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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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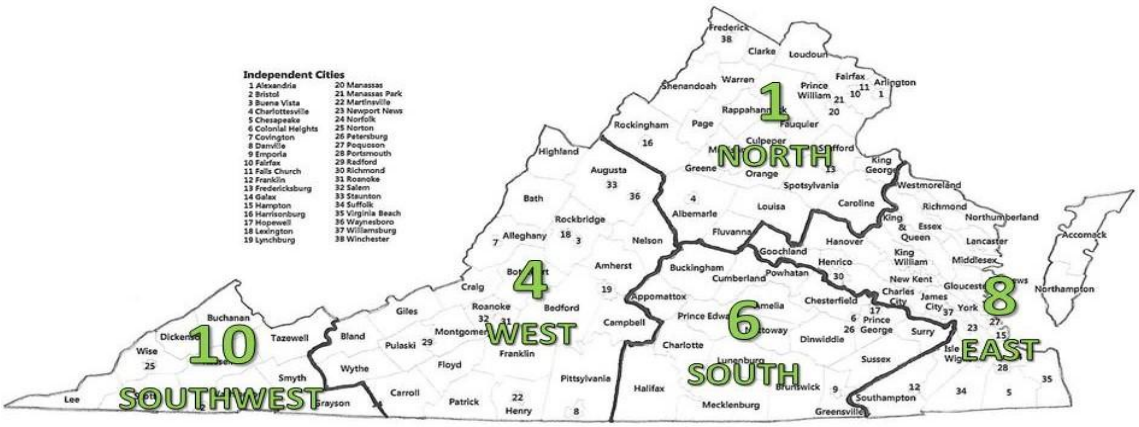

Presidents Corner

Scott Whitmore

Hard to believe another year is in the books as we just completed the 2026 TBF National Semifinal on Lake Anna. Congratulations to all the Virginia and West Virginia Anglers who qualified for this tournament. I would like to thank all the Anglers for their support during this tournament. Your efforts made the pre-tournament meeting, blast offs and weigh-ins go very smoothly.

Congratulations to the four Virginia and two West Virginia Anglers who punched their ticket to the 2027 TBF National Championship.

This has been a very busy year for the Federation. The 2027 schedule is set as you will see in the following pages in this edition of Tightlines. We are now preparing for the upcoming start of the 2027 Team Trail Regional schedule with the South Regional on October 24th on Lake Gaston. After that, it will be show season, starting with the Richmond Fishing Expo January 15th -17th. As usual we will need all the help we can get to run this huge event for our Federation.

We are now at that time of the year when fall patterns start turning on in the woods and on the water for some great hunting and fishing. As we start climbing those trees with the start of bow season in the next couple of weeks be safe. Whether you are fishing or hunting please ensure you are doing it safely. Every season we see the stories of hunters falling from trees so put those safety harnesses on, so you are ready to fish in the spring. Good luck to all whichever sport you chose this fall.

Be on the lookout via our Facebook/Web page for potential format changes as a result of BFLs going to a Team format. The TBF Board of Directors is working hard on that direction as we speak.

Don't forget about the TBF Member Appreciation Sweepstakes being offered for everyone who renews their membership by December 31st as you will be entered into a drawing for a fully rigged Nitro Z19. Any new member who signs up during that time also gets entered. You can also acquire additional chances by donating to the Future Fisherman's Foundation. For every five dollars you donate you receive an entry into the Sweepstakes.

In closing I must thank our entire Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Board as you all worked extremely hard to make 2026 Season an enormous success. We could not do this without all your efforts throughout the year. I hope all our members know just how hard these guys and girls work to bring you guys a great tournament every time. Finally, thanks to all of our Membership for making our season run smoothly. Please remember all the great Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Sponsors we have as we head into the offseason. Make it a point to visit these sponsors throughout the offseason and help support their businesses. They have provided for us all year now it's our time to return the favor and support them during the slow times. Without them we could not bring you the successful tournaments that we do.

I hope everyone has great Holiday Season!

Scott

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation
Schedule of Events

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, Holly Grove Marina
May 2	Board Meeting (Lake Anna)
May 2	North Regional – Lake Anna, Sturgeon Creek Marina
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
October 24	First Team Trail Tournament of the 2027 Season – Kerr Lake
November 8	Board Meeting (South Hill)

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Raleigh , NC
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JAN 15-17
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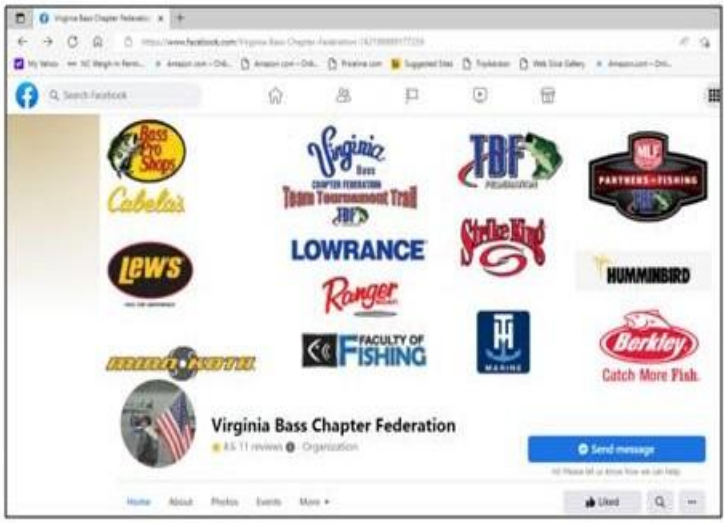

