

# Tight Lines

Magazine

*The Official Publication of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation*

**WINTER Edition 2025**



**James Vick  
&**

**Rick Lemocks**

**Win on the Potomac River**



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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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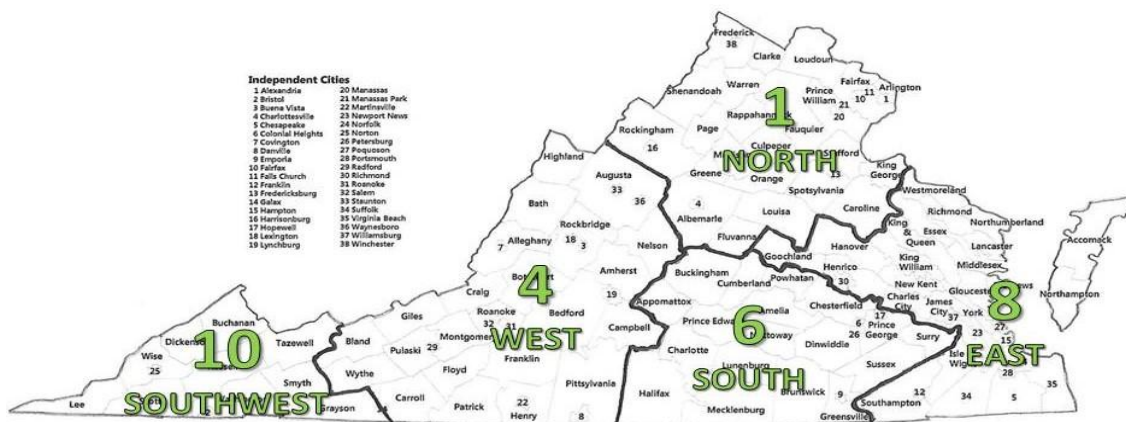
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# Presidents Corner

## Scott Whitmore

Hope everyone had a safe holiday season and were able to spend time with your families. Hopefully Santa brought you all the new lures that you need headed into the 2025 season. Once again thanks to all of our membership as we had another very successful year in 2024. We culminated the 2024 season by hosting the TBF District 12 National Semifinals. Because we had over 30 teams that competed we will be sending two Anglers and two Co-anglers to the 2025 TBF National Championship on Lake Dardanelle in Russellville, Arkansas in April. Thanks to everyone who helped run that very successful tournament. As we ended the year we hosted the first tournament of the 2025 season with the North Regional October 26<sup>th</sup> on the Potomac River.

As we step into 2025, I would like to welcome three new Region Directors. Long time Region 1 Director Bill Haire has handed his Region off to Kenny Brown. Kenny served as the Region 1 Director in the past. Moving over to Region 6, James Vick has moved back in the Director position replacing Ronnie Brewer. My thanks to Bill and Ronnie for their leadership during their time as Region Directors. Both Bill and Ronnie are still members and will be involved in helping the Federation. Moving out to Region 10, I would like to welcome Tim Keen as the new Director. Tim is already off and running with that Region planning for the upcoming season and his membership is looking forward to the upcoming year. Special thanks go out to Kyle Musick who filled in as the interim Director until Tim was elected.

That takes us to our 2025 season as you will see later the State Regional tournament schedule will fire back up on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will culminate with the National Semifinal the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> on the Ohio River hosted by West Virginia. Coming up first for the Federation in 2025 is the Richmond Fishing Expo January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. As usual we will have our large booth hosting the 2025 Virginia Reel Kids Casting State Championship. Along with this we will have our usual raffle table and merchandise table that we can always use help working. This event is a great event to showcase our Federation to prospective new members and existing and new sponsors. As previously announced and highlighted in this addition of Tightlines is our new Angler/Co-angler of the year points champions. These two members will get a direct entry into the 2026 TBF National Championship with no entry fee. You will be able to bypass the National Semifinal and go directly to the Championship. Be sure to read about this and understand how it works.

The board continues to work hard with existing sponsors and new ones. We have some of the best sponsors in the industry and they help us bring our Membership a very good tournament trail. If you have anyone that you feel may be interested in advertising in Tightlines, all you have to do is give one of our Directors or myself their contact information and we will follow up with them. When you visit the businesses of our sponsors please take a minute to thank them for their support. We normally have quite a few of them at the Expo so make sure to stop by their booth while at the show.



*Presidents Corner continued:*

Be on the lookout for our 2025 winner takes all Raffle tickets to be distributed and online sale. This year the raffle will be for a 20 gun Winchester Safe, Rifle, Shotgun and a pistol. One ticket wins all three items. The drawing will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> just in time for hunting season.

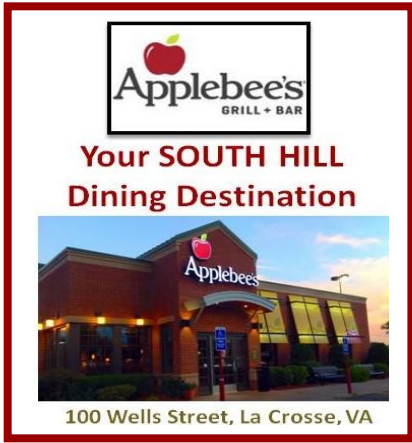
In closing I would like to thank the entire Virginia Bass Chapter Federation staff for all their hard work throughout the year. Without your efforts we could not run this trail and bring our members a 100% payback tournament circuit. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Richmond Fishing Expo.

Scott



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### Schedule of Events

#### 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
November 2	Board Meeting (South Hill)



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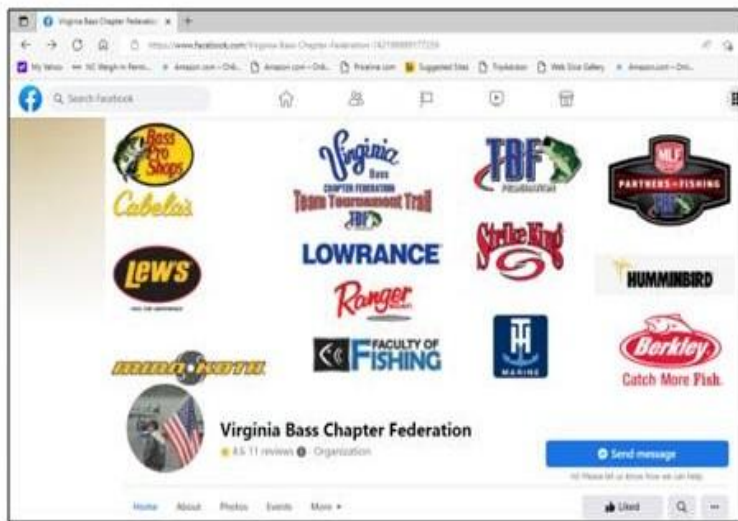
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This is a TEAM TRAIL where anglers complete the registration as a pre-designated team. Launch order is determined by the order in which registrations are received. All Regional Tournaments are single day events. The 2 day State Championship Tournament 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](http://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](http://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.

For more info, go to [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com) or visit us on facebook at “Virginia Bass Chapter Federation”





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## 2025 Team Trail Schedule

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

**2. WEST Regional**  
**South Holston Lake**  
Washington County Park  
**1 March 2025**

**3. SOUTH Regional**  
**Kerr Lake**  
North Bend  
**5 April 2025**

**4. EAST Regional**  
**Chickahominy River**  
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The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation held its North Regional Tournament on the Potomac River on Saturday, October 26th. This was the first tournament of the 2025 Team Trail season and the first event that Virginia TBF Anglers started accumulating points towards the NEW Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year recognition program. At the conclusion of each Team Tournament Trail season the Top Angler and Co-Angler with the highest points for their Best 4 out of 5 tournaments will be recognized as the Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year. Both anglers will have the opportunity to advance directly into the TBF National Championship, bypassing the TBF National Semi-Final qualifier. Also the Top 10% of the anglers from this event qualified for the 2025 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament to be held on the Ohio River next September.



Congratulations to James Vick from Tri-City Bassmasters and Rick Lemmocks from Meherrin Bassmasters on their tournament win with a 5 fish limit weighing in at 15.20 lbs. Frank Harris and Stan Cobb from the RVA Bassmasters finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 14.32 lbs. The third place team from the Mount Vernon Bassmasters was Joe Imler and Curtis Sullivan with 13.99 lbs. The Big Bass, a 4.16 lb largemouth, for the tournament was caught by Bass Snipers angler Chris Craft. The next Team Tournament Trail event will be on South Holston on March 1, 2025.



