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TBF National Semi Final Kerr Lake

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Purpose of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

The Federation is established to preserve and promote the sport of angling largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted or Kentucky bass, herein known as Bass; to introduce youth to the sport of fishing; to conserve water and other associated natural resources; to work for an abundant, healthy and self-sustaining bass fishery where a natural potential exists; and to support the local, state and national agencies which conserve and manage the fresh water sport fishery and other associated resources.



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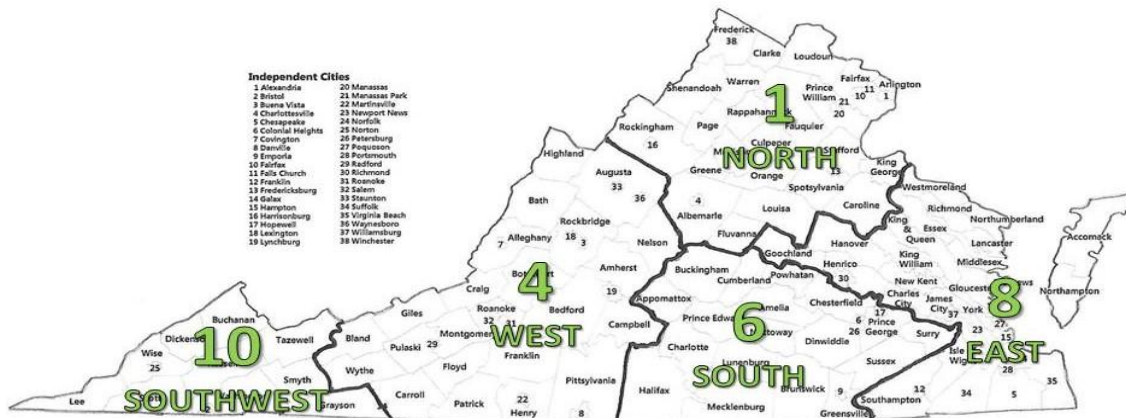
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Presidents Corner

Scott Whitmore

Another year is in the books as we just completed the 2024 TBF National Semifinal on Kerr Lake. This has been a busy year for the Federation. The Federation Staff is already working hard towards the start of our 2025 tournament season. The 2025 schedules are set, as you will see in the following pages in this edition of Tightlines. We are now preparing for the upcoming start of the 2025 Team Tournament Trail Regional schedule with the North Regional on October 26th on the Potomac River. After that will be the Richmond Fishing Expo January 17th -19th. As usual we will need all the help we can get to run this huge event for our Federation.

We are excited to announce some new changes for 2025. The first change is we will crown an Angler and Co-angler of the year from the Team Tournament Trail. These two members will advance directly to the TBF National Championship without having to fish the National Semifinal. Once these winners commit to the Championship the State will secure their entry into the Championship. This will be a free entry in the National Championship. Look for more details on the State web site: www.vabass.com. Next change is TBF has modified the required boat participation in the National Semifinal for advancement slots to the Federation National Championship. The old rule was a state had to field 80 boats to send three teams to the National Championship. The new rule lowers that to 60 boats which is easy for Virginia to achieve. The last change as requested by numerous members is having an optional side pot at State Team Trail Tournaments. Participation in this side pot is optional will be 100% payback spread over the top 3 positions.

We are now at that time of the year when fall patterns start turning on in the woods and on the water for some great hunting and fishing. As we start climbing those trees with the start of bow season in the next couple of weeks be safe. Whether you are fishing or hunting please ensure you are doing it safely. There have been way too many bass boat accidents across the United States this year so please stay alert. Every season we see the stories of hunters falling from trees so put those safety harnesses on so you are ready to fish in the spring. Good luck to all whichever sport you choose this fall.

In closing I must thank our entire Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Board as you all worked very hard to make to make our 2024 Season a great success. We could not do this without all of your efforts throughout the year. I hope all of our members know just how hard these guys and girls work to bring you guys a great tournament every time. Last but not least thanks to all of our Membership for making our season runs smoothly. Please remember all of the great Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Sponsors we have as we head into the offseason. Make it a point to visit these sponsors throughout the offseason and help support their businesses. They have provided for us all year now it's our time to return the favor and support them during the slow times. Without them we could not bring you the successful tournaments that we do. I hope everyone has a Great Fall and upcoming Holiday Season!

Scott



Schedule of Events

2024

January 7	Board Meeting (South Hill)
January 19-21	Richmond Fishing Expo (Doswell, VA)
March 2	West Regional – Smith Mountain Lake
March 2	SAF High School State Championship– Smith Mountain Lake
April 20	North Regional – Lake Anna
April 20	SAF Tri-State High School Championship – Lake Anna
May 4	South Regional – Kerr Lake
May 31	Board Meeting (South Hill)
June 1	Junior Angler State Championship- Lake Gaston
June 1-2	Team Trail State Championship – Lake Gaston
September 8	Board Meeting (South Hill)
September 21-22	District 12 TBF National Semi Final – Kerr Lake
October 26	North Regional – Potomac River (1 st tournament of the 2025 Season)
November 3	Board Meeting (South Hill)

2025

January 5	Board Meeting (South Hill)
January 17-19	Richmond Fishing Expo (Doswell, VA)
March 1	West Regional – South Holston Lake
April 5	South Regional – Kerr Lake
April 5	SAF/High School & TBF Junior Angler State Championships – Kerr Lake
May 3	East Regional – Chickahominy River
May 18	Board Meeting (South Hill)
May 31	SAF Tri-State High School Championship – Lake Anna
May 31 – June 1	Team Trail State Championship – Lake Anna
August 24	Board Meeting (South Hill)
September 20-21	District 12 TBF National Semi Final – Ohio River- Moundsville, WV

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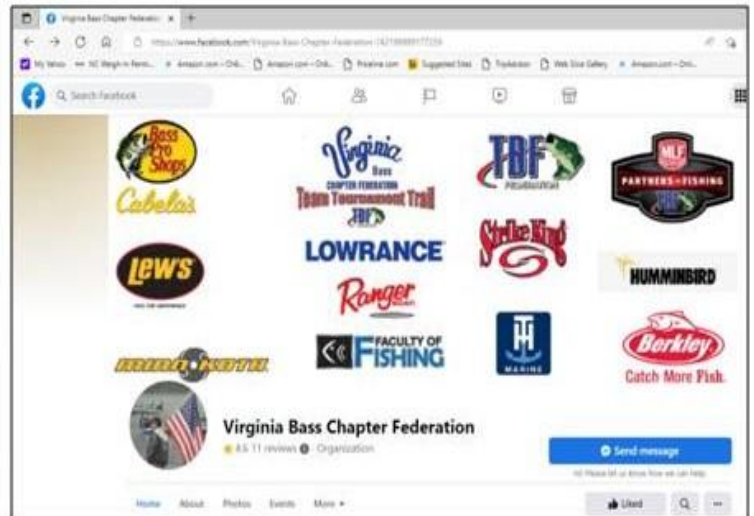
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This is a TEAM TRAIL where anglers complete the registration as a pre-designated team. Launch order is determined by the order in which registrations are received. All Regional Tournaments are single day events. The 2 day State Championship Tournament is only be open to those that fish a qualifying Regional Tournament. Those teams that win a qualifying Regional Tournament will receive free entry into the Championship Tournament. Teams that participate in 2 or more Regional Qualifying Tournaments in a season will have their registration fee reduced for the State Championship Tournament. The winning team from each of the four Regional Tournaments plus the top six teams (6 Anglers & 6 Co-Anglers) from the State Championship Team Tournament will make the **Virginia State Team**.

NEW For 2025 – Virginia Angler & Co-Angler of the Year: Anglers will receive points for each Team Trail event they fish each season. The Angler and Co-Angler accumulating the most points from their best 4 out of 5 Team Trail Tournaments will be awarded the **Virginia Angler of the Year** and **Virginia Co-Angler of the Year**. Virginia’s Angler and Co-Angler of the Year may bypass the National Semi Final event and advance directly into the TBF National Championship Tournament.

Teams have 3 options available for registration for the 4 Regional qualifying events.

1. Teams can download from the State Web Site (www.vabass.com), print, complete the registration, and mail the completed form with a check for payment. This method MUST be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the event.
2. Teams also have the option to complete the registration and pay online through a link available on the State Web site (www.vabass.com). The online registration cutoff is midnight the Wednesday prior to the tournament.
3. If Teams do not register in time they may register at the tournament site the morning of the event. There will, however, be a \$25 administrative fee added to the tournament registration fee.

Registrations for the Virginia State Championship Team Tournament will be open by invitation to all qualifying teams.

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CHAPTER FEDERATION

Team Tournament Trail

2025 Team Trail Schedule

1. NORTH Regional
Potomac River
Leesylvania State Park
26 October 2024

2. WEST Regional
South Holston Lake
Ramp: TBD
1 March 2025

3. SOUTH Regional
Kerr Lake
North Bend
5 April 2025

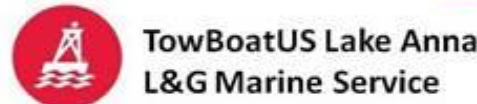
4. EAST Regional
Chickahominy River
Rte 5 Riverfront Park
3 May 2025

State Championship
LAKE ANNA
Sturgeon Creek Marina
31 May - 1 June 2025

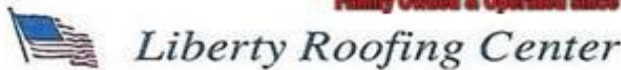
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Each year Federation anglers from throughout the nation compete through their respective club and State Federation Tournament Trails for the opportunity to advance to the TBF National Championship Tournament. The TBF's National Semi-Final Tournaments are the final qualifying events for the Federation National Championship. The National Semi-Finals format is comprised of 21 close to home district competitions with the top anglers and co-anglers from each state advancing to the "No-Entry-Fee" TBF National Championships.

Kerr Lake's North Bend State Park was the site of the 2024 TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament hosted by the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation on September 21st and 22nd. This two day Federation National Championship qualifying event featured the top anglers from both Virginia and West Virginia. Fifty-eight teams competed in this season's semi final tournament for their share of a \$19K plus payout and the opportunity to represent their State Federation at the Federation National Championship Tournament next spring.



Following three days of official practice, the weekend's activities started with angler check in and a pre-tournament meeting on Friday evening at the Southside Rescue Squad facility in South Hill, Virginia. The tournament staff went over the tournament rules, show times and issued the tournaments partner pairings for Day 1 of the two day competition along with the tournament launch order. Anglers also enjoyed some fellowship and drawings for a myriad of door prizes including sponsor product, fishing rods, tackle items, and a Lowrance HDS 7 Ti depth finder.



DAY 1: On Saturday morning the competitors began arriving at Kerr Lake's North Bend Park Special Events Area starting around 5:00 AM in preparation for a "safe-light" tournament blast off. Temperatures were in the mid sixties at the start of day one of this championship tournament and warmed to around 80 degrees by the time the first flight of anglers began returning for their 3:30 PM weigh-in.

In the Angler Division: Virginia anglers topped the leader board on this first day. Star City Bassmasters angler Clay Ross brought five bass to the scales weighing in at 15.11 pounds for the top spot. Following in second place was Frank Harris from the RVA Bassmasters with a limit of bass weighing 13.38 pounds. NASA-Langley Bassmasters angler James Whitehead's limit of bass weighed in at 13.24 pounds for the third spot. James Vick from the Tri-City Bassmasters followed in fourth place with his 12.26 pound limit of bass. The top West Virginia angler on day one, Andrew Goins, held fifth place with his limit of bass that weighed in at 10.96 pounds. Another West Virginia angler, Wes Lester, followed closely with five bass weighing 10.77 pounds for the sixth position. In seventh place was Virginia's Mount Vernon Bass Masters angler, Kenny Brown with

10.23 pounds. The eighth place angler, Jeff Meade, from the Battlefield Anglers of Virginia, had a limit of bass weighing 9.90 pounds. In ninth place, angler Rick Mills from Virginia' Hook'em Bass Anglers also weighed a limit of bass for 9.81 pounds. Virginia angler Dave McLean from the Peninsula Bass Anglers weighed in 9.54 pound of bass for the tenth spot.

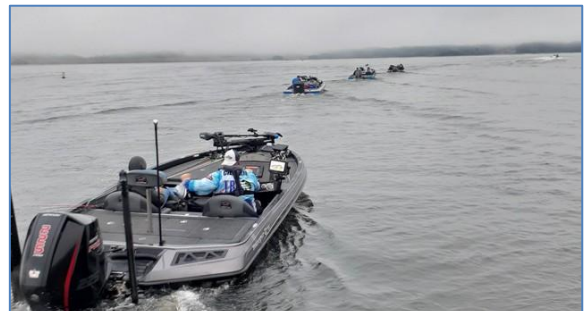
In the Co-Angler Division: West Virginia anglers held the top two places the first day. Bill Harmon led the field with five bass weighing in at 8.11 pounds. The second place co-angler was Laythen Good with four bass weighing 7.51 pounds. Larry Whitt, from Virginia's Nottoway Bassmasters, held on to the third place with four bass weighing 6.82 pounds. Another Virginia co-angler Tracy Gravely from the RVA Bassmasters weighed in three bass at 6.31 pounds for the fourth spot. Star City Bassmasters co-angler Brian Epperly Jr. had four bass that weighed 6.10 pounds for fifth place. The sixth place co-angler on this first day of competition from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters with 6.02 pounds was Mark Elliott. In seventh place was Clyde Cheek from the Tri-City Bass Masters brought three fish to the scales weighing 5.85 pounds. West Virginia's Robert Harkness held the eighth spot with four bass weighing in at 5.76 pounds. Virginia co-angler Danny Sage from the Southside Bassmasters managed a limit of bass weighing 5.52 pounds for ninth place. The tenth place co-angler was West Virginia's Timothy Isaacs with three bass weighing 5.26 pounds.

The **Big Bass** on Day 1, a 5.01 pound largemouth, was caught by Virginia's Co-Angler Blake Meeks.

Day one proved difficult for most of the field as only seventeen of the one hundred sixteen competing anglers brought a five fish limit of bass to the scales. Anglers reported that the top water bite was good early then the fishing got tough as the day progressed.



DAY 2: The morning temperatures on Sunday were in the lower sixties with overcast skies with a dense fog that had settled over the lake overnight. The start of the final day of the championship tournament was delayed for about an hour waiting for the fog to lift enough for a safe launch.





