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The Long Island Races Did Not Disappoint!



In the Diesel Free-for-All, Sean Clemons' MEAN KATHLEEN [Wayne Beal 36; 700-hp Scania], Marshall Spears' JACALWA [Wesmac 46; 1000-hp Caterpillar], Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] and Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] are all fighting for third.

LONG ISLAND: The early forecast for the weekend for the last two lobster boat races of the year was a wet Friday with clearing for Saturday and Sunday. There was fog that only shut in around Owl's Head Friday morning, but then opened up as we passed into the Mussel Ridges. Once we cleared the Mussel Ridge Channel the wind began to pick up as did the waves. We battled sizable waves on the port quarter all the way and by the time we made Long Island I looked like a drowned rat. We docked at Johnson's Boat Yard just after 1600 and headed for the ferry dock where there was quite a gathering for T-shirts and hoodies and a cookout.

In the morning we were back at the ferry dock for signups. Some of the racers that came from the east'ard that morning still found the wind and waves a factor. Randy Durkee of AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] said it was wild and added that he did his best to get in behind Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] for a smoother ride and that helped a bit. Matt Shepard of ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] had a great post on Facebook showing what he went through to get there. When registration was closed we had 41 racers entered. There were plenty of racers in the Work Boat (skiffs) Classes, but just three boats in two of the five Gasoline

Classes and no entrants in four Diesel Classes so I combined several races to make it more interesting.

There was still a good breeze blowing from the sou'west and that was a small factor in the skiff races. Fortunately, everyone stayed on their bottom. In the first races of the day, Work Boats Class A, Cameron Murphy's NUGGET [Holland 14; 30-hp Honda] with J. P. Thornton at the helm in Work Boat Class A, which he won with a speed of 22.8 mph. Work Boat Class B had nine boats on the line and it was going to be a great battle between the top three, since they all can do about 40 mph. As they came up, they were bouncing, some even coming right out of the water. The battle was between Andy Correa's Boston Whaler 15 [90-hp Yamaha] and Mason Vintinner's SCREEN TIME [Corson 16; 90-hp Mercury] and it was Andy Correa by maybe a boat length. Third went to Jacob Noyes' ZIPPIN' TOO []. The early favourite in Work Boat Class C was Dave Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda], but there was an unknown, David Noyes' ZIPPAH [Corson 17; 150-hp Evinrude]. As they neared the finish it was ZIPPAH in the lead with CASCO MISS back a couple of boat lengths.

For the first time this year, Jon Johansen's CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet], skippered by Al Strout, had

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This is Cameron Murphy's NUGGET [Holland 14; 30-hp Honda] with J. P. Thorton at the helm in Work Boat Class A, which he won with a speed of 22.8 mph.

competition, Tim Day's ALL DAY LONG [Johnson 28; V-6 Gas]. There was no real competition as ALL DAY LONG jumped right into the lead and never looked back. However, all the eyes were on Steve Johnson's LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 632 Chevrolet] in Gasoline Class E. She was way out in front and when Steve hit the throttle near the finish line she roared, but was breaking up, the timing being off slightly. Unfortunately, Steve did not have much fuel and only competed in this race.

It was now onto the Diesel Classes. There were no entrants in Classes A, C and D and the one entered in B, Josh Kimball's DAUNTLESS [], did not show for the start. Class E had three boats on the line and of course AUDREY MAY was the favourite and he did not disappoint. The unknown was Trisha Sawyer's WILBUR [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins], which held her own with AUDREY MAY, but was back a couple of boat lengths in second at the finish. Third went to Jake Dugas' GUILTY PLEASURE [Mitchell Cove 32; 380-hp Cummins]. What I failed to notice was that WILBUR should have been disqualified as there was someone standing on the rail during the race. The rule is that everyone on the boat must be inside the cockpit. There were three boats on the line for Class F and it was Josh Audet's KARAMEL [Crowley 34; 410-hp Hyundai] leading the way to the finish line with Craig Stewart's CARL & CO [Wayne Beal 36; 405-hp Cummins] in second and Cameron Murphy's BLUE DOLPHIN II [Crowley 36; 402-hp 3406 Caterpillar] in third. There was just one entrant, Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [] in Class H, so he ran down with the two racers in Class G. The favourite had to be Tucker Johnson's RIJO [Mussel Ridge 28; 550-hp Cummins], even though he developed an engine issue after Winter Harbor. He was running against an unknown, Ari Meehan's SEMPER FI [Wayne Beal 28; 500-hp Cummins], which has raced in the past and done well. As they made there was to the finish RIJO was leading by two boats lengths and that is how they finished. There were no entrants in Class I and Classes J, K and L were combined as one had two entrants and two and one entrant. As the four boats headed for the finish Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] was well out in front with LA BELLA VITA back several boat lengths. MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II got the win in Class L and LA BELLA VITA the win in Class K. Sean Clemons' MEAN KATHLEEN [Wayne Beal 36; 700-hp Scania] leading Alan Dugas' DELUSIONAL [] to the finish for the win in Class J. Three boats were on the line for Class