**James Vick**  
 &  
**Rick Lemmocks**  
 Potomac River Champions  
 15.20 lbs.



North Regional Results continued:



**Joe Cobb & Frank Harris**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
 14.32 LBS

**North  
 Regional  
 -  
 Potomac  
 River**



**Joe Imler & Curt Sullivan**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
 13.99 LBS



**Chris Craft**  
 Big Fish Award  
 4.16 LBS





## Team Trail North Regional RESULTS

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Total Weight	Points
1	James Vick	Rick Lemocks	15.20	200
2	Frank Harris	Stan Cobb	14.32	198
3	Joe Imler	Curtis Sullivan	13.99	197
4	Billy Earl	Mike Salas	13.41	196
5	Robert Hissen	Jacob Hissen	13.18	195
6	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	12.41	194
7	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	12.09	193
8	Tom Hayes	Hunter Unhoch	12.03	192
9	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	10.39	191
10	Eddie Minor	Joe Bandish	9.71	190
11	Sam Cielakie	John Cielakie	9.61	189
12	Chad Howell	Tony Campbell	9.11	188
13	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	8.78	187
14	Joe Perham	Mitchell Portervint	8.68	186
15	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	7.69	185
16	Doug Fisher	Kevin Stippey	7.67	184
17	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	6.58	183
18	Timothy Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	5.69	182
19	Archie Cannon	Pamela Cannon	0.00	50
20	Mike Rush	Scott O'Neil	0.00	50



# Potomac River





North Regional Results continued:





# 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). 2<sup>nd</sup> place anglers will receive 198 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place anglers will receive 197 points, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Angler & Co-Angler of the Year Standings

### (Total Points after 1 Event – North Regional)

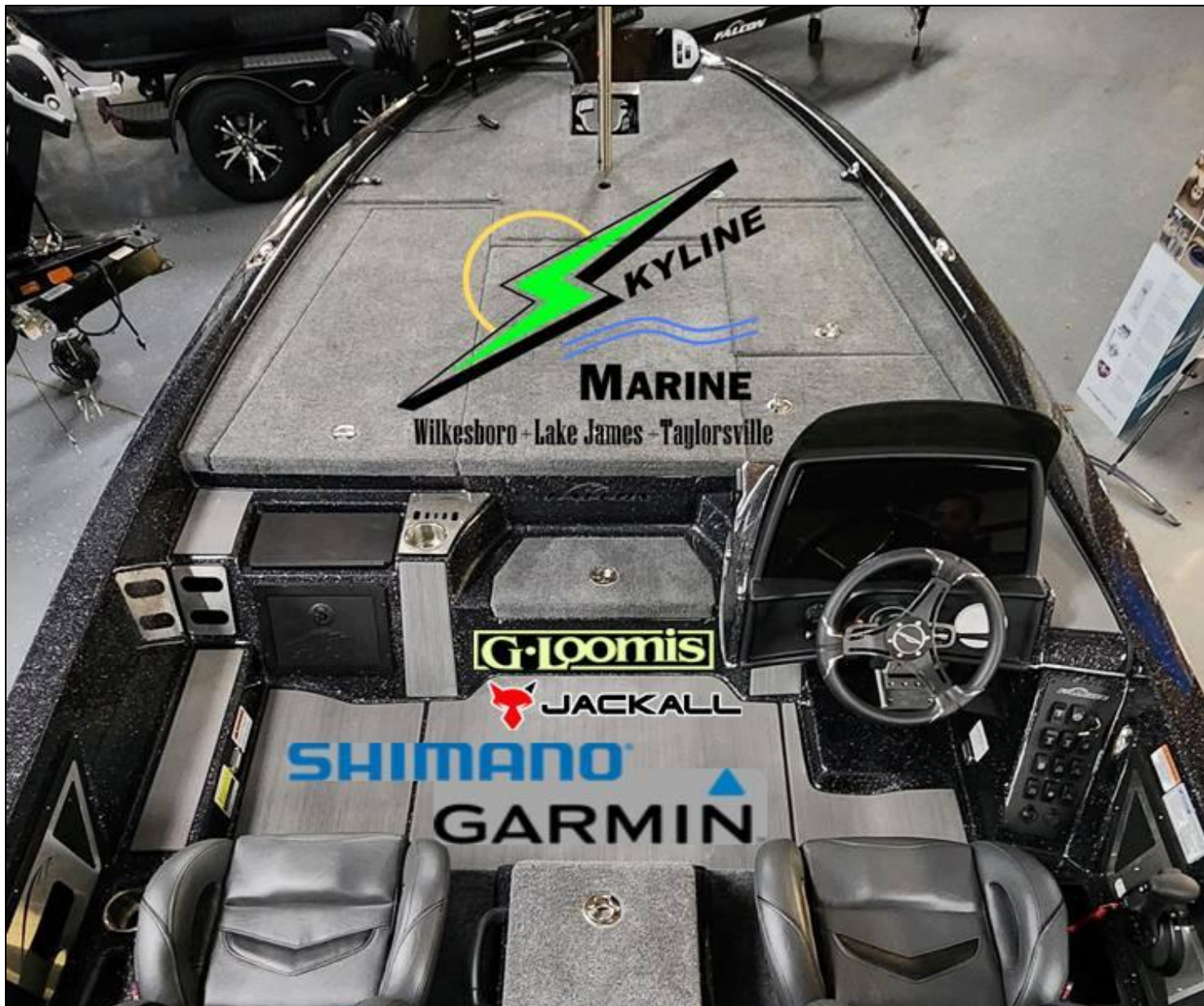
Each Angler and each Co-Angler points from their best 4 out of the 5 Team Trail Tournaments will be totaled and counted towards the Angler of the Year or Co-Angler of the Year Award.

Place	Angler	Potomac
1	James Vick	200
2	Frank Harris	198
3	Joe Imler	197
4	Billy Earl	196
5	Robert Hissen	195
6	Rick Mills	194
7	Chris Craft	193
8	Tom Hayes	192
9	Jeff Meade	191
10	Eddie Minor	190
11	Sam Cielakie	189
12	Chad Howell	188
13	Scott Coons	187
14	Joe Perham	186
15	Floyd Dalton	185
16	Doug Fisher	184
17	Sammy Henman	183
18	Timothy Mitchem	182
19	Archie Cannon	50
20	Mike Rush	50

Place	Co-Angler	Potomac
1	Rick Lemocks	200
2	Stan Cobb	198
3	Curtis Sullivan	197
4	Mike Salas	196
5	Jacob Hissen	195
6	Chris Mills	194
7	Scott Taylor	193
8	Hunter Unhoch	192
9	Scott Favors	191
10	Joe Bandish	190
11	John Cielakie	189
12	Tony Campbell	188
13	Mark Elliott	187
14	Mitchell Portervint	186
15	Tarance Fuller	185
16	Kevin Stippey	184
17	Troy Neff	183
18	Alex Buckhorn	182
19	Pamela Cannon	50
20	Scott O'Neil	50

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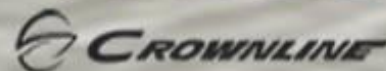




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**20-21 September 2025 on the Ohio River, Moundsville, WV**

Hosted by the West Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

**Who Qualifies:** Top 10% of each Division (Angler & Co-Angler) from each State Team Tournament Trail event (North Regional, South Regional, East Regional, West Regional & State Championship Team Tournament); Top 10% from each division from each Region Tournament Series event (Anglers qualifying through Region Series Tournaments must have participated in a State Team Trail Tournament each season). A minimum of One Angler & 1 Co-Angler from each club statewide additional Angler/Co-Anglers qualify based on club membership (1-19 members = 1 Angler/ 1 Co-Angler; 20-29 members = 2 Anglers/2 Co-Anglers; 30-39 members = 3 Anglers/3 Co-Anglers; etc.) additional opportunities to qualify for those TBF members serving as Youth Program Tournament Boat Captains.

**Virginia Federation Team Coordinator:** Scott Whitmore Cell: (757)707-7631 Email: [Stratos.22225@gmail.com](mailto:Stratos.22225@gmail.com)

**Qualified Angler Identification Process:** Anglers who qualified through state tournaments (Team Tournament Trail and Region Tournament Trails) will be identified to TBF by the State Federation. Anglers representing each chapter/club will be identified by 30 June 2025 to the State Federation President. Qualified anglers will complete their State level registration and pay entry fees online through the State Federation. Once all qualified anglers have committed to fish the event and paid the required registration fee, the State will compile the master roster and forward the names to TBF.

