 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick

**Race 23. Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over.**

**No Entrants.**

**Race 24. Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over.**

**No Entrants.**

**Race 25. Class M, 40 feet and over, up to 750 hp.**

- 1) *Amanda Joy & Logi Bear*, Colon Alley (32.4 mph)
- 2) *51*, Billy Bob Faulkingham
- 3) *Gramp's Bird*, Patrick Faulkingham
- 4) *Kendrick & Chandler*, Wayne Beal
- 5) *Miss Tonia*, Milton Merchant
- 6) *Time-N-Tide*, Oscar Look
- 7) *Breaking Wind*, Jeff Libby
- 8) *Just Because*, Keith Smith
- 9) *Chief*, Ira Kelley
- 10) *Seacoast Rambler*, Wade Faulkingham

**Race 26. Class N, 40 feet and over, 750 hp and over.**

- 1) *Abigail & Carter*, Chris Page (30 mph)
- 2) *Phantom*, Nick Lemieux
- 3) *Prometheus*, Fred Backman

**Race 27. Gasoline Free-for-All**

- 1) *Brenda*, Doug Dodge (27.8 mph)

**Race 28. Diesel Free-for-All**

- 1) *Kimberley Belle*, Sidney Eaton
- 2) *Seacock*, Todd Ritchie
- 3) *Mary Elizabeth*, Dan Riley
- 4) *Erika & Kyle*, Ennis Wright
- 5) *Amanda Joy & Logi Bear*, Colon Alley
- 6) *51*, Billy Bob Faulkingham
- 7) *Bigger Dirls*, Steve Carver

**Race 29. World's Fastest Working Lobster Boat.**

- 1) *Kimberley Belle*, Sidney Eaton (39.6 mph)
- 2) *Seacock*, Todd Ritchie
- 3) *Erika & Kyle*, Ennis Wright
- 4) *Amanda Joy & Logi Bear*, Colon Alley



Nick Wiberg's MISS KATIE.



SEA SHELL leading SHANNA & ERICK in Diesel Class C.



Ennis Wright's ERIKA & KYLE in Diesel Class B.

- 5) *Bigger Dirls*, Steve Carver
- 6) *Askk'n*, Ed Shirley

**Race 30. World's Fastest Recreational Lobster Boat.**

- 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Galen Alley