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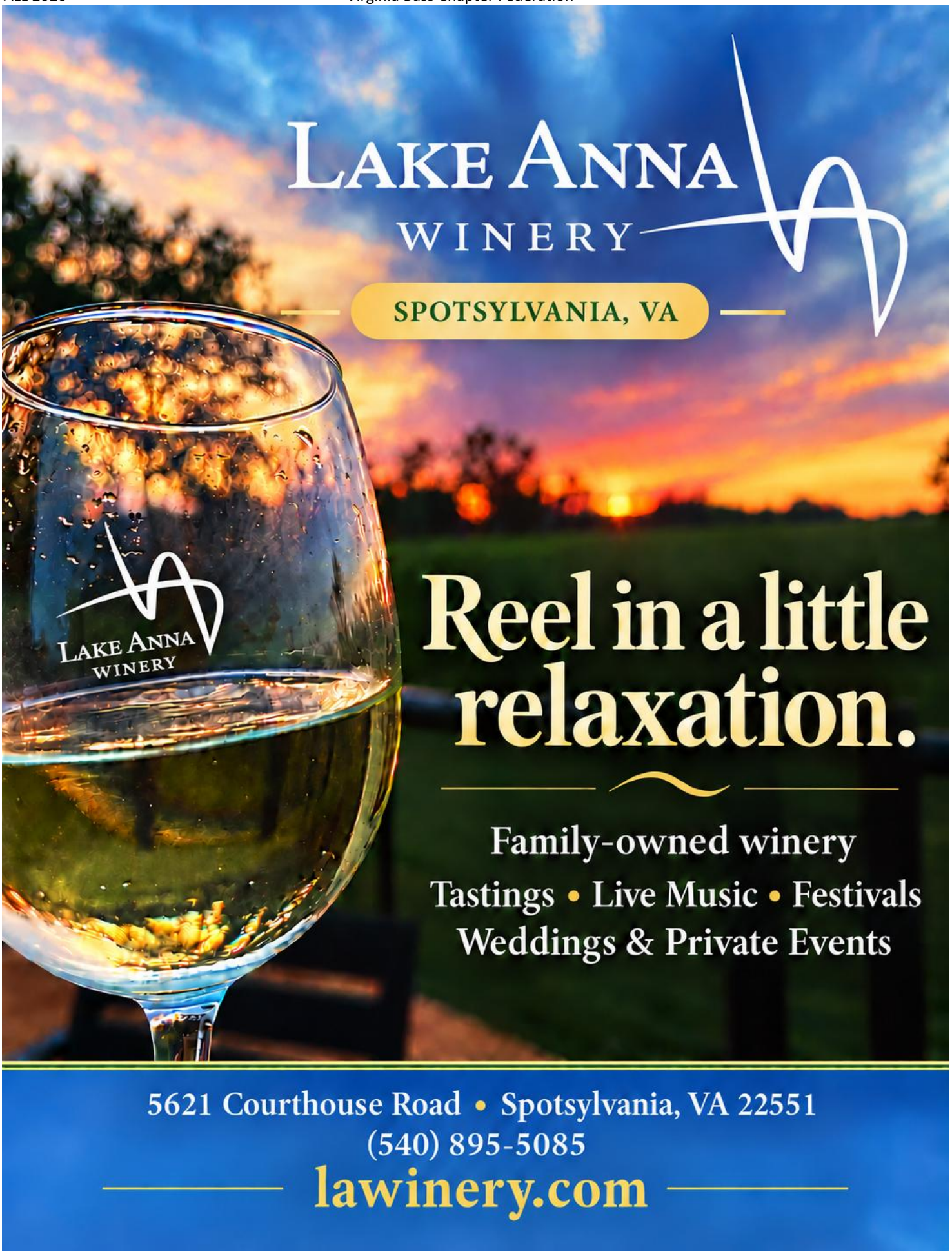
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Join or renew your membership before December 31, 2026, and receive an entry into the TBF Sweepstakes Drawing for a fully rigged Nitro Z19.

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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TBF Members have special access to Sponsor Product Discounts:

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Contact a Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Official Now for information on how to get your membership started. Go to www.vabass.com, visit us on Facebook at "Virginia Bass Chapter Federation," or contact the State President, Scott, by Email at Stratos.22225@gmail.com.

Member Appreciation Sweepstakes!

YOU can WIN a ***NEW Nitro Z19***!

Thank you Members!

WHO is eligible?

***All ACTIVE 2026 TBF Adult Members!**

-Members 18 years old or older; void where prohibited by law.

2027 TBF membership opens Sept 1, 2026

***Eligible anglers who join TBF for 2027 between Sept 1 & Dec 31, 2026, will get an entry!**
***So 2026 members who get renewed during those dates gain a second entry!**
***Additionally, ALL 2026 high school boat captains who registered for an event through *Highschoolfishing.org* in 2026 will be entered.**

HOW to enter?

****NO purchase necessary; winner will be notified by Jan 15th 2027***

Nothing for you to do; we'll enter your name into the sweepstakes to win a Nitro Z19 from our database as a thank you for supporting TBF!