In Work Boat Class C there was a great battle between David Noyes' ZIPPAH [Corson 17; 150-hp Evinrude] and Dave Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda].

M(A) and Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] slid over for the win. The real battle was for second between Justin Papkee's PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai] and Alan Knowlton's SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere], which went to PULL N' PRAY. The last two diesel classes, M(B) and N, were combined. This created a great battle between the two top boats in each class, Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] in M(B) and Marshall Spear's JACALWA [Wesmac 46; 1000-hp Caterpillar] in Class N. They came up the course bow to bow and as they neared the finish JACALWA surged into the lead to cross first. Both got the win in their respective classes. Second in Class N went to Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar].

There was only one wooden boat in Wooden Boat A and two in Wooden Boat B so they all ran down together. The two boats in Wooden Boat B were DELUSIONAL and Jon and Ann Johansen's SARI ANN I [40' Johns Bay Boat, 375-hp 3208 Caterpillar], skippered by Travis Otis. DELUSIONAL led the three with SARI ANN I back a few boat lengths for a one two finish. CINDY JEN was the only entrant in Wooden Boat A and she was back a ways when the other two had finished.

Two boats were on the line for the Johnson Boat Yard Race and the easy winner was CASCO MISS followed by PULL N' PRAY.

Next came the Royal River Boat Yard Race with seven boats on the line. First went to JACALWA, followed by CARL & CO and then SHADY LADY. There was a great battle in this race between Rusty Parmenter's PATRICIA ANN [42' Novi] and BIG DIPPER for last place. BIG DIPPER slipped over first, but there was a big prize for last.

The only gasoline boat to show for the Gasoline Free-for-All and that was CINDY JEN.

There were seven boats on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All. Unless there was a major engine issue we all knew that MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II would be the winner and she was. The big question was who would be next? It was close, but at the line it was LA BELLA VITA with third going to MEAN KATHLEEN.

In the final race of the day, Fastest Lobster Boat, the top three were exactly the same.



Steve Johnson's LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 632 Chevrolet] came out and easily won Gasoline Class E. With not much fuel he decided that this would be his only race of the day.



Two Holland 32s went head to head in Diesel Class E, when Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] and Trisha Sawyer's WILBUR [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] came to the line. AUDREY MAY got the win with WILBUR second.

FINAL RACE RESULTS

LONG ISLAND LOBSTER BOAT RACE

19 August 2023

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) Nugget, J. P. Thornton (22.8 mph); and 2) Sea Ox Express, Max Byers (19 mph). Race 2 –Class B, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp: 1) ---, Andy Correa (44.5 mph); 2) Screen Time, Mason Vintinner; 3) Zippin Too, Jacob Noyes; 4) Miss Diane, Jay Lane. No position given: Nugget, Cameron Murphy; Rock Fisher, Antonio Camden; Shaggy, Regan Anderson; and Trouble, Kelsey Anderson. Race 3 –Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over: 1) Zippah, David Noyes (32.4 mph); 2) Casco Miss, Dave Johnston; 3) Contentious, Matt Byers; 4) 4Winns, Ron Pottle; and 5) Fulmar, Jake Spear.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 4 –Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over: 1) All Day Long, Tim Day (20 mph); and 2) Cindy Jen, Jon Johansen. Race 5 –Class B, V8, Up to 375 cid, 24 feet and over: No Entrants. Race 6 –Class C, V8, 376 to 525 cid, 24 feet and over: No Entrants. Race 7 –Class D, V8, 376 to 540 cid, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer): No Entrants. Race 8 –Class E, V8, Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers: 1) Lynn Marie, Steven Johnson (24.5 mph).

