

# Maine Lobster Boat Racing Newsletter

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## The Lobster Boat Racing Season Ends at Portland



Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] trying stay bow to bow with Jeremy Beal's MARIE'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] in the Diesel Free-for-All.

PORTLAND - Sunday morning we headed out to the committee boat for the Portland races off the Eastern Promenade from Long Island. The committee boat was PATIENCE, owned by Tom and Katie Werner, Katie being the head of the Portland race committee, and together they also own and operate The Lobster Company on Peak's Island. I had done most of the signups when I signed up the racers at Long Island, but there were several new entries and when done I had 41 boats entered. It should be noted that this race is a fund raiser for scholarships for fishermen's children, which is also the main fundraiser of the Maine Fishermen's Forum in March.

The skiffs were challenged again as it was a bumpy ride for them down the course. There were no entrants in Work Boat Class A and many realized that there would be a real battle in Work Boat B, being a rematch of the day before between Andy Correa [Boston Whaler 15; 90-hp Yamaha] and Mason Vintinner's SCREEN TIME [Corson 16; 90-hp Mercury]. With the drop of the flag these two jumped into the lead, bow to bow up the course and at times in the air. As they closed in on the finish Andy Correa had the lead with SCREEN TIME right on his transom. Third went to Jacob Noyes' ZIPPIN' TOO [Corson 15; 90-hp Nissan]. The next race, Work Boat Class C, was another rematch between Dave John-

ston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda] and David Noyes' ZIPPAH [Corson 17; 150-hp Evinrude]. Right from the start ZIPPAH had the lead with CASCO MISS right behind and they finished one-two. Third went to Ron Pottle's 4 WINNS [4 Winns; 115-hp].

There were only three boats signed up in the five Gasoline Classes so they were combined into one race, each winning their respective class. The winner of Class A was Jon Johansen's CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet], skippered by Al Strout; Class C Jim Koehling's BROWN EYED GIRL [Duffy 26; 454-hp Chevrolet]; and Class E Steve Johnson's LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 632 Chevrolet].

In the Diesel Classes there were no entrants in Class C, D, I and O and there were a few classes with just one entrant so we did some combining. The first race was a combination of Class A and B as there was just one boat in each. The winner of Class A was Scott Dyer's RELENTLESS [BHM 28; 200-hp Yanmar]; and in Class B it was Curt Brown's LIL' MORE TAIL [Calvin Beal 33; 225-hp John Deere]. Class E was another rematch from the day before between Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] and Trisha Sawyer's WILBUR [Holland 32;

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Scott Dugas' SAND DOLLARS III [41' Johns Bay Boat; 700-hp Caterpillar] running down the course with a huge American flag before the start of the Portland Lobster Boat Races on 20 August.

425-hp Cummins]. AUDREY MAY jumped right into the lead and held that lead all the way to the finish line. WILBUR came over three boat lengths back with Jake Dugas' GUILTY PLEASURE [Mitchell Cove 32; 380-hp Cummins] just behind her. Josh Audet's KARAMEL [Crowley 34; 410-hp Hyundai] was the only entrant in Class F so she came down with the three boats in Class G. Leading the way was Tucker Johnson's RIJO [Mussel Ridge 28; 550-hp Cummins], which easily took first in Class G with a speed of 43.3 mph. Second in Class G was Ari Meehan's SEMPER FI [Wayne Beal 28; 500-hp Cummins] followed by Kris Koerbert's IVA JEAN [Mitchell Cove 32; 500-hp John Deere]. Of course, the winner of Class F was KARAMEL. In Class H Nick Martinez's PRETTY WOMAN [Calvin Beal 36; 510-hp Caterpillar] took the top spot with Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36; 410-hp Sisu 645] in second. Two boats were on the line for Class J and the winner was Sean Clemons' MEAN KATHLEEN [Wayne Beal 36; 700-hp Scania], who continued his domination of this class with a speed of 36.4 mph. Second over the line was Alan Dugas' DELUSIONAL [38' John's Bay Boat, 600-hp Cummins]. There were two racers in Class K and one in Class L, so they came down together. It was no surprise to see Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] leading the others and getting the win in Class L. Just behind him was Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] who got the win in Class K with second going to Zack Donnell's REGENCY [Calvin Beal 38; 800-hp Scania]. Three boats came to the line in Class M(A) and they all came up together until about half way and Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] got a little more throttle and took the lead. However, 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]. They had battled the day before at Long Island with PULL N' PRAY just getting by SEA URCHIN for second. Today it was SEA URCHIN slipping by for second and PULL N' PRAY third. Four boats came to the line in Diesel Class M(B) and the winner was Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere]. Second went to Wayne Clemons' TEMP TATION [Young Brothers 40; 730-hp MAN] and third was Alan Dugas' ROLLING STONE [John's Bay Boat 44; 700-hp Luger]. The final diesel race was Class N and Andy Johnson's WHISTLIN' DIXIE [Holland 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] showed she still had