****MORE ways to add an entry & improve your chances will be announced soon.***

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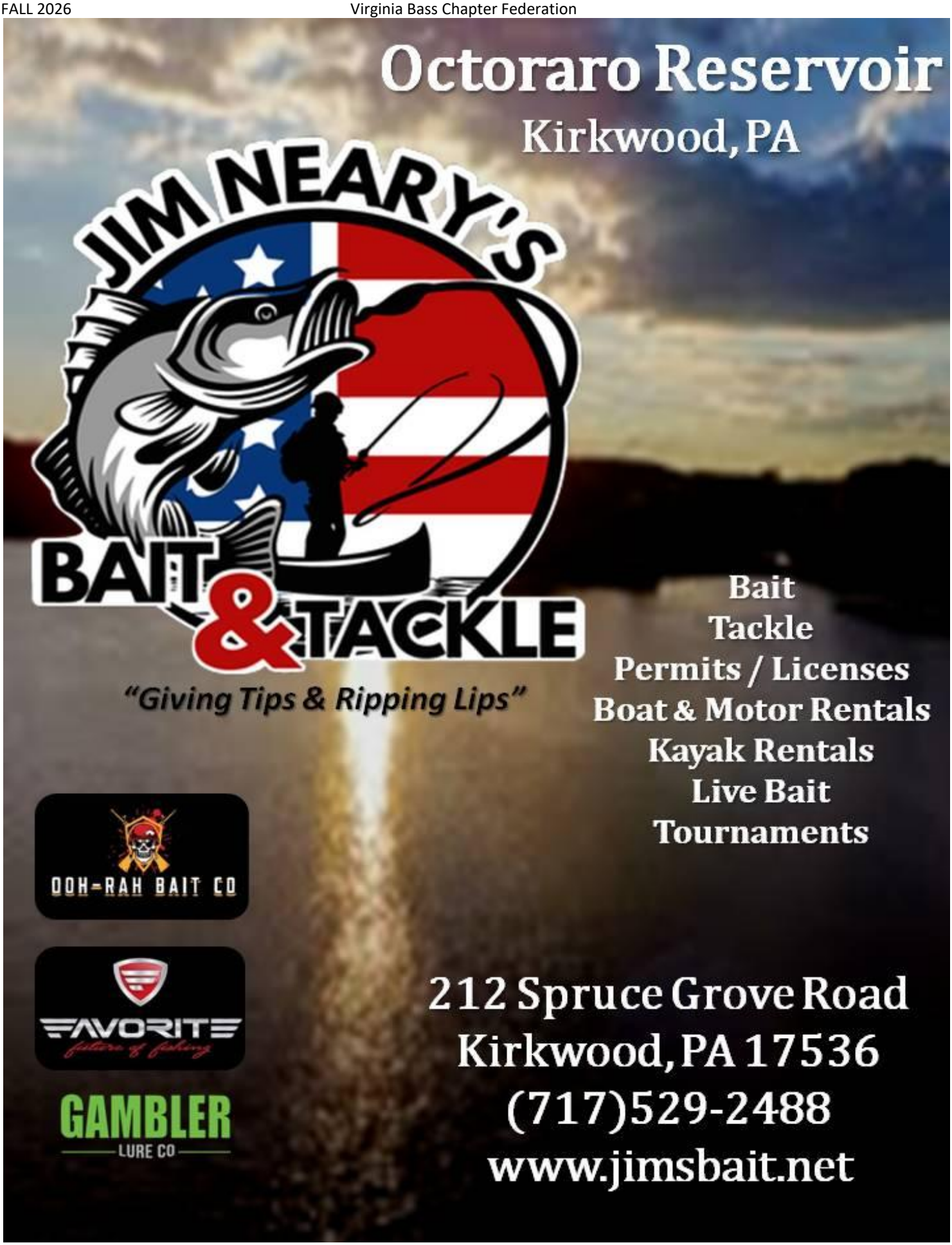
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This is a TEAM TRAIL where anglers complete the registration as a pre-designated team. Launch order is determined by the order in which registrations are received. All Regional Tournaments are single day events. The 2-day State Championship Tournament is only 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 four 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 three options available for registration for the 4 Regional qualifying events.

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

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

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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 theYear" 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 Bass
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Team Tournament Trail

Lake Anna's Sturgeon Creek Marina was the site of the 2026 District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament on September 26-27. This two-day Federation National Championship qualifying event featured the top anglers from both Virginia and West Virginia. Fifty-eight teams competed in this season's semifinal tournament for their share of a $19K plus payout and the opportunity to represent their State at the 2027 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.

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National Semi Final Results continued:

Following three days of official practice, the weekend's activities started with angler check-in and a pre-tournament meeting on Friday evening at the Callie Opie's Orchard Special Events facility in Mineral, Virginia. The tournament staff went over the tournament rules, show times and issued the tournaments partner pairings for Day 1 of the two-day competition along with the tournament launch order. Anglers also enjoyed some fellowship and drawings for a myriad of door prizes including sponsor products, fishing rods, tackle items, including a Humminbird HELIX 7 depth finder and Minn Kota MK330 Precision Battery Charger.

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National Semi Final Results continued:

Callie Opie's Orchard
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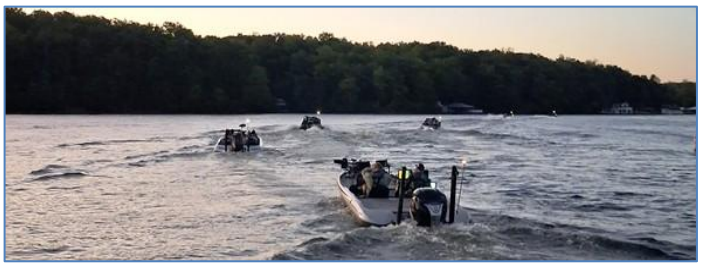
District 12 National Semi Final - Day 1



It was a typical early fall morning on Lake Anna as the anglers gathered at Sturgeon Creek Marina in Spotsylvania County, VA in preparation for tournament to blast off at safe light. Fishing this first day proved difficult as cool temperatures and windy conditions due to a departing weather system limited anglers ability to fish their desired spots. Less than half of the 116-angler field managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales anglers on day 1 of this two-day National Championship Qualifier. Teams began returning to Sturgeon Creek Marina for weigh-in at 3:00 PM.

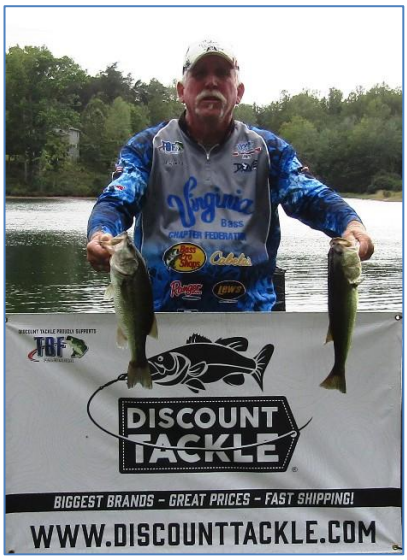
Sturgeon Creek
MARINA

TBF National
Semi-Finals

National Semi Final Results continued:

DAY 1- Angler Division Results: Virginia angler Lewis Williams from the RVA Bassmasters led the Angler Division with a 5 fish limit weighing in at 15.77 lbs. In 2nd Place was West Virginia angler Doug Wine with 13.76 lbs. Followed closely by a fellow West Virginia angler Jason Suter who had a 13.44-pound limit of bass. In 3rd-Place was Daniel Eubank from Virginia's Black Water Bass Club with 13.17 pounds. Holding the 4th spot was Virginia angler Scott Coons from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters who weighed in a 11.96-pound limit of bass. Rounding off the Top 5 on this first day was Robert Hissen from Virginias Bass Snipers Club with 11.80-pounds. Robert also weighed in the big fish for day 1, a 5.20-pound largemouth bass.