DAY 2 - Angler Division: First day leader, Clay Ross added to his lead with his Day 2 limit of five bass weighing in at 13.99 pounds securing the tournament win with a total weight of 29.10 pounds. Virginia's James Whitehead move into second place in the standings with a five bass limit weighing in at 11.80 pounds. James anchored his day 2 limit with a 5.03 pound largemouth bringing his total tournament weight to 25.04 pounds. Frank Harris secured a third place finish with a Day 2 limit weighing in at 10.31 pounds. Franks total for the tournament was 23.69 pounds. West Virginia angler Andrew Goins finished in fourth place with a Day 2 weight of 9.54 pounds, his total tournament weight was 20.50 pounds. Virginias Nottoway Bassmasters angler Donnie Gregg moved from the eleventh spot on Day 1 to finish in fifth place with a limit of bass weighing 10.47 pounds. Donnie's total tournament weight was 19.09 pounds. Jeff Meade from the Battlefield Bass Anglers of Virginia weighed in an 8.56 pound limit on Day 2 moving his total tournament weight to 18.46 pounds for a sixth place finish. Kenneth Brown held on to seventh place with four bass on Day 2 that weighed 8.08 pounds. Kenneth's total weight for the tournament was 18.31 pounds. Dave McLean moved into the eighth position with his Day 2 weight of 8.51 pounds. Dave finished the tournament with a total weight of 18.05 pounds. Virginia's Chris Fiore from the RVA Bassmasters moved from fourteenth place on Day 1 to finish in ninth place with his Day 2 limit of bass weighing 9.91 pounds. Chris finished the tournament with 17.85 pounds. West Virginia's Mike Goff made the biggest move up the standings in the Angler Division on Day 2 moving all the way from 32nd place on Day 1 to finish in tenth place with his Day 2 limit of bass weighing in at 12.97 pounds. Mike finished the tournament with a total weight of 17.73 pounds.





DAY 2 – Co-Angler Division: Day 1 leading co-angler Bill Harmon from West Virginia weighed in a 6.65 pound limit of bass on Day 2 bringing his total tournament weight to 14.76 pounds to secure the win in the tournaments Co-Angler Division. Virginia's Larry Whitt moved into second place with a five bass limit weighing 7.70 pounds. Larry's total tournament weight increased to 14.52 pounds. Virginia co-angler Drew Nalls from the Bass Snipers weighed a 7.97 pound limit of bass to bring his total weight to 13.18 pounds securing third place. Joe Bandish from the Battlefield Anglers of Virginia posted the best co-angler weight of Day 2 with his 9.89 pound limit of bass. Joe moved from 27th place on Day 1 into the fourth place with a total tournament weight of 12.86 pounds. West Virginia's Laythen Good weighed four bass on Day 2 adding 5.22 pounds which brought his total tournament weight to 12.73 pounds to finish in fifth place. Virginia co-angler Blake Meeks from the Blackwater River Bass Club brought two bass to the scales that weighed 5.60 pounds. Blake finished in sixth place with a total weight of 10.61 pounds. William Posey from West Virginia weighed a 9.41 pound limit of bass launching him from 44th place in the Co-Angler Division on Day 1 into seventh place with a total tournament weight of 10.47 pound. Tri-City Bassmasters co-angler Clyde Cheek had three bass on Day 2 that weighed in at 4.57 pounds securing him an eighth place finish with a total of 10.42 pounds. Mike Guzik from the Nottoway Bassmasters weighed in four bass on Day 2 bringing his total weight to 10.40 pounds to finish in ninth place. The tenth place co-angler was West Virginia's Robert Harkness with his total tournament weight of 9.56 pounds.

West Virginia's **Bill Mossor** weighed the Over-All Big Bass for the tournament, a 5.20 pound largemouth.





District 12 TBF National Semi Final
Angler Division Champion
Clay Ross

Kerr Lake National Semi Final



District 12 TBF National Semi Final
Co-Angler Division Champion
Bill Harmon



Angler Division 2nd Place
James Whitehouse



Co-Angler Division 2nd Place
Larry Whitt



Angler Division 3rd Place
Frank Harris



Co-Angler Division 3rd Place
Drew Nalls



Angler Division 4th Place
Andrew Goins



Co-Angler Division 4th Place
Joe Bandish

National Semi Final Results continued:

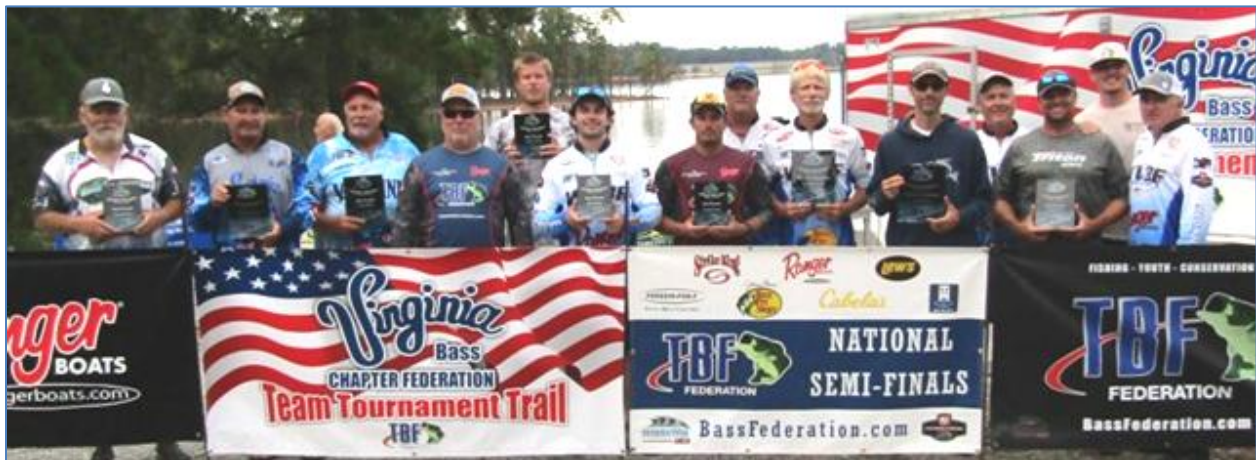


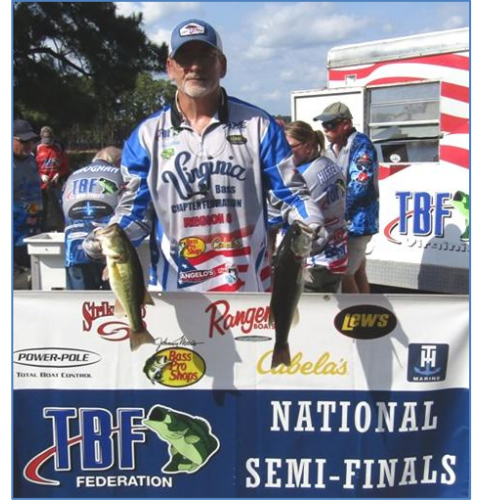
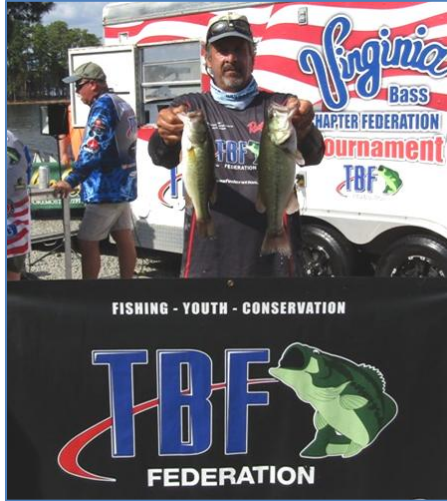
Angler Division 5th Place
Donnie Gregg



Co-Angler Division 5th Place
Laythen Good

**TBF National
Semi-Finals**





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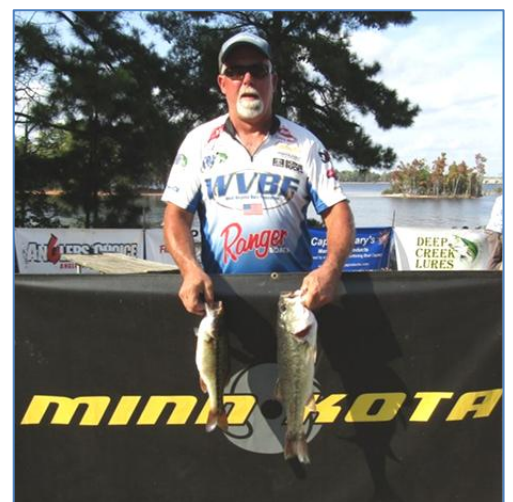
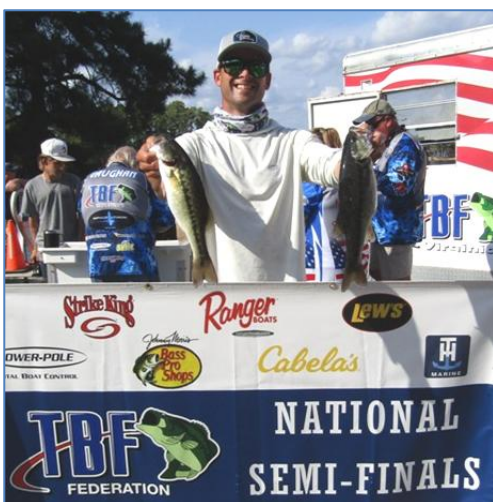
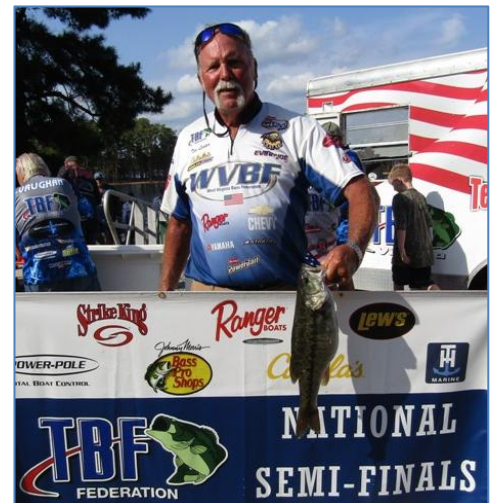
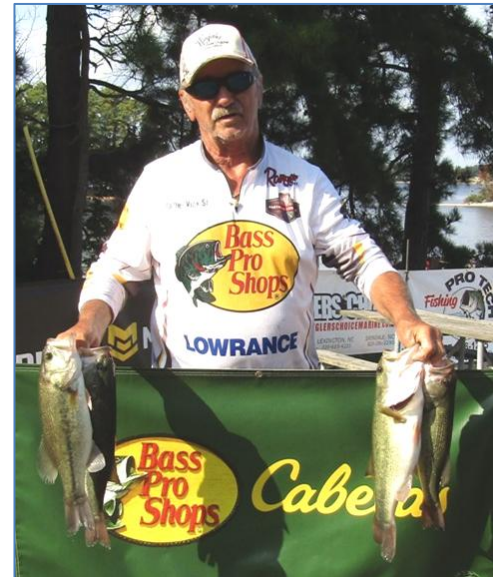
National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Total Weight
1	Clay Ross	Virginia	29.10
2	James Whitehead	Virginia	25.04
3	Frank Harris	Virginia	23.69
4	Andrew Goins	West Virginia	20.50
5	Donnie Gregg	Virginia	19.09
6	Jeff Meade	Virginia	18.46
7	Kenneth Brown	Virginia	18.31
8	Dave McLean	Virginia	18.05
9	Chris Fiore	Virginia	17.85
10	Mike Goff	West Virginia	17.73
11	Floyd Dalton	Virginia	16.59
12	Tim Byers	Virginia	16.50
13	Wes Lester	West Virginia	16.15
14	James Vick	Virginia	14.65
15	Zachary Whitt	Virginia	12.99
16	Thomas Barnes	Virginia	12.92
17	Reuben Williams	Virginia	12.91
18	Chris Shamblin	West Virginia	11.97
19	Scott Coons	Virginia	11.60
20	Alan White	West Virginia	11.53
21	Brian Hill	West Virginia	11.31
22	Cody Wilson	Virginia	11.11
23	John Christopher II	West Virginia	10.87
24	Kaleb Hill	West Virginia	10.46
25	Glen Stateman	Virginia	10.04
26	Sammy Henman	Virginia	10.03
27	Steve Finch	Virginia	9.95
28	Scott Favors	Virginia	9.90
29	Rick Mills	Virginia	9.81
30	Daniel Eubank	Virginia	9.67
31	Nicky Skinner	Virginia	9.14
32	Frank Glazier	Virginia	8.97
33	Jon Cielakie	Virginia	8.79
34	Michael Coleman	Virginia	8.70
35	Larry Kempler	Virginia	8.45



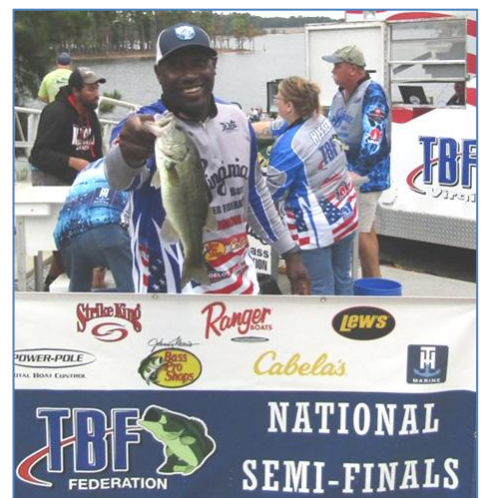
National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Total Weight
36	Chris Craft	Virginia	8.40
37	Mick Goodwin Jr	West Virginia	8.34
38	Jeff Nalls	Virginia	7.92
39	Dan Selmon	West Virginia	7.32
40	Lane Flint	West Virginia	6.93
41	Robert Hissen	Virginia	5.58
42	Rick Harkness	West Virginia	5.20
43	Robert McGee	West Virginia	5.05
44	John Smith	West Virginia	4.88
45	Lee Johnson	Virginia	4.67
46	Rick Lemocks	Virginia	4.58
47	Mitchell Camden	Virginia	3.57
48	Jason Martin	Virginia	3.34
49	Rick Hamer	West Virginia	2.92
50	Roger Walters	Virginia	2.45
51	Jason Rook	Virginia	2.36
52	Timothy Mitchem	Virginia	2.30
53	Robert Graves	Virginia	1.75
54	Stuart Hager	West Virginia	1.38
55	Richard Barnhardt	Virginia	0.00
55	Ronnie Brewer	Virginia	0.00
55	BJ Boothe	Virginia	0.00
55	Jon Perham	Virginia	0.00



National Semi-Final RESULTS – Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Total Weight
1	Bill Harmon	West Virginia	14.76
2	Larry Whitt	Virginia	14.52
3	Drew Nalls	Virginia	13.18
4	Joe Bandish	Virginia	12.86
5	Laythen Good	West Virginia	12.73
6	Blake Meeks	Virginia	10.61
7	William Posey	West Virginia	10.47
8	Clyde Cheek	Virginia	10.42
9	Mike Guzik	Virginia	10.40
10	Robert Harkness	West Virginia	9.56
11	Tracy Gravely	Virginia	9.39
12	Ryan Brown	Virginia	8.74
13	Chris Mills	Virginia	8.22
14	Joe Imler	Virginia	7.95
15	Brian Epperly Jr.	Virginia	7.61
16	Danny Sage	Virginia	7.55
17	Timothy Isaacs	West Virginia	7.37
18	Donald Martin	Virginia	6.42
19	Bill Mossor	West Virginia	6.26
20	Tim Lester	West Virginia	6.20
21	Nathan Shaffer	West Virginia	6.12
22	Mark Elliot	Virginia	6.02
23	Scott Taylor	Virginia	5.59
24	Kelvin Barnes	Virginia	5.55
25	Eric Ellington	Virginia	5.40
26	Alex Goff	West Virginia	5.20
27	Greg Husick	Virginia	5.03
28	Craig Ferguson	Virginia	4.88
29	Chris Willoughby	Virginia	4.81
30	Terance Fuller	Virginia	4.65
31	Blaine Miller	Virginia	4.59
32	Chris Hash	Virginia	4.48
33	Brent Kerere	West Virginia	4.41
34	Douglas Eubank	Virginia	4.20
35	Ricky Grant	Virginia	4.09



National Semi-Final RESULTS – Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Total Weight
36	Nathan Steele	West Virginia	3.88
37	John Guzik	Virginia	3.65
38	Keith Jones	Virginia	3.36
39	Kevin Camden	Virginia	3.35
40	Caden Hash	Virginia	3.30
41	Michael Williams	Virginia	3.18
42	David Jeter	Virginia	2.99
43	Logan Barkley	Virginia	2.82
44	BJ Meadows	Virginia	2.64
45	Mitchell Portervint	Virginia	2.56
46	Dana Hager	West Virginia	2.39
47	Tony Campbell	Virginia	2.36
48	Archie Cannon	Virginia	1.73
49	Eddie Minor	Virginia	1.28
50	Alex Buckhorn	Virginia	1.25
51	Ken O'Boyle	Virginia	1.17
52	Brian Wilkins	West Virginia	0.00
52	Kevin Bowles	Virginia	0.00
52	James Stinson	Virginia	0.00
52	Tommy Goodson	West Virginia	0.00
52	John Taylor	West Virginia	0.00
52	Jack Flint	West Virginia	0.00
52	Renee Walters	Virginia	0.00



Each State Federation advances their top finishing anglers from each of the Angler Division and Co-Angler Divisions. The number of anglers that advance from each State is based upon the National Semi Final event level of participation. The more that compete – the more that can advance to the Federation National Championship. From this tournament, Virginia will advance the two top anglers from each division and West Virginia will advance their top angler and co-angler to the National championship Tournament.

