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STARLIGHT EXPRESS III Makes Her First Appearance



One of the races of the day was between Alfred Osgood's STARLIGHT EXPRESS III [Wayne Beal 36; 1400-hp MAN] and Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta] and the win went to STARLIGHT EXPRESS III.

WINTER HARBOR – One of the most popular lobster boat races on the coast of Maine is Winter Harbor. They make an effort to have an unbelievable prize. They have given away hulls, pick-up trucks and oil. This year they were offering ten cruises to the Caribbean this February and that got a lot of interest from the fishermen.

Sign-ups and been brisk and racers were still coming. Finally, the line had disappeared and we had 90 boats registered. We do our best to get off the dock before the start time, but when there is still a line at the start time we have no choice but to stay and get them signed in.

It was a great day for the races: sunny with a slight breeze that built as the afternoon went on. The big news was that Alfred Osgood's STARLIGHT EXPRESS III [Wayne Beal 36; 1400-hp MAN] was there. He had been at the Stonington races, but an incident before the races put her out of action. She was now ready and everyone wanted to see just how fast she was. The big question was how would she fair against Jeremy Beal's MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II [Wayne Beal 32; 1,000-hp Isotta]? Who would be the top boat this day?

The first race of the day is for Work Boats under 24 feet and powered with an outboard, inboard outboard or an inboard engine

no matter what the horsepower. First over the line was Ned Merchant's THE LITTLE BOY [18'; 90-hp], followed by Caleb Norton's WHITE LIGHTNING [Mako 20; 200-hp Evinrude] and in third was Joe Sargent's C.A.V.E. [Crowley 23; 150hp Evinrude].

There were three entrants in the Gasoline Classes, each in their own class, so they were sent down together and each would get first. No one was surprised to see Mark Freeman's FOOLISH PLEASURE [30' Custom Riley Beal; 650-hp 455 Stroker] out in front with a sizeable lead for the win in Class D. Second over the line was Lindsay Durkee's BLACK DIAMOND [Holland 32, 454 Chevrolet] who won Class C. Back a few boat lengths was Roy Hadlock's EMPTY POCKETS [Crowley 28; 350 Chevrolet], the winner of Class B.

There were five boats on the line for the first diesel class race, Class A. The pre-race favourite was Jacob Kirby's BARE BOTTOM [BHM 25, 220-hp John Deere] and he did not disappoint as he flew up the left side of the course for the win at a speed of 26 mph. Second went to Tommy Young's ETHAN R. [South Shore 30; 225-hp John Deere] and third was Brian Treadwell's PRINCE OF PEACE [West 28; 220 hp John Deere]. In Class B there were four boats entered and Kit Johnson's MR. LUCKY

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In Class E at Moosabec there was a tight battle between Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] and Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar].

