## Tight Lines

The Official Publication of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

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Virginia Anglers
Brad Huddleston & Mark Elliott
advance to TBF National
Championship

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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.



#### **Goals of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

The Federation, shall, in its operations, pursue the goals of organizing and conducting competitive fishing events which adequately provide for the needs of the bass and the angler; to establish live release of bass to their habitat as an integral part of sport fishing; promote realistic conservation of natural resources and causing adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards; of educating the membership in citizen involvement in the process of government; of supporting and cooperation with fishery management agencies and educational institutions in development of good fisheries for the future; of encouraging youth involvement in sport fishery and leading the chapters in organizing an conducting youth participation activities; of promoting public awareness of the Federation's purposes, goals, and activities; of timely and efficient communications with the membership through a regular published newsletter; of gaining new members and new chapters to TBF and the Federation; to generate revenues sufficient to conduct the programs of the Federation; of reducing the hazards of boat operation and sport fishing; of supporting the non-profit purposes and goals of TBF; and other such goals as may be established for the chapters and the committees of the Federation.

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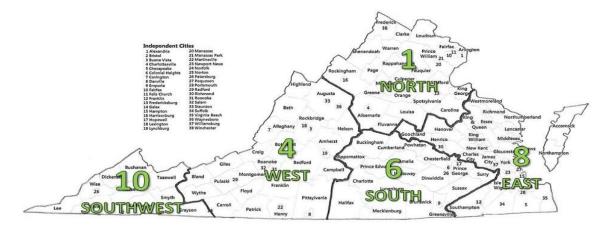
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## Presidents Corner Scott Whitmore

First of all, I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to spend time with Family and Friends. It seems like our 2025 season flew by this year as we just wrapped it up with the 2025 TBF National Semi Final Championship on the beautiful Ohio River. In the end Virginia Anglers Brad Huddleston and Mark Elliot punched their ticket to the 2026 TBF National Championship. Our 2026 Schedule is out and as announced at the June Board meeting we will begin with the East Regional to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> on the Chickahominy River. Keep in mind this will be your first chance to secure your spot in the State Championship. With the growth of our state we can easily qualify well over 80 boats for the 2026 National Semi Final Tournament that will be hosted by us on Lake Anna the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

As we have for the last couple of years, we have some new changes for the 2026 season. First off, the Angler catching the largest bass in one of our five State Team Trail tournaments will receive an end of the year award consisting of a large "Lunker of the Year" plaque and a \$100. Next item is at each state tournament will award a check for \$200 to the team that has the smallest 5 fish limit. You must be present to receive the award. If not present it will go to the next team up the results that meets the criteria. Next we have a couple National changes, starting with the National Semifinals and then at the National Championship the Co-angler creel limit will be reduced to 3 fish which will make the Co-angler side more competitive. Now on Day 1 if you only catch a couple fish you are still in the game not being out distanced by a 5 fish limit. This change was made by the request of multiple Virginia Anglers that asked me to present it at the National Presidents meeting in Pierre, South Dakota this year. The change was voted in by all State Presidents present. Like last year we will recognize an Angler/Co-angler of the year providing them a berth in the National Championship. We will also continue our 100% payout side pot at each event.

As we head into fall the air and water temperatures start to fall and as sportsmen, we get excited to get in the woods hunting and on the water fishing. The similarities are us hunters will start climbing trees and fishermen will be out on the water. A fall from a tree and or a fall into cold water can have devastating effects. Please remember to use those safety harnesses in the tree and your life vest on the water. This year we had a couple anglers tossed from their boat and thankfully their life vest deployed as designed. With this in mind, we will be monitoring the boat ramp this year for life vest compliance. You are required to wear your life vest when loading your boat on the trailer and the Angler retrieving the tow vehicle and trailer must wear their vest when exiting the boat to the dock. Once on the dock you can throw the vest back in the boat or carry it to the vehicle with you.

In closing I want to thank all the members of our State Federation for a great year and special thanks to the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Staff for all their hard work throughout the year in bringing these tournaments to our members. Please support all the Sponsors of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation and our National Sponsors, all of whom are listed in the Tightlines magazine. Next up after the East Regional will be the Richmond Fishing Expo January 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and volunteer at our Reel Kids Casting and Raffle table.

Tight Lines,

Scott

#### Schedule of Events

2025

September 20-21 District 12 TBF National Semi Final – Ohio River- Moundsville, WV

October 25 East Regional – Chickahominy River

(1<sup>st</sup> Team Trail event of the 2026 Tournament Season)

November 9 Board Meeting (South Hill)

2026

January 4 Board Meeting (South Hill)

January 16-18 Richmond Fishing Expo (Doswell, VA)
March 14 West Regional – Smith Mountain Lake

March 14 SAF/High School & TBF Junior Angler State Championships – Smith

Mountain Lake

April 4 South Regional – Lake Gaston
May 2 Board Meeting (Lake Anna)
May 2 North Regional – Lake Anna

June 6-7 Team Trail State Championship – Chickahominy River

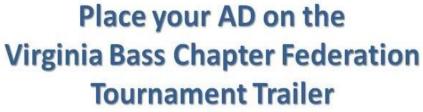
August 23 Board Meeting (South Hill)

September 25-27 District 12 TBF National Semi Final – Lake Anna, Sturgeon Creek Marina

November 8 Board Meeting (South Hill)



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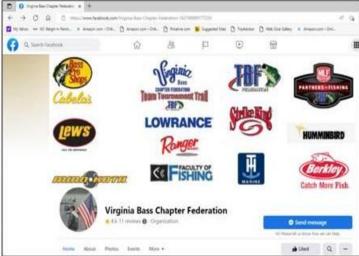
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#### 2026 MEMBERSHIP:

**2026 Membership Special:** Starting on September 1, 2025, join TBF and get the remainder of 2025 for free. New members are eligible to participate in the remaining 2025 State, Region and Club tournaments and ALL tournaments and events throughout 2026.

The Bass Federation (TBF) Memberships are always open. Anglers can contact their Chapter/Club President to activate/renew your TBF membership at any time. TBF is much more than a tournament trail. Our founding principles are *Fishing*, *Youth* and *Conservation*. TBF members can qualify through their Club, Region and State Federation events to fish in the TBF National Semi Final Division Championship series, and then on to the TBF Federation National Championship, the BFL All-American, and a MLF Tour Championship. In addition to all this, the top Federation angler each year is awarded the TBF "Living the Dream" package, consisting of paid entry fees into Pro Tour as a professional angler and a fully equipped Ranger Boat.

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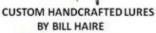


















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The Ohio River was the site of the 2025 TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament hosted by the West Virginia Bass Federation on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This two day Federation National Championship qualifying event featured the top anglers from both Virginia and West Virginia. Forty-seven teams competed in this season's semi final tournament for their share of a \$15K plus payout in cash and prizes plus the opportunity to represent their State Federation at the Federation National Championship Tournament next spring.

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.

Virginia and West Virginia Anglers began arriving at the Holiday Inn Express in Moundsville, WV early in the week in preparation for their three days of the District 12 National Semi Final Tournament official practice days. The competition weekend activities started with angler check in and a pre-tournament meeting on Friday evening at the Cabela's in Triadelphia, West Virginia. Anglers enjoyed some fellowship and product raffles leading up to the official meeting where 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.





National Semi Final Results continued:

Leading up to the tournament anglers reported that the fishing was difficult. They attributed the tough bite to the area seeing over a month of drought which resulted in lower levels and reduced water flow needed to trigger the smallmouth bite. Several anglers indicated that while they were able to find some pods of active fish during practice that they all but disappeared on tournament days.





**DAY 1:** On Saturday morning the competitors gathered at the Powhatan Point Marina in Powhatan, Ohio starting around 5:00 AM in preparation for a 7:00AM "safe-light" tournament blast off. On this first day of competition, anglers were met with cooler temperatures and some patches of fog as they navigated down river.





In the Angler Division: West Virginia Anglers dominated the top five positions on the first day of competition. Jeremy Byers led the field with a five fish limit weighing in at 11.28 pounds. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was Roger Balser, who also had a limit of bass that weighed 9.99 pounds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> spot was held by Wes Lester who weighed in a 9.10 pound limit of bass. Trey Anderson's five bass weighed 8.58 pound putting him in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Trey also had the big bass on day 1 that weighed 3.46 pounds. In 5<sup>th</sup> place was Reed Alder who's limit of bass weighed 8.57 pounds. The top Virginia Angler, in 10<sup>th</sup> place, on the first day was Brad Huddleston with four bass that weighed in at 5.79 pounds.











In the Co-Angler Division: Leading the Co-Angler Division on the first day was West Virginia Co-Angler Tommy Goodson with a five bass limit that weighed 6.56 pounds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place Co-Anger, also from West Virginia, was John Harkness who had four bass that weighed 6.41 pounds. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Place on the first day was Virginia Co-Angler Mark Elliott with four bass weighing in at 6.28 pounds. Another Virginia Co-Angler Tracy Gravely finished the day in 4<sup>th</sup> place with four bass weighing 5.83 pounds. In 5<sup>th</sup> Place was West Virginia Co-Angler Josh Ankrom with three bass that weighed in at 3.56 pounds.









**DAY 2:** On the second and final day of the event, anglers has to deal with a weather front that generated some wind, waves, and heavy rain as they worked their way through the locks towards the final weigh-in site.





DAY 2 - Angler Division: West Virginia Angler Jeremy Byers added another 5 fish limit weighing 9.64 pounds on day 2 to secure the Angler Division win with a total tournament weight of 20.92 pounds. West Virginia anglers dominated all of the top five spots for the tournament on day 2. The 2nd Place Angler was Doug Wine who moved up from the 15<sup>th</sup> spot on Day 1 by adding 4 fish on day 2 weighing 12.08 pounds. Doug's total tournament weight was 16.44 pounds. Andrew Goins secured 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with another Limit of bass weighing 8.52 pounds bringing his total tournament weight to 15.58 pounds. The 4<sup>th</sup> Place Angler was Rick Harkness who's day 2 limit of bass weighing 7.48 pounds. Ricks total tournament weight was 15.23 pounds. Finishing in the 5<sup>th</sup> spot was Luke Doughty with another limit of bass that weighed in at 7.05 pounds bringing his total weight on this final day to 14.73 pounds. The Top finishing Virginia Angler for the tournament in 10<sup>th</sup> Place was Brad Huddleston who added 4.41 pounds on Day 2 to bring his total tournament weight to 10.30 pounds.