DAY 1- Co-Angler Division Results: Virginia Bass Snipers co-angler Drew Nalls weighed in a 9.66-pound three fish limit of bass to lead the Co-Angler Division. Virginia co-angler Scottie Melton, also from the Bass Snipers club, was in 2nd place with his 3-fish limit weighing 7.85 pounds. Paul Gyoker from the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia held third place with 7.70 pounds. Virginias Tri-City Bassmasters co-angler Craig Ferguson weighed in a 7.40 [pound limit for 4th place. West Virginia co-angler Jared Brown weighed in the 5th place 7.32-pound limit of bass.



Lake Anna

National Semi Final Results continued:

District 12 National Semi Final - Day 2

A weather system arrived overnight that produced a few rain showers leaving cooler temperatures and overcast skies for final day of the District 12 National Semi Final. Anglers departed Sturgeon Creek Marina at safe light with hopes of adding enough weight to qualify for the 2027 TBF National Championship Tournament. The final weigh-in started at 3:00 PM.

DAY 2- Angler Division Results: Virginias Hook'em Bass Anglers Rick Mills moved up from the 14th spot on Day 1 with a 16.58-pound limit of bass to take the tournament win with a total weight of 27.03 pounds. West Virginias Jason Suter added 11.72 pounds to his day 1 weight to secure a 2nd-Place finish with a total tournament weight of 25.16 pounds. Virginia Angler Daniel Eubank managed a limit of bass weighing in at 10.94, bringing his total tournament weight to 24.11 pounds for a 3rd-Place finish. Daniel also caught the Big Bass for day 2 and the tournament, a 5.52 pound largemouth. In 4th-Place was Virginias Tim Keen from the State Line Bassmasters who weighed in an 11.96 pound limit of bass which brought his total weight to 23.32 pounds. The 5th-Place angler was West Virginias John Christopher II who added 12.02 pounds on day 2 to bring his total tournament weight to 22.96 pounds.

DAY 2- Co-Angler Division Results: Virginias Bass Snipers co-angler Scottie Melton weighed 7.77 pounds to bring his total tournament weight to 15.62 pounds to capture the Co-Angler Division win. The 2nd-Place co-angler was James Boyles from the Central Virgina Lip Rippers who added 6.84 pounds for a total tournament weight of 13.52 pounds. With a total tournament weight of 13.30 pounds, Virginia Bass Snipers co-angler Drew Nalls added just 3.64 pounds on day 2 which proved to be enough to secure his 3rd-Place finish. Co-Angler Kelvin Barnes from Virginias Southern Bassmasters weighed in a 7.12-pound limit of bass to secure the 4th-Place finish with a total tournament weight of 13.07 pounds. Eric Ellimgton from the Central Virginia Lip Rippers weighed in 7.74 pounds on this final day to bring his total tournament weight to 13.04 pounds and finish in 5th Place.

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National Semi Final Results continued:

National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler Division	State	Total Weight
1	Rick Mills	Virginia	27.03
2	Jason Suter	West Virginia	25.16
3	Daniel Eubank	Virginia	24.11
4	Tim Keen	Virginia	23.32
5	John Christopher II	West Virginia	22.96
6	Noah Peters	Virginia	22.00
7	Brian Hill	West Virginia	21.08
8	Kaleb Hill	West Virginia	20.75
9	Tim Byers	Virginia	20.44
10	Brad Huddleston	Virginia	20.01
11	Lewis Williams	Virginia	19.69
12	Wayne Dorman	Virginia	19.42
13	Robert Hissen	Virginia	19.40
14	Todd Langford	Virginia	19.32
15	Joseph Clarke	Virginia	18.14
16	Doug Wine	West Virginia	17.90
17	Michael Coleman	Virginia	17.66
18	John S. Cielakie	Virginia	17.59
19	Chad Howell	Virginia	17.04
20	Jeremy Byers	West Virginia	16.82
21	Joe Imler	Virginia	16.63
22	Scott Coons	Virginia	16.46
23	Kaleb Boyles	Virginia	16.02
24	Michael Watson	Virginia	15.53
25	Garrett Geouge	Virginia	14.71
26	Chris Mills	Virginia	14.50
27	Nelson Johnson	Virginia	14.42
28	John Smarr	West Virginia	13.04
29	Sammy Henman	Virginia	12.89
30	Stuart Hager	West Virginia	12.42
31	Wes Lester	West Virginia	12.09
32	Steve Butler	West Virginia	12.02
33	Dave McLean	Virginia	11.63
34	Brandon Vaughan	Virginia	11.20
35	Laythen Good	West Virginia	11.19

MARINE

National Semi Final Results continued:

National Semi-Final RESULTS – Angler Division

Place	Angler Division	State	Total Weight
36	Chris Willoughby	Virginia	11.00
37	Thomas Barnes	Virginia	9.84
38	Chris Craft	Virginia	9.40
39	Rick Lemocks	Virginia	9.24
40	Rick Harkness	West Virginia	9.20
41	Jeff Meade	Virginia	8.81
42	Tim Covington	Virginia	8.13
43	Tim Seery	Virginia	7.23
44	Edgar Banton	Virginia	5.93
45	Jim Brown	West Virginia	5.81
46	Scott Taylor	Virginia	5.76
47	Mick Goodwin Jr	West Virginia	4.95
48	Jon Perham	Virginia	4.58
49	Josh Griffin	Virginia	4.45
50	Floyd Dalton	Virginia	4.15
51	Maurice Curley	Virginia	3.46
52	Dwayne Berry	Virginia	3.10
53	Bill Haire	Virginia	3.08
54	Terry Sullivan	Virginia	2.51
55	Alton Vaughan	Virginia	0
55	Dylan Whitmore	Virginia	0
55	Orlando Kelly	Virginia	0
55	Michael Townsend	Virginia	0