[Duffy 35; 225-hp John Deere] has been the dominate boat at these races for a number of years. She made her way up the middle of the course for another win, followed by Zachery Chipman's JENNY KAY [Repco 30; 225-hp Cummins] and Rachel Nelson's HIGH MAINTENANCE [Webbers Cove 34; 210-hp]. There were only two boats on the line for Class C and the winner was Roy Fagonde's LAST DESIGN [E. Libby, Jr., 31; 300-hp Caterpillar]. In Class D, Ivan Libby's WRECKING CREW [Libby 38; 305-hp Caterpillar] followed up his win at Moosabec Reach the previous weekend with another victory in Class D. Conner Rossi's ELLEN LOUISE [RP 35; 300-hp John Deere] took second and Roy Whalen's BONNIE'S BRATS [Osmond 35; 305-hp Cummins] third. At the Moosabec Reach races, Dan Sawyer's HIGH VOLTAGE [AJ-28; 400-hp Yanmar] was right on the stern of Randy Durkee's AUDREY MAY [Holland 32; 425-hp Cummins] for the top spot in Class E. In a rematch it looked real close as they made their way towards the finish line, but it was obvious that AUDREY MAY had the advantage and took the win with HIGH VOLTAGE second. Third went to Allen Johnson's CATHERINE ELIZABETH [AJ-28; 350-hp Yanmar]. Having suffered his first loss of the year at Moosabec against his old boat, Winfred Alley's FAITH MELLE [Libby 34; 425-hp Cummins] quickly took the lead this day and never looked back. Back a couple of boat lengths was Brian Strout's SUNSHINE CHALET [Mitchell Cove 35; 425-hp John Deere], followed by Tanner Hardy's PRECIOUS GOLD [BHM 31; 210-hp Cummins]. For a number of years Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins] had been the dominate boat in Diesel Class G. Many were expecting to see her out in front, but there in the lead was Tucker Johnson's RIJO [Mussel Ridge 28; 550-hp Cummins] getting the win with a speed of 46.4 mph. If this boat looks familiar, she is the former VENOM. RIGHT STUFF claimed second followed by David Osgood's SPLIT SECOND [Crowley Beal 33; 550-hp D-8 Volvo] in third. Six boats were on the line for Class H and as they came down the course the two top boats, Willie Coombs' MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT] and Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp Cummins] were battling for the win. As they neared the finish MISS NORMA had a boat length lead followed by MELYNDA M. Third went to Nicholas Holt's COURTNEY OLIVIA [Holland 38; 500-hp Cummins]. There were two boats on the line for Class I, the Lemieux's ASPIRATION [Young Brothers 35; 450-hp Volvo]



Dana Beal's RIGHT STUFF [Libby 34; 500 hp Cummins] chading Tucker Johnson's RIJO [Mussel Ridge 28; 550-hp Cummins] in Diesel Class G.

and Steve Carver's ANOTHER DIRLS [Holland 35, 550-hp John Deere] so this class was combined with the one boat in Class J, B. Kennedy's SERENITY [Crowley 36; 670-hp Cummins]. SERENITY had a good battle with ASPIRATION, but ASPIRATION just barely had him at the line. They each got the win in their respective classes. Jeff Eaton's LA BELLA VITA [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT] has been the dominate boat in Class K and today was no different as he led the other two competitors to the line. The real battle was for second between Nick Wiberg's WITCHING HOUR [Northern Bay 36; 815-hp] and David Myrick's JANICE ELAINE [Northern Bay 38; 815-hp FPT]. As they neared the finish line WITCHING HOUR had the advantage, but JANICE ELAINE was gaining quickly and just slipped ahead for second. Now came the race many were waiting for, MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II and STARLIGHT EXPRESS III in Class L. Right from the start STARLIGHT EXPRESS III had the advantage as they powered their way to the finish. At one point they both hit one of the rollers coming in and both bows lifted. At the line it was STARLIGHT EXPRESS III by three boat lengths with a speed of 46.1 mph on the radar gun and 54.8 mph on the GPS. Next up was the races for those boats over 40 feet and there is always a good number of these here to compete. Six boats were on the line for Diesel Class M(A) and the early favourite was Chris Pope's OLD SCHOOL [Holland 41; 380-hp Cummins]. She was side by side with Alan Knowlton's SEA URCHIN [Young Brothers 45, 425-hp John Deere], but as they closed in on the finish line OLD SCHOOL added a little more throttle and they crossed one-two. Third went to Lewis Bishop's PROVIDER II [Young Brothers 40, 405 Cummins]. Twelve boats were entered in the next race, which the race committee on the water split into two races. They asked for the fastest in the class to line up first and five came to the line. There was no surprise to see Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT] leading the way to the finish line. He was followed by Matt Shepard's ALEXSA ROSE [Morgan Bay 43; 750-hp John Deere] in second and Roman Jordan's AMP [Osmond 43, 750-FPT] in third. In the second race seven boats were on the line and it was Billy Bob Faulkingham's 51 [Osmond 40, 700-hp FPT] leading the others to the finish. The way I scored this was to take those in the second heat, in order of finish, and add them at the end of the first race. Now came the last diesel race, Class N, and there were 15 entrants so I had already split them into two classes. The top three in each



The two top boats in Diesel Class H, Dean Beal's MISS NORMA [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp Cummins] and Willie Coombs' MELYNDA M. [Wayne Beal 36; 500-hp FPT] battling for the win.