DAY 2 – Co-Angler Division: West Virginia Co-Angler John Harkness brought three bass to the scales on the final day weighing 3.55 pound which was enough to secure the Co-Angler Division win with a total tournament weight of 9.96 pounds. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was Virginia Co-Angler Mark Elliott who added 2.60 pounds with two bass on Day 2, bringing his total tournament weight to 8.88 pounds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place was West Virginia Co-Angler Tommy Goodson who weighed in 2.16 pounds for a total tournament weight of 8.72 pounds. Finishing as the 4<sup>th</sup> Place Co-Angler was Virginia's Tracy Gravely who managed 2.29 pounds on Day 2 bringing his total tournament weight to 8.12 pounds. West Virginia Co-Angler John Taylor weighed in 3.55 pound on this final day to secure 5<sup>th</sup> Place with 7.04 pounds. West Virginia Co-Angler Bill Lovett had the Big Bass for Day 2 that weighed in at 3.56 pounds.









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Jeremy Byers
TBF District 12
National Semi Final
Angler Division
Champion



## Ohio River National Semi Final



Jon Harkness
TBF District 12
National Semi Final
Co-Angler Division
Champion

#### National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Total Weight
1	Jeremy Beyers	West Virginia	20.92
2	Doug Wine	West Virginia	16.44
3	Andrew Goins	West Virginia	15.58
4	Rick Harkness	West Virginia	15.23
5	Luke Doughty	West Virginia	14.73
6	Roger Balser	West Virginia	13.03
7	Reed Elder	West Virginia	12.71
8	Mick Goodwin Jr.	West Virginia	12.49
9	Rick Hamer	West Virginia	11.46
10	Wes Lester	West Virginia	11.21
11	Trey Anderson	West Virginia	10.47
12	Brad Huddleston	Virginia	10.30
13	Kenny Anderson	West Virginia	9.60
14	Chris Shamblin	West Virginia	9.57
15	John Christopher II	West Virginia	8.58
16	Jeff Meade	Virginia	8.07
17	Brad Billeter	West Virginia	8.01
18	Dillon Ash	West Virginia	7.52
19	Bill Fore	West Virginia	7.00
20	Brian Hill	West Virginia	6.64
21	James Vick Sr.	Virginia	5.47
22	William Kennedy	West Virginia	5.42
23	Scott Coons	Virginia	5.11
24	Laythen Good	West Virginia	4.87
25	John Sam Cielakie	Virginia	4.85
26	Dave Cosaro	West Virginia	4.61
27	Scott Panas	West Virginia	4.50
28	Jason Suter	West Virginia	4.28
29	Joseph Clarke	Virginia	3.53
30	Len Lanham	West Virginia	3.27
31	Kaleb Boyles	Virginia	2.70
32	Chad Howell	Virginia	2.51
33	Patrick Johnson	West Virginia	2.36
34	Jamie Ratliff	Virginia	2.20
35	Justin Bunner	West Virginia	2.16









#### National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Total Weight
36	Jim Brown	West Virginia	1.90
37	Eric Straight	West Virginia	1.75
38	Orlando Kelly	Virginia	1.40
39	David Rice	West Virginia	0.83
40	Bruce Johnson	Virginia	0.00
40	Terry Sullivan	Virginia	0.00
40	Craig Loudan	Virginia	0.00
40	Jeff Kidder	West Virginia	0.00
40	Jeff Hill	West Virginia	0.00
40	Floyd Dalton	Virginia	0.00
40	Dana Hager	West Virginia	0.00
40	Sammy Henman	Virginia	0.00





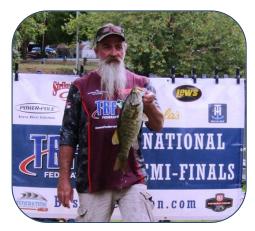




#### National Semi-Final RESULTS – Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Total Weight
1	Jon Harkness	West Virginia	9.96
2	Mark Elliott	Virginia	8.88
3	Tommy Goodson	West Virginia	8.72
4	Tracy Gravely	Virginia	8.12
5	John Taylor	West Virginia	7.04
6	Wriston Fitzwater	West Virginia	6.77
7	Darren Elder	West Virginia	6.29
8	Adam Flora	West Virginia	5.57
9	Trenton Welch	West Virginia	5.37
10	Robert Hissen	Virginia	5.16
11	Jacob Hissen	Virginia	5.06
12	Ricky Lemocks	Virginia	4.60
13	Bill Lovett	West Virginia	4.53
14	Joe Dewees	West Virginia	4.37
15	Donald Lee	Virginia	4.13
16	Josh Ankrom	West Virginia	3.56
17	Steve Finch	Virginia	3.45
18	Alan Fluharty	West Virginia	3.21
19	Shane Casey	Virginia	3.17
20	Jay Brown	West Virginia	2.94
21	Andy Goodwin	West Virginia	2.49
22	Greg Wampler	Virginia	2.46
23	Jared Bowen	West Virginia	2.45
24	Troy Neff	Virginia	2.26
25	Jeff Rogers	West Virginia	2.14
26	Dakoda Boyles	Virginia	2.07
27	Heather Ebert	West Virginia	1.94
28	Wayne Shuman	West Virginia	1.89
29	David Howell	West Virginia	1.80
30	William E Posey	West Virginia	1.48
31	Mitchell Portervint	Virginia	1.15
32	Joe Bandish	Virginia	1.12
33	Bobby Fleshman Jr.	West Virginia	0.90
34	Archie Cannon	Virginia	0.00
34	Chris Null	West Virginia	0.00









#### National Semi-Final RESULTS - Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Total Weight
34	Larry Gray	Virginia	0.00
34	Bill Harmon	West Virginia	0.00
34	Alton Vaughn	Virginia	0.00
34	Randy Bunner	West Virginia	0.00
34	Bill Mossor	West Virginia	0.00
34	Brent Kerere	West Virginia	0.00
34	Camden Thomas	West Virginia	0.00
34	Brent Jenkins	West Virginia	0.00
34	Michael Bierer	West Virginia	0.00
34	James Wolfe	West Virginia	0.00
34	Scott Taylor	Virginia	0.00
34	Christopher Scott	Virginia	0.00





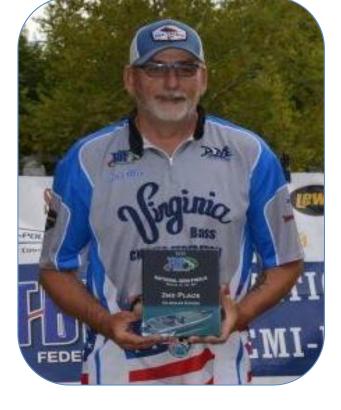
The TBF National Championship is a no-entry-fee tournament with a prize purse of over \$400,000 for the Top Anglers advancing through this Divisional National Semi Final Tournament. The 2026 TBF Championship is a weeklong event with the location announced later this year. In addition to the cash prizes, 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 2026 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 2025 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!

National Semi Final Results continued:

Competing State Federations advance their top finishing anglers from each of the Angler Division and Co-Angler Division. 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 top angler from each division and West Virginia will advance their top two anglers and co-anglers to the National Championship Tournament.

#### Virginia Bass Chapter Federation National Championship Qualifiers





Brad Huddleston
Virginia
Angler Division Qualifier

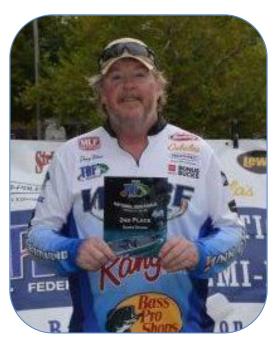
Mark Elliott
Virginia
Co-Angler Division Qualifier



#### West Virginia Bass Federation National Championship Qualifiers



Jeremy Byers
West Virginia
Angler Division Qualifier



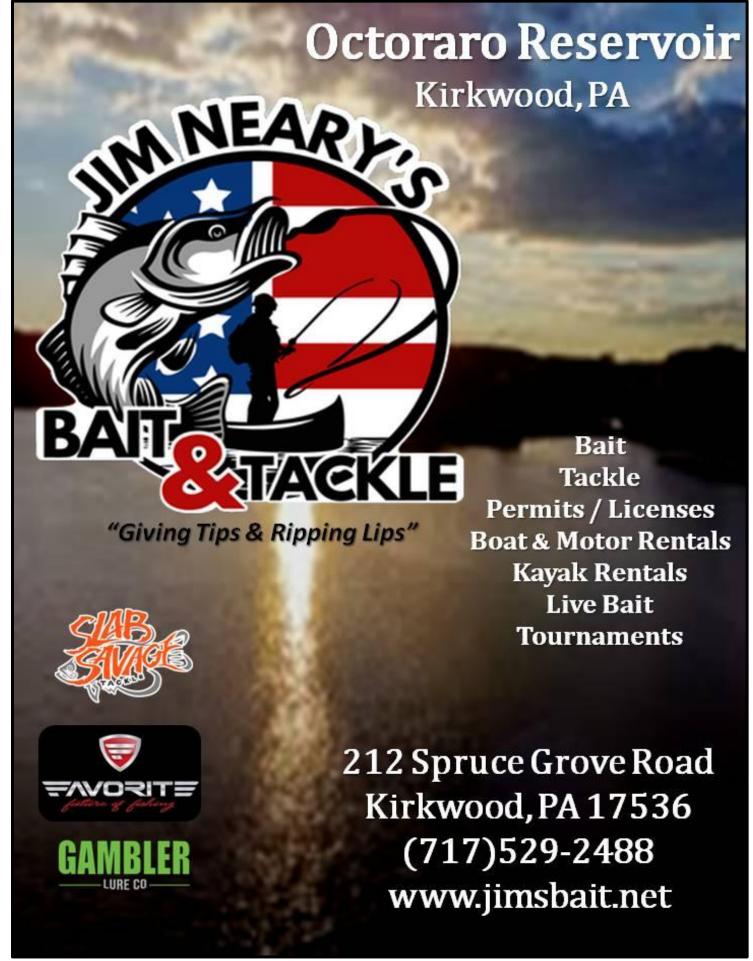
Doug Wine
West Virginia
Angler Division Qualifier