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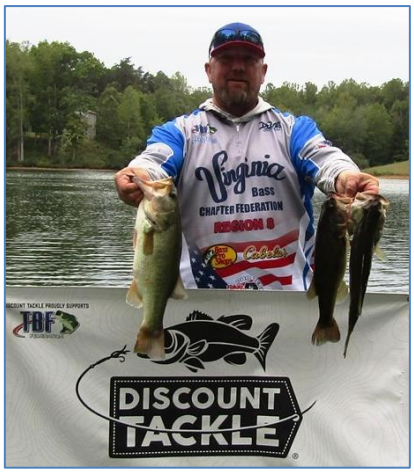

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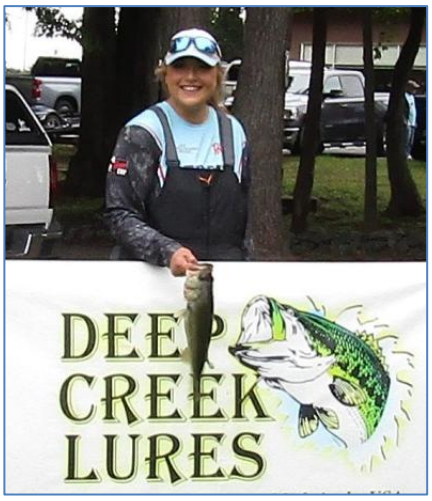

National Semi Final Results continued:

National Semi-Final RESULTS – Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State	Total Weight
1	Scottie Melton	Virginia	15.72
2	James Boyles	Virginia	13.52
3	Drew Nalls	Virginia	13.30
4	Kelvin Barnes	Virginia	13.07
5	Eric Ellington	Virginia	13.04
6	Tracy Gravely	Virginia	12.60
7	Corey King	Virginia	11.81
8	Jeff Nalls	Virginia	11.70
9	Craig Ferguson	Virginia	11.48
10	David Hagen	Virginia	11.29
11	Paul Gyoker	Virginia	10.81
12	Bill Fore	West Virginia	10.54
13	Brandon Handy	Virginia	10.38
14	Nicky Skinner	Virginia	10.36
15	Jared Brown	West Virginia	10.32
16	Bill Harmon	West Virginia	10.18
17	Michael Bierer	West Virginia	9.92
18	Troy Neff	Virginia	9.86
19	Dwayne Young	Virginia	9.42
20	Arthur Conley	Virginia	9.35
21	Kole Reynolds	Virginia	8.85
22	Kenneth Brown	Virginia	8.66
23	Tim Snover	Virginia	8.59
24	Glenn Stateman	Virginia	8.59
25	Ricky Grant	Virginia	8.56
26	Curtis Sullivan	Virginia	8.41
27	Zach Runnels	Virginia	8.32
28	Dakoda Boyles	Virginia	7.92
29	Chris Vaughan	Virginia	7.14
30	Wiiliam Posey	West Virginia	7.13
31	Robert Harkness	West Virginia	7.03
32	Lloyd Newsome	Virginia	6.61
33	Michael Williams	Virginia	6.06
34	Tarance Fuller	Virginia	5.87
35	Donald Lee	Virginia	5.73

National Semi Final Results continued:

National Semi-Final RESULTS – Co-Angler Division

Place	Co-Angler Division	State	Total Weight
36	Mitchell Portervint	Virginia	5.40
37	Ronnie Ketchum	Virginia	5.31
38	Shane Casey	Virginia	5.25
39	Joseph Bandish	Virginia	5.23
40	Jay Brown	West Virginia	4.75
41	Mark Gouge	Virginia	4.42
42	Kevin Bowles	Virginia	4.38
43	Montrell Miggins Jr	Virginia	3.60
44	Dana Hager	West Virginia	3.48
45	Brent Kerere	West Virginia	3.46
46	Samantha Olivia	Virginia	3.21
47	Thomas Hardin	Virginia	2.80
48	Joseph Boyles	Virginia	2.55
49	Bill Mossor	West Virginia	2.49
50	Jacob McCabe	Virginia	2.23
51	David Rice	West Virginia	1.87
52	Brian Wilkins	West Virginia	1.65
53	Larry Gray	Virginia	1,41
54	Heather Ebert	West Virginia	1.01
55	Christoph Scott	Virginia	0
56	Tammy Caldwell	Virginia	0
57	Mark Elliott	Virginia	0
58	Tim Lester	West Virginia	0

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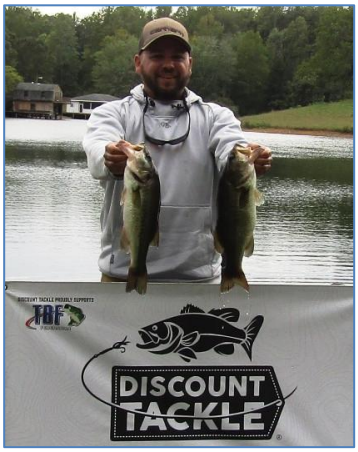
District 12 National Semi Final



National Semi Final Results continued:

Each State Federation advances 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 advanced the two top anglers from each division and West Virginia advanced their top angler and co-angler to the TBF National Championship Tournament.

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation National Championship Qualifiers

James Boyles
Virginia
Co-Angler Division
Qualifier

Daniel Eubank
Virginia
Angler Division
Qualifier

Rick Mills
Virginia
Angler Division
Qualifier

Scottie Melton
Virginia
Co-Angler Division
Qualifier

West Virginia Bass Federation National Championship Qualifiers

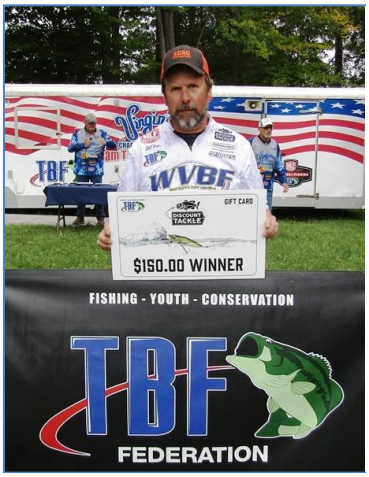
Bill Fore
West Virginia
Co-Angler Division
Qualifier

Jason Suter
West Virginia
Angler Division
Qualifier

National Semi Final Results continued:

The TBF National Championship is a no-entry-fee tournament for those anglers advancing through this Divisional National Semi Final Tournament. The TBF Championship is a weeklong event with the location announced later this year. In addition to the cash prizes, all anglers will receive a TBF National Championship hotel room stipend from TBF for the actual event days as a part of their qualifying prize. Additionally, all Boaters will receive a cash fuel stipend to help offset their boat costs. Divisional winners can earn a Living YOUR Dream prize package of various sizes and can advance to the 2027 BFL All-American if they are qualified.