Nick Wiberg's WITCHING HOUR [Northern Bay 36; 815-hp] took third in Diesel Class K.

heat would face off in a final race. In the first heat Todd Pinkham's TERRIE J. [South Shore 42; 1,000-hp FPT] and Ryan Lemieux's OBSESSION [Young Brothers 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] battled all the way up the course with the win going to TERRIE J. Third went to Mike Faulkingham's CAPTAIN COLE [South Shore 42; 1,000-hp FPT]. In the second heat Dana Beal's NATALIE E. [Libby 41; 1,000-hp FPT] showed the way to the finish with second going to Tom Clemons' 4 LADIES [Wesmac SW46; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] and in third was Mack Kelley's FIFTH GENERATION [Wesmac 46; 1,000-hp FPT]. The finals were going to be interesting, but the favourite had to be TERRIE J. When the flag dropped OBSESSION and TERRIE J. jumped right out in front with NATALIE E. in between them right on their stern. This was going to be close as the top two were bow to bow and at the line the win went to TERRIE J. by maybe five feet. NATALIE E. took third.

There was only one wooden boat entered, Jon and Ann Johansen's SARI ANN I [40' Johns Bay Boat, 375-hp 3208 Caterpillar] and that was in Wooden Boat B. She ran down the course by herself.

Next up was the Lady Skipper's Race, which had a little controversy. To enter this race you must have a lobster license and there was a minor argument over this. The win went Michaela Byers' NAVIGATOR [Duffy 31; 315-hp Isuzu] who just got by Jenna Colby's OUTNUMBERED [Duffy 35; 300-hp John Deere]. A brief discussion after the race and the wording will be changed next year to say working lobster boat, which means you must make your living from that boat.

Just two boats were on the line for the Gasoline Free-for-All and that was won by FOOLISH PLEASURE followed by BLACK DIAMOND.

Seven boats were on the line for the Diesel Free-for-All, but STARLIGHT EXPRESS III was not one of them. No one was surprised to see MARIA'S NIGHTMARE II streaking up the right side of the course for the win. Second went to LA BELLA VITA and WITCHING HOUR was third.

For the final race of the day, Fastest Lobster Boat, five boats came to the line and the results were exactly the same.

It was a great day of racing and almost everyone stayed for the drawing of 10 cruises to the Caribbean. After the rest of the prizes were handed out it was a mad dash for the boats and head home in the sloppy conditions outside the harbor.



No one was surprised to see Eric Beal's KIMBERLY ANN [Calvin Beal 42; 750-hp FPT] leading the way to the finish line in Diesel Class M(B).



Another one of the best races was between Todd Pinkham's TERRIE J. [South Shore 42; 1,000-hp FPT] and Ryan Lemieux's OBSESSION [Young Brothers 40; 1,000-hp Caterpillar] with the win going to TERRIE J. OBSESSION was second.

FINAL RACE RESULTS

WINTER HARBOR LOBSTER BOAT RACES

12 August 2023

WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UNDER

Race 1 – Class A, Inboard, Outboard or Outdrive, any hp, must have working hauler: 1) *The Little Boy*, Ned Merchant; 2) *White Lightning*, Caleb Norton; 3) *CAVE*, Joe Sargent; *No position Given:* *Cool Daddy Down Too*, A. J. de Poutiloff; and *Mini Me*, Jett Joy.

