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Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] battling up the course, each getting the win in their respective classes.

FRIENDSHIP – The weather forecast for the weekend was great, the first so far this summer for lobster boat racing. No rain, and most importantly, no fog, but that was not true early on Sunday morning. Three of us left Searsport at 0500 and it was a nice sail down West Penobscot Bay till we got off Rockland and the fog closed in. With no radar, I am following Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM's stern lights. When the lights got lost in the fog I tried to stay in the middle of his wake and then that failed. We hooked up again and made it down through the Mussel Ridges and it finally cleared off Port Clyde for a beautiful sail across to Friendship.

I got to the dock just after 0900 and was surprised to see Mark Freeman and FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] tied up and ready to race. He had been hoping to get a bigger engine and I am not sure if that happened as he had signed up by the time I got up to the sign-up table. I began sign-ups as soon as I had everything hooked up and they were steady. When we finished, we had 30 boats registered, which was just two less than last year. I was surprised not to see Andrew Taylor's BLUE EYED GIRL [Morgan Bay 38, 900-hp Scania] from Boothbay. I was also surprised not to see Steve Johnson of Long Island with the LYNN MARIE [Sisu 26]. He has repowered her with a big

gasoline engine, but not sure if he has her dailed in yet. And, where was David Noyes and his crew with ZIPPIN', ZIPPIN' TOO and JENILY?

The first three races of the day were the Work Boat Classes. In Class A (Skiffs 16 feet and under, Outboard up to 30 hp, operators up to 16 years old) there were two boats on the line. Devon Carter's FIRST TIME jumped into the lead as soon as the flag dropped on the start boat and was the first winner of the day. Second went to Greg Carter [16'; 25-hp]. In Work Boat Class B (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 31 to 90 hp) four boats were on the line and Mason Vintinner's SCREAM TIME [Corson 16; 90-hp Mercury] continued to be the boat to beat in this class this year with a speed of 33 mph. He was followed over by Reagan Anderson's SHAGGY [16'; 50-hp Mariner] and third went to Blake Feltis' SHEDDAH [Mitchell Cove 20; 90-hp Yamaha]. It was no surprise to see Dave Johnston's CASCO MISS [Eastern 22, 250-hp Honda] leading the way to the finish line in Work Boat Class C (Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, 90 hp and over). Second went to Myron Curtis' DEEZ KNOTS [Seaway 23; 115-hp].

Next up was the Gasoline Classes and there were no entrants in Classes B (V8, Up to 383 cid, 24 feet and over), C (V8, 376 to

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Devon Carter's FIRST TIME was the first winner of the day in Work Boat Class A.



The dominate boat in Work Boat Class B so far this year has been Mason Vintinner's SCREAM TIME [Corson 16; 90-hp Mercury] and at Friendship it was no different with a speed of 33 mph.

525 cid, 24 feet and over) and E (V8, Over 525 cid, 28 feet and over, Turbos/superchargers, Alcohol and Nitrous) and there was just one entrant in Class A (Four and Six Cylinder, 24 feet and over), Jon Johansen's CINDY JEN [34' Clinton Beal, 1964; 292 Chevrolet] and in Class D (V8, 376 cid and over, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer)), FOOLISH PLEASURE. They were sent down together and it was a race against the hare and the tortoise. When the flag dropped FOOLISH PLEASURE went streaking up the course as CINDY JEN crawled her way to the finish line, each getting the win in their respective classes.

In the Diesel Classes there were no entrants in Classes B (Up to 235 hp, 32 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), C (236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches) and O (Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower). There were also several with one entrant and these were combined with another race. With single entrants in Class A (Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet 11 inches) and D (236 to 335 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) they were run together. Frank Guptil IV's SCREAMIN' SEAMAN [Duffy 35; 300-hp John Deere] came across the finish line first winning Class D. Just a little further back was Ed Upham's BLACK MAGIC [Nauset 27; 135-hp Perkins], which won Class A. Next up was Class E (336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet 11 inches) with four boats were on the line. The favourite was Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] and he did not let the crowd down winning easily. Back a few boat lengths was Lucas Cocks' LAURETA & AUBREY [Calvin Beal 33; 425-hp Cummins] and right on her stern was Jake Dugas' GUILTY PLEASURE [Mitchell Cove 32; 380-hp Cummins]. There was only one entrant in Class F (336 to 435 hp, 34 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and Class G (436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches) so they were run together. With the drop of the flag, David Osgood's SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 550-hp D-8 Volvo] flew up the course and crossed the line first winning Class G. A little further back was Ryan Maloney's MALONEY TRADITION [37 Osmond; 470-hp Caterpillar], who won Class F. There was only one entrant in Class H (436 to 550 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36; 410-hp Sisu 645] so he ran down with the two entrants in Class I (551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet 11 inches), Gary Genthner's LIL' LISA MARIE [Mussel Ridge 28; 600-hp FPT] and Chris Smith's MISTY [Crowley Beal 33; 650 hp Scania]. LIL' LISA MARIE jumped right into the lead at the start and came up the course with MISTY back