Jon Harkness
West Virginia
Co-Angler Division Qualifier



Tommy Goodson
West Virginia
Co-Angler Division Qualifier





The Virginia Bass Chapter Federations "TEAM TOURNAMENT TRAIL" series serves as the Virginia TBF National Semi-Final (NSF) Qualifiers plus introduces a new Virginia State Championship Team Tournament. The series consists of 4 qualifying Team Tournaments held in each of 4 Regions (North, South, East, & West) throughout the state. Each qualifying tournament is a single day event. With this format Virginia TBF Anglers now have an opportunity to compete for bigger payouts and a Virginia State Team Championship while reducing their costs plus the benefit of fishing locally on familiar waters. All four regional tournaments are open to all Virginia TBF members in good standing. Teams that fish any of the 4 Regional events qualify for the 2 Day State Championship Team Tournament. The State Championship event has a 100% payback in cash and prizes with a Champions Package awarded to the winning team (cash, awards, apparel, paid TBF National Semi Final entry, etc.).

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**.

**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 (<a href="www.vabass.com">www.vabass.com</a> ), 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 (<a href="www.vabass.com">www.vabass.com</a>). 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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# NEW for 2026 !

In our continual efforts to improve our members tournament experience the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation State Board has approved the following additional awards starting with the first tournemnt of the 2026 Team Tournament Trail season, the East Regional on the Chickahominy River, October 25, 2025.

#### Team Tournament Trail "Smallest 5 Fish Limit" Award

At each Team Trail Regional tournament and the State Championship Tournament the team that weighs in the "**Smallest Five Fish Limit**" during each event will receive a \$200 payout. At least one member of the winning team must be present to receive the award. If not present the award will go to the next team present that meets the winning criteria.

#### Team Tournament Trail "Lunker of the Year" Award

The State Federation run Team Tournament Trail introduces the "Lunker of the Year" Award for the biggest bass weighed in during the tournament season (four Regional and State Championship Tournaments). The Team Tournament Trail "Lunker of the Year' winner will be awarded a plaque and \$100 at the conclusion of last tournament of each season (the State Championship Tournament). The winning angler must be a current Virginia Bass Chapter Federation member at the time of the award. For example: Each Team Trail season runs from October through the State Championship Tournament the following year. The winning angler must be a current member through the State Championship event.





# Virginia Angler & Co-Angler Of the Year



The Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year is an 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.

Team Trail Tournament anglers are 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 100 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 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.

Current Standings are available on the State web site: www.vabass.com.



# Rick and Chris Mills Capture the 2025 Virginia Angler & Go-Angler of the Year Titles

The Father and Son duo of Rick and Chris Mills are the 2025 Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year. Both anglers earned their titles through a season of consistent performance throughout the 2025 Team Tournament Trail events. Rick and Chris didn't win any of the Team Trail tournaments this season but their constantly being in the hunt earned them valuable points at each event towards their AOY and Co-AOY Championships. As a team their average finishing position over their best four out of five Team Trail Tournaments was impressive. They finished in the top seven for each of their best four out of five tournaments. Even their drop tournament was an eleventh place finish.

As the Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year Rick and Chris will now advance directly into the 2026 TBF National Championship Tournament next spring. The TBF National Championship is a "no-entry-fee" tournament where the top anglers from throughout the United States and Canada compete for their part of a prize purse of over \$400,000.

These anglers are no strangers to the TBF National Championships since Rick and Chris both earned their way into the 2024 Championship tournament as the Top Virginia Angler and Co-Angler during the 2023 District 12 National Semi-Final Tournament on West Virginia's Monongahela River. Over the years this father and son team has proven to be skillful anglers winning multiple tournaments including the 2023 Virginia Team Trail State Championship.





**FALL 2025** 

#### **Angler of the Year 2025 Final Standings**

AOY TOP 30 (Best 4 out of the 5 Team Trail Tournaments)

	Angler of the Year	NORTH	WEST	SOUTH	EAST	CHAMPIONSHIP	TOTAL
Rank	Name	26-Oct	1-Mar	5-Apr	3-May	31 May-1 Jun	POINTS
1	Rick Mills	194	XX	195	193	195	777
2	Chad Howell	188	XX	194	196	191	769
3	Robert Hissen	195	185	173	xx	198	751
4	Joe Imler	197		181	185	180	743
5	Sammy Henman	183	187	166	XX	193	729
6	Floyd Dalton	185		180	175	187	727
7	Frank Harris	198		185	157	170	710
8	Chris Craft	193		167	173	175	708
9	James Vick	200	50		172	183	605
10	Richard Barnhardt			200	198	196	594
11	Jamie Ratliff		193	197		200	590
12	Kaleb Boyles		50	169	161	185	565
13	Scott Coons	187		183	191		561
14	Dylan Whitmore			171	197	192	560
15	James Whitehead			174	178	197	549
16	Timothy Mitchem	182		176	177		535
17	James Boyles			184	167	177	528
18	Ronnie Brewer			193	154	181	528
19	Eddie Minor	190			162	174	526
20	Orlando Kelly			165	165	194	524
21	John S Cielakie	189		50		178	417
22	Jeff Meade	191			200		391
23	Paul Craighead			196	195		391
24	Lewis Williams				192	189	381
25	Mark Gouge		200			176	376
26	Tim Byers				189	179	368
27	Wayne Deavers			190	176		366
28	Tristan Matney		195	170			365
29	Phillip Gould			182	182		364
30	Donald Martin			178		184	362

**Note:** "xx" = Dropped Tournament

#### **Co-Angler of the Year 2025 Final Standings**

CO-AOY TOP 30 (Best 4 out of the 5 Team Trail Tournaments)

	<b>Co-Angler of the Year</b>	NORTH	WEST	SOUTH	EAST	CHAMPIONSHIP	TOTAL
Rank	Name	26-Oct	1-Mar	5-Apr	3-May	31 May-1 Jun	POINTS
1	Chris Mills	194	XX	195	193	195	777
2	Curtis Sullivan	197		181	185	180	743
3	Troy Neff	183	187	166	XX	193	729
4	Tarance Fuller	185		180	175	187	727
5	Stan Cobb	198		185	157	170	710
6	Scott Taylor	193		167	173	175	708
7	Danny Sage			200	198	196	594
8	Blaine Miller		193	197		200	590
9	Joseph Clarke		186	194		191	571
10	Dakoda Boyles		50	169	161	185	565
11	Mark Elliott	187		183	191		561
12	Scott Whitmore			171	197	192	560
13	Steve Finch			174	178	197	549
14	Alex Buckhorn	182		176	177		535
15	Steven McFadden			184	167	177	528
16	Joe Bandish	190			162	174	526
17	Tony Campbell	188			154	181	523
18	Corey King			165	165	186	516
19	Rick Lemocks	200	50			183	433
20	John H Cielakie	189		50		178	417
21	Jacob Hissen	195				198	393
22	Brian Burnett			196	195		391
23	Jeff O'Quinn		196	189			385
24	Tracy Gravely				192	189	381
25	Jason Chambliss		200			176	376
26	William Seymour				200	173	373
27	Craig Ferguson				189	179	368
28	Waverly Randall			190	176		366
29	Jason Keene		195	170			365
30	Keith Moring			182	182		364

**Note:** "xx" = Dropped Tournament



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### 2026 National Semi-Final Tournament

#### 26-27 September 2026 on Lake Anna, Mineral, VA

Hosted by the 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

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 2026 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: Lake Anna, Mineral, Virginia. Ramp: Sturgeon Creek Marina

#### Virginia Team Trail Tournament 2026 National Semi-Final Qualifiers:

East Regional – Chickahominy River: <u>Anglers</u>-

Co-Anglers-

West Regional – Smith Moutain Lake: <u>Anglers</u>-

Co-Anglers-

South Regional –Lake Gaston: <u>Anglers</u>-

Co-Anglers-

North Regional – Lake Anna: <u>Anglers</u>-

Co-Anglers-

Team Trail State Championship –

Chickahominy River: <u>Anglers</u>-

Co-Anglers-





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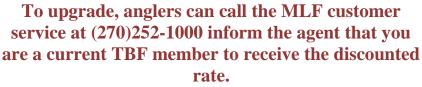
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### Angler Contingency Programs

The following Contingency and Incentive Programs are available to Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Members to participate in. Anglers <u>MUST</u> 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.







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## Angler Contingency Programs







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

RANGER: <a href="https://www.rangerboats.com/ranger-cup.html">https://www.rangerboats.com/ranger-cup.html</a>

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

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Visit the <u>NITRO Rewards Website</u>, the <u>Ranger Cup Website</u> or <u>Triton Gold Website</u> 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.