GAS POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 2 – Gasoline Class A – 4 & 6 cylinder 24 feet and over: *No Entrants.* **Race 3 – Gasoline Class B - V-8 up to 375 cid, 24 feet and up:** 1) *Empty Pockets*, Roy Hadlock. **Race 4 – Gasoline Class C, V8, 376 to 525cid, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee (30 mph). **Race 5 – Gasoline Class D, 376 and over, 24 feet and over (Non-working racer):** 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (36 mph). **Race 6 – Gasoline Class E - V-8, Over 525cid, 28 feet and over, superchargers/Turbos: No Entrants.**

DIESEL POWERED WORK BOATS 24 FEET AND UP

Race 7 - Diesel Class A - Up to 235 hp, 24 to 31 feet: 1) *Bare Bottom*, Jacob Kirby (26 mph); 2) *Ethan R.*, Tommy Young; and 3) *Prince of Peace*, Brian Treadwell. *No position Given:* *Abbie & Emmie*, Gavin Hunt and *O-Kay Tori*, Myles Bierman. **Race 8 - Diesel Class B - Up to 235 hp, 32 feet and over:** 1) *Mr. Lucky*, Kit Johnson; 2) *Jenny Kay*, Zachery Chipman; 3) *Higher Maintenance*, Rachel Nelson; and 4) *Atlantic Viking*, Fred Backman. **Race 9 - Diesel Class C - 236 to 335 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde; and 2) *Desperate Measha*, John Rolfe. **Race 10 - Diesel Class D - 236 to 335 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Wrecking Crew*, Ivan Libby (27.4 mph); 2) *Ellen Louise*, Conner Rossi; 3) *Bonnie's Brats*, Roy Whalen; 4) *Nauti By Nature*, Andrew Mosher; 5) *Maximum Effort*, Bryce Coombs; 6) *Deedle Dee Doop*, Chris Church; and 7) *Samantha A.*, Rand Christopher. **Race 11 - Diesel Class E - 336 to 435 hp, 24 to 33 feet:** 1) *Audrey May*, Randy Durkee (38.6 mph); 2) *High Voltage*, Daniel Sawyer; 3) *Catherine Elizabeth*, Allan Johnson; 4) *Navigator*, Michaela Byers; 5) *Father's Favourite*, Harris Norton; and DNS) *Minnie Me*, Alex Beal. **Race 12 - Diesel Class F - 336 to 435 hp, 34 feet and over:** 1) *Faith Melle*, Winfred Alley, Jr. (36.1 mph); 2) *Sunshine Chalet*, Brian Strout; 3) *Precious Gold*, Tanner Hardy; 4) *My Sher E.*, Scott Young; and 5) *Predator*, Ted McGregor. **Race 13 - Diesel Class G - 436 to 550 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *RiJo*, Tucker Johnston (46.4 mph); 2) *Right Stuff*, Dana Beal; 3) *Split Second*, David Osgood; and 4) *Natalie Lincoln*, Curtis Gott. **Race 14 - Diesel Class H - 436 to 550 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Miss Norma*, Dean Beal (37.4 mph); 2) *Melynda M.*, William Coombs; 3) *Courtney Olivia*, Nicholas Holt; 4) *Jolico*, Jock Temple; 5) *First Team*, Travis Otis; and 6) *Bryce Alexa*, Wally Coombs. **Race 15 - Diesel Class I - 551 to 700 hp, 28 to 35 feet:** 1) *Aspiration*, Nick Lemieux; and 2) *Another Dirl*, Steve Carver. **Race 16 – Diesel Class J – 551 to 700 hp, 36 feet and over:** 1) *Serenity*, B. Kennedy (36.1 mph). **Race 17 - Diesel Class K - 701 to 900 hp, 28 feet and over:** 1) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton (43 mph); 2) *Janice Elaine*, David Myrick; and 3) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg. **Race 18 - Diesel Class L - 901 hp and over, 28 feet and over:** 1) *Starlight Express*, Alfred Osgood (46.1 mph); 2) *Marie's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal. **Race 19 - Diesel Class M(A), 40 feet and over, up to 500hp:** 1) *Old School*, Chris Pope (26.4 mph); 2) *Sea Urchin*,



Michaela Byers' NAVIGATOR [Duffy 31; 315-hp Isuzu] just getting by Jenna Colby's OUTNUMBERED [Duffy 35; 300-hp John Deere] for the win in the Ladies Skippers Race.