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND OVER.

Race 9 –Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: No Entrants. Race 10 –Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 40 feet: DNS) Dauntless, Josh Kimball. Race 11 –Class C, 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet: No Entrants. Race 12 –Class D, 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 40 feet: No Entrants. Race 13 –Class E, 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet: 1) Audrey May, Randy Durkee (36.7 mph); 2) Wilbur, Trisha Sawyer; and 3) Guilty Pleasure, Jake Dugas. Race 14 –Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 40 feet: 1) Karamel, Josh Audet (20.2 mph); 2) Carl & Co., Craig Stewart; and 3) Blue Dolphin II, Cameron Murphy. Race 15 –Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet: 1) Rijo, Tucker Johnson (42.5 mph); and 2) Semper Fi, Ari Meehan. Race 16 –Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 40 feet: 1) First Team, Travis Otis. Race 17 –Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet: No



Josh Audet's KARAMEL [Crowley 34; 410-hp Hyundai] and Craig Stewart's CARL & CO [Wayne Beal 36; 405-hp Cummins] nearing the finish line in Diesel Class F.



Ari Meehan's SEMPER FI [Wayne Beal 28; 500-hp Cummins] placed second in Diesel Class G.



One of the best races of the day was between Marshall Spear's JACALWA [Wesmac 46; 1000-hp Caterpillar] and Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] in a combined race of Diesel Class M(B) and N.



Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] streaking up the course for the win in Diesel Class L. She also won Diesel Free-for-All and Fastest Lobster Boat.



Alan Dugas' DELUSIONAL [38' John's Bay Boat, 600-hp Cummins] got second in Diesel Class J and the win in Wooden Boat B.



Another great battle of the day was in the Royal River Boat Race between Rusty Parmenter's PATRICIA ANN [42' Novi] and BIG DIPPER for last place. BIG DIPPER slipped over first, but there was a big prize for last.

Entrants. Race 18 –Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 40 feet: 1) Mean Kathleen, Sean Clemons; and 2) Delusional, Allan Dugas. Race 19 –Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 40 feet: 1) La Bella Vita, Jeff Eaton. Race 20 –Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 40 feet: 1) Maria's Nightmare II, Jeremy Beal (51.8 mph). Race 21 –Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp: 1) Old School, Chris Pope (27.1 mph); 2) Pull n' Pray, Justin Papkee; and 3) Sea Urchin, Alan Knowlton. Race 22 – Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp: 1) Alexsa Rose, Matt Shepard (33.3 mph). Race 23 –Class N, 40 feet and over, 751 hp and over: 1) Jacalwa, Marshall Spear (34.3 mph); and 2) 4 Ladies, Tom Clemons. Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: 1) Tilly, Jeff Croft (16.2 mph).

Race 25 –Wooden Boat Race, up to 35 feet 11 inches: 1) Cindy Jen, Jon Johansen. Race 26 – Wooden Boat Race, 36 feet and over: 1) Delusional, Allan Dugas (27.3 mph); and 2) Sari Ann I, Jon Johansen (20 mph).

Race 27 – Boats Built by Johnson's Boat Yard: 1) Casco Miss, Dave Johnston (23 mph); and 2) Pull n' Pray, Justin Papkee (18 mph).

Race 28 – Royal River Boat Yard Race: 1) Jacalwa, Marshall Spear (33.9 mph); 2) Carl & Co., Craig Stewart (30 mph); 3) Shady Lady; 4) Guilty Pleasure, Jake Dugas; 5) Delusional, Alan Dugas; 6) Cindy Jen, Jon Johansen (13.9 mph); 7) Big Dipper; and 8) Patricia Ann.

Race 29 –Gasoline Free-for-All: 1) Cindy Jen, Jon Johansen

Race 30 –Diesel Free-for-All: 1) Maria's Nightmare II, Jeremy Beal (57.7 mph); 2) La Bella Vita, Jeff Eaton; 3) Mean Kathleen, Sean Clemons; 4) Jacalwa, Marshall Spear; 5) Alexsa Rose, Matt Shepard; 6) 4 Ladies, Tom Clemons; and 7) Wilbur, Trisha Sawyer.

Race 32 – Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) Maria's Nightmare II, Jeremy Beal (57.1 mph); 2) La Bella Vita, Jeff Eaton (36 mph); and 3) Mean Kathleen, Sean Clemons (34 mph).