The conditions a little bit bumpy for the skiff races. Mason Vintner's SCREEN TIME [Corson 16; 90-hp Mercury] doing all he can to keep pace with Andy Correa [Boston Whaler 15; 90-hp Yamaha].

what it takes to win. Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] was the second place finisher.

Portland is one of the only places left that has tugboat races and once they are out and ready to run we stop the lobster boat races and let them come down the course. Unfortunately, earlier this summer David Winslow, owner of the Winslow tugs, passed away and these tugs did not participate. Still, it was an impressive sight to see the four McAllister tugs make two runs down the course.

Next up was the wooden boat races, CINDY JEN was the only boat in A and there were three in B so they all came down together. Two of the three in Class B were close as they made their way to the finish line. Just before crossing Scott Dugas' SAND DOLLARS III [41' Johns Bay Boat; 700-hp Caterpillar] slipped into the lead and got the win with DELUSIONAL second, followed by ROLLING STONE.

Three boats were on the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All and one of them was LYNN MARIE. Steve Johnson had enough fuel for another race and was going to open her up and see just how fast she would go. Before they dropped the flag they were not lined up quite right and a false start was called. They lined up again and this time the flag dropped and their engines screamed as they headed up the course. LYNN MARIE had the lead and got the win with BROWN EYED GIRL taking second. A very distant third was CINDY JEN.

Seven boats were ready for the Diesel Free-for-All and again it was no surprise to see MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II out in front for the win with LA BELLA VITA just behind her in second. Third went to WHISTLIN' DIXIE.

Three boats from the Diesel Free-for-All decided not enter the Fastest Lobster Boat Race as did any of the gasoline boats. With the drop of the flag the last race of the day and year was on its way to the finish line. As they made their way to the finish it was obvious that the finish would be the same as in the Diesel Free-for-All. The real story here was that MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II had a great run at 63 mph according to their GPS.

With the final race in the books that concluded the 2023 Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association's season. It was a good year, but Mother Nature could have been kinder and not made it so wet and foggy. Still, we had about the same number of participants as last year, less six. The Association is already gearing up for next year: the calendar has tentatively been created and we are looking at the



David Noyes' ZIPPAH [Corson 17; 150-hp Evinrude] getting a little air as he led the rest of Work Boat Class C to the finish line for his second win of the weekend.

classes to see if they need to be tweaked. Now, get ready for the Annual Meeting and Banquet at Robinson's Wharf on Southport Island 14 October.

## FINAL RACE RESULTS

### PORTLAND LOBSTER BOAT RACES

20 August 2023

#### 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: No Entrants.** **Race 2 - CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) ---, Andy Correa (45.3 mph); 2) *Screen Time*, Mason Vintinner (42 mph); 3) *Zippin' Too*, Jacob Noyes; 4) *Miss Diane*, Ron Barrett; 5) *Shaggy*, Reagan Anderson; 6) *Trouble*, Kelsey Anderson; 7) ---, Devin Johnson; and 8) *Simpleman*, Jeff Patterson. **Race 3 - Class C, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over:** 1) *Zippah*, David Noyes (40.2 mph); 2) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnston; and 3) *4Winns*, Ron Pottle.

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

**Race 4 - Class A, Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over:** 1) *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:** 1) *Brown Eyed Girl*, Jim Koehling (38 mph). **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 (43.6 mph).