Allan Knowlton; 3) *Provider II*, Lewis Bishop; 4) *Resurrection*, Phil Torrey; 5) *No Harpin*, Harrison Rossi; and 6) *Elaine Sue*, Daniel Backman. **Race 20 - Diesel Class M(B), 40 feet and over, 501 to 750 hp:** 1) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal (39.1 mph); 2) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard; 3) *AMP*, Roman Jordan; 4) *Lil Brooks*, Frank Thompson; 5) *Lord Byron*, Matt Lester; 6) *51*, Billy Bob Faulkingham; 7) *Bailey G.*, Todd Goode; 8) *Miss Rebecka*, Josh Trundy; 9) *Outnumbered*, Jenna Colby; 10) *Mister E.*, Nick Hadlock; 11) *Half Dozen*, Mike Bernier; and 12) *Rest Ash Oar*. **Race 21 - Diesel Class N, 40 feet and over, 751hp and over: Heat I:** 1) *Terrie J.*, Todd Pinkham (38.1 mph); 2) *Obsession*, Ryan Lemieux; 3) *Captain Cole*, Mike Faulkingham; 4) *Kayla Ann*, Josh Beal; 5) *Gavin & Dawson*, Michael Hunt; 6) *Ocean Bounty*, Wayne Gray; and 7) *Juggernaut*, Curtis Nelson. **Heat II:** 1) *Natalie E.*, Dana Beal (35.8 mph); 2) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons; 3) *Fifth Generation*, Mack Kelley; 4) *Bottoms Up*, Isaih Pinkham; 5) *Seanna Rose*, Tyler Rice; 6) *Grin-N-Barrett*, Dean Barrett; 7) *First Impression II*, James West; and 8) *Michaela Khloe*, Chris Byers. **Finals:** 1) *Terrie J.*, Todd Pinkham (40.1 mph); 2) *Obsession*, Ryan Lemieux; 3) *Natalie E.*, Dana Beal; 4) *Captain Cole*, Mike Faulkingham; 5) *4 Ladies*, Tom Clemons; and 6) *Fifth Generation*, Mack Kelley. **Race 22. Class O. Non-working boats, any length, any horsepower: No Entrants.** **Race 23 – Diesel Class P “Oh My God That’s a Big Boat, 44 feet and over”:** *No Entrants.*

Race 24 Wooden Boat Race A, Any hp., up to 35 feet 11 inches: No Entrants. **Race 25 Wooden Boat Race B, Any hp., 36 feet and over.** 1) *Sari Ann I*, Jon Johansen (15.7 mph).

Race 26 – Lady Skippers. Must have a lobster license: 1) *Navigator*, Michaela Byers (28.1 mph); 2) *Outnumbered*, Jenna Colby; 3) *Esquire*, Brittany Dunbar; and DSQ) *51*, Robin Faulkingham.

Race 27 - Gasoline Free for All: 1) *Foolish Pleasure*, Mark Freeman (38 mph); and 2) *Black Diamond*, Lindsay Durkee.

Race 28 - Diesel Free for All: 1) *Marie's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (49.1 mph); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg; 4) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; 5) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde; 6) *Serenity*, B. Kennedy; and 7) *Alexsa Rose*, Matt Shepard.

Race 29 - Fastest Lobster Boat: 1) *Marie's Nightmare II*, Jeremy Beal (46.8 mph); 2) *La Bella Vita*, Jeff Eaton; 3) *Witching Hour*, Nick Wiberg; 4) *Kimberly Ann*, Eric Beal; and 5) *Last Design*, Roy Fagonde.