During the TBF National Championship 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 geographical divisions. These Division Champions compete on the final day for the TBF "Live YOUR Dream" prize packages. At the 2026 Championship tournament anglers competed for a purse of over $400,000 in cash and prizes. The boater National Champion's "Living Your Dream" package was valued more than a whopping $125,000 in cash and prizes including a brand-new NITRO Z20XL fully rigged out. 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!



TBF Sponsor, Discount Tackle, awards a $150 Gift Card to the Angler and the Co-Angler that finishes one place out of the money at each TBF National Semi Final tournament. The 2026 District 12 National Semi Final Tournament recipients of the Discount Tackle $150 Gift cards are West Virginia Co- Angler Bill Fore and Virginia Angler Wayne Dorman.

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CHAPTER FEDERATION
Team Tournament Trail
2027 Team Trail
Schedule
1. SOUTH Regional
Lake Gaston
Honey Hole @ Holly Grove
24 October 2026
2. NORTH Regional
Lake Anna
Sturgeon Creek Marina
27 March 2027
3. WEST Regional
South Holston Lake
Washington County
17 April 2027
4. EAST Regional
Chickahominy River
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15 May 2027
State Championship
Kerr Lake
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5-6 June 2027

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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 on the total points earned for their best 4 out of 5 Team Trail tournaments. The Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year may bypass the National Semi-Final Tournament to advance directly into the TBF National Championship.

Here's how the points will be awarded: The system is a 200-point system with a +2 points for the tournament winners. The top points awarded will be 200 for the winning anglers (200 for the Angler and 200 for the Co-Angler). 2nd place anglers will receive 198 points, 3rd place anglers will receive 197 points, 4th place – 196 points, etc. Any anglers participating and not weighing fish will receive 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 1st each year. No substitute anglers are allowed. Therefore, if either the Angler of the Year or the Co-Angler of the Year declines to participate then neither angler can advance to the National Championship event. Once both anglers have committed to participating 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 with 4 Regional Tournaments and a Team Trail State Championship Tournament.

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

2026 Virginia Angler & Co-Angler of the Year

RVA Bassmasters Anglers Michael Coleman and Tracy Gravely earned the 2026 Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year honors through a season of consistently strong finishes in each of the five 2026 Team Trail Tournaments. Michael and Tracy now advance directly to the TBF National Championship tournament as the 2026 Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year, bypassing the District 12 TBF National Semi-Final.

This season's race for the Angler and Co-Angler of the Year title proved very competitive as several of the top teams in the point standings had a realistic chance of earning the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations top honors. Going into the final event, the Team Trail State Championship Tournament on the Chickahominy River, Michael and Tracy held a narrow twelve-point lead over their second-place rivals and only 51 points ahead of the fifth-place team.

The 2-day Chickahominy River Championship proved to be a real challenge for most, yet the top teams managed to post impressive weights to challenge for the top spot in both the Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year. When the final points were tallied and the drop tournament applied there were only three points separating from the top two in both the Angler and Co-Angler final standings.

Michael and Tracy are now looking forward to representing the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation as our 2026 Angler and Co-Angler of the Year at the 2027 TBF National Championship Tournament. Well Done Gentlemen!

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2026 National Semi-Final Tournament

24-26 September 2026 on Summersville Lake, WV

Hosted by the West Virginia Bass 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 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: Summersville Lake, West Virginia Ramp: Battle Run Ramp

Virginia Team Trail Tournament 2027 National Semi-Final Qualifiers:

South Regional – Lake Gaston : Anglers-
Co-Anglers-

North Regional – Lake Anna: Anglers-
Co-Anglers-

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

East Regional – hiockahominy River: Anglers-
Co-Anglers-

Team Trail State Championship –
Kerr Lake: Anglers-
Co-Anglers-

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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 MUST join each program every year and declare your participation prior to each tournament.

MLF "Competitor Level" Membership Upgrade:

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

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

TBF is excited to partner with Lambert Home Loans/Powered by Movement Mortgage on a program for state federations. Lambert Home Loans/Powered by Movement Mortgage will donate $100 to your State TBF Chapter for every mortgage their team closes on in your state through this offer.

TBF members, if your are interested in mortgage information now or in the future or know someone who is simply sign up via the link below.

TBF Members information & sign up portal: **www.lamberthomeloans-tbf.com**

Angler Contingency Programs

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

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

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

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

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

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- NO LIMIT ON NUMBER OF TIMES YOU CAN WIN!
- Must sign up each year to qualify. The membership expires December 31 of each year. Please register on the **NITRO Rewards Membership, Ranger Cup** or the **Triton Gold** website.
- Must own a 2015 or later, new or used NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON boat.
- The boat must be within the last four model years to qualify for Maximum Payout.
- Members must wear apparel displaying the NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON logo while competing, and at weigh-ins. A photo during weigh-ins to confirm apparel compliance is required with claim submission.
- Must display NITRO Rewards, RANGER Cup, or the TRITON Gold decal on driver's windshield/console of the boat.
- The factory installed NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON decals must be on the qualifying boat in the appropriate position. If the boat is wrapped, the decals must be put back in the same location and must be visible.
- It is recommended that anglers submit claims online for efficient processing.