**TBF Registration:** TBF will notify qualifiers via Invitation Email and link to their on-line final registration portal. Anglers must indicate acceptance of the email invitation to compete and register. Registration is completed online through TBF by following the email link provided. Once registered all communication will be by the email and/or phone indicated on your TBF membership profile. Registration fees will be paid through the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation web site. Registrations are non-refundable.

**Tournament / Ramp Location:** Ohio River, Moundsville, WV Ramp: Powhatan, OH Ramp

## Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Team Trail Tournament 2025 National Semi-Final Qualifiers:

North Regional – Potomac River: Anglers- James Vick, Frank Harris  
Co-Anglers- Rick Lemocks, Stan Cobb

West Regional – South Holston Lake: Anglers-  
Co-Anglers-

South Regional –Kerr Anna: Anglers-  
Co-Anglers-

East Regional – Chickahominy River: Anglers-  
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# Angler Contingency Programs



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- 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



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#### 3. FISH

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#### 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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# Vice President Steve Hajdasz

*A note from the VP:*

Another year is in the books. I believe that we had a very successful 2024 season and are all looking forward to an even better 2025. As we embark on the new season, I would like to congratulate Clay Ross, Drew Nalls, James Whitehead, and Larry Whitt who are our Virginia qualifiers for the TBF National Championship to be held on Lake Dardanelle, Arkansas this spring.

We have already begun our journey towards the 2026 TBF Nationals with the first 2025 Season State Qualifier, the North Regional, which was held on the Potomac River on October 26<sup>th</sup>. During that event we qualified our first two teams of anglers for the 2025 TBF National Semi Finals to be held on the Ohio River this coming September. Congratulations to our first four qualifiers James Vick (1<sup>st</sup> Place Boater), Rick Lemocks (1<sup>st</sup> Place Co-angler) and Frank Harris (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boater) along with Stan Cobb (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Co-angler).

The North Regional tournament also began the journey towards our new Anglers of the Year (Boater and Co-angler) who will automatically be qualified to participate in the TBF Nationals. The Angler of the Year and Co-Anglers of the Year titles will be awarded to the points champion angler and co-angler from the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Team Tournament Trail. If you are still unclear on the program and how to attempt to qualify directly to the TBF Nationals you need to contact your Region Director or a State Board member as soon as possible.

As we start the New Year, I want to take the time to thank all of the Region Directors and the State Officials for supporting our efforts throughout 2024.

Always remember to be safe on the water and to take some time during this off season to ensure your boat and safety equipment are in good working order.

Good Luck & Be Safe

Steve Hajdasz  
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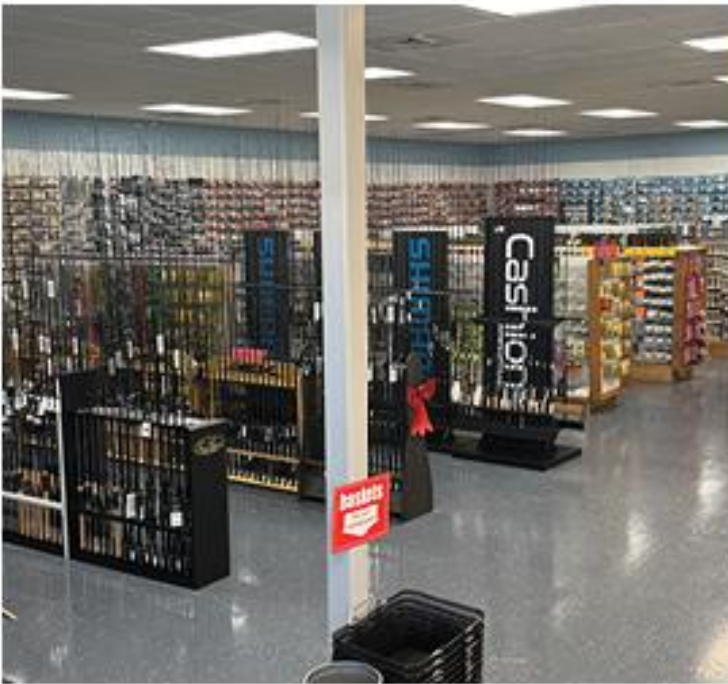


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# Conservation Director

## John Flicek

The Annual Tidal Rivers Bass Summit presented by DWR is set for February 13, 2025, at the Caroline Community Services Center. The address for the facility is 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford, VA 22314. This will be second such event hosted by the DWR Fisheries Biologists. Last years gathering proved very informative and drew participation from tournament organizations like ours as well as concerned anglers from throughout eastern Virginia. There were presentations on each of the major tidal waterways with some very interesting information passed on with great comments and questions from anglers. This is proving to be an outstanding forum for the angling community to openly discuss the health of Virginia Tidal Fisheries, anglers concerns, and some insight into what the future may hold. I encourage you take the opportunity to attend and participate in the discussions. I plan to attend again this year and will be sending the event flyer to all Region Directors as soon as it is released.

As we prepare for the 2025 tournament season now is the time for our Region Directors, Club Presidents, and Tournament Directors to review your fish handling and weigh-in activities and ensure we are doing everything we can to protect and preserve the fish while they are in our care. Consider steps like limiting the number of weigh-in bags used during your events in an effort to reduce the time fish are out of aerated livewells. Encourage your boaters to check their livewell systems for proper operation well before the first tournaments of the year. All too often we've experienced fish loss at early spring tournaments due to live well failure. A thorough cleaning of the livewells and aerations systems are also a good practice before and periodically throughout the season. The State Federation and some of the Regions are now using to two-bag-system for weigh-ins. Using the inner mesh bag reduces handling of fish but can also significantly reduce your weigh-in times. When fishing the Chickahominy River I encourage clubs and Regions to utilize the dedicated Tournament Weigh-in Site and the release pipe. The site reservation can be made at the time you secure the required tournament permit from James City County. Anyone wanting a fact sheet on the use of the Release Pipe can contact me and I'll send you the information needed to adapt your submersible pump to the pipe disconnects.

**"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 there 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.

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

**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](mailto:WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov).

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

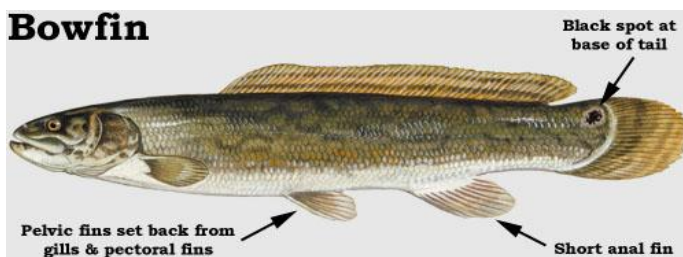
1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) for verification 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.

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# Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greetings TBF Members,

One of the most enlightening parts of my job is working with my colleagues in other states. I recently returned from a meeting of the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies where I spoke with my fellow fish chiefs from the southern states. It's always interesting to talk about topics of joint interest – fishing access, state record species, stocking fish etc. We all face similar issues and try to work together to solve them where we can.

Something that comes up at nearly every meeting is angler engagement and getting anglers to participate in the process. Having followed internet fishing forums since the mid-90s, being an avid tournament angler for fifteen years, and working here for the last eight, I've seen the issue from multiple sides. To this day, I get a lot of my news about the fishing world from the internet. And I follow a lot of sites that cater to the bass fishing audience. I admit, when I see an issue that is one that impacts bass fishermen, I still get the reaction that shenanigans are afoot and that bass fishermen aren't being considered. Through working with fisheries professionals over the years, I've realized that nearly every conflict could be resolved (or at minimum, understood) with communication, both before, during, and after a big issue arises. Shenanigans aren't to blame – and in most cases, it's a lack of angler engagement on the front end that may result in an overreaction after the fact.

Nearly every state continually struggles to get anglers to pay attention to what is going on and to be proactive on issues that impact them. Supporting and participating in your fishing organizations is a good start. Most of them have a formal structure to engage with agencies and represent your interests – TBF in Virginia has been a great partner for issues such as Alabama bass and clean/drain/dry. Smaller organizations focused on a regional or even a local issue can also help to get your voice heard – as an example, we pay a lot of attention to groups such as Friends of Claytor Lake and the Concerned Bass Anglers of Virginia. Get involved, and when the opportunity arises to learn more about what an agency does or to meet the folks that work to manage your resource, take it.

I guess that's my long-winded pitch to invite and encourage you to attend our Tidal Bass Summit, which is slated for February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Caroline Community Services Center (17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford, VA 22514). DWR biologists will be on hand to discuss their work and the status of Virginia's tidal bass fisheries. I strongly encourage you to attend to hear firsthand what we're seeing and to raise any concerns that you may have. We're here to be transparent and build productive relationships. If you are skeptical about the work that we do, please attend and take the opportunity to speak with us and ask questions. We're going to try our best to live stream and record it, but I recommend the in-person experience if you can make it.