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- 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



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

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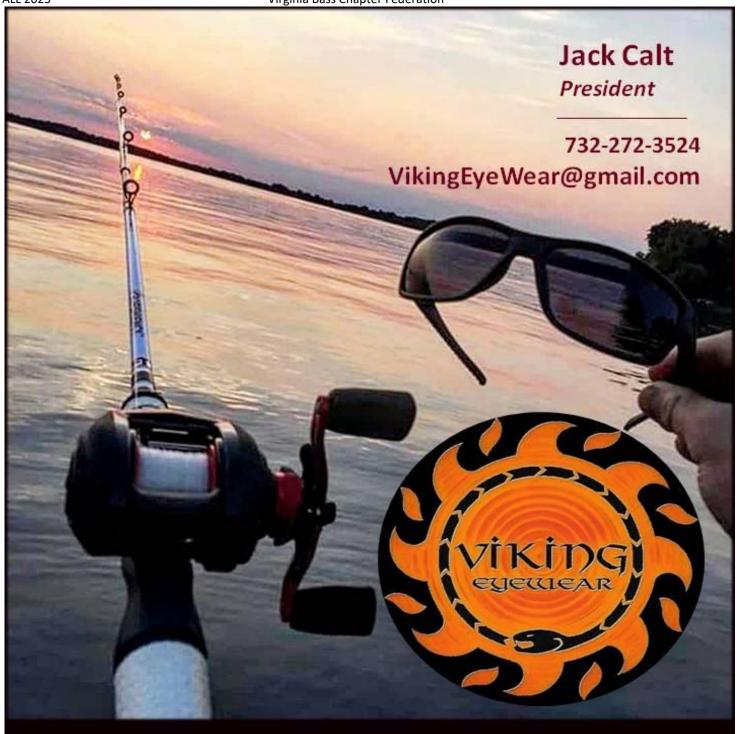
**REGISTER:** Anglers must be entered into the Impulse Lithium Tournament Rewards Program prior to the event start.

**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.

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## Vice President Steve Hajdasz

A note from the VP:

With the 2025 tournament season coming to a close, I can honestly say that this season was a successful and productive year. The 2025 tournament season saw the start of the new Angler of the Year and the Co-Angler of the year recognition program. This program was initiated to recognize our most consistent top performers each season. As the Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year they are rewarded with the advancement directly to the TBF National Championship tournament. Congratulations to Rick Mills, the Angler of the Year, and Chris Mills, the Co-angler of the Year, who will be competing in the TBF National Championship next spring.

Our new State raffle format was a tremendous success as we sold out all of the tickets 5 months before the anticipated date. The money raised through this effort allows us to provide for a myriad of items to include more and better prizes at the State tournaments, paying for new and better clothing items, allow us to advance our AOY and Co-AOY entries to the National Championship along with other equipment upgrades and program enhancements. Thanks go out to all who helped in the sale of these tickets as we could not have had such a success without the help of the Region Directors, the membership and volunteer staff.

On the note of the staff we have who are all volunteers (even though some are elected to their positions). This starts with our President, Region Directors and of course and the tournament staff that give so freely of their time, knowledge and abilities. I want to send a personal note of thanks to our Region Directors, Kenny Brown – Region 1, Chuck Hart -Region 4, James Vick – Region 6, John Flicek – Region 8 (who is also our Tightlines Editor and Conservation Director) and Tim Keen – Region 10. Extra special thanks needs to go out to our Treasurer Stephanie Brewer, Secretary and Web site manager Tammy Caldwell, Assistant Tournament Director Becky Conley, Youth Director Tim Mick, and of course our Tournament Director Alton Vaughan. Without these dedicated individuals who work tirelessly, we would find it difficult if not impossible to conduct our many events and tournaments each season. And of course thank you for the support from our membership.

Steve Hajdasz Vice President

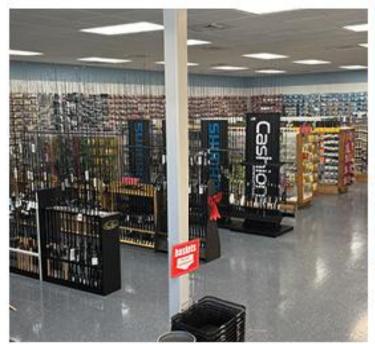






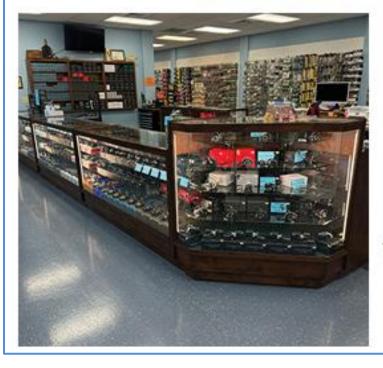


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# Conservation Director John Flicek

We continue to work closely with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources on issues concerning Invasive Species and Clean Drain Dry policy compliance. Another issue that keeps surfacing is compliance with the requirements for Tournament Permits when holding events at VA DWR ramps as well as those managed by the Corps of Engineers, State Parks, Municipalities, etc. As an organization we need to ensure we are taking the proper measures to secure required permits for the various tournaments locations across the state. At this time of year most of our Regions and Clubs are preparing their 2026 tournament schedules. This tournament scheduling process should include the acquisition of any needed permits. Awareness and finding the right point of contact to obtain the needed permit can be a challenge as many of the permit requirements are not as openly advertised as they could be. I've been working through the various permit processes for many years in support of local Club and Region tournament schedules. In the following pages I have prepared a guide to assist in understanding the requirements and some of the processes to be taken when acquiring a tournament permit. The information we've included in the "Permit Guide" are primarily governing waters in the eastern and central parts of the State. We will work to expand the information provided over the next few editions of Tightlines. I'm sure there are likely additional requirements for the various bodies of water where our Clubs and Regions conduct tournaments. We welcome angler inputs to expand the informational guide.

We promote the responsible harvest and consumption of spotted bass. I know that is a new position for a bass fishing community to take as we all have been advocates of the *Catch and Release* of any bass. However, the **Alabama Bass** has been designated as an **Invasive Species** here in Virginia and the VA DWR has removed creel limits for spotted bass in an effort to curb the spread of Alabama Bass. Responsible harvest represents a change in our way of thinking and along with that comes some educating on species identification. I recommend each of you pay particular attention to the "Know the Difference" graphic in this issue following the DWR Chief of Fisheries article. Make sure you know how to properly identify any spotted bass for intended harvest.

"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 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.

### 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, Diascunds 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 any other species should contact DWR law enforcement at 800-237-5712 or <a href="wildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov">WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov</a>.

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

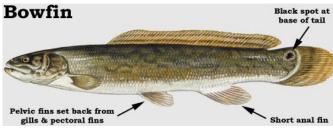
- 1. Take a picture of the fish.
- 2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
  - 3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
- 4. Email picture to: <u>fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov</u> for verification with name 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)** Take a picture of the fish, 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 <u>must be dead if in possession</u> (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.

Feel free to contact me if you any questions or concerns

John Flicek Conservation Director

Email: rgn8treas@verizon.net

Cell: 757-635-6296



# Fishing Tournament Permit Guide

Virginia DWR, North Carolina WRC, The Army Corp of Engineers and many local jurisdictions require a permit to hold a Fishing Tournament at one of their boat ramps or Parks. The permit process varies significantly by agency which can be somewhat confusing and frustrating to navigate. The next few pages can be used as your resource for obtaining your required permit when scheduling a fishing tournament at one of their facilities. Club Presidents, Region Directors and Tournament Directors need to research your local jurisdictions to insure the required permits are obtained for each event.

**VIRGINIA:** The **Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR)** requires a **Special Use Permit** for fishing tournaments/rodeos/derby's/etc. utilizing any VA DWR owned boat ramp or facilities. Special Use Authorization Application is available online at: <a href="https://dwr.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-005.pdf">https://dwr.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-005.pdf</a>. Applications need to be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to the date requested but no more than 60 days prior to the requested date. Completed applications are to be submitted to:

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Permits Unit P. O. Box 3337 Henrico, VA 23228-3337

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Phone: 804-367-6913 / Email: shirl.dressler-setzer@dwr.virginia.gov

The Go Outdoors Virginia mobile application is an excellent resource for identifying and the locations of DWR ramps and boating access areas. You can download the application at: <a href="https://dwr.virginia.gov/app/">https://dwr.virginia.gov/app/</a>

HENRICO COUNTY: Many clubs and regions use Osborne Landing on the James River for their tournaments. In addition to the VA DWR permit requirement for utilizing the DWR owned ramp Henrico County Division of Recreation and Parks also requires a Park Event Permit for Osborne Landing Park. The application process is accomplished by completing submitting the online request available at: <a href="https://henrico.gov/services/apply-for-a-park-event-permit/">https://henrico.gov/services/apply-for-a-park-event-permit/</a>. As part of the application process you are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance showing coverage for at least \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. TBF Clubs/Regions can request a Certificate of insurance for their tournament online from TBF at: <a href="https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/">https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/</a>. TBF requests that you allow 14 business days for processing. The Certificate of Insurance will be emailed to the individual making the request. <a href="https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/">https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/</a>. TBF requests that you allow 14 business days for processing. The Certificate of Insurance will be emailed to the individual making the request. <a href="https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/">https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/</a>. TBF requests that you allow 14 business days for processing. The Certificate of Insurance will be emailed to the individual making the request. <a href="https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/">https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/</a>. TBF requests that you allow 14 business days for processing. The Certificate of Insurance will be emailed to the individual making the request. <a href="https://www.bassfederation.com/">https://www.bassfederation.com/</a> insurance you have obtaine

Once you have submitted your Henrico County request and obtained your Certificate of Insurance from TBF you need to forward the certificate to the Henrico County parks Special Events Division. The Henrico County Parks point of Contact is:

Special Events Division
Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks
6800 Staples Mill Rd
Henrico, VA 23228

Jeannie Murray

Phone: 804-501-5127 / Email: mur12@henrico.gov

Tournament Permit Resources continued:

**North Carolina:** North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has an online application portal to apply for a permit to utilize one of their ramp facilities for your tournament. The online application is available at: https://www.ncwildlife.gov/boating/boating-access-area-event-permits.

**Kerr Lake:** Permits are required for ALL tournaments regardless of size. The Army Corps of Engineers permit request forms can be obtained at: <a href="https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/John-H-Kerr-1/Special-Events/">https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/John-H-Kerr-1/Special-Events/</a>

Requests are accepted on the 7<sup>th</sup> business day of November each year for the following calendar year. Completed requests and appropriate fees are to be mailed to:

Special Events Coordinator John H Kerr Reservoir 1930 Mays Chapel Road Boydton, VA 23917-9725

Ranger Richard Brown
Phone: 434-738-6143 ext 6151

**Lake Gaston:** Lake Gaston tournament permits are required when using any North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission owned ramp or Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) owned ramp. Permits can be obtained through the processes for the appropriate **Virginia** or **North Carolina** agency.