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

Angler Contingency Programs

TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM

Register at: https://www.toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/

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

TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM
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Tulsa, OK 74112
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HOW THE 2026 TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM WORKS:

1. DRIVE A TOYOTA

Own or lease a 2022 or newer Toyota Tundra, Sequoia, Tacoma, 4Runner or Land Cruiser. Vehicle must be registered in your name individually or jointly. Drive / use your eligible Toyota vehicle as your primary tow-vehicle at supported Toyota Bonus Bucks Tournaments. **Please note vehicle eligibility now requires a model year of 2022 or newer. In 2027, vehicle eligibility will roll to model year 2023 and newer.**

2. REGISTER

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

3. FISH

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

4. REDEEM

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

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

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A note from the VP:

Travelling with your Boat and Trailer

With the onset of cooler autumn weather and tournament championships, a lot of us tend to make longer trips to go fishing. In keeping with my focus on safety and enjoyment, here are a few suggestions for preparations and towing your boat and trailer. As always, what I have to say is more of a reminder of what we all know and usually take for granted. When you read what I have to say take it as "food for thought" to make any travelling with your boat and trailer an enjoyable and safe experience.

To help ensure that you arrive safely. I would suggest that you take following steps at least a week before your planned departure, then if you find a problem or issue you will have time to properly correct it.

I always start with the easiest checks and work my way through the trailer. I start with the trailer lights: Attach your trailer to the vehicle that you will be towing with and visually inspect that all the lights are working properly. I don't rely on the vehicle's internal trailer light indicators since these don't always catch a bad light or signal. Next, I check trailer wiring connections to ensure they connect securely and are undamaged. I then inspect the ball hitch and receiver. Make sure the ball is the proper size and your hitch locks firmly in place and the safety pin fits securely in the hitch. I always use a locking pin that way it can't vibrate out or be pulled by a "joker" when you stop for gas or food. Next, I move on to the front and rear boat straps. Make sure they are properly attached, not frayed and are tight enough to keep the boat stable and unable to move in case of an emergency braking maneuver. I check the tire pressure and tires for wear or damage. To inspect the wheel bearings, I jack up the trailer (and I know this is a pain) then pull on the top and sides of the tires to make sure they do not wobble and have no end play and that they spin smoothly and there are no scraping or grinding noises. If in doubt, pull the bearings and repack them. I recommend that have your bearings serviced regularly. If you have sealed bearings or oil bath bearings, use the manufacturer's recommendation on checking the bearings. Visually inspect your axles and frame to make sure there is no damage. Also while checking the underside of you trailer make sure that any visible aquatic vegetation is removed and or killed, we don't want to be responsible for introducing any invasive plants or species into a body of water.

While travelling each time I stop whether for gas, food or a "rest stop," I feel the bearings and tires to ensure sure they are not abnormally hot, and I look at the tires for signs of unusual wear.

Hopefully, these reminders help to alleviate any issues while travelling, although sometimes the unexpected happens. Happy Travelling, and as always keep your feet dry and your lines tight.

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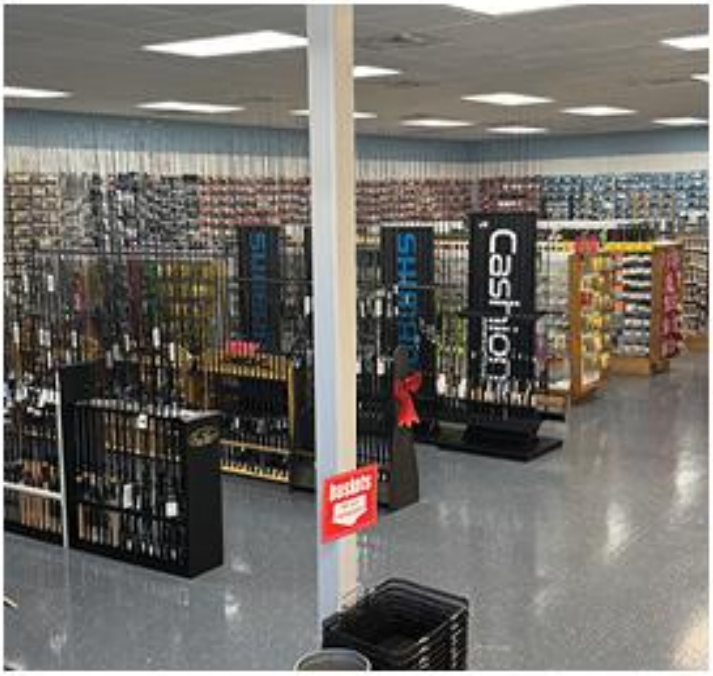

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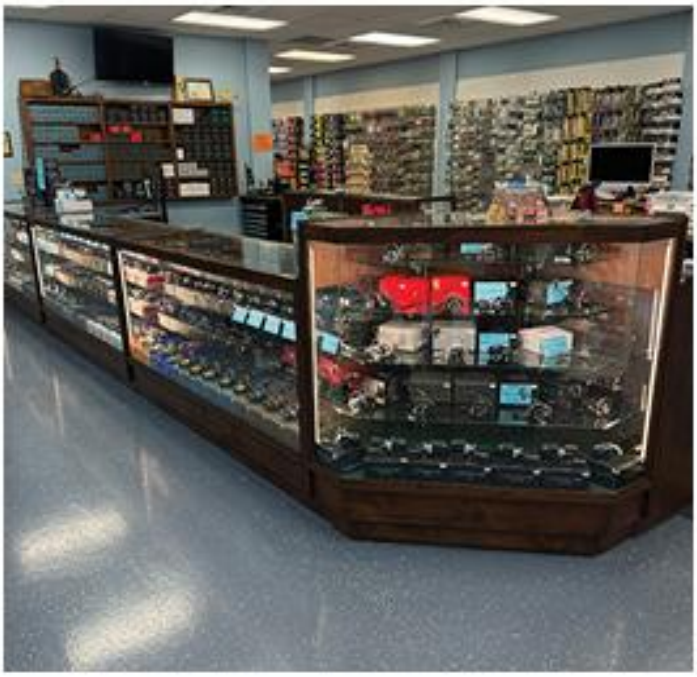