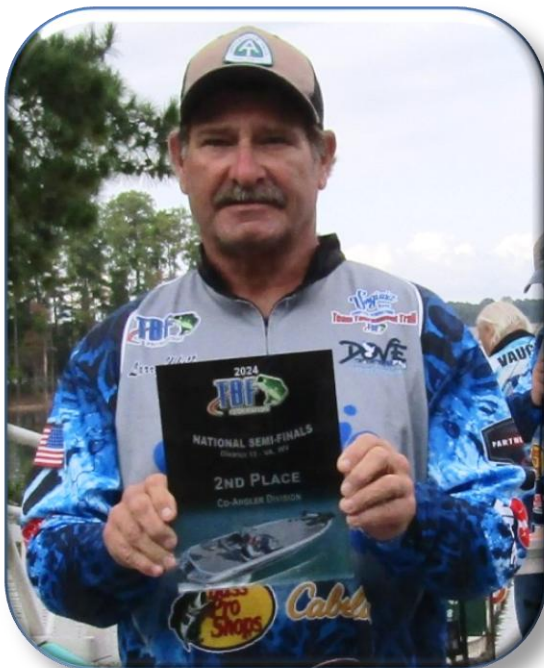
Virginia Bass Chapter Federation National Championship Qualifiers



Clay Ross
Angler Division Qualifier



James Whitehead
Angler Division Qualifier

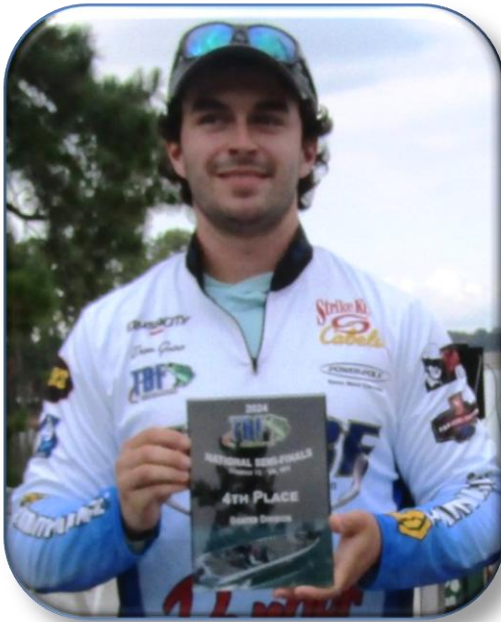


Larry Whitt
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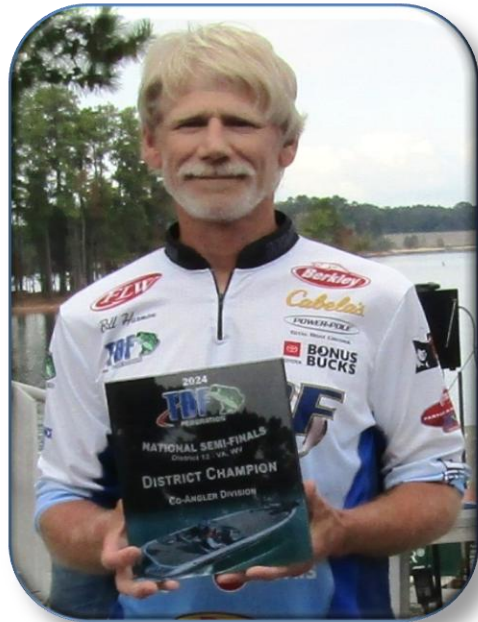
Drew Nalls
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West Virginia Bass Federation National Championship Qualifiers



Andrew Goins

Angler Division Qualifier



Bill Harmon

Co-Angler Division Qualifier

The TBF National Championship is a no-entry-fee tournament for the Top Anglers advancing through this Divisional National Semi Final Tournament. The TBF Championship is a weeklong event with the location announced later this year. In addition to the cash prizes, all anglers will receive a TBF National Championship hotel room stipend from TBF for the actual event days as a part of their qualifying prize. Additionally, all Boaters will receive a cash fuel stipend to help offset their boat costs. All 14 finalists can earn a Living YOUR Dream prize package of various sizes, and can advance to the 2024 BFL All-American if they are qualified. Anglers compete for one of two championships: the Angler (boater) Champion or the Co-Angler Champion. Following the official practice days, the full field competes on Days 1 and 2, and then the field is cut to the champion of each TBF's 7 geographical divisions. These Division Champions compete on the final day for the TBF "Live YOUR Dream" prize packages. At the 2024 Championship tournament, the boater National Champion's "Living Your Dream" package was valued in excess of a whopping \$125,000 in cash and prizes including a brand-new Ranger Z520 powered by Mercury 250HP outboard engine, rigged out and to KEEP! PLUS, a \$20,000 CASH prize, paid entry fee stipend into whatever they want to fish and much more! The Federation strongly believes in the value of co-anglers, so the 2024 National Champion Co-Angler "Live YOUR Dream" package was worth over \$30,000, including \$20K cash PLUS set paid entry stipends into the circuit of choice, and more!



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NEW for 2025!

Virginia Angler & Co-Angler Of the Year



The **Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year** is a **NEW Angler Recognition Award** that acknowledges the Angler and Co-Angler with the best overall performance each season and gives them the opportunity to advance directly into the TBF National Championship Tournament, bypassing the National Semi-Final qualifying tournament.

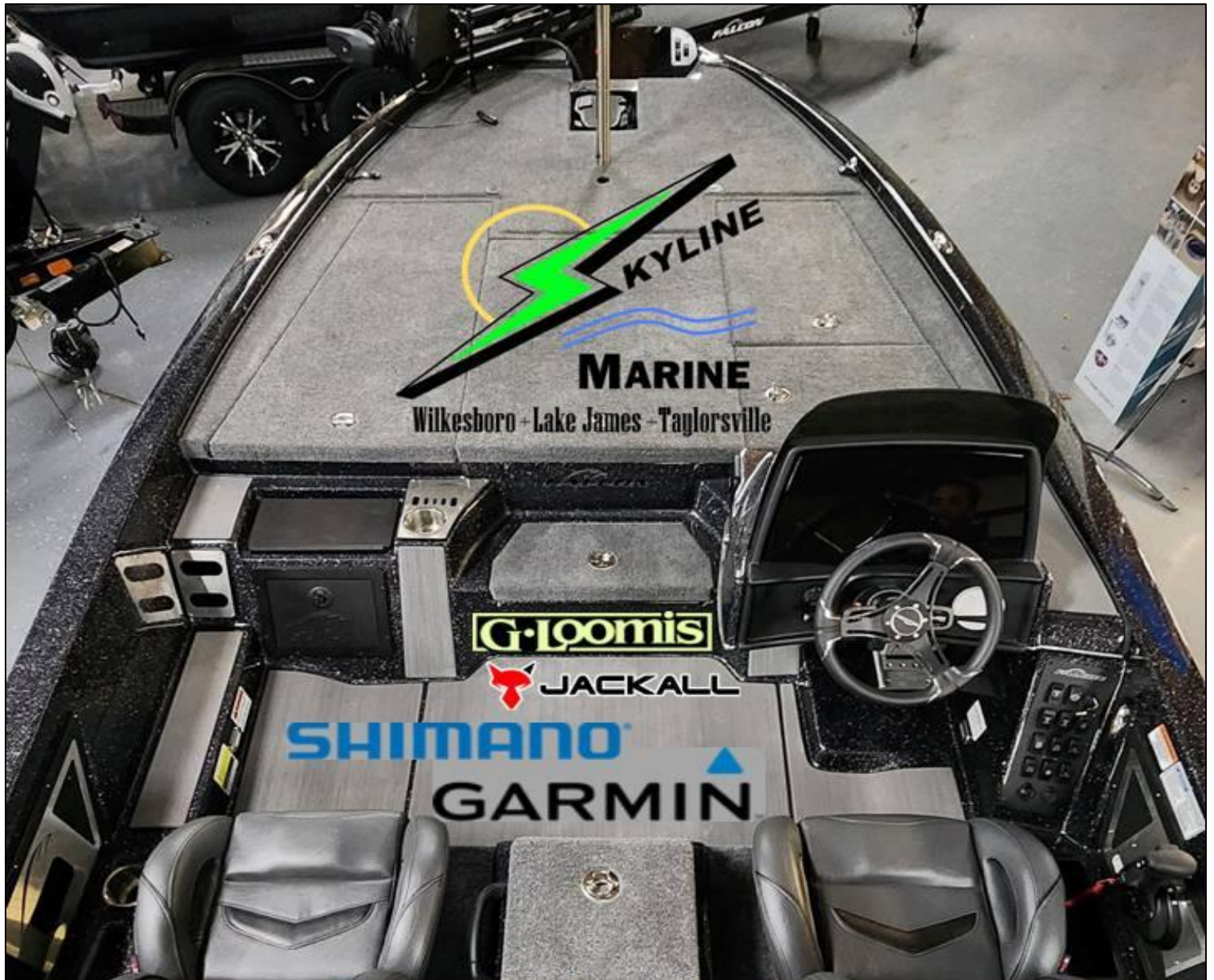
Beginning with the first Team Trail Tournament of the 2025 Season, the North Regional on the Potomac River, anglers will now be awarded points for each Team Tournament Trail tournament that they participate in. At the end of each season the Angler of the Year and the Co-Angler of the Year will be awarded based upon the total points earned for their best 4 out of 5 Team Trail tournaments. The Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year may bypass the National Semi-Final Tournament to advance directly into the TBF National Championship.

Here's how the points will be awarded: The system is a 200 point system with a +2 points for the tournament winners. The top points awarded will be 200 for the winning anglers (200 for the Angler and 200 for the Co-Angler). 2nd place anglers will receive 198 points, 3rd place anglers will receive 197 points, 4th place – 196 points, etc. Any anglers participating and not weighing fish will receive 50 points each. Each Angler and each Co-Angler points from their best 4 out of the 5 team Trail tournaments will be totaled and counted towards the Angler of the Year or Co-Angler of the Year Award.

The Angler of the Year and the Co-Angler of the Year will qualify to advance to the TBF National Championship and receive a prize package as determined by the State Board of Directors. To maintain their entry into the TBF National Championship Tournament both the winning Angler of the Year and the Co-Angler of the Year must commit to participate in the TBF National Championship event by December 1st each year. No substitute anglers are allowed. Therefore, if either the Angler of the Year or the Co-Angler of the Year declines to participate then neither angler can advance to the National Championship event. Once both anglers have committed to participate in the TBF National Championship Tournament, the State Federation will make the necessary arrangements with TBF, Inc. to secure their berth in the Championship event as Virginia's Angler and Co-Angler of the Year.

With the NEW Angler & Co-Angler of the Year Award, each Team Trail participant can now compete for the opportunity to advance directly into the No-Entry-Fee TBF National Championship event as the Virginia Angler of the Year or Co-Angler of the Year.

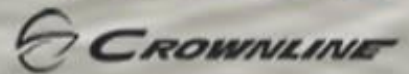
The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail format stays the same as in past years – 4 Regional Tournaments and a Team Trail State Championship Tournament.



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The following Contingency and Incentive Programs are available to Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Members to participate in. Anglers MUST join each program every year and declare your participation prior to each tournament.

MLF “Competitor Level” Membership Upgrade:

Anglers TBF annual membership includes the “subscriber level” MLF membership. The “Competitor Level” membership is required to fish in any MLF series. Any angler that wishes to compete for the opportunity to advance beyond the TBF National Championship to an MLF Tournament series MUST upgrade their membership level to the “**Competitor Level**” PRIOR to fishing the TBF National Semi Final Tournament each year. TBF members receive a discounted rate of \$48.75 for the membership upgrade.



To upgrade, anglers can call the MLF customer service at (270)252-1000 inform the agent that you are a current TBF member to receive the discounted rate.



BENEFITS FOR TBF MEMBERS PURCHASING A NEW RANGER BOAT

Ranger® Boats continues to deliver the greatest rewards! For every new Ranger boat purchased by a TBF member from an authorized Ranger dealer between Jan. 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, your Federation earns even more great gear and the Federation member will receive:

1. \$300 Clothing Certificate
2. \$125 Federation Contribution
3. Opportunity to take home your share of lucrative Ranger Cup® payouts!

Click the following link to download the voucher, then complete it and return within 60 days of purchase along with proof of TBF membership and a bill of sale from your new Ranger boat:

[Ranger Bonus Voucher \(rangerboats.com\)](http://rangerboats.com)

Angler Contingency Programs



Register at: NITRO: <https://www.nitro.com/tournament-rewards.html>

RANGER: <https://www.rangerboats.com/ranger-cup.html>

TRITON: <https://www.tritonboats.com/triton-gold.html>

Participation in this industry-leading program makes you eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in extra cash when you compete in eligible tournaments and win from your NITRO and TRITON boat! Choose from local, regional, and national tournaments. Remember: before you are eligible to claim prizes, you must be a registered NITRO Rewards or TRITON Gold member prior to entering a tournament.

Visit the [NITRO Rewards Website](#), the [Ranger Cup Website](#) or [Triton Gold Website](#) for complete details and registration. Registration must be completed and submitted prior to participation in a qualifying event in order to be eligible for prizes. Program term begins January 1 of current year and ends December 31 of current year.