**Leesylvania State Park:** Leesylvania State Park is a popular location for Potomac River Tournaments. There is a Special Use permit process for fishing tournaments. Special use permits require a \$25 processing fee and take at least 30 days to process. It may prove impossible to process requests made fewer than 30 days in advance in time. Special use permits can be obtained by calling the park office directly at 703-730-8205, emailing: Leesylvania@dcr.virginia.gov or by visiting the park office in person.

**Pamunkey River Williams Landing:** To book the ramp for your Pamunkey River tournaments at Williams Landing contact Ryland at (804)497-1646. The address for Williams Landing is: 6632 Putneys Mill Rd., New Kent, VA 23124



Tournament Permit Resources continued:



## James City County Tournament Facilities - Permits

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 <a href="https://jamescitycountyva-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home">https://jamescitycountyva-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home</a>
- 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.



#### Greetings TBF Members,

We've all heard the phrase "Grow the Sport" when it comes to tournament fishing. Organizations like TBF do a fantastic job introducing anglers to tournament fishing and in providing opportunities for younger folks to get on the water. We do similar things as an Agency, and I wanted to call your attention to the efforts we have in place to get new anglers on board. We call it R3 – Recruit, Reactivate, and Retain.

To recruit new anglers, we host a variety of fishing workshops with a particular focus on Free Fishing Weekend – the first Friday/Saturday/Sunday in June. At these workshops, we provide loaner tackle and instructions for people who have never been fishing. Although most of us were taken fishing by a family member when we were young, I've met many people who never had anyone to take them fishing. It's incredibly rewarding to take someone fishing for the first time or to provide them with the training they need to take their kids or grandkids out with them for some time outside. To support this, our management program works very hard to provide fishing opportunities for anglers who are learning to fish – it's a big reason why we stock more than 100K channel catfish yearly – they are easier to catch than bass and rather tasty.

Reactivation and retention are closely related. Reactivation is getting anglers back into fishing who haven't been in a while and retention is keeping anglers fishing. We work to get people back into fishing by highlighting the opportunities that are available. Virginia has some great fishing, and we try to promote what is available and what we do to provide those opportunities. We try to get people excited to get back out there and keep them engaged with quality fishing. As bass anglers, we don't really need to be reactivated or retained, but many less serious anglers need a little bit of a reminder that fishing is a great way to relax and enjoy the great outdoors.

Why does this all matter? Quite simply, two reasons. One, for us it's a business case. We are funded by license sales and Sport Fish Restoration dollars from fishing tackle excise tax. The more licenses we sell, the more revenue comes in. Declining participation impacts our funding and our ability to manage fisheries. Second, influence, and that's why these things are important for TBF. Sportsmen need to be conscious of decisions that impact them and their interests. More anglers mean strength in numbers and more opportunities to mobilize and make statements about what impacts their interests. It also helps to bolster the case about the importance of anglers to the economy, as sport fishing supports tremendous economic impact in the US – more than \$250 billion – while supporting more than 1 million jobs. To get a better understanding of the importance of fishing and angler advocacy, I encourage you to check out the American Sportfishing Association's website at asafishing.org.

Good Fishing,



Mike Bednarski Chief of Fisheries – Virginia DWR Mike.bednarski@dwr.virginia.gov 804 432-7244



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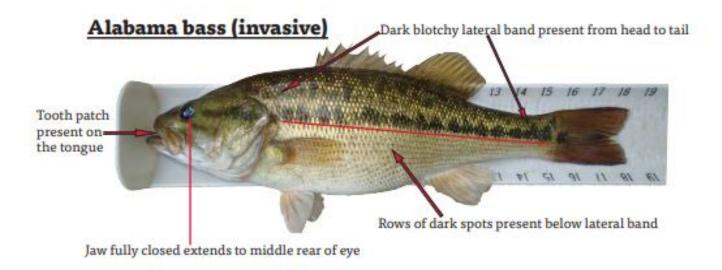
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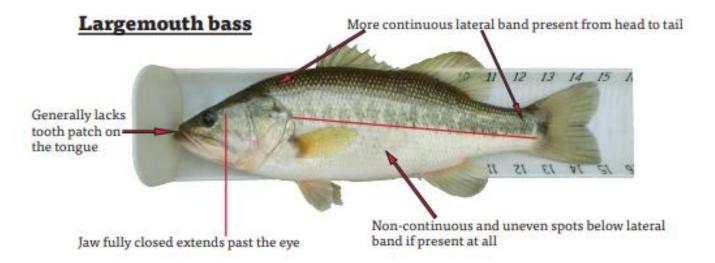






## DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?





- 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 smallmouth 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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# Youth Program Director Tim Mick

I want to thank all of our state sponsors, region directors, members, staff and all SAF and Jr state members for all their support!

First, I would like to congratulate the Virginia JR State Champions, Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson with a 6<sup>th</sup> Place finish in the nation at the Junior Nation Championship at Lake Oahe, Pierre, South Dakota. These two young men represented Virginia above and beyond and walked away with a \$250 scholarship each. SUPER JOB!

Also, at the SAF High School World Semi Finals Joshua Smith and Landon Ray of the Honaker High School Tigers finished 28<sup>th</sup> out of 74 teams, at Grand Lake, Grove, Oklahoma. Great Effort Guys! Virginia is very proud of these men.

Now for some NEW news, I am the coach for a Student Angler Federation (SAF) team, the "THE Student Anglers of Virginia", for any SAF level angler or team that doesn't presently have a high school SAF affiliated team. For more information contact me to get your team signed up. We are looking forward to getting this new team up and running. Keep your eyes on the Virginia Youth Facebook page for new opportunities to fish 2026 tournaments.

Also, our TBF Junior Angler club, Castaway Lip Rippers, is still open for new Junior Anglers in an effort to put future Junior Angler teams on the water. Memberships are always open. Anglers can contact me to get started. FYI, the 2025 State Champions, Kole and Andrew, were members of this club.

The 2026 SAF and TBF Junior Angler Virginia State Championships date has been set for March 14<sup>th</sup> at Smith Mountain Lake out of Parkway Marina. The host Hotel is the Lake Inn, 45 Enterprise Lane, Hardy, Virginia, and phone is 1-540-721-3383.

TBF Junior Angler and the Student Angler Federation (SAF) memberships are always open. 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: <a href="www.vabass.com">www.vabass.com</a> 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.

Be careful out there and fish much.

Tim Mick State Youth Director

Email: tmickbass@verizon.net

Cell: 804 943-5151



# Upcoming Events



Reel Kids Casting Skills events and State Championship will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo 16-18 January 2026. Reel Kids Casting Skills events will be held during the annual Spring Fishing Classic at the Bass Pro Shops, Hampton, VA in March 2026.



Check out our Youth Fishing Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth">https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth</a> 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 complied 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: <a href="mailto:tmickbass@verizon.net">tmickbass@verizon.net</a> or Scott Whitmore, Email: <a href="mailto:stratos.22225@gmail.com">stratos.22225@gmail.com</a>



## **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: <a href="https://highschoolfishing.org/">https://highschoolfishing.org/</a>.



## **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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/">https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/</a>

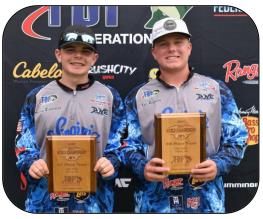
Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
February 1, 2025	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
February 22, 2025	South Holston Lake	421 Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
March 1, 2025	South Holston Lake	Washington County	TBD	West Regional
March 22, 2025	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill	7AM – 3PM	Region 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	Junior & High School State Championships
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	Whippernock Marina	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:

# Virginia Youth Anglers Compete in the TBF Jr. Angler World Champioship



The **Junior Angler Division 2025 State Champions** Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson competed in the TBF Junior Angler World Championship Tournament on Lake Oahe inPierre, South Dakota on July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>.





Sixty-nine Junior Angler teams from throughout the United States and Canada competed on the first two days of the tournaments with the Top Teams advancing to the final days Championship Round. Virginia Anglers Kole and Andrew finished the first two days of competition with a limit of bass each day for a total weight of 17 pounds 1 ounce. Which was enough to qualify for the "Lucky Dog" drawing from which they were selected to adavnce to the final round. With their weights zeroed for Championship Day fifteen teams blasted off to compete for their share of \$15,000 in scholarships. Virginia Anglers Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson weighed in a three bass limit of smallmouth weighing 10 pounds 3 ounces wich was enough to secure Sixth Place finish and each received a \$250 scholarship.

Congratulations to our Virginia State Junior Angler Champions Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson along with their Boat Captain Tim Keen on their Sixth Place finish in the 2025 Junior World Champiionship.







# 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 2025 Spring Fishing Classic Rod & Reel Exchange Promotion the Hampton Bass Pro Shop has donated 201 rods and 347 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. We are presently working on several recent requests for rods and reels in support of both youth and veteran events this summer. 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.





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## **Region 1 Tournament Results**

## Chickahominy River - September 13, 2025



### **Chickahominy River Results (Top 15)**

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Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight		
1	Cole Wykoff	Garth Bucks	17.60		
2	Scott Favors	Joe Bandish	15.60		
3	Charlie Munday	Brian Swall	15.05		
4	Jon Perham	Mitch Portervint	13.30		
5	Steve Starkey	Mike Nelms	12.90		
6	Larry Kempler	Kenny Brown	12.16		
7	Joey Ratliff	Andy Hash	12.01		
8	Tim Covington	Scott Williams	11.31		
9	Tom Hayes	Craig Loudan	11.02		
10	Shawn Groves	Willie Philyaw	10.82		
11	Jeff Nalls	Drew Nalls	10.53		
12	Todd Langford	Thomas Harden	10.46		
13	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	10.07		
14	Mike Ramey	Phillip Hunt	9.05		
15	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	8.79		

### **Chickahominy River Big Fish:**

Cole Wykoff 6.96 lbs.