Look forward to seeing you at the Summit. And on the water this winter!



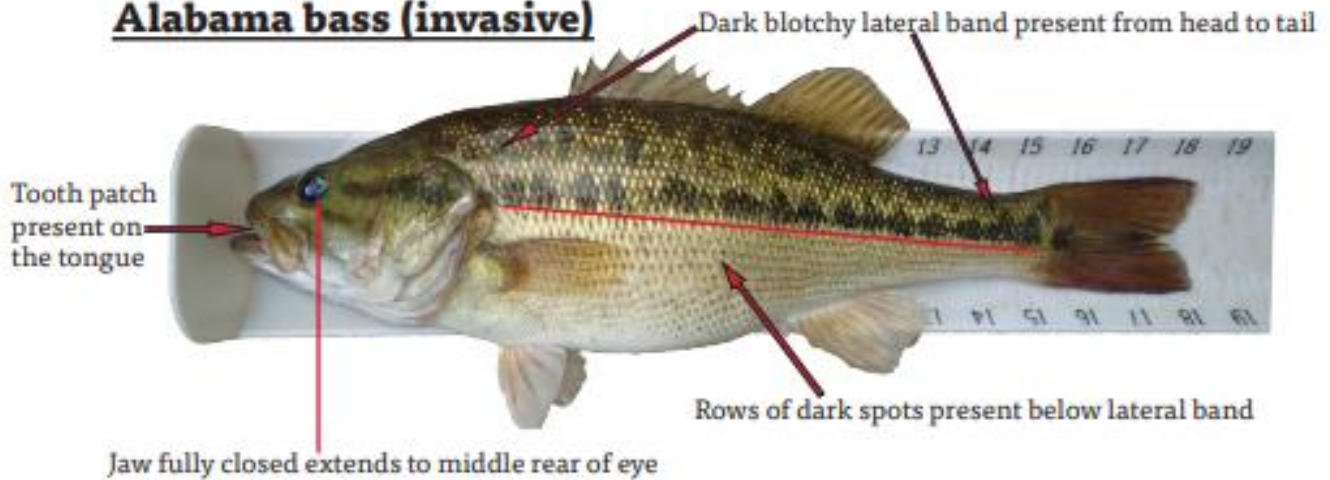
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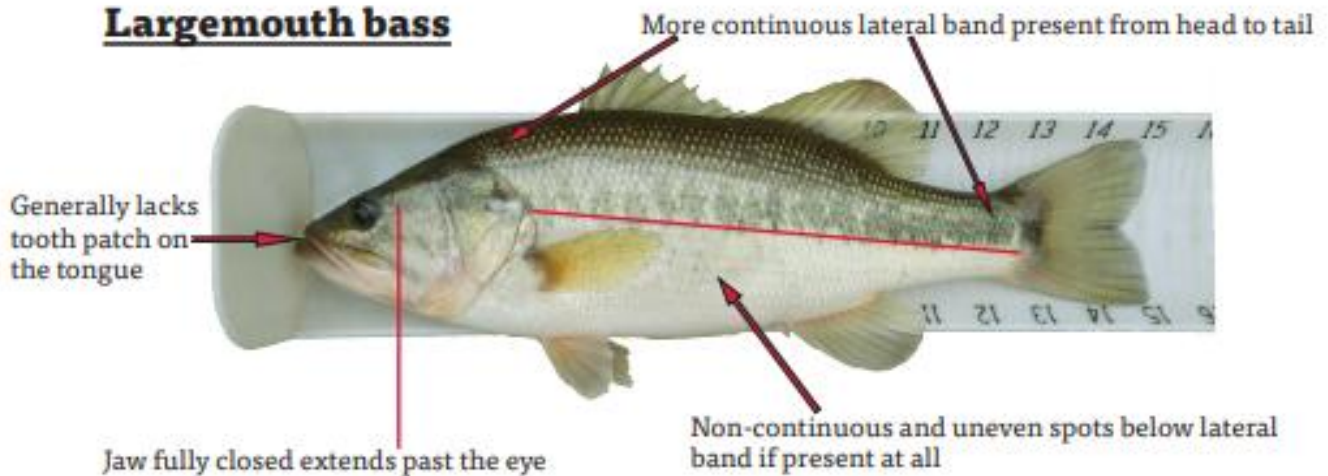


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## 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](mailto: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;*

I hope everyone had a great holiday time with family and friends. We start our 2025 season in a few months with the first regional tournament schedules starting in February. Check the schedule provided in the following pages to find a tournament near you.

The time is now to update your membership for the 2025 season so you can start fishing the first available tournaments. Please keep in mind that the grade you are determines whether you join the TBF Junior Angler Program or the High School Student Angler Federation (SAF). TBF Junior Anglers are in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or younger. Please note that any Junior Angler advancing to the TBF Junior Angler World Championship must not turn 16 before 31 August 2025. SAF anglers' membership is open for students in Grades 9 through 12.

Our Virginia Junior Angler and High School State Championship tournament will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> on Kerr Lake. Pre-Registration for this event is a must! Send registrations to the Virginia Youth Program Director, Tim Mick email to [tmickbass@verizon.net](mailto:tmickbass@verizon.net).

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SAF High School World Finals and National Championship for 2025 will be held on Grand Lake, Grove OK from June 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a "No-Entry-Fee event open to ALL SAF High School members. This years event is projected to reach over 3 million \$\$ in scholarships and prizes offered. Keep tabs on this event through TBF at [www.bassfederation.com](http://www.bassfederation.com) or [www.highschoolfishing.org](http://www.highschoolfishing.org).

The 2025 TBF Junior Angler World Championship location should be announced by the end of May. We will release more information on this event on the Virginia Bass Chapter federation web site: [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com) and on the Virginia TBF Youth Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth>.

We continue to hold Reel Kids Casting Skills events across the state and are looking to increase the number of event in 2025. Contact me for assistance with setting up an event in your area. The top participants in each age group advance to the Reel Kids State Championship held each January during the Richmond Fishing Expo.

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 (8<sup>th</sup> grade and under) or SAF (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade) level. Watch for a tournament scheduled in your area in each issue of Tightlines, on the State web site: [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com) and on our Facebook page. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lastly, please visit and support the many TBF State and local sponsors; you see their ads throughout this publication. Without them we cannot continue to grow our program.

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

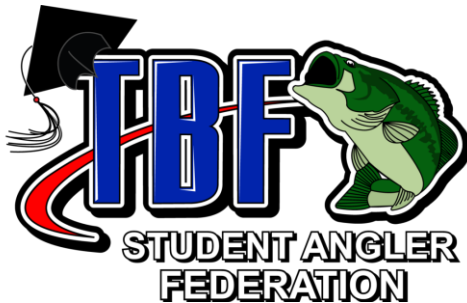
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# Upcoming Events



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



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 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](mailto:tmickbass@verizon.net) or Scott Whitmore, Email: [stratos.22225@gmail.com](mailto: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/>.



## 2025 Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments are available for Youth Anglers (Junior Anglers and SAF High School Anglers). Anglers may contact the Virginia State Youth Director or the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information (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/virginiatbfyouth/>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
February 1, 2025	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
February 22, 2025	South Holston Lake	421 Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
March 1, 2025	South Holston Lake	Washington County	TBD	West Regional
March 22, 2025	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill	7AM – 3PM	Region 6
March 22, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
March 29, 2025	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
March 29, 2025	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Region 1
April 5, 2025	Kerr Lake	North Bend	TBD	<b>Junior &amp; High School State Championships</b>
April 12, 2025	Potomac River	TBD	TBD	Region 1
April 19, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 26, 2025	Kerr Lake	North Bend B Ramp	7AM – 3PM	Region 6
April 26, 2025	Philpott Lake	Twin Ridge Ramp	7AM – 3PM	Region 4
May 3, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	East Regional
May 10, 2025	Potomac River	TBD	TBD	Region 1
May 10, 2025	James River	Osborne Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 17, 2025	Lake Chesdin	Public Ramp	6AM – 2PM	Region 6
May 31, 2025	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Team Trail Champ.
June 7, 2025	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
June 14, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7AM – 3PM	Region 1
June 14, 2025	James River	Osborne Landing	6AM – 2PM	Region 6
June 14, 2025	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 10, 2025	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	6AM – 2PM	Region 6
August 23, 2025	Chowan River	Shoups Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 6, 2025	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park	7AM – 3PM	Region 4
September 6, 2025	Lake Chesdin	TBD	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 13, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7AM – 3PM	Regions 1 & 6
October 11/12, 2025	Potomac River	TBD	TBD	Region 1
October 18, 2025	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 25, 2025	Philpott Lake	Twin Ridge Ramp	7AM – 3PM	Region 4
November 2, 2025	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8



Youth Program continued:



The Southwest Select Series held their end of season tournament and cookout at Washington County Park on South Holston Lake on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun day of fishing, family, food and more. Congratulations to Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson for winning Team of the Year! Jacob Maxfield and Wyatt Greene finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and the team of Conner Hicks and Josh Matney finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.