- NO MEMBERSHIP FEE!
- NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF TIMES YOU CAN WIN!
- Must sign up each year to qualify. The membership expires December 31 of each year. Please register on the [NITRO Rewards Membership](#), [Ranger Cup](#) or the [Triton Gold](#) website.
- Must own a 2012 or later, new or used NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON boat.
- The boat must be within the last four model years to qualify for Maximum Payout.
- Members must wear apparel displaying the NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON logo while competing, and at weigh-ins. A photo during weigh-ins to confirm apparel compliance is required with claim submission.
- Must display NITRO Rewards, RANGER Cup, or the TRITON Gold decal on driver's windshield/console of the boat.
- The factory installed NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON decals must be on the qualifying boat in the appropriate position. If the boat is wrapped, the decals must be put back in the same location and must be visible.
- It is recommended that anglers submit claims online for efficient processing.

NOTE: Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.

Angler Contingency Programs



2024 TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM

Register at: toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/registration

In addition to submitting the registration form, you must also email or mail a copy of your truck registration and/or title to:

TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

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Tulsa, OK 74112

bonusbucks@dynamicsponsorships.com

HOW THE 2024 TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM WORKS:

1. DRIVE A TOYOTA

Own or lease a 2019 or newer Toyota Tundra, Sequoia, Tacoma or 4Runner. Vehicle must be registered in your name individually or jointly. Drive / use your eligible Toyota vehicle as your primary tow-vehicle at supported Toyota Bonus Bucks Tournaments. **Please note vehicle eligibility now requires a model year of 2020 or newer. In 2025, vehicle eligibility will roll to model year 2021 and newer.**

2. REGISTER

Complete the official Program registration form online, email or U.S. mail. In addition, submit a copy of your current vehicle registration and / or title with your Program registration form. Registration must be received and confirmed by the Toyota Bonus Bucks Program Office prior to fishing in your first contingency paying event. You will receive an email response once your registration has been approved. You do not have to re-register for the Program annually, unless your information has changed.

3. FISH

Participate in a contingency paying tournament, and post the highest placing finish of those who have registered for the program. Select Bassmaster, MLF and Team Tournament Trail events will pay the top two highest placing finishes. Highest finishes must fall within the top 50% of the field, with a minimum field size of no less than 30 boats. A list of supported events and payouts are posted on this website.

4. REDEEM

Submit the Official Contingency Claim Form, along with a copy of your truck title and / or current truck registration, within 30-days of your finish. Upon verification and approval, your contingency payment will be sent via U.S. mail. Winners should allow a minimum of 8 weeks for approval, processing and distribution.

NOTE: The District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament is an eligible event and State Team members are eligible for this contingency program. Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.

Angler Contingency Programs

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REGISTER: Anglers must be entered into the Impulse Lithium Tournament Rewards Program prior to the event start.

FISH A QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Registered Impulse Lithium Tournament Rewards Program Anglers fishing in any TBF tournament with 60 boats or more are eligible.

CLAIM YOUR REWARD: Win a qualifying tournament and submit your claim form within 30 days of the tournament results to claim your Impulse Lithium Tournament Award.

NOTE: Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Restrictions and Rules Apply. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.



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A note from the VP:

New System for Life Jacket Labeling

The traditional life jacket “Type Labels” we have all grown accustomed to are transitioning to a new internationally recognized system and are now starting to appear on the market. The new labeling system will rely more on “icons” and less on wording. Fortunately, your current life jackets labeled by “Type” can remain in use as long as they are in serviceable condition.

Since 2014, the US Coast Guard has been moving towards adoption of a labeling system consistent with international labeling. The new labeling system relies on a series of icons to identify the devices performance level. The Type I through V labeling is being replaced with a system that will identify life jackets as either “wearable” or “throwable”. “Wearable’s” are divided into 5 buoyancy categories: 50, 70, 100, 150, and 275 Newtons.

OK..... so what’s a Newton? Here’s a quick explanation: Liquid exerts a force on objects immersed or floating in it. This force is equal to the weight of the liquid that is displaced by an object. The unit for the **buoyant** force is the **Newton (N)**. One Newton = 0.2248089438709618 pounds. For example: “70” represent approximately 15.5 lbs of buoyancy. The average person requires between 7 to 12 lbs of buoyancy to keep afloat with their head above the water.

The term “Life Jacket” will be used to indicate those wearable devices that, in most cases, are designed to turn the wearer face up so the victims head is out of the water. Those wearable devices that do not turn the victim face-up are considered a Personal Flotation Device or PFD (they serve as a flotation aid). The current Type IV “throwable” is also a PFD as it is only intended to serve as a flotation aid. It is a “throwable PFD”. To reference to the current US labeling, only the Type I and possibly a few Type II devices will be considered “Life Jackets” as they turn the wearer face up. Other Type II and Type III devices serve as PFD’s (they will not turn you face up).

With the new labeling system, a series of “Icons” are provided to indicate the activities the PFD is *not* approved for, thus eliminating the old “intended use” designations. Icons are also used to identify the performance rating. The lower the buoyancy numbers the greater the mobility and comfort. The higher the buoyancy number, the greater flotation, ability to turn, and stability in the water (for example: a 100 *may* and a 150 *should* turn the wearer face up where a 275 is specifically designed to turn the wearer face up). Some examples of the buoyancy ratings and potential use:

Level 50 - for paddle board use or use close to shore where help is likely to happen quickly.

Level 70 - for inflatables, active wear, with help nearby.

Level 100 - provides more performance than the Level 70, better buoyancy.

Level 150 - off shore use where help is not likely for some time. This device will keep you face up.

Level 275 - off shore or heavier duty for commercial and industrial use.

The use of the curved-arrow icons will indicate how effective the life jacket will turn a person face up or not.

Like with the current labeling system, the new labels will also indicate whether the device is for use by Adults, Youth, Toddler, or Infants. As we do now, consider the labeled weight and chest measurements for your best fit. The buoyancy level will be an individual's choice based upon intended use or environment.

Note from the VP continued:

New devices will include a “hang tag” that will explain the new labeling and help when choosing the correct device.

CHOOSE THE DEVICE YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR

SIZE & FIT

- Check label for user weight and chest size.
- Different body types float differently.
- Try your device on in the water to ensure your airway is clear.
- A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

TRY IT ON

PERFORMANCE

- Lower level number generally offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people.
- Higher level number generally offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water.

Near Shore (Calm) (Waves) Offshore

← Increasing time to rescue →

No Turn

Turns Most

CONSIDER YOUR ACTIVITY & ENVIRONMENT

WATER SAFETY INFO

- In over 80% of boating fatalities the person was not wearing flotation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsizing of a small boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes involuntary gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water causes hypothermia and requires thermal protection and flotation in the HELP position to conserve energy.

FLOTATION DEVICES SAVE LIVES



DESIGN TYPES

- **INHERENT** – built-in flotation (always buoyant).
- **INFLATABLE** – activated gas canister inflates chamber(s) (no buoyancy until time of inflation, requires canister replacement, may be manual, may require secondary action to don).
- **HYBRID** – combination of flotation and inflation (some immediate buoyancy and supplemental when inflated, may require canister replacement).
- **SPECIAL PURPOSE** – your activity may require special features (safety color, harness, straps, etc.) and accessories (whistle, lights, reflectors, etc.) for certain conditions.

YOUR DEVICE ONLY WORKS WHEN WORN

MAINTENANCE

- Over time, exposure to sun, salt, fuel, and mildew can damage device.
- Allow to air dry. Inspect and test regularly.
- Inflatables require replacement rearming, repacking and regular servicing.

READ, SAVE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

- Children should have adult supervision when on or near the water.
- Devices must be fastened correctly and securely.
- Some devices were not designed for certain activities or conditions such as water skiing, towed sports, personal watercraft (PWC), or whitewater paddling.

CHECK LABEL FOR LIMITATIONS OF USE

APPROVAL

- Some devices are approved only when worn.
- Check federal, state/provincial and local requirements for carriage, use and wear:

US Coast Guard

Transport Canada

WEAR IT

For more info on the right choices for yourself, your family and friends.
Visit www.wearitlifejacket.org

Understand the use and certification labeling:

Size panel: The size panel lists, in US/Imperial and Metric units, the approved body weight and chest sizes (where applicable) for the particular PFD.

Warning panel: The warning panel contains the “not approved for” icons and other safety information.

Maintenance panel: The Maintenance panel covers such things as inspecting the PFD before each outing, storing in a cool place out of sunlight and drying before storage.

Certification panel: The certification panel indicates that the device is certified by an acceptable third-party organization and is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Transport Canada. It also lists the manufacturer’s name, contact info, device lot and model number.

ADULT UNIVERSAL

User Weight: >40 kg (>88 lbs)
Chest Size: 76-132 cm (30-52 in.)

- Drowning hazard if not worn.
- Must be fastened and properly adjusted to float the wearer.

Choose and wear the device which fits you and your activity, visit www.wearitlifejacket.org.
Read and keep the owner’s manual and tags for info on wear and care

Use:
Fasten all closures and adjust for a snug fit.

Inspection:
Inspect your life vest before each outing. Do not use if your life vest shows signs of weathering, damage, or rot.

Care and Storage:
Dry thoroughly after each outing.
Store in a dry, cool place out of direct sunlight.

Company Name
Company Address
Company website if available
Made in XXXXX

USCG Approved 160.064/XXXX/X
TC Approved XXXXXXX-X
ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5

Model: XXXX Style: XXXX
Lot No. XXXX

Approval conditions state that this device must be worn to be counted as equipment required by vessels meeting Transport Canada or USCG regulations.

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Good Luck & Be Safe
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Conservation Director

John Flicek

Invasive species continue to be a hot topic of real concern. We've been working the past few years in cooperation with VA DWR fisheries to do what we can to help curb the spread of Alabama Bass that have been illegally introduced into Virginia waterways through a campaign centered upon education and reporting.

During the recent TBF National Semi-Final Tournament on Kerr Lake we have experienced just how aggressively Alabama Bass have spread throughout the lake. In March 2021 we reported the first confirmed catch of an Alabama Spotted Bass in Kerr Lake and continued to see a few spotted bass in our tournaments in 2021 through 2023. At the time surveys indicated that they were primarily found in the Eastland Creek and North Bend areas of the over 50,000 acre reservoir. Now in 2024, tournament anglers are finding spotted bass throughout the lake. This year we are seeing that a larger percentage of the bass brought to tournament scales being spotted bass. During the 2 Day National Semi-Final Tournament in September 2024, we estimated that 65% to 70% of the bass weighed were spotted bass. The rapid spread of Alabama Bass isn't a good trend. While we are seeing some sizable (3 to 4 pounds) Alabama Bass now, the long range outlook could result in large numbers of smaller fish as they overpopulate and outcompete native largemouth bass. Unfortunately, as the result of the illegal introduction of Alabama Bass, we will likely see a continuing decline in the Kerr Lake largemouth bass population. Kerr Lake along with its downstream neighboring Lake Gaston, are prime examples of how quickly the introduction of nonnative species like the Alabama Bass can irreversibly impact a fishery.

I've completed what I hope will be the final upgrade to the Release Pipe at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park tournament weigh-in site. The modifications the past summer included the installation of a 1 ½ inch water line from the base of the pipe to the top, the installation of a shut-off valve and faucet to enable a hose connection to fill tournament weigh-in tanks. These upgrades eliminate the need to drag hoses from Gordon's creek to the head of the pipe during use and to fill our weigh-in tanks while allowing for connection of a higher volume pump. Connections are now available at the base of the pipe for either a 1 ½ inch feed or a garden hose line from your submersible pump. Users can direct the water flow using the valves installed at the base of the pipe. Users of the release pipe are reminded that they **MUST** maintain a continuous flow of water down the pipe while in use. The more water flow the better for the fish - we recommend a higher volume pump. Failure to maintain a good flow will harm the fish and park personnel will deny use without water flow. Users may contact me if there are questions on how to adapt their current pump setup to the upgraded pipe.

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Invasive Species Efforts --- What do you need to know?

“CLEAN – DRAIN – DRY”: Anglers are reminded that the unauthorized movement of fish/plants/aquatic life from one body of water to another jeopardizes the health of our fisheries and is illegal. Aside from the illegal movement of fish other measures have been enacted to help curb the spread of invasive species and nuisance plants/organisms with the implementation of **“CLEAN – DRAIN – DRY”** policies. Boaters are now required by law to remove any vegetation from their boat/trailer and drain bilges when removing their vessel from the water. The regulation doesn't require that you immediately drain livewells if you are retaining your catch for weigh-in or harvest. However, unused livewells and baitwells should be drained on site. Regulations also require that reasonable measures should be taken to dry out bilges, livewells and baitwells prior to launching into another body of water.

ALABAMA BASS: The Alabama Bass Education, Identification, and Containment Project efforts continue with distributing the educational brochures and sampling packets throughout the State. Anglers are asked to report all suspected Alabama Bass catches from any body of water other than the Claytor Lake, Diacsunds Reservoir, Kerr Lake, and Lake Gaston. The VA DWR Fisheries Management Team has put together a rapid response group that will investigate reported catches in an attempt to measure the extent of the Alabama Bass movement and make recommendations for future actions necessary to contain their spread. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all spotted bass caught.

Anglers are reminded that it is Illegal to stock fish into a public body of water without an authorization from Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Anyone with knowledge of intentional stockings of Alabama Bass or Spotted Bass should contact DWR law enforcement at 800-237-5712 or WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov.

The Reporting Process - If you catch a suspected Alabama Bass:

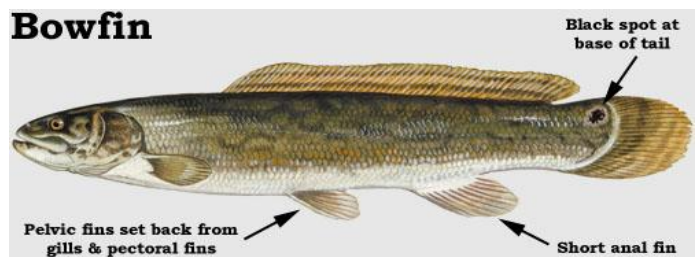
1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to: fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov for verification with name of angler, location caught, date caught, & phone number.
5. Mail the fin sample collected to the address provided when requested.

NORTHERN SNAKEHEADS: Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to possess a live snakehead in Virginia. Anglers are encouraged to kill and report any snakeheads they encounter. In an effort to track Snakehead migration VA DWR has established a **SNAKEHEAD HOTLINE** that anglers can use to report snakehead fish: **(804-367-2925)** report the angler's last name, date of catch, location of catch, and size.

Northern Snakehead



Similar-Appearing Native Species



Anglers are required to report snakeheads if caught. Snakeheads must be dead if in possession (contained in live well, cooler, etc.). The DWR asks that all snakeheads be killed if possible. If an angler wishes to keep a legally caught northern snakehead, the fish must be killed to be in possession.



Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greeting TBF Members,

In July I had the privilege of attending the ICAST trade show in Orlando, Florida on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). ICAST is the fishing industry's big trade show and is where manufacturers showcase new products. I know you've all read the articles covering new innovations in tackle and boats and if you're like me, you've bought many of these products immediately after they become available.

There were two reasons I attended ICAST, and I think they are both interesting items for TBF members living in Virginia. The first was to work with the USFWS as they talked to manufacturers about the Sport Fish Restoration Program and the excise taxes placed on sport fishing equipment. If you weren't aware, most fishing tackle has an excise tax that is paid by the manufacturer to the federal government. These funds are then distributed to the states based on a formula based on the area of the state as well as the number of fishing licenses sold by that state. These funds are critical to funding fisheries management, fish stocking, and boating access across the country and compliments fishing license revenue. If you've ever seen the Sport Fish Restoration signs at a boat ramp, that's where the funding came from. And to clarify a point that regularly comes up – Virginia DWR is not a general fund agency – the general fund does not fund the work we do. Its license revenue and Sport Fish Restoration money. Buying tackle directly funds quality fishing. So go ahead and get that extra glide bait.

The second reason was to speak with Virginia based manufacturers of tackle and outdoor equipment. One of the points that I make to people who don't fish is that fishing is important to Virginia's economy – the American Sport fishing Association estimates that freshwater fishing supports more than 4,000 jobs and nearly \$600 million in economic impact in the Commonwealth. There were seven companies from Virginia at the show and I bet that you have some of their gear in your boat. Missile Baits out of Salem makes a lot of soft plastics and jigs. Rapid Fishing Products out of Mechanicsville makes a lot of fishing "solutions" – terminal tackle, keepers, etc. Yak Attack out of Farmville manufactures kayak fishing focused gear. These and the other larger companies compliment the smaller manufacturers that we have in Virginia. So, keep an eye out for "Virginia grown tackle".

DWR continued:

Another cool part of the show was getting to meet a lot of the legends of the fishing world. My top moment was running into Hank Parker and talking with him for a few minutes. Like a lot of you, I grew up watching him on TV. If you are wondering if he is as nice in person as you would expect, he is even nicer than that!

Good luck fishing this fall.

Sincerely,

Mike Bednarski
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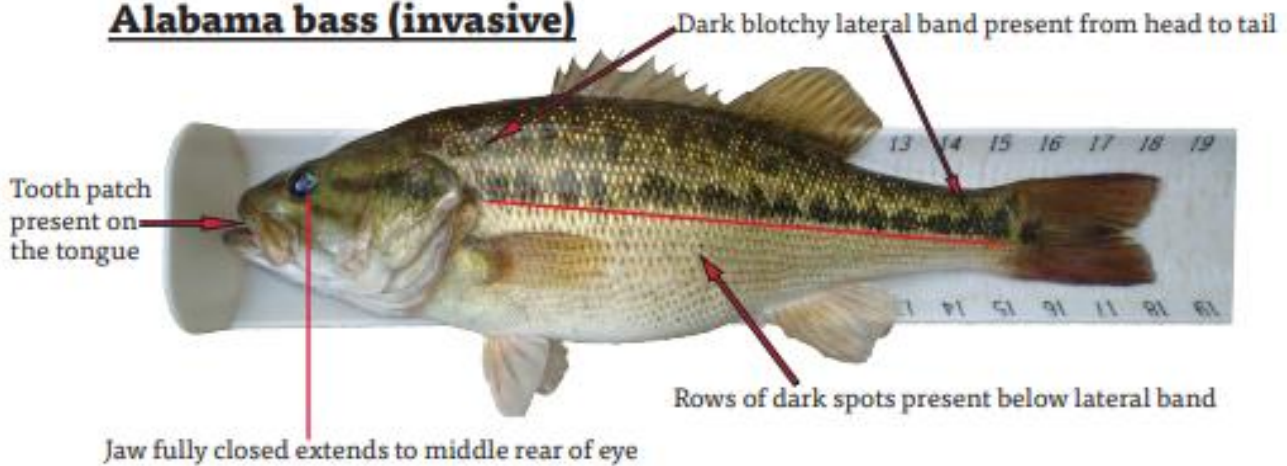


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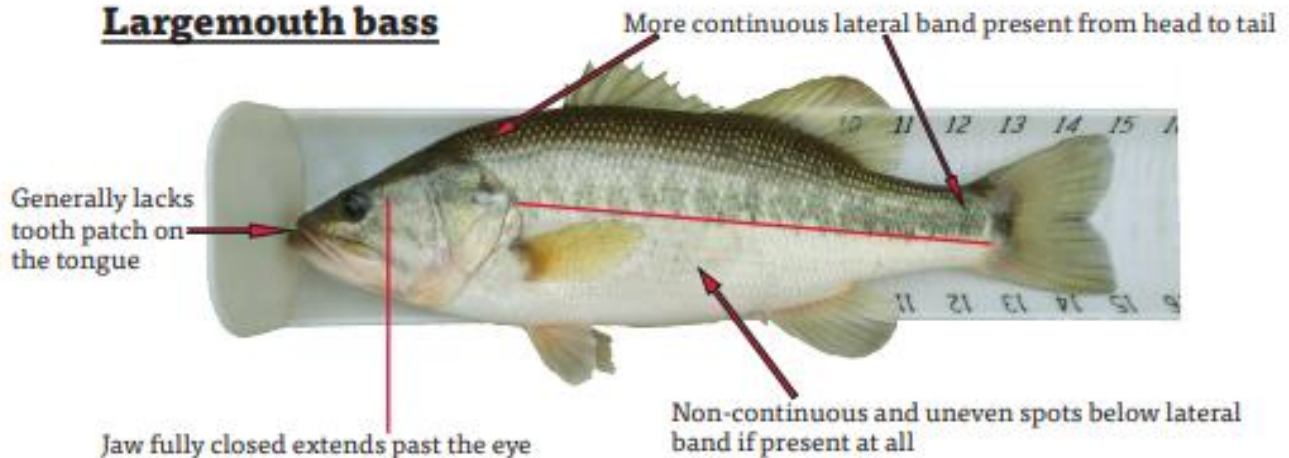


DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Alabama bass (invasive)



Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.
- Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.
- Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov or 804-367-1293.



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James City County Tournament Facilities

James City County Parks and Recreation welcomes local, regional, and national fishing tournaments at Chickahominy Riverfront Park and Little Creek Reservoir Park. A **Fishing Tournament Permit** is required for any tournament of 20 boats or larger. Chickahominy Riverfront Park (CRP) can accommodate larger tournaments of up to 100 boats. Little Creek Reservoir Park can accommodate smaller tournaments. Unfortunately, fishing tournaments are not allowed to launch from Brickyard Landing Park.

Optional amenities at CRP include a dedicated tournament weigh-in area, field/fishing pier rental (exclusive), and the option to conduct weigh-in activity in the boat trailer parking area (limited to a 72"x30" table or truck bed for weigh-in).

The unique amenity at CRP is the dedicated Tournament Weigh-In Site. The site can be rented for \$30/day and includes power access at the old camping site #111. The site must be rented in order to have access to the fish release pipe. To use the pipe, you must pump water to the head of the pipe from Gordon's Creek and maintain sufficient water flow during fish release (user must supply their own submersible pump). Additional instructions are posted on site.



James City County Fishing Tournament Permit Process

1. A permit is required for ALL Tournaments of 20 Boats or more. The Permit Application is completed through the JCC PermitLink System <https://jamescitycountyva-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home>
2. There is a \$25 permit processing fee (it is recommended that if you are having multiple tournaments during the year at the same location that you put all the dates on a single application).
3. There is a \$250 refundable security deposit required when processing the permit(s).
4. A Certificate of Insurance showing \$1M liability coverage with James City County shown as the additional insured is required for each event at least 30 days prior to the tournament.
5. Prior to the tournament the JCC Facility Coordinator (permit office) will email the Tournament Organizer a James City County Dated Ramp Pass that you can reproduce as needed for your tournament.
6. Tournament Organizer is REQUIRED to collect ALL ramp fees for your participants and make payment at the park office by noon of the tournament day (\$8 Non-James City County residents, \$5 for county residents, waived for annual pass holders and campers).
7. The Tournament Organizer is required to check-in with the Park Coordinator or Guest Services no later than 30 days prior to the event.
8. The County will issue permits for multiple tournaments or park activities on any given day up to the limit of available parking. Tournament Organizers are encouraged to coordinate launch and weigh-in times/locations for their tournaments to minimize congestion during launch and recovery at the ramp area.
9. No parking is allowed at any time on the roadway in front of the weigh-in site. All vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated parking area in the field. If the weigh-in site is rented, it is the responsibility of the tournament director to manage its access, use, and cleanup.

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Youth Program Director

Tim Mick

A few words from the Youth Director;

Another successful summer season for the Virginia Student Angler Federation (SAF) and Virginia Junior Angler programs. We continue to see growth in both programs. We are fortunate to have the support of the State Federation President Scott Whitmore, Vice President Steve Hajdasz, all the Region Directors, Alton our state adult Tournament Director, Tammy Caldwell Webmaster and finally all the behind-the-scenes supporters that work very hard to help with our programs. Thank You so much!

We had several High School teams from the Virginia Student Angler Federation that competed in the SAF World Championship at Lake Hartwell in Anderson, SC. June 19th thru 22nd. The Student Angler Federations Virginia State Champions, Blaine Miller & Hunter Musick from the Lebanon High School, finished 160th out of 437 teams. Great job guys!

Our Virginia Junior Angler State Champions, Wyatt Reynolds and Hampton Hancock-Ward, represented our Junior Angler program at the 2024 Junior World Championship the week of July 24th thru 27th also at Lake Hartwell in Anderson, SC. They did very well, advancing to the Championship Round and finishing 12th out of 72 teams. Super job!

Down in the southwest corner of the state Regions 4 and 10 continue to be the fastest growing youth programs in the state. Keep up the good work guys and gals!

TBF Junior Angler and the Student Angler Federation (SAF) memberships are always open. Now is the time to sign up as a new or renewal member for the 2025 season. There is only a \$25 annual membership fee per angler. There are no entry fees at any of our Virginia Federation hosted Junior or SAF tournaments. All you need is a boat, two anglers and a boat captain to fish in either the TBF Junior Angler (8th grade and under) or SAF (9th thru 12th grade) level. Watch for a tournament scheduled in your area in each issue of Tightlines, on the State web site: www.vabass.com and on our Facebook page. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lastly, I personal thanks to all the parents and boat captains of the kids that are out here fishing, without your support and understanding this could never happen, THANK YOU!
"Let's see what you and I can do to get kids fishing".

See you all soon. Be safe and fish much!!

Tim Mick
State Youth Director
Email: tmickbass@verizon.net
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Check out our Youth Fishing Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth> for the up-to-date news and happenings in the Virginia TBF Youth Program



Virginia Anglers Compete on Lake Hartwell



The 15th annual High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship were held on Lake Hartwell, in Anderson, SC the week of 19 – 22 June. This year's event drew a record 437 teams of Student Angler Federation members from throughout the United States and several foreign countries like Canada, Zimbabwe, and South Africa all competing for part of the over \$3 million in scholarships and prizes. .

This year's field included several Virginia high school teams including the Virginia High School State Champions, Blaine Miller and Hunter Musick from Lebanon High School. Blaine and Hunter finished the event in 160th Place out of the 437 competing teams. The remaining Virginia SAF Teams were: from the Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy – Paton McAndrew and Cutler Wooten & Jake and John Hicks; from Ridgeview High School – Dilan Lee and Jordan Barton & Parker and Garrett Taylor; along with Joshua Smith and Landon Ray from Honaker High School. Great effort everyone!!



Ridgeview High School Anglers
Jake & John Hicks



Ridgeview High School Anglers
Paton McAndrew & Cutler Wooten

Virginia Junior Anglers Compete on Lake Hartwell



The Virginia Junior Angler State Champions Wyatt Reynolds and Hampton Hancock-Ward from the Ridgefield Junior Anglers competed on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, SC in the TBF Junior Angler World Championship Tournament along with 71 Junior Teams from across the US and Canada, on 24-26 July.

The Junior World Championship is a 3-Day event with the field cut to 15 Teams after Day-2. Under the new format, the Championship Round Qualifiers include the 5 Division Champions plus the addition of 4 teams from the two largest Divisions, the 5 teams with the next heaviest weights from days 1 and 2 and a "lucky dog" qualifier drawn from the field. All 15 teams making it to the Final day each won a scholarship with the total payout of \$15,000.00 dollars in scholarships for this year's Junior World Championship anglers.

Wyatt and Hampton weighed a three fish limit each day of the qualifying round. Their 5 pounds 11 ounces on Day 1 and 6 pounds 5 ounces on day 2 landed them in 14th Place with 12 pounds total going into the cut for final days Championship round. Advancing to the Championship Round on Day 3, the boys managed another 3 fish limit weighing in at 3 pounds 13 ounces to finish in 12th Place.



Upcoming Events



Reel Kids Casting Skills event at the Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo in Christiansburg, Va on 5 October 2024



Reel Kids Casting Skills events & State Championship will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo 17-19 January 2025.



The SAF High School State Championship will be on April 5, 2025 on Kerr Lake



The Virginia TBF JR Angler 2025 State Championship will be April 5, 2025 on Kerr Lake



Virginia Youth Anglers Compete at State Federation Region Tournaments

Under the new format for Virginia Youth Anglers, teams are allowed to participate in State Federation Region Tournaments and earn points towards a State Youth Team of the Year Title. Youth Teams enter (no entry fee), launch, and weigh-in with the adults during Region Tournaments. Teams are awarded points based upon the number of Youth teams competing in the event and their finishing place among youth teams. Points for the youth teams from throughout the state will be compiled and their top 3 point earning events will be tallied to determine the Virginia Youth Team of the Year. Each year the Youth teams from throughout the state will gather for a tournament and head to head competition to determine who will represent Virginia at the TBF Junior World Championship Tournament.

Virginia High School Angling Teams are also invited to compete at State Federation Region Tournaments to earn points towards a Virginia High School Team of the Year title. The High School Anglers also compete in the Student Angler Federation events and the SAF hosted State High School Championship Tournament each year.

Youth Anglers must be a member of an active TBF Junior Club or the Student Angler Federation (SAF). Each Youth Angler Team must arrange for their own boat and boat captain and complete the required Emergency Medical Information Event and Liability/Parental Consent forms. Youth Teams will launch and weigh-in with the host tournament anglers and earn valuable points towards the Virginia TBF Junior Angler or High School State Championship title.

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Point of Contact for Youth Angler memberships and tournament registrations are: Tim Mick, Email: tmickbass@verizon.net or Scott Whitmore, Email: stratos.22225@gmail.com



Student Angler Federation High School Program

The high school fishing program is ran by the TBF National Office. Each year High School Anglers have the opportunity to fish the Virginia High School Championship Tournament and Bass Pro Shops/MLF Open Tournaments. Tournament dates, locations and additional information on additional opportunities for Virginia High School Anglers to fish local events will be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page.

Student Angler Federation Membership and Registrations for SAF High School Tournaments and the High School World Finals/National Championship are processed online through the Student Angler Federation web site: <https://highschoolfishing.org/>.