## Region 1 - 2025 Season Schedule

March 29<sup>th</sup> Lake Anna

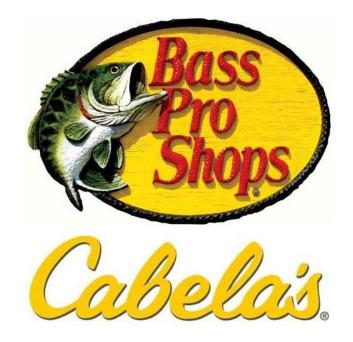
April 12<sup>th</sup> Potomac River May 10<sup>th</sup> Potomac River

June 14<sup>th</sup> Chickahominy River September13<sup>th</sup> Chickahominy River

October 11-12 Potomac River

Region 1 Anglers are pleased to have had the pleasure of fishing with the Youth Team of **Jason Williams Jr** and **Lucas Welch**. These two anglers fished every event this season and often posted weights that bettered many of our adult teams.







Up to date info for Region 1 can always be found on our Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/va.bass.region.1">https://www.facebook.com/va.bass.region.1</a>

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1020	Phillip Hun	IL .	BSB	248	249	246	250	237	1	25	1230
2	Rick Mills		H00	245	239	244	248	236		24	1212
2	Chris Mills		HOO	245	239	244	248	236	-	24	1212
3	Scott Favo		BAT	233	245	247	236	249		23	1210
3	Cole Wyko		HOO	247	243	233	237	250		23	1210
3	Garth Buck	KS	НОО	247	243	233	237	250	-	23	1210
4	Joe Imler		MTV	232	247	249	246	235		24	1209
5	Charlie Mu		BSB	230	238	238	238	248		21	1192
	Brian Swa		BSB	230	238	238	238	248		21	1192
6	Harry Lam	bert	HOO	246	235	233	234	234	-	20	1182
6	William Wy	ykoff	HOO	246	235	233	234	234		20	1182
7	Barry Gun	n	BAT	236	237	240	229	232		24	1174
7	Chris Knut	ti	BAT	236	237	240	229	232		24	1174
8	Doug Fish	er	NOVA	242	233	236	232	231		15	1174
8	Kevin Stipp	pey	NOVA	242	233	236	232	231		15	1174
9	Shawn Gro	oves	BAT	238	116	243	239	241		20	1077
9	Willie Phily	/aw	BAT	238	116	243	239	241		20	1077
10	Craig Loud	dan	NVBA	231	116	237	235	242		17	1061
11	Joey Ratlif	f	BSB	243	246	0	249	244		20	982
11	Andy Hash		BSB	243	246	0	249	244		20	982
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15	Sammy Pa	ayton	NVBA	234	244	248	243	0	-	19	969
16	Jeff Nalls		BSB	0	242	235	247	240		14	964
16	Drew Nalls	3	BSB	0	242	235	247	240		14	964
17	Marty Schi	ray	HOO	250	0	242	228	233		20	953
17	Mike Long	erbeam	НОО	250	0	242	228	233		20	953
18	Chris Craft	t	BSB	115	116	239	240	238		15	948
19	Tom Hayes	S	NVBA	231	0	237	235	242		17	945
	Kris Johns		MTV	239	240	116	244	0		14	839
	Dave Porte		MTV	239	240	116	244	0		14	839
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	Eddie Mind		BAT	233	232	116	227	0	-	7	808
	Steve Star		BSB	0	0	250	245	246		15	741
25	Mike Nelm	S	BSB	0	0	250	245	246		15	741
26	Andy Fishe	er	NVBA	234	244	0	243	0		14	721
27	Scott Taylo	or	BSB	115	116	0	240	238		10	709
28	Bert Seym	our	MTV	240	0	234	231	0		13	705
29	Bill Haire		BSB	115	116	116	230	116		5	693
	Tommy Ja	cobs	BSB	115	116	116	230	116		5	693
30			NOVA	244	245	116	0	0		10	605
31			NOVA	244	0	116	231	0		10	59
32			NOVA	0	248	245	0	0		10	493
	Jodi Robin		NOVA	0	248	245	0	0		10	493
	Curtis Sulli		MTV	0	0	0	246	235		10	481
34	T.J. Shivel	У	MTV	232	247	0	0	0		9	479

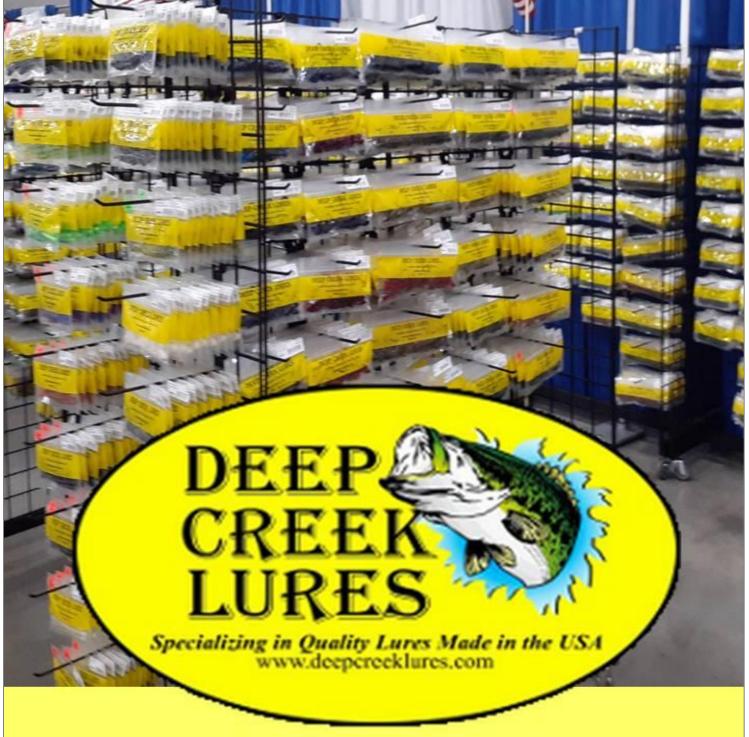


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Director - Chuck Hart

## 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 Tournament Results**

### Smith Mountain Lake Open Tournament-July 12, 2025

On July 12, Region 4 had its second of three night tournaments. This one was at Smith Mt. Lake. We had a very good turnout and there was some nice fish brought in. Twenty-two of the forty one teams weighed in fish. The results are below:

ce	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Dalton Bethel	Jared Witt \$1000	5	22.41	6.4
2	Star City	Matt Harman	Ronnie Mitchell \$850	5	19.5	
3	Open	Kyle Smith	Bert Smith \$635+\$390	5	19.48	6.86
4	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank \$380	5	17.72	
5	Open	Kevin Lindsey	Dwayne Lindsey \$255	5	17.16	6.28
6	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	16.48	
7	Open	Tony Walker	Hylton Scott	5	15.9	
8	Open	Patrick Leanard	Scott Bolling	5	14.84	
9	Open	Joshua Layne	Jerod Layne	5	14.08	3.58
9	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Colin Bennett	5	14.08	
10	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Bobby Yates	5	14.07	
11	Triangle	Marco Warner	Skyler Caspen	5	13.96	
12	Open	lan Mann	Parker King	5	13.64	
13	Star City	lan Branson	Taylor St Clair	5	13.28	
14	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	5	13	
15	Open	Paul Bird	Billy Giles	5	12.96	
16	Open	Kenny Combs	Robbie Elmor	5	12.8	3.98
17	Claytor Mafia	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	12.72	6.66
18	Open	Neil Moser	Randy Rose	5	12.27	
19	Open	Shawn Christian	Travis Christan	5	12.16	
20	Open	Jeff Martin	Jammie Whitt	5	10.12	
21	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	4	7.38	
22	Star City	Jeff Rollins	Martin Montgomery	2	6.46	

Keep up with all Region 4 news on our Facebook page: "Region 4 Virginia Bass TBF" https://www.facebook.com/RegionFourVirginiaBassTBF/

## **Claytor Lake**

## **Claytor Lake Open Tournament**



On August 2, we had our third night tournament. It was at Claytor Lake. Fishing was tough. Results are below:







Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Claytor Mafia	William Croteau	Travis Cox \$720+\$120	5	14.04	5.2
2	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett \$240	5	10.42	
3	Claytor Mafia	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	10.4	
4	BlackWater	Jason Martin	Todd Whittaker	5	9.28	
5	Open	Cody Johnson	Seth Dillion	5	8.2	2.4
6	Open	Ray Orey	Ethan Orey	5	8.14	3.46
7	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	4	6.2	
8	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	4	5.96	
9	Star City	Jeff Rollins	Martin Montgomery	1	2.54	
10	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	0	0	
11	Triangle	Danny Reed	Aj Phenix	0	0	
12	Starcity/southwestern	David Martin	Kevin Simmions	0	0	
13	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	0	0	
14	Triangle	Charles Lee	Jeff Creed	0	0	
15	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	0	0	
16	Open	Brandon Harris	Landon Lawson	0	0	



# Smith Mountain Lake

On August 23, we got back to fishing in the daytime at Smith Mt. Lake. Fishing was tough and the boat traffic was terrible. Results were:

ace	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Chad Green	Johnny Martin \$1000+\$160	5	19.48	7.9
2	Open	Cutler Wooten	Payton McAndrew \$260	5	15.68	
3	Open	Stephen Costa	Zach France	5	15.32	
4	Open	Charlie Davis		5	14.46	
5	Open	Craig Blankenship	Susan Blankenship	5	14.38	
6	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	13.28	
7	Triangle	Danny Reed		5	12.56	3.5
8	Claytor Mafia	Nathan Lawrence	Brandon Huff	5	12.5	3.02
9	Open	Mark Cox	Rylan Weimer	5	12.24	
10	Open	Joey Dawson	Kevin Dawson	5	11.58	
11	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	5	11.36	
12	Open	Courtney Hall	Jason Neice	3	10.02	6.18
13	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	4	8.86	
14	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	3	5.56	
15	Triangle	Paul Craighead		0	0	
16	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	0	0	
17	Open	Zack LeMaster	Parker Brogan	0	0	
18		Maurice Oakes	Justin Medeiros	0	0	
19	Open	Scott Arney	Amy Arney	0	0	
20	Open	Ray Orey	David Rose	0	0	











## Smith Mountain Lake

23 August 2025









#### 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.

## 2025 Region 4 TBF VA Bass Open Team Tournament Trail

\$100 entry per boat Includes Big Fish Pot

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10 OPENS 5 FISH LIMIT 90% Pay back

No Membership Need to Participate

Feb. 1st 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. 29th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 14th, Lm/Spots 12th)

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

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

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

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

July 12th 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)

Aug. 23rd Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, safe light-3pm (all Fish 14th)

Oct. 18th 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)

Region 4 TBF Teams fishing all 10 Opens will have free entry into the Fish-Off

Region 4 TBF Teams fishing 8 Opens 50% off into the Fish-Off

Please Join a Region 4 TBF Club Today (contact 540-529-6550)





Director - James Vick Sr.