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



**February 22nd / South Holston**

Location: Observation Knob

**March 29th / Douglas**

Location: Dandridge

**April 27th / South Holston**

Location: Observation Knob

**May 17th / Watauga**

Location: Rat Branch

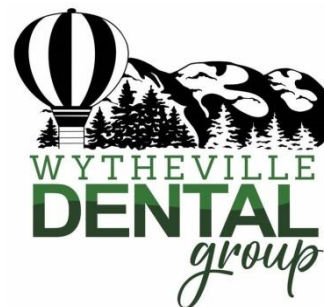
**June 7th / South Holston**

Location: Observation Knob

All tournaments safe light - 2:00pm



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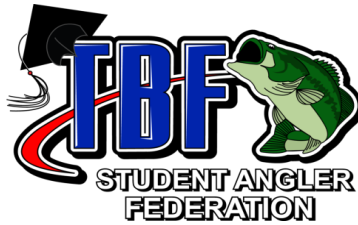


## Youth Tournament Results

Three high school Student Angler Federation teams competed alongside their adult counterparts from Region 4 on Smith Mountain Lake on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Smith Mountain Lake Results

Place	Team	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	PCH	Dawson Lytton		8.78
2	RHS	Gavin Forst		5.44
3	PCH	Miller Woods	Cayden Mueller	0.00



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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"





# Tony Huddleston Memorial Trout Fishing Rodeo

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tony L Huddleston Trout Rodeo was held on Saturday October 5, 2024 at the Izaak Walton Park in Christiansburg. This edition of the event was our most successful fishing rodeo that we have hosted. We had 113 participants on hand. This is the third straight year we have had record numbers. This year we had Region 4 of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation running their Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition, as well as the Department of Wildlife Resources interacting and educating the participants. We hope to keep these partnerships going as they are very important to the success of our event as well as the future of the next generation.

The fishing rodeo is named after Tony Huddleston, a former employee of the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. While employed by the department, he was a facility supervisor and official for a variety of youth and adult athletic leagues. Tony was also a coach for baseball, football, and basketball during his tenure with the recreation department. Outside of the parks and recreation contributions, Tony started the Junior Legion baseball program (middle/high school advanced baseball). His biggest attribute was the mentor and role model that he was for a whole lot of kids. You couldn't ask for a better role model or friend. Unfortunately, he passed away, as a result of a fishing accident.

One of the goals of the event is to honor Tony, but the other is to provide a positive outdoor experience for the participants. The participants were allowed to catch four fish in the allotted two hours. At the conclusion of the fishing, plaques and fishing rod/reel combos were awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each age group. Plaques and tackle boxes were also awarded to the overall big fish and small fish winners as well. In addition to the awards, all participants received an event t-shirt, giveaway ticket and free lunch. We had over \$2,000 in giveaways for the participants this year. This year we also had a successful raffle for the parents to partake in. This money allows us to have good start for the 2025 event. All of the items for the giveaways and raffles are donated from the community. This event is very well supported from businesses in the community. The business support is much appreciated as it takes almost \$5,000 in money/donation for us to run this event.

The fishing was the best we have had. This year the weather worked with us for the first time in a while. We had three records set this year. Our biggest fish record is now 5.1658lbs (Carter Hudson). Two of our age group records changed as well. The 10-12 age group record for largest bag is 8.142lbs (also Carter Hudson). The 13-15 age group record for largest limit was 6.850lbs (Lexi Wade). Even though everyone didn't catch a fish, it seemed like everyone enjoyed the experience, which is the goal of the program. We provided a lot of first-time fishing experiences as well. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing that, and their success. I feel like we were instrumental in achieving our goal of honoring Tony while also providing an enjoyable, educational experience for the participants. We hope this will influence more kids to get outside for more "Tackle Box and less X-Box".

## Bass Pro Shops provides support for State Federations Youth and Community Outreach Programs



Hampton, Virginia's Bass Pro Shops Co-Manager Liz Johnson presents Virginia Bass Chapter Federation President Scott Whitmore with Bass Pro Shops Gift Cards to support the States Youth and Community Outreach Programs. This donation will insure the continued success of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Youth Angling Programs and the "Rods & Reels for Kids" Project in 2025.

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# Region 1

Includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Stafford, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Page, King George, Orange, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Louisa, Madison, Rockingham, Fluvanna, Albemarle, Prince William and Greene also all the cities within them, and the District of Columbia.



Director – Kenny Brown

**A few words Bill Haire:**

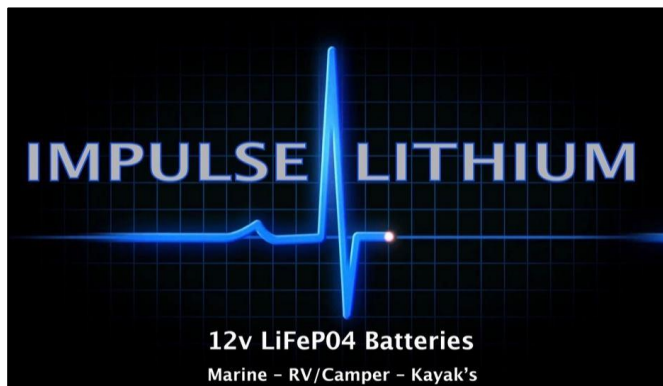
I would like to say that I have been privileged to have been the Region Director for the past several years. During that time I have received the trust and support of the Region Officers and the membership as a whole. As I am sure everyone knows I have chosen to step down. At our December Awards gathering, long time member and former Region Director Kenny Brown was elected to succeed me in the Director’s position. I would like to congratulate Kenny on his election to the Director’s position, and I know he will receive the support of the membership and Region Officers and will do an excellent job.



## Region 1 - 2025 Season Schedule

In 2025 there will be a challenging schedule for our anglers.

March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Anna
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Potomac River
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Potomac River
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chickahominy River
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chickahominy River
October 11-12	Potomac River



Up to date info for Region 1 can always be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/va.bass.region.1>

## Region 1 Tournament Results

### Potomac River – October 12-13, 2024

In Region 1, we have completed our 2024 season. The final event of the year was our 2 day tournament on the Potomac River on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This tournament not only tested our anglers to do well in a two day event, but also would end with our Anglers of the Year being named.

In our 2 day tournament, 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to the team of Tom Hayes and Craig Loudan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to the team of Rick Mills and Chris Mills, Chris Mills also won the Big Fish of the tournament. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to the team of Jeff Meade and Scott Favors. These finishes made the Angler of the Year contest closer.

### Potomac River Classic Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight	Points
1	Tom Hayes	Craig Loudan	26.43	350
2	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	25.53	349
3	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	24.62	348
4	Barry Gunn	Chris Knutti	24.17	347
5	Larry Kempler	BJ Meadows	22.54	346
6	Jodi Robinson	Gene Parker	22.48	345
7	Joe Imler	TJ Shively	21.44	344
8	Jeff Nalls	Drew Nalls	20.49	343
9	Kenny Brown	John Beaver	19.64	342
10	Doug Fisher	Kevin Stippey	19.30	341
11	Lee Blount	Mike Longerbeam	18.50	340
12	Joey Ratliff	Andy Hash	16.63	339
13	John Perham	Mitch Portervint	16.50	338
14	Harry Lambert	William Wykoff	14.91	337
15	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	13.82	336
16	Eddie Minor	Joe Bandish	13.09	335
17	Cole Wykoff	Garth Bucks	8.64	334
18	Mike Rush	Scott O'Neil	0.00	167