2024/2025 Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments are available for Youth Anglers (Junior Anglers and SAF High School Anglers). Anglers may contact the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information (the host Region Director Contact information is available on page 3 of this publication).

Additional information will also be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page for each event:

<https://www.facebook.com/viriniatbfyouth/>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
October 12, 2024	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
October 12, 2024	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
October 13, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 18, 2024	Nottoway River	Rte 258 Bridge Ramp	7 AM - 3 PM	Region 6
October 26, 2024	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	North Regional
March 1, 2025	South Holston Lake	TBD	TBD	West Regional
March 22, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 5, 2025	Kerr Lake	North Bend	TBD	Junior Angler State Championship
April 5, 2025	Kerr Lake	North Bend	TBD	High School/SAF State Championship
April 19, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 3, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	East Regional
May 10, 2025	James River	Osborne Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 31, 2025	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Team Trail Champ.
June 14, 2025	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 23, 2025	Chowan River	Shoups Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 6, 2025	Lake Chesdin	TBD	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 18, 2025	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
November 2, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8

Virginia Youth Fishing



The Southwest Select Series held their last tournament of the season on South Holston Lake on July 13th. Congratulations to the top finishers. 1st Place: Landon Ray & Josh Smith; 2nd Place: Kole Reynolds & Andrew Richardson; and 3rd Place: Wyatt Green & Jacob Maxfield. Wyatt 7 Jacob also had the Big Bass for the tournament.



Southwest Select Team of the Year
Andrew Richardson
&
Kole Reynolds

Southwest Select Anglers would like to thank their tournament sponsors for their support.



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Youth Tournament Results

Southwest Virginia youth anglers from Ridgeview Junior Anglers, Southwest Select club, Smyth County High School Club and Ridgeview High School gathered at John W. Flanagan Reservoir on September 17th, for an end-of-season tournament and awards presentations. We are grateful for the support from the schoolteachers, community, sponsors, parents, and boat captains. Your efforts are the key in maintaining and growing a successful youth fishing program. And to Alan Taylor, thank you for a solid program, great job and keep up the great work.



John W. Flanagan Reservoir Results (September 17, 2024)

Place	Team	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Ridgeview Jr. Anglers	Braxton Fleming	Alex Grant	9.28
2	Southwest Select	Josh Smith	Landon Ray	5.07
3	Ridgeview High School	Parker Taylor	Ryder Taylor	2.08



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Youth & Community Outreach

Virginia Bass Chapter Federations "Rods & Reels for Kids" Project



We would like to thank our "Rods & Reels for Kids" Program Partners, Bass Pro Shop of Hampton, who continues to support our efforts with their donations. Through the Spring Fishing Classic Rod & Reel Exchange Promotion the Hampton Bass Pro Shop has donated 199 rods and 310 reels in support of our ongoing efforts to provide new and reconditioned rod and reel combos to youth and organizations hosting family and veteran fishing events statewide. Already in 2024, the program efforts provided rods, reels, and tackle items in support of the Stafford County Schools D.A.R.E. event, the Wayne Fenton Annual Veterans Fishing event, the Region 1 Youth Family Fishing Day, the Battlefield Christian Fellowship Youth Tournament on Lake Anna, the Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation / Montgomery County Public Schools "Jill's Buddy Camp" for children with disabilities, the Annual Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo in Christiansburg, The Annual Youth Sportsman Day on Curtis Lake, and the Virginia TBF Junior Angler program. We have reconditioned and given out rod & reels to youth anglers competing at our tournaments and the Maryland, Delaware & New Jersey Tri-State High School State Championship Tournament at hosted by the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation on Lake Anna.

"Rods & Reels for Kids"



Federation Anglers Partner with VA DWR to host "Youth Sportsman Day"



On September 14, 2024, the Battlefield Anglers of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources hosted their 12th Annual Youth Sportsman Day at Curtis Lake in Stafford VA. The Battlefield Anglers of Va. partnered with the DWR to give local youth the opportunity to experience all that Virginia outdoors has to offer by providing kids with the opportunity to learn skills in archery, gun safety, and fishing. Participants also went out on the lake with Battlefield Anglers on a pontoon provided by Dukes Creek Marina on Lake Anna to learn how to cast, bait a hook and set the hook as well. Each child in attendance experienced some time on the lake and this year every child caught a fish, some for the first time in their lives! Youth had the opportunity to shoot a BB gun, learn fly casting and fly tying, received proper instruction in archery, and to drive a boat simulator.

This annual event is only possible by the awesome sponsors like Advanced Management Strategies Group, Dukes Creek Marina, Manna Ministry, Stafford Parks and Recreation, Virginia Bass Chapter Federation TBF, and the National Turkey Federation who provided their BB Gun Range. The support from these sponsors also allowed the Battlefield Anglers of VA to provide a brand-new rod and reel combo to every child in attendance along with numerous other prizes during the event.



This year the Battlefield Anglers of Virginia was recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia and Department of Wildlife Resources. Sgt Alan Hatmaker, DWR Conservation Officer, presented an award in Recognition and Appreciation of Battlefield Anglers of Virginia's continued support of the Virginia Conservation Police Officers and the Department of Wildlife Resources. This award was bestowed to the Battlefield Anglers by the men and women who proudly wear the badge for the Protection of our Wildlife and Natural Resources.





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Region 1 Tournament Results Chickahominy River – September 7, 2024

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Harry Lambert	William Wykoff	17.82
2	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	13.17
3	Doug Fisher	Kevin Sippey	11.76
4	Marty Schray	Mike Longerbeam	10.74
5	Cole Wykoff	Garth Bucks	10.45
6	Joe Imler	TJ Shively	10.27
7	Larry Kempler	BJ Meadows	9.90
8	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	9.81
9	Mike Cole	Austin Cole	9.47
10	John Perham	Mitch Portervint	9.22
11	Hunter Unhoch	John Ritter	8.85
12	Craig Loudan	Tom Hayes	8.07
12	Barry Gunn	Chris Knutti	8.00
14	Lee Blount	Jodie Bucks	7.99
15	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	7.73
16	Mike Rush	Scott O'Neil	7.09
17	Eddie Minor	Joe Bandish	5.40
18	Jeff Nalls	Drew Nalls	4.46



Current 2024 Region 1 Standings (Top 25 after 5 Tournaments)

Place	Angler	Club	Kerr	Anna	Chickahominy	Potomac	Chickahominy	Potomac	Points	Fish
1	Joe Imler	MTV	246	240	249	249	245		1229	24
1	T J Shively	MTV	246	240	249	249	245		1229	24
2	Jeff Meade	BAT	249	245	244	245	236		1219	25
2	Scott Favors	BAT	249	245	244	245	236		1219	25
3	Mike Cole	BSB	247	249	231	248	242		1217	25
3	Austin Cole	BSB	247	249	231	248	242		1217	25
4	Tom Hayes	NVBA	245	243	250	232	239		1209	23
4	Craig Loudan	NVBA	245	243	250	232	239		1209	23
5	Harry Lambert	HOO	241	235	240	238	250		1204	23
5	William Wykoff	HOO	241	235	240	238	250		1204	23
6	Larry Kempler	MTV	248	247	236	229	244		1204	22
6	B J Meadows	MTV	248	247	236	229	244		1204	22
7	Chris Craft	BSB	243	242	229	243	243		1200	22
7	Scott Taylor	BSB	243	242	229	243	243		1200	22
8	Hunter Unhoch	NVBA	235	244	243	237	240		1199	20
8	John Vetter	NVBA	235	244	243	237	240		1199	20
9	Doug Fisher	NOVA	236	233	235	239	248		1191	21
10	Jeff Nalls	BSB	245	239	242	231	233		1190	20
10	Drew Nalls	BSB	245	239	242	231	233		1190	20
11	John Perham	BAT	240	234	238	228	241		1181	21
11	Mitch Portervint	BAT	240	234	238	228	241		1181	21
12	Joe Bandish	BAT	242	230	232	230	234		1168	16
12	Eddie Minor	BAT	242	230	232	230	234		1168	16
13	Garth Bucks	HOO	118	241	233	240	246		1078	20
14	Lee Blount	HOO	118	229	234	241	237		1059	18
15	Rick Mills	HOO	0	246	241	247	249		983	20
15	Chris Mills	HOO	0	246	241	247	249		983	20
16	Cole Wykoff	HOO	0	241	233	240	246		960	20
17	Kevin Stippey	NOVA	236	0	235	239	248		958	16
18	Mike Rush	NOVA	239	233	247	0	235		954	17
19	Kenny Brown	MTV	238	239	239	233	0		949	15
19	John Beaver	MTV	238	239	239	233	0		949	15
20	Barry Gunn	BAT	0	228	230	234	238		930	17
20	Chris Knutti	BAT	0	228	230	234	238		930	17
21	Michael Townsend	BSB	118	250	237	244	0		849	15
21	Jon Cielakie	BSB	118	250	237	244	0		849	15
22	Marty Schray	HOO	0	0	246	246	247		739	15
22	Mike Longerbeam	HOO	0	0	246	246	247		739	15
23	Jodi Bucks	HOO	0	0	234	241	237		712	15
24	Robert Hissen	BSB	250	231	114	114	0		709	8
25	Sammy Payton	NVBA	237	232	0	236	0		705	7
25	Andy Fisher	NVBA	237	232	0	236	0		705	7

Current 2024 Region 1 Club Standings (After 5 Tournaments)


Club	Kerr	Anna	Chick	Potomac	Chick	Potomac	Total
BSB	989	998	980	996	970		4933
MTV	988	990	988	982	978		4926
NVBA	964	974	986	946	958		4828
BAT	982	958	964	958	958		4820
HOO	718	974	974	986	998		4650
NOVA	950	466	964	948	964		4292

Current 2024 Region 1 Big Fish Standings (After 5 Tournaments)

Angler	Club	Weight	Tournament	Date
Tom Hayes	NVBA	4.02	Bugg's Island	3/23/2024
Tom Hayes	NVBA	7.10	Lake Anna	4/13/2024
Joe Imler	MTV	6.98	Chickahominy	5/18/2024
Mike Townsend	BSB	3.55	Potomac	6/8/2024
Harry Lambert	HOO	6.18	Chickahominy	9/8/2024

Region 1 - 2024 Season Schedule

March 23	Kerr Lake	Grassy Creek
April 13	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek
May 18	Chickahominy River	Rockahock
June 8	Potomac River	Leesylvania
September 7	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park
October 12-13	Potomac River	Leesylvania




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Region 4 Tournament Results

Smith Mountain Lake – June 22, 2024

Region 4 had its first night tournament on June 22. It was on Smith Mt. Lake. A lot of nice bags of fish were brought in. In our tournaments, we pay \$1000 for first place with at least 14 paid entries and we pay one place for every 7 boats. The results for this tournament are below:

lace	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Dalton Bethel	Jared Witt \$1000 + \$210	5	24.01	6.36
2	Open	Darrel Wright	Bobby Pegan \$600	5	20.93	5.62
3	Open	Scott Stiltner	Brandon Witcher \$230	5	19.93	5.72
4	Open	Courtney Hall	Barry Hall	5	18.98	6.14
5	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	18.91	5.54
6	Open	Kyle Smith	Bert Smith	5	17.82	
7	Open	Hylton Scott	Tony Walker	5	17.46	
8	Triangle	Brian Burnett	Mark Cox	5	17.06	
8	Open	justin Hicks	Ralph Hicks	5	17.06	
9	Starcity/Southwesten	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	5	16.78	
10	Open	Josh Layne	Jrod Layne	5	16.19	
11	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Colin Bennett	5	15.7	
12	Open	Brogdon Magan	Austin Thompson	5	15.16	
13	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	14.96	
14	Triangle	Danny Reed	Aj Pheiox	5	13.22	
15	Open	Frank Baslie	Patrick Baslie	5	12.32	
16	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	12.25	
17	Claytor Lake Mafia	Eric Farris	Jenna Ratccillffe	5	11.5	
18	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	9.28	
19	Star City	Dennis Heltzel	James Shorter	4	7.98	
20	Open	David Mclaughlen	Daniel Martin	3	6.58	
21	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tim Skinnell	0		
22	Claytor Lake Mafia	Steven Deisher	Bobby Pauley	0		
23	Open	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly	0		
24	Open	Marvin Buggs	Keith Conley	0		
25	Open	Jay Keyton	Ron Firestone	0		
26	Open	Randy Rose	Neil Moses	0		



Smith Mtn Lake - June 22, 2024



Smith Mountain Lake – July 13, 2024

On July 13, we had our second night tournament on Smith Mountain Lake. The results are:



Smith Mountain Lake Results, July 13, 2024

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee \$1000+270	5	21	7.46
2	Open	Courtney Hall	Matt Hall \$870	5	20.68	5.16
3	Open	Chris Lucas	Aaron Lucas \$290	5	17.66	
4	Open	Tim Love	Jason Holley	5	17.03	4.86
5	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Colin Bennett	5	16.56	
6	Open	Adrian Moore	Ryan Suhy	5	16.34	
7	Open	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	16.16	
8	Open	Darrell Wright	Bobby Pegan	5	15.94	6.62
9	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	15.14	
10	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	15.04	
11	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tim Skinnell	5	14.72	
12	Open	Dalton Bethal	Jared Witt	5	14.68	
13	Triangle	Brian Burnett	Mark Cox	5	14.6	
14	Open	Shannon Breeding	Charlie Davis	5	13.94	
15	Open	Al Filxo	Ray Roberts	5	13.76	
16	Open	Trey Switzer	Austin Arey	5	13.68	
17	Claytor Lake Mafia	Steven Deisher	Bobby Pauley	5	13.1	
18	Open	Ray Orey	Ethan Orey	5	11.42	
19	Open	Lenny Wallace	Jeffery Davis jr.	5	10.26	
20	BlackWater	Todd Whittaker	Nolan Harman	0		
21	Triangle	Danny Reed	Aj Phonix	0		
22	Starcity/Southwestern	David Martin	Kevin Simmions	0		
23	Star City	Ian Branson	John Branson	0		
24	Open	James Alther	Hunter Alther	0		
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27	Open	Kyle Smith	Belt Smith	0		
28	Open	Tony Ortiz	Johnathan Abbitt	0		
29	Open	Josh Layne	Jarod Layne	0		
30	Open	Marvin Buff	William Weaver	0		
31	Open	Scott Stiltner	Brandon Witcher	0		



Claytor Lake – August 3, 2024

Our third night tournament was August 3 on Claytor Lake. Results are as follows:

e	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Jared Sowers	Caleb Sowers \$540	5	13.38	3.3
2	Open	Darrell Wright	Bobby Pegan \$180	5	12.28	2.92
3	Open	Jamie Whitt	John Mertih	5	11.08	2.98
4	Open	Dylon Bailey	Brian Bailey	5	10.56	2.86
5	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank \$90	5	10.3	3.66
6	Open	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	9.5	3.56
7	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	5	6.82	
8	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	2	5.96	2.62
9	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	0	0	
10	Triangle	Steven Deisher	Bobby Pauley	0	0	
11	Open	Travis Cox	Will Croteau	0	0	
12	Open	Derrick Reed	Jon Martin	0	0	



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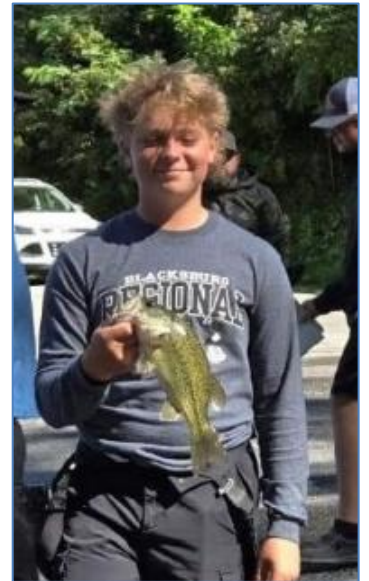
Claytor Lake – September 7, 2024

On September 7, we had stop #9 on our Team Tournament Trail. It was at Claytor Lake. We had three high school teams fish with us. The results are below:

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee \$1000	5	15.48	
2	Open	Mike Toney	Eric Fracier \$200	5	14.36	4.58
3	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	12.88	
4	Open	Dustin Riddle	Chester Leayard	5	12.58	
5	Open	Travis Cox	Will Croteau	5	11.92	
6	Open	Jason Adams	Earl Adams	5	10.76	
7	Triangle	Danny Reed		5	10.04	
8	Open	Tony Huff		5	9.56	3.98
9	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	5	9.1	
10	Open	Logan Combs		5	7.72	
11	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	7.24	
12	Open	Coby Seagle	Kaden Duncan	4	6.98	4.08
13	Star City	Chuck Hart	James Shorter	5	6.88	
14	Open	Josh Denkin	Jason Cozort	1	5.22	5.22
15	Open	Isaiah Tuck	Jesse Roope	5	4.98	
16						
17	High School					
1	PCH	Collier Alderman	Dowson Lytton	5	7	
19	PCH	Miller Woods	Parker Huff	3	3.56	
20	PCH	Cayden Mines	Liem Garret	1	1.42	



Claytor Lake - September 7, 2024



Region 4 has one regular season tournament left plus our Championship which is only open to Region 4 members who have fished at least four of our ten qualifiers.