# 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 just finished our tournaments for the year. It's been a real good year everyone caught fish and went home safe. Our last event was at Riverfront Park on the Chickahominy River on September 13<sup>th</sup>. It was great day and even though the fishing was a little slow but most had their limit at the end of the day. I would like to thank Region 1 for sharing the day with us and working together at the weight in.

The season has been a busy one as seems like there are events every weekend. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this another successful year for Region 6. We are busy working on our schedule for the next season and are looking forward to the first State Team Trail tournament of the 2026 season on the Chickahominy River on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

James Vick Sr. Region 6 Director

#### **Region 6 Tournament Results**

#### Pamunkey River – August 10, 2025 (Top 15)

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Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Austin Burton	Lane Peade	12.53
2	Wade Rook	Caleb Rook	12.49
3	Donald Martin	Clyde Cheek	11.60
4	Rick Lemocks	Jason Upton	11.45
5	Bob Graves	Terry Ciavarella	11.43
6	Tim Byers	Craig Ferguson	11.13
7	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	9.97
8	Donnie Bowman	Dylan Bowman	7.57
9	Josh Griffin	Dustin Taylor	7.43
10	James Vick	Bryan Reedy	7.37
11	Thomas Barnes		6.89
12	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	6.42
13	Ken Huband		6.28
14	Wayne Deavers	Waverly Randall	6.09
15	Orlando Kelly	Cory King	5.87



Pamunkey River Big Bass Clyde Cheek 5.62 lbs

Pamunkey River

## Chickahominy River – September 13, 2025

#### **Chickahominy River Results**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Donald Martin	Clyde Cheek	15.73
2	Frank Glazier	Drew Berry	15.14
3	Danny Gutshall	Ayden Gutshall	13.29
4	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	12.46
5	Bob Graves	Terry Ciavarella	11.85
6	Wade Rook	Caleb Rook	11.30
7	Tim Byers	Craig Ferguson	10.89
8	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	10.17
9	James Vick Sr.	Bryan Reedy	9.96
10	Orlando Kelly	Corey King	8.85
11	Alton Vaughan	Donald Lee	7.90
12	Rick Lemocks	Jason Upton	7.86
13	Austin Burton	Lane Peade	6.15
14	Wayne Deavers	Waverly Randall	1.83
15	Dwayne Berry	Jacob McCabe	DNW
16	Maurice Curley	Michael Stewart	DNW













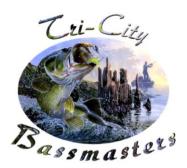


Chickahominy River Big Fish: Frank Glazier 6.24 lbs.

### 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

#### **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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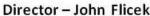
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# **Region 8**

Includes the counties of King William, Hanover, Goochland, New Kent, Henrico, Charles City, James City, York, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Lancaster, Middlesex, King and Queen, Mathews, and Gloucester, Accomack, Northampton, Isle Of Wight, and Southampton also all the cities within them including Richmond City, Poquoson, Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk. All of Chesterfield County except the areas of Colonial Heights, Ettrick, Matoaca and Enon.

Nine Region 8 teams competed in the 2025 TBF National Semi Final on the Ohio River in Moundsville, West Virginia the last week of September. Fishing proved tough on the Ohio River this year as most anglers struggled to catch keeper size fish throughout practice and the tournament. We did, however, have two Region 8 Co- Anglers finish in the money. Mark Elliot finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Co-Angler Division and Tracy Gravely finished in 4<sup>th</sup> Place. And the best part of the tournament for our Region 8 Team was that Brad Huddleston finished as the Top Virginia Boater in the Angler Division and Mark Elliott with his 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish as the Top Virginia Co-Angler. As the Top Virginia Anglers in the District 12 TBF National Semi-Final both Brad and Mark are advancing to the 2026 TBF National Championship Tournament in the spring.

Congratulations everyone on a great effort!

The 2025 Region 8 Tournament season total weights are very close again this year for our top 10 teams. With just one regular season tournaments left the Region Championship is still up for grabs. With two drop tournaments each season the competition for the top spot is always a challenge. October 18<sup>th</sup> on the Pamunkey River will be the last opportunity to add needed weight towards the Region Championship.

I'd like to thank everyone that helped at our annual Region 8 Open Tournament on the Chickahominy River. We had 78 boats this year on what turned out to be a windy day which limited many anglers' choices as to where they would fish. Congratulations to Region 8's Scott Coons and Mark Elliott who had an impressive 5 fish limit that weighed 20.92 pounds.

Our Open Tournament on the Chickahominy River was the first Region 8 qualifier for the 2026 National Semi Final (NSF) which is scheduled to be held on Lake Anna, September 25-27, 2026. Since the 2026 NSF is hosted by Virginia I suspect everyone will do their most to qualify.

**NEW FOR THE 2025 SEASON:** We have implemented a Region 8 Champions prize fund that will be awarded to our  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  Place Season Champions. We also will be increasing the 2025 Member Appreciation "No-Entry-Fee" Tournament payout to \$1000.

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 Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler may advance to the TBF National Championship Tournament. The State Federation is also 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 Fishing Bait & Tackle, JLJ 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

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

The Region 8 Board of Directors recently completed announced the 2026 Region 8 schedule. We have made an effort to shift our tournament locations to better serve our memberships requests.

#### **2026 Region 8 Tournament Schedule**

28 March (Sat) Chickahominy (Rte 5)
18 April (Sat) Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
19 April (Sun) Lake Gaston (Holly Grove)

9 May (Sat) Chowan River (Shoups Landing)13 June (Sat) Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)

8 August (Sat) Chickahominy (Rte 5) OPEN Tournament

22 August (Sat) Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
12 Sept (Sat) Lake Anna (Sturgeon Creek Marina)

10 October (Sat) Nottoway River (Gen. Vaughan Bridge Ramp)

1 November (Sun) Member Appreciation No Entry Fee Tournament – Chickahominy

The 2026 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 6 out of 8" tournaments.

# Annual CHICKAHOMINY RIVER OPEN TOURNAMENT - 8 August 2026





The 2026 REGION 8 Chickahominy River Open Tournament at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park is scheduled for August 8, 2026. The entry fee for this 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, 8 August. 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 are available on the Region 8 Web Site: <a href="www.vabassregion8.com">www.vabassregion8.com</a>. Just select the "OPEN TOURNAMENT" tab to access the registration form.







TOTAL BOAT CONTROL





### **Region 8 Tournament Results**





#### **Chickahominy River Open, August 2, 2025**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Region 8 held its Annual Open Tournament on the Chickahominy River. Seventy-eight boats competed in this year's tournament which resulted in a payout of approximately \$5400.00 to the top 15 teams plus \$100 to the Top Finishing Youth Angler.

The hot weather we had experienced over the preceding weeks finally cooled down to a nice 72 degrees as anglers launched around 6:00AM. With the cooler temperature the winds increased to 15 -20 mph limiting where a lot of the teams chose to fish. Many indicated that fishing was tough however, several teams managed to bring some very nice limits of bass to the scales. The first flight of anglers began returning to Riverfront Park for weigh-in at 3:00PM. The Team of Scott Coons and Mark Elliott topped the field with their limit of five bass weighing in at 20.92 pounds. Scott and Mark also had the Big Bass for the tournament, a 6.88 pound largemouth. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Place were Jamie Nealy and Greg Ball with an 18.11-pound limit. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place team was Alfred and Morgan Mistr who weighed in 16.99 pounds. Cody Wilson and Jeff Shelton finished in the 4<sup>th</sup> spot with 15.82 pounds. In 5<sup>th</sup> Place was the father and son team of Mike and Dawson Guzik with 15.04 pounds. Tyler Caldwell and Ben Fisher finished in 6<sup>th</sup> Place with a limit of bass that weighed 14.02 pounds. In 7th Place Was Allen and Jared Williams with 13.90 pounds. Joey Cooke and Justin Hall took 8<sup>th</sup> Place with 13.73 ponds. In 9<sup>th</sup> Place was the team of Cody and Brandon Casey with 13.47 pounds. The 10<sup>th</sup> Place Team was Dave Christian and John Guzik with 13.37 pounds. Fifty-one of the seventy-eight teams brought 237 fish to the scales for a total tournament weight of 537.40 pounds.