### Final 2024 Region 1 Standings (Top 15)

Place	Angler	Club	Kerr	Anna	Chickahominy	Potomac	Chickahominy	Potomac	Points	Fish
1	Joe Imler	MTV	246	240	249	249	245	344	1573	34
1	T J Shively	MTV	246	240	249	249	245	344	1573	34
2	Jeff Meade	BAT	249	245	244	245	236	348	1567	35
2	Scott Favors	BAT	249	245	244	245	236	348	1567	35
3	Tom Hayes	NVBA	245	243	250	232	239	350	1559	33
3	Craig Loudan	NVBA	245	243	250	232	239	350	1559	33
4	Larry Kempler	MTV	248	247	236	229	244	346	1550	31
4	B J Meadows	MTV	248	247	236	229	244	346	1550	31
5	Harry Lambert	HOO	241	235	240	238	250	337	1541	29
5	William Wykoff	HOO	241	235	240	238	250	337	1541	29
6	Chris Craft	BSB	243	242	229	243	243	336	1536	27
6	Scott Taylor	BSB	243	242	229	243	243	336	1536	27
7	Jeff Nalls	BSB	245	239	242	231	233	343	1533	30
7	Drew Nalls	BSB	245	239	242	231	233	343	1533	30
8	Doug Fisher	NOVA	236	233	235	239	248	341	1532	30
9	John Perham	BAT	240	234	238	228	241	338	1519	29
9	Mitch Portervint	BAT	240	234	238	228	241	338	1519	29
10	Joe Bandish	BAT	242	230	232	230	234	335	1503	22
10	Eddie Minor	BAT	242	230	232	230	234	335	1503	22
11	Garth Bucks	HOO	118	241	233	240	246	334	1412	25
12	Lee Blount	HOO	118	229	234	241	237	340	1399	28
13	Rick Mills	HOO	0	246	241	247	249	349	1332	30
13	Chris Mills	HOO	0	246	241	247	249	349	1332	30
14	Kevin Stippey	NOVA	236	0	235	239	248	341	1299	35
15	Cole Wykoff	HOO	0	241	233	240	246	334	1294	25



After all was done and the final event was in the books, the team of Joe Imler and T.J. Shively ended up as the Anglers of the Year, with the team of Jeff Meade and Scott Favors finishing in second place and in the third spot was the team of Craig Loudan and Tom Hayes. Tom Hayes also weighed the Big Fish of the year. Congratulations to each of these fine anglers. We are all looking forward to our 2025 season

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# Region 4

Includes the counties of Augusta, Highland, Nelson, Amherst, Rockbridge, Campbell, Bedford, Botetourt, Bath, Allegheny, Bland, Craig, Giles, Roanoke, Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe, Floyd, Carroll, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Henry, Patrick also all cities within them.

Region 4 has ten regular season tournaments. Region anglers earn points for every tournament they fish. At the end of the year, we take the total of their best seven tournaments to determine the Region 4 Points Champions. This year, for the third year in a row, the team of Zach and Bobby Peaslee is the Region 4 Points Champions. They will have free entry into all Region 4 tournaments in 2025. In addition, Region 4 will pay their entry for any of the VA Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail tournaments they wish to fish in 2025.



**2024 Region 10 Champions  
Zach & Bobby Peaslee**

The 2024 year end Region 4 points standings are as follows:

CLUB	Boater	fishoff	Non-Boater	fishoff	SH	SML	Clay	Phil	Clay	SML	Sml	Clay	Clay	SML	Total	HeavyWeight
1 Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	10	Bobby Peaslee	10	98		83	99	100	100	100	88	100	100	400	SML 23.56
2 Triangle	Paul Craighead	6	Brian Brunett	10	96	91	93	98	99	99	96	98	99	97	395	SML 17.06
3 BlackWater River	Daniel Eubank	10	Douglas Eubank	10	97	98	95	94	95	93	98	100	96	95	393	SML 17.78
4 Triangle	Charles Lee	9	Tony Morris	7	85	97	100	96	0	82	97	99	97	96	393	SML 17.46
5 Star City	Chuck Hart	9	Hayden Hart	7	100	92	83	87	94	95	99	0	95	98	392	SOHO 17.54
6 Claytor Lake Mafia	Josh Friend	6	Nathan Lawrance	6	99	94	96	97	97	0	0	0	85	0	389	SOHO 16.82
7 StarCity/Southwest	David Martin	5	Keivn Simmons	5	0			99	90	0	98	85	0	0	386	SML 17.88
8 BlackWater River	Danny Reed	8			85	78	83	92	96	96	85	0	99	85	383	SML 13.22
9 Triangle	Jason Martin	4	Todd Whittaker	3	95	89	97	89	0	0	85	0	0	85	370	Clay 10.60
10 Star City	Ian Branson	4	Jon Branson	4	0	95	0	91	0	97	85	0	0	85	368	SML 15.58
11 Claytor Lake Mafia	Eric Farris	4	Ethan Fox	1	0		93	76	98	94	0	0	0	0	361	SML 11.50
12 Triangle	Steve Deisher	5	Bobby Pauly	5	0	78	0	91	0	82	95	88	0	0	356	SML 13.10
13 BlackWater River	Mickey Ellis	4	Brian Epperly	3	85	90	0	86	0	82	0	0	0	85	346	Phil 8.13
14 Star City	Dennis Heltzel	3	James Shorter	4	0	88	0	100	0	92	0	0	0	0	280	Phil 14.36
15 BlackWater River	Greg Stallings	2	Ricky Grant	2	0	96	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	SML 17.38
16 BlackWater River	Clay Ross	1	Jeff Ross	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	99	SML 14.66
17 BlackWater River	Todd Sheets	1	Blake Meeks	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		93	SML 12.86
18 SouthWesten	Wally Dryman	1	Gary Jones	1	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0		93	Phil 11.50
19 Star City	Jeff Rollins	1	Donte Villa	1	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	85		88	Phil 8.44
20 BlackWater River	Jeff Purves	1			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85		85	
21 Claytor Lake Mafia	Tyler Stassin	1			0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	

# Region 4 Tournament Results

## Smith Mountain Lake – October 5, 2024

On October 5, Region 4 had its last regular season tournament on Smith Mt. Lake. We had three high school teams fishing with us that day. The results are:

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	15.88	4.06
2	BlackWater	Clay Ross	Jeff Ross	5	14.66	
3	Open	Shawn Holland	Mark Weaver	5	14.44	3.88
4	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	12.36	3.74
5	Triangle	Brian Burnett	Mark Cox	5	12.22	
6	Open	William Croteau	Aiden Huff	5	11.84	3.72
7	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	5	10.72	
8	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	1	3.72	3.72
9	Triangle	Danny Reed	Aj Phenix	0	0	
10	BlackWater	Todd Whittaker	Jason Martin	0	0	
11	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly	0	0	
12	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	0	0	
13	Open	Spencer Robinson	Mathew Hodges	0	0	
14	Open	Chris Lucas	Aaron Durham	0	0	
15	Open	Cody Seagle	Josh Lambert	0	0	
16	Open	DJ Lawson	Ben Pualing	0	0	



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## Region 4 TBF Team “Fish-Off” on Philpott Lake

Region 4 anglers who fish at least four of our ten regular season tournaments qualify to fish our championship tournament. This year, our championship was November 23<sup>rd</sup> on Philpott Lake. To no one’s surprise, Zach and Bobby Peaslee, our points champions, won the tournament. They have had another great year. The results of the championship are:

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee \$1000+100	5	13.94	3.28
2	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank \$200	5	12.84	3.26
3	Starcity/Southwest	David Martin	Kevin Simmons \$100	5	11.94	2.7
4	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	10.22	2.92
5	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	5	9.28	
6	Triangle	Danny Reed		5	9.26	2.3
7	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly	5	9.06	2.68
8	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	7.78	2.36



**Philpott Lake**  
**November 23, 2024**

## Region 4's 2025 Team Tournament Trail schedule

Tournaments are open to both Federation and non-Federation anglers. There are 10 regular season tournaments and a year-end championship. Only Federation anglers who have fished at least 4 of the 10 regular season tournaments are eligible to fish the championship. We pay \$1000 for first place with at least 14 paid entries.

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Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, safe light-4pm (all Fish 14")

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> South Holston, Hwy 421 Boat Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 15", Lm/Spots 12")

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")

April 26<sup>th</sup> Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-3pm (all Fish 12")

June 7<sup>th</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-3pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")

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

June 21<sup>st</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")

July 12<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")

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

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, safe light- 3pm (all Fish 14")

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-4pm (all Fish 12")

Only Region 4 TBF TEAMS will receive points for TOP TEAM of the YEAR

### REGION 4 TBF TEAMS FISH-OFF

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-4pm (SM 15", Lm/Spots 12")

#### Fish-OFF Eligibility

(Must be a Region 4 TBF member who has fished at least 4 open points tournaments)

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# Region 6

Includes the counties of Buckingham, Appomattox, Powhatan, Cumberland, Prince George, Amelia, Surry, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Prince Edward, Sussex, Lunenburg, Charlotte, Greenville, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Halifax, also the areas of Colonial Heights, Ettrick, Matoaca and Enon in Chesterfield County.