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Feb. 24th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, safe light-4pm (all Fish 14")

Mar. 30th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")

April 27th Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-3pm (all Fish 12")

May 25th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-3pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")

(Must have 2 people in the boat for night tournaments)

June 22th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")

July 13th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")

Aug. 3rd Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")

(Must have 2 people in the boat for night tournaments)

Sept. 7th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light- 3pm (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")

Oct. 5th Smith Mountain Lake, State Park Ramp, safe light-4pm (all fish 14")

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Nov. 16th Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-4pm (all fish 12")

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Region 6 Tournament Results

Kerr Lake – September 14, 2024

September 14, Region 6 had its 5th tournament of the season. The day started off as a great morning to be on the water, no wind, cloudy, and 75 degrees. However, the clouds didn't last long and as the sun came out the wind started to blow 25 mph making fishing extra tuff.

1 st Place	James Vick / Brian Reedy	10.21 lbs.
2 nd Place	Tim Byers / Crag Ferguson	9.41 lbs.
3 rd Place	Fran Glazer / Drew Berry	8.77 lbs.
BIG FISH	Patrick Bell / Mark Mclean	4.07 lbs



TOTAL BOAT CONTROL

Region 6 - 2024 Season Schedule

March 23	Bugg's Island	North Bend	7:00 - 3:00
April 13	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7:00 - 3:00
May 11	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill Creek	6:00 - 2:00
June 9	James River	Hopewell Marina	6:00 - 2:00
September 14	Bugg's Island	Rudd's Creek	6:00 - 2:00
October 19	Nottoway River	Rte 258 Bridge	7:00 - 3:00

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The 2024 Region 8 tournament season was completed with our Kerr Lake tournament on September 7th. I'd like to congratulate Nicky Skinner on his 2024 Region 8 Season Championship. Nicky fished every event this season and his best 6 out of the 7 tournament weights totaled an impressive 83.11 pounds. The Big Bass Award for 2024 goes to Billy Allen for the 5.96 pound largemouth he caught on the Chickahominy River early in the season. Great effort everyone, we had a very successful Region 8 trail this year. Our final Region 8 event for the year will be the No-Entry-Fee Members Appreciation Tournament October 13th, on the Chickahominy River. This event has proven a popular one with the membership and hopefully we have good weather and some great fall fishing on the Chickahominy River. As usual we will ask each participant to donate at least 2 new baits or tackle items to our donation bin to participate in this event. There will be plenty of food and door prizes for all. Hopefully I'll have the end of season awards in hand to present.

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone that helped with the Lynn Hoeffler Benefit Open Tournament this past July 27th. Lynn Hoeffler, a longtime member and avid bass angler who competed in several local clubs and tournament trails, is battling the effects of a hemorrhagic stroke he suffered in December. As I write this article Lynn has been making some notable progress and is now in a rehabilitation facility working hard to get home to family and friends. The tournament was a huge success as we had 75 boats compete this year and paid out nearly \$6000 to the anglers and raised \$4700 to help Lynn in his recovery efforts. This event was a real team effort. A Thank You goes out to all the volunteers and Region 8 supporters that helped and donated to the event. Special acknowledgement to 5 Rivers Bassmasters for championing the food preparation and serving, the Virginia Bass Federation State Staff members that spent the day helping us run the event, Chick-fil-A Mooretown for their generous donation of 100 sandwiches, and JJJ Handyman, Fishing Pro-Tech, Bass Pro Shops, Teriyaki Madness, Scott Whitmore, Bill Roberts, Terry Minnick and many more for their thoughtful donations. This was a great example of how the Bass Fishing Community can come together and support one of our own.

The TBF National Semi Final (NSF) Tournament was on Kerr Lake, September 21st & 22nd. Region 8 had 36 anglers compete this year with some great results on what proved a difficult few days of fishing. NASA-Langley Bassmasters James Whitehead finished in 2nd Place in the Angler Division and Nottoway Bassmaster angler Larry Whitt finished 2nd in the Co-Angler Division. Their second place finishes earned each of them a berth in the 2025 No-Entry-Fee TBF National Championship Tournament next spring. It was a difficult couple of days as the fish were not very cooperative. Region 8 had 36 Anglers compete in the tournament and had 9 members finish "in-the-money" (In the Angler Division: James Whitehead – 2nd Place, Frank Harris – 3rd Place, Donnie Gregg – 5th Place, Dave McLean – 8th Place, Chris Fiore – 9th Place, and Floyd Dalton – 11th Place. In the Co-Angle Division: Larry Whitt – 2nd Place, Mike Guzik – 9th Place, and Tracy Gravelly – 11th Place). Great Effort Everyone!

The Region 8 Board of Directors has been busy working on plans for next season. As you will see in this edition of Tightlines we have finalized and released the 2025 tournament schedule. The 2025 will again have 8 tournaments and we will count the best 6 out of 8 towards the season championship. We also will be experiencing some new waters next season – Lake Chesdin & the Chowan River.

We've also approved some payout enhancement starting in 2025. **NEW FOR THE 2025 SEASON:** Starting with the 2025 season we will be implementing a Region 8 Champions prize fund that will be awarded to our 1st and 2nd Place Season Champions. We also will be adding another \$400 to the 2025 Member Appreciation Tournament payout. We will be keeping the "Side Pot" at each of our regular season tournaments. This "side pot" is completely voluntary for participation. The "Side Pot" fee is \$20 per boat and will only be collected at team check-in for each tournament. Payout is a 100% cash payment to the top boats that chose to participate for that tournament.

Also: The State Federation has made a few changes for 2025: The State Federation is introducing the Angler and Co-Angler of the Year recognition to the anglers that have the highest total points awarded for participation in the best 4 out of 5 State Team Trail Tournaments each season. The 2025 Angler & Co-Angler points awards will start with the Team Trail North Regional on the Potomac River, October 26th, since it is the first tournament of the 2025 Team Trail season. The State Federation will also be offering a voluntary "Side Pot" at all State Team Trail tournaments in 2025.

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I ask that each of us take time out of our busy lives to remember those that are serving to protect our nation along with our friends and family that are battling illness, mourning the loss of a love one, and facing life's challenges each day.

John Flicek
Region 8 Director



2025 Region 8 Tournament Schedule

22 March (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
19 April (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
10 May (Sat)	Appomattox/James River (Osborne Landing)
14 June (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
2 August (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) OPEN Tournament
23 August (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
6 Sept (Sat)	Lake Chesdin (Ramp-TBD)
18 October (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
2 November (Sun)	Member Appreciation No Entry Fee Tournament - Chickahominy (Rte 5)

The 2025 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 6 out of 8" tournaments.

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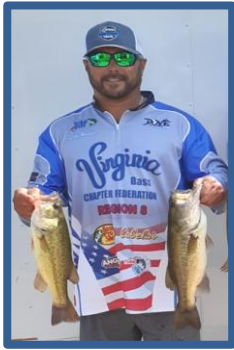
The 2025 REGION 8 Chickahominy River Open Tournament at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park is scheduled for August 2, 2025. We are planning on the entry fee for next year to be the customary \$80 per boat. Tournament limit remains 5 fish per boat. This allows participants an opportunity to fish individually or as a team. The tournament will be on Saturday, 27 July. We will again be paying 1 PLACE for every 5 ENTRIES with a GUARANTEED \$1000 minimum First Place. Of course we will still have the Big Bass award and a \$100 cash prize to the best finishing youth (ages 16 & under). Get your registration in early since boat launch positions are based on the order in which registrations are received! Registration forms will be available after the first of the New Year on the Region 8 Web Site: www.vabassregion8.com. Just select the "OPEN TOURNAMENT" tab to access the registration form.

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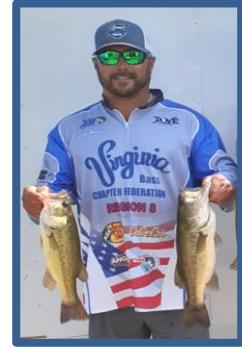
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Region 8 Tournament Results



Open Benefit Tournament Chickahominy River July 27, 2024



We would like to thank all anglers that participated in the Lynn Hoeffler Benefit Tournament on the Chickahominy River on Saturday, July 27th. The funds raised went to support Lynn's on-going care and recovery efforts from the hemorrhagic stroke he suffered this past December. Lynn has been a long time member of the NASA-Langley Bassmasters and the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation. He is well known as an accomplished angler who has competed in many local tournament trails. The event drew anglers from throughout Virginia. It was a great example of the Bass Fishing Community coming together to support a fellow angler. 75 Boats competed in the tournament which was followed by some fellowship with food, a 50/50 drawing, a raffle table and tournament awards. 5-Rivers Bassmasters prepared and served a hot dogs and Chick-fil-A who provided 100 sandwiches for the hungry crowd. In addition to the many volunteers several businesses also supported the event through their donations of funds and products: Fishing Pro Tech of Toano; LJL Handyman of Standardsville, VA; Chick-fil-A Mooretown, Williamsburg, VA; Bass Pro Shops of Hampton; Teriyaki Madness of Virginia Beach, Hampton, Lightfoot; the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Staff; and Bill Haire Custom Handcrafted Lures.





Benefit Tournament Results: Turner Hart won the tournament with a limit of bass weighing 19.39 lbs. Turner also had the Big Bass for the tournament a 6.83 lb largemouth. Chris Craft and Scott Taylor finished in 2nd Place with a 5 fish limit weighing 17.43 lbs. Ryan and Wayne Drewery weighed 17.26 lbs for 3rd Place. In 4th Place was the team of Jason Swindle and Alex Swindle with 16.63 lbs. Alex was also the Top Finishing Youth for the tournament taking to \$100 Youth Award. In 5th Place was the team of Guy Fairweather and Chris Brill with a limit of bass weighing in at 16.63 lbs.



Chickahominy River Results (Top 35)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Turner Hart		19.39
2	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	17.43
3	Ryan Drewery	Wayne Drewery	17.26
4	Jason Swindle	Alex Swindle	16.63
5	Guy Fairweather	Christophe Brill	16.29
6	Justin Dodson	Jason Dodson	15.75
7	Jamie Nealy	Greg Ball	15.51
8	Marvin Major	Clarence Jenkins	15.47
9	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	15.33
10	Timothy Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	15.16
11	Jeffrey Valentin	Carlton Wells	14.55
12	Alan Jackson		14.40
13	Tevinn Rollins	Eli Roberson	13.93
14	Nicky Skinner	Bill Clancy	13.89
15	Rob Racer	Robbie Pugh	13.67
16	Ronnie Ketchum	Jeffrey Hayden	13.51
17	Daniel Martin	Danny Martin	13.45
18	Garrett Geouge	Chris Campbell	13.15
19	Thomas Hains	Diane Hains	12.95
20	Tyler Colgin	Daniel Colgin	12.78
21	Bobby Baker	Garrett Tonler	12.70
22	Chuck Schultz	Mark Brannock	12.59
23	Doug Griles	Roger Clark	12.38
24	Adam Stubbs	Clifton Taylor III	11.80
25	Al Williams	Brad Redden	11.77
26	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	11.44
27	James Breen		11.39
28	James Lassitter	Jamie Phelps	11.37
29	John Dodson-	Johnny Woody	11.13
30	Chad Howell	Trenton Parker	11.01
31	Hayden Bell	Casey Wiseman	10.76
32	David Carney	John Dunn	10.74
33	Gary Svatek	Marty Klema	10.62
34	Travis Wyatt	Lee Rossi	10.41
35	Cohen Call	Stephen Call	10.35



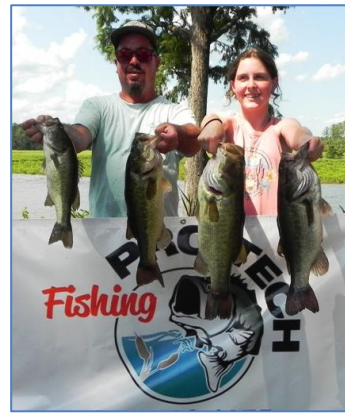
Turner Hart
1st Place - 19.39 lbs
BIG BASS AWARD
6.83 lbs



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Chickahominy River



Kerr Lake (September 7, 2024)

Region 8 held its last regular season tournament for 2024 on Kerr Lake on Saturday, September 7th. This tournament was an excellent opportunity for our Region 8 anglers to pre-fish in preparation for the TBF District 12 National Semi Final on 21-22 September. The fishing proved tough for most. Steve Finch from the TBF Bass Bandits of VA and Michael Williams from the RVA Bassmasters teamed up to win the tournament with a 5 fish limit of bass weighing in at 13.35 pounds. Michael also had the Big Bass of the tournament a 4.69 pound largemouth. In 2nd Place was the RVA Bassmasters team of Frank Harris and Stan Cobb with 11.14 pounds. Tim Mitchem and Alex Buckhorn from the NASA-Langley Bassmasters finished in the 3rd spot with their limit weighing 10.95 pounds. The 4th Place team from 5 Rivers Bassmasters was Lee Johnson and Glenn Stateman who weighed in 10.17 pounds.