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

**Race 9 - Class A, Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet:** 1) *Relentless*, The Dyers (16.1 mph). **Race 10 - Class B, Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *Lil' More Tail*, Curt Brown (11.1 mph). **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 (34.3 mph); 2) *Wilbur*, Trisha Sawyer (32 mph); and 3) *Guilty Pleasure*, Jake Dugas (29 mph). **Race 14 - Class F, 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *Karamel*, Josh Audet (25.8 mph); and DNS) *Blue Dolphin II*, Cameron Murphy. **Race 15 - Class G, 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Rijo*, Tucker Johnson (43.3



Jim Koehling's BROWN EYED GIRL [Duffy 26; 454-hp Chevrolet] heading for the finish with Steven Johnson's LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26; 632 Chevrolet]. They were both in different classes. BROWN EYED GIRL won Gasoline Class C and LYNN MARIE won Gasoline Class E.



Second in Diesel Class K went to Zack Donnell's REGENCY [Calvin Beal 38; 800-hp Scania].



The battle was for second and third in Diesel Class M(A). Alan Knowlton's SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere] is doing his best to stay ahead of Justin Papkee's PULL N' PRAY [Wayne Beal 40; 500-hp Hyundai] and did for a second place finish.



Placing second in Diesel Class M(B) was Wayne Clemons' TEMPTATION [Young Brothers 40; 730-hp MAN].



Andy Johnson's WHISTLIN' DIXIE [Holland 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] took first place in Diesel Class N.



In the wooden boat race Alan Dugas' DELUSIONAL [38' John's Bay Boat, 600-hp Cummins] is in the process of passing his brother Scott's SAND DOLLARS III [41' Johns Bay Boat; 700-hp Caterpillar] for a first and second finish.



The tugs IONA MCALLISTER trying to get the lead from RODERICK MCALLISTER in the first tugboat race of the day.

mph); 2) *Semper Fi*, Ari Meehan (37 mph); and 3) *Iva Jean*, Kris Koerbert. **Race 16 – Class H, 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *Pretty Woman*, Nick Martinez (29.1 mph); and 2) *First Team*, Travis Otis (19 mph). **Race 17 – Class I, 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet: No Entrants.** **Race 18 – Class J, 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *Mean Kathleen*, Sean Clemons (36.4 mph); and 2) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas (24.2 mph). **Race 19 – Class K, 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton (49 mph); and 2) *Regency*, Zach Donnell (28 mph). **Race 20 – Class L, 901 hp and over, 28 feet to 40 feet:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (58.4 mph). **Race 21 – Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Old School*, Chris Pope (24.6 mph); 2) *Sea Urchin*, Allan Knowlton (20.7 mph); and 3) *Pull n' Pray*, Justin Papkee. **Race 22 – Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard (35.2 mph); 2) *Temptation*, Wayne Clemons; 3) *Rolling Stone*, Alan Dugas; and 4) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas. **Race 23 – Class N, 40 feet and over, 751hp and over:** 1) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson (37.5 mph); and 2) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons (33.6 mph). **Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: No entrants.**

**Race 25 – Wooden Boat Race, up to 35 feet 11 inches:** 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 26 – Wooden Boat Race, over 36 feet:** 1) *Sand Dollars III*, Scott Dugas (24.6 mph); 2) *Delusional*, Alan Dugas (20.1 mph); 3) *Rolling Stone*, Alan Dugas; and DNS) *Sari Ann I*, Jon Johansen.

**Race 27 – Gasoline Free for All:** 1) *Lynn Marie*, Steven Johnson (45.2 mph); 2) *Brown Eyed Girl*, Jim Koehling (36 mph); and 3) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen (9 mph).

**Race 28 - Diesel Free for All:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (58 mph); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton (45.1 mph); 3) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson; 4) *Mean Kathleen*, Sean Clemons; 5) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons; 6) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; and 7) *Regency*, Zach Donnell.

**Race 29 - Fastest Lobster Boat:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (58.5 mph) (63.2 mph GPS); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton (45.3 mph); 3) *Whistlin' Dixie*, Andy Johnson; and 4) *Brown Eyed Girl*, Jim Koehling.