We hope everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. We would like to thank Ronnie Brewer for his efforts as our Region 6 Director the past few years. Both Ronnie and I want to congratulate our 2024 Region 6 Champions Tim Byers and Craig Ferguson from our Meherrin Bassmasters. The 2025 schedule is set and we are all looking forward to another successful tournament season.

James Vick Sr.

## Region 6 Tournament Results Nottoway River – October 19, 2024

Region 6 had its final tournament of the 2024 season on the Nottoway River. Bob Graves and Clyde Cheek from the Tri-City Bassmasters won the event with a limit of bass weighing in at 15.04 pounds. From the Meherrin Bassmasters the team of Tim Byers and Craig Ferguson finished in the second spot with their limit weighing in at 12.67 pounds. Tim and Craig also weighed the Big Bass for the tournament a 4.57 pound largemouth. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team was Tri-City Bassmasters Frank Glazier and Drew Berry with 11.59 pounds.

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Club	Weight	Points
1	Bob Graves	Clyde Cheek	Tri-City	15.04	310
2	Tim Byers	Craig Ferguson	Meherrin	12.67	308
3	Frank Glazier	Drew Berry	Tri-City	11.59	306
4	Patrick Bell	Mark McLain	Southside	10.66	304
5	Mike Renshaw	Ken Huband	Southside	9.76	302
6	Rick Lemocks	Jason Upton	Meherrin	8.99	300
7	Ronnie Brewer	David Jeter	Southside	8.85	298
8	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	Tri-City	7.69	296
9	Wayne Deavers	Waverly Randall	Tri-City	7.48	294
10	James Vick	Bryan Reedy	Tri-City	7.16	292
11	Donnie Bowman	Dylan Bowman	Southside	7.09	290
12	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	Tri-City	6.99	288
13	Kelvin Barnes	Thomas Barnes	Southside	0.00	10
14	Ricky Barnhardt	Danny Sage	Southside	0.00	10
15	Alan Buchanan	Greg Husick	Tri-City	0.00	10



## Region 6 Final 2024 Standings (Top 15 Teams)

Place	Angler	Club	Kerr	Chickahominy	Gaston	James	Kerr	Nottoway	Points w/Drop
1	Tim Byers	Meherrin	308	308	302	292	308	308	1534
1	Craig Ferguson	Meherrin	308	308	302	292	308	308	1534
2	James Vick	Tri-City	306	298	308	306	310	292	1528
2	Bryan Reedy	Tri-City	306	298	308	306	310	292	1528
3	Rick Lemocks	Meherrin	288	306	304	302	304	300	1516
3	Jason Upton	Meherrin	288	306	304	302	304	300	1516
4	Frank Glazier	Tri-City	302	282	306	286	306	306	1506
4	Drew Berry	Tri-City	302	282	306	286	306	306	1506
5	Phillip Gould	Tri-City	304	310	294	308	282	288	1504
5	Keith Moring	Tri-City	304	310	294	308	282	288	1504
6	Bob Graves	Tri-City	298	292	298	296	302	310	1504
6	Clyde Cheek	Tri-City	298	292	298	296	302	310	1504
7	Mike Renshaw	Southside	310	284	290	294	298	302	1494
7	Ken Huband	Southside	310	284	290	294	298	302	1494
8	Roger Walters	Tri-City	292	294	310	298	290	296	1490
8	Renee Walters	Tri-City	292	294	310	298	290	296	1490
9	Ricky Barnhardt	Southside	286	304	286	304	284	10	1464
9	Danny Sage	Southside	286	304	286	304	284	10	1464
10	Donnie Bowman	Southside	294	288	288		300	290	1460
10	Dylan Bowman	Southside	294	288	288		300	290	1460
11	Ronnie Brewer	Southside	290	290	296	282	10	298	1456
11	David Jeter	Southside	290	290	296	282	10	298	1456
12	Patrick Bell	Southside		286	284	290	292	304	1456
12	Mark McLain	Southside		286	284	290	292	304	1456
13	Wayne Deavers	Tri-City	278	300		284	288	294	1444
13	Waverly Randall	Tri-City	278	300		284	288	294	1444
14	Kelvin Barnes	Southside	300		300	310	294	10	1214
14	Thomas Barnes	Southside	300		300	310	294	10	1214
15	Donald Martin	Sandy River	280	280	278		296		1134
15	Zack Bryant	Sandy River	280	280	278		296		1134



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# Region 6 - 2025 Season Schedule

March 22	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill Creek	7:00 - 3:00
April 26	Kerr Lake	North Bend	7:00 - 3:00
May 17	Lake Chesdin	Public Ramp	6:00 - 2:00
June 14	James River	Osborne Landing	6:00 - 2:00
August 10	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	6:00 - 2:00
September 13	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7:00 - 3:00

## Tri-City Bassmasters hold Annual Awards Dinner



Members and families of the Tri-City Bassmasters gathered on December 8, 2024 for some holiday cheer, fellowship, and to recognize their 2024 tournament season top anglers. This year's Top Teams were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - James Vick and Bryan Reedy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rick Lemocks and Jason Upton; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Phillip Gould and Keith Moring. Phillip also had the Big Bass for the season, a 5.79 pound largemouth.



Tri City Bassmasters would like to thank Dennis Cheek who made this year's awards. The annual pot-luck, awards, and social was hosted by James and Linda Vick at their home.



## 2025 Region 6 Club Tournament Schedules



Date	Location	Ramp	Hours
22 March (Sat)	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill	7AM-3PM
26 Apr (Sat)	Kerr Lake	N. Bend (B)	7AM-3PM
17 May (Sat)	Lake Chesdin	Whippernock	6AM-2PM
14 June (Sat)	James River	Osborne	6AM-2PM
10 Aug (Sat)	Pamunkey River	Williams	6AM-2PM
13 Sept (Sat)	Chickahominy River	Rte 5	7AM-3PM

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Director – John Flicek

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The Top Anglers for Region 8's 2024 season were recognized following the annual Region 8 Members Appreciation Tournament on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

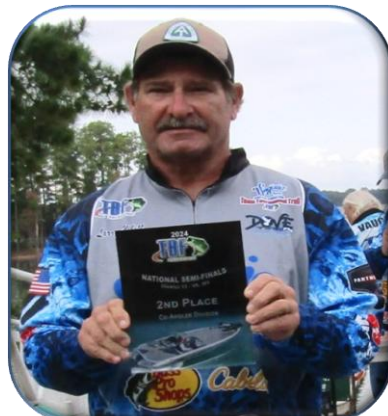
Congratulations to **Nicky Skinner** from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters who took the top spot as our 2024 Angler of the Year. Nicky's end of season weight for his Best 6 out of 7 tournaments was 83.11 pounds.



**Billy Allen** from the Nottoway Bassmasters landed the 2024 Big Bass Award for the largest bass weighed during the 2024 regular season Region 8 tournaments. Billy weighed a 5.96 pound Chickahominy River Largemouth back on March 30<sup>th</sup>.



Region 8 Anglers James Whitehead (NASA-Langley Bassmasters) and Larry Whitt (Nottoway Bassmasters) were also recognized for their Second Place finishes during the District 12 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament held on Kerr Lake this past September 21-22. James and Larry both advance to the TBF National Championship Tournament on Lake Dardanelle in Arkansas on 2-4 April 2025. James will be competing in the Angler Division and Larry in the Co-Angler Division.





The Region 8 Board of Directors has been busy working on plans for the 2025 season. As you will see in this edition of Tightlines we have finalized and released the tournament schedule. All ramp reservations and tournament permits have been secured. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Season Champions. We also will be adding another \$400 to the 2025 Member Appreciation “No-Entry-Fee” Tournament payout. This increases the payout to \$1000. 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 State Federation will also be offering a voluntary “Side Pot” at all State Team Trail tournaments in 2025.

Please patronize those businesses that have and continue to support our Region 8 family: **Bass Pro Shops, Fishing Pro Tech, Dan’s Heating & Air Conditioning, Teriyaki Madness (Hampton, Williamsburg, & Virginia Beach), Feel the Payne Bait & Tackle, JJJ Handyman, Chuckatuck Trading Post, Old Dominion Guns, and Dove Designs Pro.**

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.

# Annual CHICKAHOMINY RIVER OPEN TOURNAMENT 2 August 2025



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](http://www.vabassregion8.com). Just select the "OPEN TOURNAMENT" tab to access the registration form.