three boat lengths. That is how they finished with FIRST TEAM coming across the finish line third, but with the win in Class H. Classes J (551 to 700 hp, 36 feet to 39 feet 11 inches), K (701 to 900 hp, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) and L (901 hp and over, 28 feet to 39 feet 11 inches) were combined as Sean Clemons' MEAN KATHLEEN [Wayne Beal 36; 700-hp Scania] was the only entrant in Class J and Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] the only entrant in Class L. Streaking up the course and to no one's surprise was MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II. The real battle was between Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] and Nick Wiberg's WITCHING HOUR [Northern Bay 36; 815-hp] for the top spot in Class K. It was close, but LA BELLA VITA had the advantage at the line for the win. MEAN KATHLEEN came across just after WITCHING HOUR, for the win in Class J. Three boats were on the line for Class M(A) (40 feet and over, up to 500 hp) and the win went to Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins] followed by Alan Knowlton's SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere] in second and Taylor Emerson's LOBSTER HUNTER II [Young Brothers 40; 410-hp FPT] in third. There was one entrant in Class M(B) (40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp), Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] so she ran down with Class N (40 feet and over, 751 hp and over), which had four entrants. With the dropped of the flag it was a great battle between Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and ALEXSA ROSE. ALEXSA ROSE crossed first getting the win in Class M(B) and right on her stern was 4 LADIES for the win in Class N. Keith Simmons' ISAAC & COLBY [Wayne Beal 46, 1,400-hp MAN] came across in second followed closely by Andrew Simmons' CARSON & EMMA [Wayne Beal 46, 1400-hp MAN] in third.

There was only one boat, CINDY JEN, entered in the Wooden Boat Race and because she was entered in the Gasoline Free-for-All, the race committee decided to combine the two races. The only other boat entered in the Gasoline Free-for-All was FOOLISH PLEASURE and we all know who would win this one. Well, as FOOLISH PLEASURE neared the finish line something did not sound quite right. He started veering to the left to go off the course, but he had not crossed the finish line. Those on the committee float waved him to keep going, which he did and won the Gasoline Free-for-All. We had to look a long way down the course to see



Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] came out for the first time this year and took the top spot in Gasoline Class D and the Gasoline Free-for-All.



Frank Guptill IV's SCREAMIN' SEAMAN [Duffy 35; 300-hp John Deere] took the top spot in Diesel Class D.

CINDY JEN, as she made her up the course.

Six boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All and MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II came over in first followed by LA BELLA VITA in second and WITCHING HOUR third.

Next, they decided to run the Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat Race, which pitted two Simmons boats. One could see this was close as ISAAC & COLBY and CARSON & EMMA were bow to bow. At the line the win went to CARSON & EMMA by half a boat length. Third went to Frank Guptill's TAYLOR NICOLE [Calvin Beal 44; 1000-hp Caterpillar].

Only three boats were on the line for the final race of the day, Fastest Lobster Boat. Again, it was no surprise that MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II led the way up the course for the win. Second went to LA BELLA VITA and third was WHISKEY HOUR.

What a great day for a race, but where were the boats? The race committee at Friendship does an excellent job getting vendors on the dock and filling the prize float. It was wondered if we would get more participation if we combined Friendship and Harpswell again? Neither venue wants to run on Saturday, but if we alternated them that might help. Another thought was a big end of the year prize. This would be offered by the Maine Lobster Boat Racing Association and every time you raced you would get a chance for the prize awarded at the end of the year. Just a couple of thoughts.