**Steve Finch &
 Michael Williams
 Win on Kerr Lake
 13.35 lbs.
 Big Fish Award
 4.69 lbs.**



Kerr Lake Results (September 7th)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Steve Finch	Michael Williams	13.35
2	Franck Harris	Stan Cobb	11.14
3	Tim Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	10.95
4	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	10.17
5	Brad Webb	Nicky Skinner	8.76
6	John Flicek		8.42
7	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	8.13
8	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	7.82
9	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	7.12
10	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	6.34
11	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	6.09
12	Gary Svatek	Casey Svatek	5.97
13	Keith Jones		5.62
14	Ed Hunt	Patrick Hunt	4.42





Kerr Lake, Sept. 7th



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Region 8 Club Tournament Results

5-Rivers Bassmasters held their Pamunkey River tournament on Saturday, August 24th. Dave McLean took the tournament win with a limit of bass weighing 8.74 lbs. Dave also weighed the tournaments Big Bass, a 2.87 pound largemouth. Nicky Skinner finished in the second spot with a limit weighing in at 8.27 lbs.

Pamunkey River Results (Top 5)

Place	Angler	Weight	Points
1	Dave McLean	8.74	50
2	Nicky Skinner	8.27	45
3	Lee Johnson	7.78	40
4	Glenn Stateman	7.40	39
5	Ray Allen	5.65	38



5-Rivers Bassmasters held a tournament on the Chowan River on Saturday, September 28th. Nicky Skinner won the tournament win with a limit of bass weighing 12.16 lbs. Nicky also weighed the tournaments Big Bass, a 4.26 pound largemouth. Dave McLean finished in the second spot with a limit weighing in at 11.03 lbs.

Chowan River Results (Top 5)

Place	Angler	Weight	Points
1	Nicky Skinner	12.16	50
2	Dave McLean	11.03	45
3	Glenn Stateman	10.02	40
4	Bill Clancy	3.69	39
5	Scott Coons	3.15	38



5-Rivers Bassmasters Season Standings

Angler	Chickahominy River (1)		Kerr Reservoir (2)		Mattaponi River (3)		North West River (4)		Pasquotank River (5)		Pamunkey River (6)		Chowan River (7)		Dash for Cash		Total Points
	3/16/2023	4/27/2023	5/11/2023	6/22/2023	7/13/2023	8/24/2023	9/28/2023	0/0/9999									
	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	Finish	Points	
McLean, Dave	2	45	7	36	2	45	1	50		0	1	50	2	45		0	271
Skinner, Nicky	1	50	3	40	3	40	3	40		0	2	45	1	50		0	265
Reeves Frank	8	35	9	34	1	50	2	45		0	7	36	10	33		0	233
Johnson, Nelson, Jr	7	36	8	35	4	39	4	39		0	3	40	6	37		0	226
Stateman, Glen	4	39	4	39	6	37	p	10		0	4	39	3	40		0	204
Allen, Ray	9	34	2	45	13	30	p	10		0	5	38	10	33		0	190
Phillips, Kevin	11	32	6	37	5	38	p	10		0	6	37	10	33		0	187
Brown, Kevin	12	31	1	50	16	27	p	10		0	9	34	10	33		0	185
Brown, Dan	P	10	5	38	12	31	7	36		0	p	10	10	33		0	158
Sullivan, Ron	12	31	p	10	8	35	p	10		0	8	35	7	36		0	157
Clancy, Bill	5	38	11	32	7	36		0		0	p	10	4	39		0	155
Elliot, Mark	6	37		0	15	28	5	38		0		0	9	34		0	137
Coons, Scott	10	33		0	14	29	p	10		0		0	5	38		0	110
Nicely, Mike		0		0	16	27	6	37		0	p	10	8	35		0	109
Russ, Mike	P	10	P	10	11	32	p	10		0	p	10	10	33		0	105
Wright Willie		0	10	33	10	33		0		0		0		0		0	66
Adams, Jeff	12	31		0	9	34		0		0		0		0		0	65
Clark, Zach	3	40		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	40
Clark, Stephanie	12	31		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	31
Webb, Brad		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	0

Region 8 Club Tournament Results

Feel the Payne Fishing is the newest club joining the Region 8 family. We would like the welcome Caleb and the Feel the Payne Fishing Anglers to Region 8 and the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation.

Chowan River – 1 September 2024

The first **Feel the Payne Fishing** club tournament was held on the Chowan River launching out of Shoups Landing. Their first TBF Club tournament had 9 teams. Terry Sullivan and Shane Casey had 18.12 pounds to win the tournament. Terry and Shane also had the Big Bass for the event, a 6.32 pound largemouth.

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Terry Sullivan	Share Casey	18.12
2	Noah Peters	Joe Pitt	16.23
3	Brad Webb	Matt Holt	15.76
4	Bucky Gyoker	Paul Goyker	11.73
5	Robert Prevatte	Justin	11.53
6	Chad Howell		7.15
7	Chris Scott		1.35
8	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	DNW
9	Ryan LaFone		DNW



Chowan River – 21 September 2024

The first **Feel the Payne Fishing** club “Frog” tournament was held on the Chowan River launching out of Shoups Landing. 18 boats participated in this tournament. David Tatem and partner Mike had 17.59 pounds to win the tournament. The team of Noah Peters and Joe Pitt had the Big Bass for the event, a 7.61 pound largemouth.

Chowan River “Frog” Tournament Results (Top 10)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	David Tatem	Mike	17.59
2	Noah Peters	Joe Pitt	14.20
3	Robbie	Chuck	14.05
4	Brad Webb	Matt Holt	13.51
5	Keith Lynch	Curtis Poggenpohl	12.40
6	Raleigh	Willie	12.15
7	Pat Morgan		11.05
8	Billy Daniels	Ashley	10.80
9	Andy Morath	Aaron Leigh	10.33
10	Bubba Gay	Jesse Gay	9.92



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Region 8 Club Tournament Results

Feel the Payne Fishing held their first points tournament on the Roanoke River on September 28th. Noah Peters and Joe Pitt took the win with a limit of bass weighing in at 17.32 pounds. They also had the Big Bass for the tournament, a 5.65 pound largemouth.

Roanoke River Tournament Results – 28 September

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Noah Peters	Joe Pitt	14.20
2	John Turner	Kelly	13.61
3	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	10.64
4	Mike Watson	Jeff Hayden	8.23
5	Chad Howell		8.13
6	Tyler Etheridge	Willie Etheridge	1.85



2024 Region 8 Club Tournament Schedules

5-Rivers Bassmasters

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 16 March (Sat) | Chickahominy River (Riverfront Park) |
| 27 Apr (Sat) | Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek) |
| 11 May (Sat) | Pasquotank River |
| 22 June (Sat) | Northwest River (Bob's Fishin Hole) |
| 13 July (Sat) | Mattaponi River (Walkerton) |
| 24 Aug (Sat) | Pamunkey River (Williams) |
| 28 Sept (Sat) | Chowan River (Shoups Landing) |
| 26 October (Sat) | "Dash 4 the Cash" TBD |



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Mar 3	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Mar 17	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Apr 7	Nottoway River (RT 258)
Apr 28	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
May 12	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
May 26	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Jun 9	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Jun 23	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
Jul 7	Nottoway River (RT 258)
Jul 21	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
Aug 11	Appomattox River (Hopewell)
Aug 25	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Sep 8	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Sep 29	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Oct 6	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
Oct 20	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
Nov 9-10	Club Classic Locations TBA

Feel the Payne Fishing

2024 Schedule

1 Sept	Chowan	Shoups Landing, Eure NC
28 Sept	Roanoke River	Williamston, N.C.
26 Oct	Roanoke Rapids Lake	1919 W 5th street, Roanoke Rapids, N
16 Nov	Gaston Wildlife landing	Henrico, NC
7 Dec	Nottoway River	258 Ramp, Franklin, VA



All tournaments are from safe light until 3pm unless otherwise noted by tournament director.





Director – Kyle Musick

Region 10

Includes the counties of Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, Smyth, Russell, Wise, Grayson, Washington, Scott, and Lee also all cities within them.

Region 10 Tournament Results

Cherokee Lake – Region 10 “Top 10 Fish-off” Results August 17, 2024

On Saturday, 17 August 2024, we took the top 10 finishers in our season points standings to Cherokee Lake and competed in the “fish-off” tournament for their share of this years tournament \$3025.00 payout. Results and Payouts are as follows:

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight	Payout
1	Austin Brown	Josh Osborne	12.54	\$500
2	Clay Winebarger	Shane Winebarger	8.94	\$400
3	Bobby Ferguson	James Babb	8.83	\$300
4	Bert Fugate	Kyle Musick	7.92	\$275
5	Vince Botts	Justin Botts	7.67	\$250
6	Jamie Ratliff	Blaine Miller	7.30	\$240
7	Paul Coleman	Charles Boyd	2.93	\$230
8	Tim Keen	Cole Reynolds	2.62	\$220
9	Jack Dye	Jeff O’Quinn	1.20	\$210
10	Mike Scott	Gerald Dye	0.91	\$200

Big Fish Awards

Biggest Largemouth: Austin Brown / Josh Osborne 3.40 lbs \$100
 Biggest Smallmouth: Paul Coleman / Charles Boyd 2.93 lbs \$100

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Region 10 Final points Standings for 2024

Anglers whose names are highlighted green are eligible to fish the Classic tournament with no entry fee required.

Anglers whose names are highlighted yellow are eligible to fish the Classic tournament with a paid entry fee of \$50.

Anglers	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8	# of Events Fished	TOP 5 Events (after 3 Drops)	Sum of All Events	Rank
Austin Brown	97	0	100	87	100	100	99	97	7	496	680	1
Josh Osborne	97	0	100	87	100	100	99	97	7	496	680	1
Mike Scott	81	95	98	88	88	98	94	96	8	481	738	2
Gerald Dye	81	95	98	88	88	98	94	96	8	481	738	2
Tim Keen	70	89	89	100	97	91	100	90	8	478	726	3
Kole Reynolds	70	89	89	100	97	91	100	90	8	478	726	3
James Babb	91	0	99	76	96	92	0	99	6	477	553	6
Bobby Ferguson	91	0	99	76	96	92	0	99	6	477	553	6
Jamie Ratliff	94	84	82	96	95	89	98	87	8	472	725	5
Blaine Miller	94	84	82	96	95	89	98	87	8	472	725	5
Jackie Dye	88	91	93	84	94	97	96	91	8	471	734	4
Jeff O'Quinn	88	91	93	84	94	97	96	91	8	471	734	4
Shane Winebarger	86	99	83	99	0	0	100	5	5	467	467	21
Clay Winebarger	86	99	83	99	0	0	100	5	5	467	467	21
Justin Botts	99	0	80	83	92	93	0	92	6	459	539	7
Vince Botts	99	0	80	83	92	93	0	92	6	459	539	7
Paul Coleman	83	70	85	75	85	99	92	94	8	455	683	9
Charles Boyd	83	70	85	75	85	99	92	94	8	455	683	9
Kyle Musick	87	96	70	89	70	86	90	88	8	450	676	8
Bert Fugate	87	96	70	89	70	86	90	88	8	450	676	8
Derek Ray	70	100	86	98	0	0	95	0	5	449	449	22
Eric Rasnake	70	100	86	98	0	0	95	0	5	449	449	22
Mekhi Wood	0	98	70	74	86	96	0	93	6	447	517	11
Bear Mullins	0	98	70	74	86	96	0	93	6	447	517	11
Roger Clark	70	0	94	81	83	94	93	70	7	445	585	12
Andy Patterson	70	0	94	81	83	94	93	70	7	445	585	12
Austin Kiser	70	86	91	73	82	83	91	89	8	440	665	15
Mike Wood	70	86	91	73	82	83	91	89	8	440	665	15
Jason Chambliss	89	70	90	0	91	85	0	0	5	425	425	10
Mark Gouge	89	70	90	70	91	85	0	0	6	425	495	10
Rodney Meade	70	88	88	70	79	84	0	86	7	425	565	17
Jackie Hackney	70	88	88	70	79	84	0	86	7	425	565	17
Johnny Blair	0	85	87	78	80	88	0	70	6	418	488	13
Greg Wampler	0	85	87	78	80	88	0	70	6	418	488	14
Tristan Matney	82	0	84	70	87	0	0	95	5	418	418	24
Stephen Hartford	70	70	0	77	78	81	0	98	6	404	474	19
Charles Bartley	70	70	0	77	78	81	0	98	6	404	474	19
Randy Ridings	70	0	70	72	77	82	89	0	6	390	460	20
John Ridings	70	0	70	72	77	82	89	0	6	390	460	20
Junior Bergman	70	94	70	70	81	70	0	0	6	385	455	18
Brian Barnett	93	0	96	94	0	0	0	70	4	353	353	
Brandon Stanley	95	0	0	86	99	0	0	70	4	350	350	
Darrell Brown	80	92	70	91	0	0	0	0	4	333	333	23
Matthew Gobble	80	92	70	91	0	0	0	0	4	333	333	23
Miller Castle	0	0	0	70	90	90	70	0	4	320	320	39
Channing Wimmer	0	94	70	0	81	70	0	0	4	315	315	
Chip Chambers	0	0	95	0	93	95	0	0	3	283	283	31
Colton Chamber	0	0	95	0	93	95	0	0	3	283	283	31
Mack Castle	0	0	0	82	84	0	97	0	3	263	263	36
Jason Keene	82	0	84	0	87	0	0	0	3	253	253	25
Chad Newberry	0	0	92	70	89	0	0	0	3	251	251	27
Levi Colley	84	70	81	0	0	0	0	0	3	235	235	21
Doug Burke	0	0	0	70	0	88	0	70	3	228	228	39
Alan Hicks	0	0	0	70	0	88	0	70	3	228	228	39
Austin Barnett	93	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	2	189	189	23
Rodney Ray	0	0	92	0	89	0	0	0	2	181	181	33
Keith Sykes	0	70	0	0	98	0	0	0	2	168	168	39
Tom Tignor	0	0	0	82	84	0	0	0	2	166	166	36
James Street	70	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	2	140	140	28
Cody Ketron	70	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	2	140	140	28
Josh Hurley	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	2	140	140	39
Jimmy Neece	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	29
Corey Neece	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	29
Kenny Tims	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	1	97	97	30
David Combs	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	1	97	97	30
Caden Fuller	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	1	97	97	30
Jason Compton	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	97	97	39
Issac Woods	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	93	32
Eli Sykes	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	93	32
Tommy Osborne	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	92	92	33
Mathew Hobbs	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	1	90	90	34
Kegan Norris	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	1	90	90	34
Mark Vandyke	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	87	35
Andy Stiltner	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	87	35
Aaron Bard	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	1	81	81	37
Cody Fuller	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	1	80	80	38
Craig Tuner	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Zach Owens	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Wayne Musick	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Raymond Ferrell	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Justin Allien	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Jerry Tatum	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Jason Ferrell	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Gary Lawson	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Doug Boyd	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39
Doug Austin	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	1	70	70	39

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