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## Region 8 Tournament Results



Region 8 finished the 2024 season with our customary Members Appreciation “No-Entry-Fee” Tournament on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the fifth year we’ve finished the season with this event on the Chickahominy River. The focus is for a day of Fishing & Fellowship and has become very popular with our membership. We also use this event to introduce the Federation to prospective members as we allow our members to bring a guest partner to fish with.



**Anglers enjoyed a day of competition, fellowship, food, prizes and the presentation of the End of Season Region 8 Awards.**

The team of Jeff Valentin and Moose Wells from the TBF Bass Bandits of VA topped the field with a five fish limit weighing in at 18.48 pounds. Jeff also weighed the tournament's Big Bass, a 7.84 pound largemouth. In second place with 12.91 pounds was the 5-Rivers Bassmasters team of Ray Allen and Kevin Phillips. Feel the Payne Fishing anglers Noah Peters and Joe Pitt finished in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot with 12.86 pounds. In 4<sup>th</sup> place from the Nottoway Bassmasters were the Father and Son Team of Larry and Zack Whitt with 12.34 pounds. Another Nottoway Bassmasters team, Tev Rollins and Eli Roberson finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 12.01 pounds.





**Jeff Valentin  
&  
Carlton "Moose" Wells**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place: 18.48 LBS**  
**Big Bass: 7.48 LBS**

# Chickahominy River



We would like to thank Connie and Kevin Phillips for their efforts supporting this event again this year. Our membership also thanks Fishing Pro Tech of Toano; JLJ Handyman; Feel the Payne Fishing in Carrollton; Teriyaki Madness of Hampton, Virginia Beach & Lightfoot; Bass Pro Shops of Hampton; Dan's Heating & Air Conditioning; and Dove Designs Pro for their continued support.



## Chickahominy River Results (Top 25)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Jeff Valentin	“Moose” Wells	18.48
2	Kevin Phillips	Ray Allen	12.91
3	Noah Peters	Joe Pitt	12.86
4	Zach Whitt	Larry Whitt	12.34
5	Tev Rollins	Eli Roberson	12.01
6	Kevin Bowles	Chris Willoughby	11.89
7	Cody Wilson	Jacob Chambers	11.47
8	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	11.06
9	Chad Howell		10.47
10	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	10.08
11	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	9.47
12	Patrick Hunt	Ed Hunt	9.39
13	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	9.08
14	Bob Pearce	Bobby Pearce	9.07
15	James Whitehead		9.00
16	Nicky Skinner	Bill Clancy	8.87
17	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	8.62
18	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	8.22
19	Greg Bryan	Ricky Gent	8.11
20	Jordan Wilson	Logan Barkley	7.29
21	Bob Everhart	Ashley Everhart	6.76
22	BJ Boothe	Michael Williams	5.50
23	Matt Hladik	Bob Hladik	5.32
24	JR Ingram	Sarah Ingram	4.95
25	Steve Finch	Eric Egnatz	4.69







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## Region 8 Club Tournament Results

**5-Rivers Bassmasters** held their “Dash-for-the-Cash” which was the clubs final tournament of the 2024 season on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Glenn Stateman for wining this season’s finale. The 2025 season championship was a tight race this year with Dave McLean securing the top spot with a strong finish in the season’s final points tournament.

### 2025 5-Rivers Bassmasters Championship Results (Top 10)

Place	Angler	Points	Place	Angler	Points
1	Dave McLean	271	6	Ray Allen	190
2	Nicky Skinner	265	7	Kevin Phillips	187
3	Frank Reeves	233	8	Kevin Brown	185
4	Nelson Johnson Jr	226	9	Dan Brown	158
5	Glenn Stateman	204	10	Ron Sullivan	157



**Feel the Payne Fishing** held their third club point’s tournament of the year November 16<sup>th</sup> on Lake Gaston. It was a cold and windy day which made for a difficult bite. No one managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales. The tournaments Big Fish, a 4.95 pound spotted bass, was weighed in by the winning team of Noah Peters and Joe Pitt.

### Lake Gaston Tournament Results – 16 November

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Noah Peters	Joe Pitt	10.59
2	Jeff Hayden		9.53
3	Cletis Brumley	Caleb Payne	4.73
4	Chad Howell		2.93



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**Feel the Payne Fishing** held two tournaments on the Nottoway River on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Noah Peters has a great weekend of fishing, winning both events. Noah also weighed the weekends Big Bass, a 10.69 pound largemouth.

**Nottoway River Tournament Results – 7 December**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Noah Peters		11.77
2	Chad Howell		7.15
3	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	2.04
4	Steve Finch		1.56
5	Tyler Etheridge		1.06

**Nottoway River Tournament Results – 8 December**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Noah Peters		20.89
2	Jeff Hayden	Benny Hendricks	9.39



**Noah Peters**  
**Big Bass**  
**10.69 lbs**

**2025 Region 8 Club Tournament Schedules**

**5-Rivers Bassmasters**

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 29 March (Sat)   | Kerr Lake          |
| 30 March (Sun)   | Lake Gaston        |
| 26 Apr (Sat)     | Lake Chesdin       |
| 24 May (Sat)     | Pasquotank River   |
| 21 June (Sat)    | Nottoway River     |
| 19 July (Sat)    | Pamunkey River     |
| 16 Aug (Sat)     | Chickahominy River |
| 13 Sept (Sat)    | Chowan River       |
| 11 October (Sat) | "Dash 4 the Cash"  |



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## TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia 2025 Schedule



March 2	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
March 16	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
March 30	Nottoway River (Rte 258)
April 13	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Apr 27	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
May 4	Appomattox River (Hopewell)
May 18	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
June 22	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
July 6	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
July 20	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
August 3	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
August 17	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
September 14	Nottoway River (Rte 258)
October 12	Appomattox River (Hopewell)
October 26	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Nov 8-9	Club Classic Location TBA

## Feel the Payne Fishing 2025 Schedule

25 January	Lake Anna	Ramp: TBD
22 February	Roanoke Rapids Lake	5 <sup>th</sup> Street Ramp
15 March	Chickahominy River	Rte 5
12 April	Kerr Lake	TBD
24 May	Lake Gaston	TBD
21 June	Chowan River	Pembroke
26 July	Roanoke River	5 <sup>th</sup> Street Ramp
16 August	Chowan River	Shoups Landing
20 September	Kerr Lake	TBD
18-19 October	Club CLASSIC	TBD



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Director – Tim Keen

# Region 10

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

Region 10 Anglers,

Our 2024 season has come to an end; it was a season of ups and a few downs that ultimately ended on a high note. With the 2024 season in the books, I look forward to the 2025 season and have executed a plan to grow our region.

Hurberrie’s Inc. and Stanco Equipment have remained on as sponsors for the 2025 season. I’m very excited to be representing these sponsors along with several new sponsors that are coming on.

Since becoming the director, I have implemented a plan to grow Region 10. In support of this we’ve added additional lakes to the 2025 schedule. Additionally, the funds accrued through sponsorships will be used for additional payouts to our top three finishers in several of the tournaments!

By unanimous decision, it was voted on to make the 2025 Region 10 Classic to be fished during the first tournament of the 2026.

Region 10 clubs are always open for new membership. The 2025 tournament schedule on the following page includes both the Region 10 and the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Team Tournament Trail events.

Thank you,

Tim Keen  
Region 10 Director



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## 2025 Region 10 Tournament Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ramp</b>	<b>Time</b>
1 March	South Holston**	Washington County	TBD
15 March	John F. Flanagan	Mtn. View Marina	Safelight – 3 PM
22 March	South Holston	421 Ramp	Safelight – 3 PM
5 April	Kerr Lake**	North Bend	TBD
(State Team Trail Tournament plus SAF/High School & Youth State Championship)			
12 April	Douglas	Dandridge	Safelight – 3 PM
19 April	South Holston	Observation Knob	Safelight – 3 PM
26 April	South Holston	Observation Knob	Safelight – 3 PM
(Cleveland Lifesaving Crew Benefit “Open” Tournament)			
3 May	Watauga	Fish Springs	Safelight – 3 PM
10 May	Cherokee	25-E Ramp	Safelight – 3 PM
24 May	Boone	TVA	Safelight – 3 PM
31 May-1 June	Lake Anna**	Sturgeon Creek Marina	TBF
(State Federation Team Trail Championship - Anglers must qualify by participating in 1 Team Trail tournament during the current season)			
28 June	South Holston	Observation Knob	6 PM – 1 AM

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