Next race is Sunday at Harpswell! Remember it is over by the old fuel docks by Mitchell Field. Signups will be on the water off Mitchell Field.

FINAL RACE RESULTS

FRIENDSHIP LOBSTER BOAT RACES

23 July 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: 1) *Little Thing*, Devon Carter; and 2) ---, Greg Carter. **Race 2 - CLASS B Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 31 to 90 hp:** 1) *Scream Time*, Mason Vintinner (33 mph); 2) *Shaggy*, Reagan Anderson (17 mph); 3) *Sheddah*, Blake Feltis; and 4) *Trouble*, Kelsey Anderson. **Race 3 - CLASS C, Inboards, outboards or outdrives, 91 hp and up:** 1) *Casco Miss*, Dave Johnston (39 mph); 2) *Deez Knot*, Mryon Wotton.



David Osgood's SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 550-hp D-8 Volvo] won Diesel Class G.



The winner of Diesel Class H was Travis Otis' FIRST TEAM [Northern Bay 36; 410-hp Sisu 645].



Keith Simmons' ISAAC & COLBY [Wayne Beal 46, 1,400-hp MAN] battling it out with his brother Andrew Simmons' CARSON & EMMA [Wayne Beal 46, 1400-hp MAN] in the Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat Race with the win going to CARSON & EMMA.



Third in Diesel Class M(A) went to Taylor Emerson's LOBSTER HUNTER II [Young Brothers 40; 410-hp FPT].

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 4 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over: 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 5 – Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up:** *No entrants*. **Race 6 – Gasoline Class C - V-8, 376 to 525cid, 24 to 29 feet:** *No entrants*. **Race 7 – Gasoline Class D - V-8, 376 and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (42 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 UP

Race 9 – Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Black Magic*, Ed Upham (17.4 mph). **Race 10 – Diesel Class B - Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** *No entrants*. **Race 11 – Diesel Class C - 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 34 feet:** *No entrants*. **Race 12 – Diesel Class D - 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Screamin' Seaman*, Frank Guptill IV (18.4 mph). **Race 13 – Diesel Class E - 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee (39.8 mph); 2) *Laureta & Aubrey*, Lucas Cocks; 3) *Guilty Pleasure*, Jake Dugas; and 4) *Melody Marie II*, Robert Acorn. **Race 14 – Diesel Class F - 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Maloney Traditions*, Ryan Maloney. **Race 15 – Diesel Class G - 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Split Second*, David Osgood. **Race 16 – Diesel Class H - 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *First Team*, Travis



No one had anything for Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta], which won Diesel Class L, Diesel Free-for-All and Fastest Boat Afloat with a top speed of 57 mph.

Otis. **Race 17 – Diesel Class I - 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Lil' Lisa Marie*, Gary Genthner; and 2) *Misty*, Chris Smith. **Race 18 – Diesel Class J – 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Mean Kathleen*, Sean Clemons. **Race 19 – Diesel Class K - 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; and 2) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg. **Race 20 – Diesel Class L - 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (56 mph). **Race 21 – Diesel Class M(A) – 40 feet and over, up to 500 hp:** 1) *Old School*, Chris Pope; 2) *Sea Urchin*, Alan Knowlton; and 3) *Lobster Hunter II*, Taylor Emerson. **Race 22 – Diesel Class M(B) – 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard. **Race 23 – Diesel Class N – 40 feet and over; 751 hp and over:** 1) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons; 2) *Isaac & Colby*, Keith Simmons; 3) *Carson & Emma*, Andrew Simmons; 4) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill; and 5) USCG 47310. **Race 24. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower:** *No entrants*.

Race 25 – Wooden Boats, up to 35' 11": 1) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen. **Race 26 – Wooden Boats, 36 feet and over.** *No entrants*.

Race 27 – Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman; and 2) *Cindy Jen*, Jon Johansen.

Race 28 – Diesel Free for All: 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal; 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg; 4) *Mean Kathleen*, Sean Clemons; 5) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; and 6) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons.

Race 31 – Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Maria's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (57 mph); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; and 3) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg.

Race 26 – Fastest Friendship Lobster Boat: 1) *Carson & Emma*, Andrew Simmons; 2) *Isaac & Colby*, Keith Simmons; and 3) *Taylor Nicole*, Frank Guptill.