**Chickahominy River Results (Top 50)** 

Chickanominy River Results (10p 50)			
Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	20.92
2	Jamie Nealy	Greg Ball	18.11
3	Alfred Mistr	Morgan Mistr	16.99
4	Cody Wilson	Jeff Shelton	15.82
5	Mike Guzik	Dawson Guzik	15.04
6	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	14.02
7	Jared Williams	Allen Williams	13.90
8	Joey Cooke	Justin Hall	13.73
9	Cody Casey	Brandon Casey	13.47
10	Dave Christian	John Guzik	13.37
11	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	13.20
12	Brad Webb	Garrett Geouge	13.07
13	Gary Svatek	Marty Klema	13.02
14	Ryan Grattan	Daniel Grattan	12.90
15	Jeff Valentin	Carlton Wells	12.63
16	Tevinn Rollins	Lauren Beckner	12.59
17	Marvin Major	Ben Major	12.49
18	James Whitehead	Matt Hockaday	12.13
19	Duane Hodge	Brad Colgin	11.76
20	Dave McLean	Ken O'Boyle	11.21
21	Travis Absher		11.16
22	Colby Stubbs	Rodney Stubbs	10.97
23	Doug Griles	Chris Newsom	10.97
24	Bob Clarkson	Mark Ingram	10.81
25	Maurice Curley	Cory King	10.45
26	John Doyle		10.38
27	Marshal Johnson	Daniel Colgin	10.33
28	Rob Uzzle	Caleb Russell	9.74
29	Bartolommeo Palmieri	Vince Palmieri	9.74
30	Kevin Phillips	Ray Allen	9.73
31	Don Doverspike	Joe Cobbs	9.55
32	Zachary Warners	Matt McRae	9.26
33	Jr Ingram	Sarah Ingram	8.99
34	Adam Stubbs	Trey Taylor	8.29
35	Robert Racer	Robert Pugh	8.20



Scott Coons & Mark Elliott 1<sup>st</sup> Place 20.92 lbs.



Jamie Nealy & Greg Ball 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 18.11 lbs.



#### **Chickahominy River Results (Top 50)**

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Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
36	Lee Johnson		8.01
37	Timothy Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	8.01
38	Ed Clarke	Jared Clarke	7.93
39	Nicky Skinner	Michael Williams	7.79
40	Sam Pollack	Lokalia Pollack	7.79
41	Chris Donavant	Kristopher Johnson	7.56
42	Steve Finch	Alex Decker	7.46
43	Ton Haines	Diane Haines	7.38
44	Robert Everhart	Ashley Everhart	6.78
45	Tin Covington	Sam Cielakie	6.23
46	Greg Dick	Jim Dick	6.17
47	Mike Powell	Chuck Johnson	6.05
48	Rick Lemmocks	Jason Upton	5.49
49	Jason Bishop	Henry Bishop	5.43
50	Ron Poythress	Brandon Rapier	5.41



Alfred Mistr & Morgan Mistr 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 16.99 lbs.

# Chickahominy River



Cody Wilson & Jeff Shelton 4<sup>th</sup> Place 15.82 lbs.





Scott Coons
Big Bass Award
6.88 lbs.







# Chickahominy Riverfront Park August 2, 2025







The Top Finishing Youth in this year's Open Tournament was **Lokalia Pollack**. She was rewarded with the customary \$100 from Region 8.



#### Chowan River, August 23, 2025

Shoups Landing on the Chowan River was the site for our sixth tournament of the 2025 season. It turned out to be a nice day on the Chowan River. We had rising water all day and anglers indicated that plenty of smaller fish were caught but keeper size bass were tough to get to the boat. The Guzik brothers, Mike and John, from the Nottoway Bassmasters won the tournament with a nice limit of bass weighing in at 16.13 pounds. The 2nd Place team was Feel the Payne Fishing Angler Brad Webb and Keith Jones from the Peninsula Bass Anglers with 15.11 pounds. In third Place was Bucky & Paul Gyoker from the Feel the Payne Fishing club with a nice limit of bass weighing 13.92 pounds. Bucky & Paul also weighed the Big Bass of the tournament, a 5.88 pound largemouth. The 4th Place Angler with 13.04 pounds was JR Ingram from the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia. Sammy Henman and Troy Neff took the 5th spot with 12.65 pounds. They were followed by the RVA Bassmasters team of Floyd Dalton and Tarance Fuller with 12.62 pounds.

#### **Chowan River Results**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	16.13
2	Brad Webb	Keith Jones	15.11
3	Bucky Gyoker	Paul Gyoker	13.92
4	Jr Ingram		13.04
5	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	12.65
6	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	12.62
7	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	10.85
8	Jeff Hayden	Ronnie Ketchum	9.40
9	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	8.85
10	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	8.57
11	Nicky Skinner	Michael Williams	8.30
12	Timothy Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	8.10
13	Brad Huddleston	Dave Christian	6.64
14	Mike Russ	Mike Nicely	6.14
15	Kevin Philips	Ray Allen	5.07
16	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	5.05
17	Chad Howell		4.93
18	Ricky Gent		3.32
19	James Whitehead	Steve Finch	DNW
19	Ron Sullivan		DNW
19	Ed Clarke	Jared Clarke	DNW
19	Chris Scott		DNW



Mike & John Guzik 1<sup>st</sup> Place 16.13 lbs.



Brad Webb & Keith Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 15.11 lbs.





Bucky & Paul Gyoker

3rd Place – 13.92 lbs Big Bass – 5.88 lbs



JR Ingram 4th Place – 13.04







# Chowan River - 23 August













# Chowan River - Shoups Landing









#### Lake Chesdin, September 6, 2025

On September 6<sup>th</sup> Region 8 teams gathered at Whippernock Marina on Lake Chesdin for tournament number seven of the 2025 Region 8 season. Finding the larger bass this day was tough for most and the weather was cooperative until storms rolled in around 3PM. Fortunately, the 2:30 weigh in had our anglers off the water before the weather deteriorated. The winning team from the Nottoway Bass Masters was Brad Huddleston and Dave Christian with a 5 bass limit weighing 12.68 pounds. Chris Scott & Dillon Clark from the Feel the Payne Fishing club finished in the 2nd spot with their limit weighing in at 11.98 pounds. The father and son team of Dave & Jacob McLean from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters took 3rd Place with 11.27 pounds. In 4th Place was the team of Jason Brooks & Thomas Coluccio from the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia with 10.98 pounds. Finishing in the 5th spot was NASA-Langley Bassmasters angler James Whitehead & Feel the Payne Fishing's Steve Finch with 10.80 pounds. Steve also caught the tournaments Big Bass a 5.31 pound

largemouth.

#### **Lake Chesdin Results (Top 15)**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Brad Huddleston	Dave Christian	12.68
2	Chris Scott	Dillon Clark	11.98
3	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	11.27
4	Jason Brooks	Thomas Coluccio	10.98
5	James Whitehead	Steve Finch	10.80
6	Kaleb Boyles	Dakoda Boyles	10.43
7	Sam Cielakie	Tim Covington	10.02
8	Tracy Gravely	Terry Sullivan	9.67
9	James Breen		9.61
10	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	9.37
11	Nicky Skinner	Michael Williams	9.09
12	John Flicek	Rob Flicek	8.20
13	JR Ingram		7.72
14	Bob Everhart	Ashley Everhart	7.01
15	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	6.95















## Lake Chesdin

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### Region 8 Club Tournament Results

**5-Rivers Bassmasters** held three tournaments this past quarter: Pamunkey, Chickahominy & Chowan Rivers. 5-Rivers Bassmasters complete results and season standings are available in the club web page: <a href="https://vabassregion8.com/fiverivers.html">https://vabassregion8.com/fiverivers.html</a>.

#### Pamunkey River Results (19 July 25)

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Place	Angler	Big Fish	Weight
1	Nicky Skinner	2.33	9.92
2	Dave McLean		9.32
3	Mark Elliott	3.03	7.61
4	Glenn Stateman		7.28
5	Bill Clancy		6.49
6	Frank Reeves		6.26
7	Scott Coons		3.13
8	Ron Sullivan		0.91
9	Kevin Phillips		0
10	Kevin Brown		0
11	Mike Nicely		0
12	Ed Clarke		0
13	Jared Clarke		0

#### **Chowan River Results (13 Sep 25)**

Place	Angler	Big Fish	Weight
1	Dave McLean	5.49	15.51
2	Bill Clancy	4.29	11.76
3	Glenn Stateman	5.57	7.17
4	Nicky Skinner		5.49
5	Ray Allen		4.17
6	Scott Coons		3.74
7	Mike Russ		2.24
8	Ron Sullivan		2.13
9	Mike Nicely		1.38
10	Frank Reeves		1.17
11	Kevin Brown		0
12	Kevin Phillips		0
13	Josh Reeves		0
14	Mark Elliott	DQ	0



#### **Chickahominy River Results (16 Aug 25)**

Place	Angler	Big Fish	Weight
1	James Breen	4.42	13.85
2	Nicky Skinner	3.38	13.15
3	Scott Coons		9.84
4	Bill Clancy	3.77	9.75
5	Ray Allen		9.25
6	Kevin Phillips		9.05
7	Dave McLean		8.87
8	Mark Elliott		7.90
9	Jared Clarke		7.63
10	Mike Nicely		6.55
11	Ron Sullivan	3.89	4.88
12	Ed Clarke		3.91
13	Lee Johnson		0
14	Mike Russ		0
15	Bryan West		0







### **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"



## **TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia**



March 2 Chowan River (Shoups Landing) Chickahominy River (RT 5) March 16 March 30 Nottoway River (Rte 258) April 13 Chickahominy River (RT 5) Blackwater River (Barretts Landing) Apr 27 Appomattox River (Hopewell) May 4 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**

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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# Region 10

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

With the 2025 season in the books, I want to say a special thank you to all Region 10 members and sponsors that helped make this year such a success. Additionally, I'd like to thank our club presidents which are Jaime Ratliff (Stateline), Kyle Musick (Clinch Mountain) and Jason Keene (Buchanan County). The 2025 Champions for both Region 10 Federation as well as the Clinch Mountain Club were Vince & Justin Botts. Jaime Ratliff & Blaine Miller were the Stateline Club Champions, and Steven Hartford & Charles Bartley were the Buchanan County Club Champions. Job well done to all!

The Region 10 yearly meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at Bonanza Steakhouse in Lebanon, Virginia. We ask everyone to make plans to attend; we will be signing up members for 2026 season, discussing the 2026 schedule and addressing any suggested changes to the 2026 season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; however, feel free to contact a club president or myself to sign up before this date.

The Region 10 & Stateline Classic is scheduled for February 28, 2026. Safe light start time till 3:00 PM and will be taking off from 421 boat ramp on South Holston Lake (Bristol, TN). Reminder, you must be a paid \$80 member and have qualified through tournaments fished in 2025 season to compete in the Region 10 side of the Classic.

Tim Keen Region 10 Director







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