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The license and user fee increases I discussed in our last edition were approved a few weeks ago and will take effect on October 1st. In summary, most every resident annual fishing and hunting license fee has increased by $5, while senior citizen, junior, youth, and disabled fees are not affected. None of us like to see increased fees, these increases are in direct response to ongoing funding issues that DWR is facing. As your Conservation Director, I've seen firsthand the value in many of the DWR lead initiatives like the Alabama Bass Invasive Species efforts, F1 Bass Stocking Programs, and periodic regulation review and update processes. We as anglers help fund DWR efforts through license fees and taxes when we purchase outdoor equipment and watercraft that are supposed to be used to directly fund the Department of Wildlife Resources. Unfortunately, large amounts of these funds are not being transferred to DWR each year. The shortfall is impacting many successful DWR managed projects like the F1 Bass study and stocking efforts. These fee increases help alleviate some of the more critical shortfalls near term, however, until the State Legislature readdresses the HB38 funding process to restore full funding to DWR there is no guarantee that these fees will be allotted to DWR in future budget cycles.

I encourage each of us to contact our State Legislatures and encourage them to restore full funding to DWR through the HB38 funding process. The continued failure to allocate assessed monies to the agencies as originally intended constitutes a breach of trust with Virginias outdoors enthusiasts, hunters, anglers, and taxpayers.

DWR Fisheries is hosting a Fishing Club Forum on October 8, 2026, at the DWR Headquarters. Their headquarters is located at 7870 Villa Park drive, Henrico, VA 23228. The forum will be held in the DWR Board Room from 12PM to 4PM. I encourage each State Federation Club to participate in this event. As a bass fishing community, we are very fortunate to have such a hard-working group of fisheries professionals who are open to discussion and welcome angler input.

We promote 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 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 their vessels 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.

Conservation continued:

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 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 WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov .

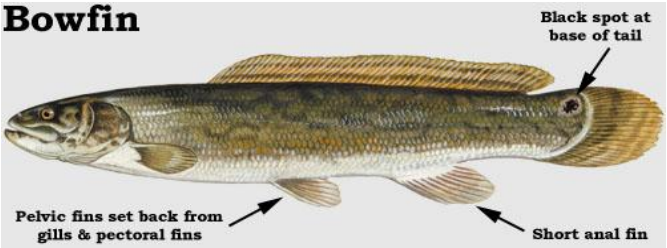
The Reporting Process - If you catch a suspected Alabama Bass:

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

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

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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 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: https://dwr.virginia.gov/forms-download/PERM/PERM-005.pdf . 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
Shirl Dressler
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: https://dwr.virginia.gov/app/

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: https://henrico.gov/services/apply-for-a-park-event-permit/ . 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: https://www.bassfederation.com/insurance-certificate-request-form/. TBF requests that you allow 14 business days for processing. The Certificate of Insurance will be emailed to the individual making the request.

Note that VA DWR will not issue their Special Use Permit for Osborne Landing Ramp until you have obtained and provided them with a copy of the required Henrico County Park Use permit.

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: https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/John-H-Kerr-1/Special-Events/

Requests are accepted on the 7th 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.

Lake Gaston's **Honey Hole Marina at Holly Grove** is a popular spot for Region and Club tournaments. You can all the marina store, (434)505-8226, for reserve the ramp for your tournament.

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 is a privately owned ramp and is the popular location for Pamunkey River tournaments. Google shows the address for Williams Landing as: 6632 Putneys Mill Rd., New Kent, VA 23124. Clubs can book the use of the ramp by contacting Ryland at (804)971-1646. Ramp fees are paid at the drop box by the ramp.

Lake Chesdin: **Whippernock** Marina is a privately owned ramp and is the popular location for Lake Chesdin tournaments. Google shows the address as: 2700 Southerland Road, Sutherland, VA 23885. Clubs can book the use of the ramp by contacting them at (804)265-5252. There is a convenience store with food and fuel available. There is a $10 ramp fee payable at the marina store.

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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 to have access to the fish release pipe. To use the pipe, you must pump water to the head of the pipe from Gordon's Creek and maintain sufficient water flow during fish release (user must supply their own submersible pump). Additional instructions are posted on site.

James City County Fishing Tournament Permit Process

1. A permit is required for ALL Tournaments of 20 Boats or more. The Permit Application is completed through the JCC PermitLink System **https://jamescitycountyva-energovweb.tylerhost.net/apps/selfservice#/home**
2. There is a $25 permit processing fee (it is recommended that if you have 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.

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greetings TBF Members,

In the past few columns, I've written about how to get engaged in government processes and provided frank information about our budget, our license fees, and our funding issues. I'll do something different this time.

I was fortunate enough to head out last week with some of our biologists - John Odenkirk, Mike Isel, and Catherine Lim - to sample the tidal Rappahannock River out of Hick's Landing. They use electroshocking equipment to temporarily stun the fish so that they can collect them and measure them. The purpose was predator assessment and the crew picked up any bass, snakehead, and bowfin that they came across. From this, we get size structure and relative abundance. Both of those factors set size and bag limits.

I've been electroshocking quite a few times over the years, and from an angling perspective, here's what I've learned.

First, the shock boat shows that forage is everywhere in the fall. There are tons of small fish in every waterbody I've sampled. On the Rapp, there was an abundance of small sunfish, small herring, and large gizzard shad. Everything that was spawned earlier in the season is now bite sized and with vegetation dying, it's more available. It explains why the fall can be so challenging – there's so much to eat, its available, and at times, very specific in size and species.

Second, if you catch two fish off one spot, there's probably three more. I'm often shocked (pun intended) at how some spots will hold five, six or seven bass. There's something special about some logs, docks, or rocks. As anglers, these are our "one fish" spots that always seem to have one. The lesson here is to give them more time on a tough day – I suspect that what we think is the spot "reloading" is just fish that were there the whole time that decided to bite later.

DWR Article continued:

Lastly, and here's an odd one – electroshocking equipment doesn't sample the largest bass in the system as well as anglers do. That's why we work with tournament organizations to sample their catches. Our gear is limited to shallow water near the bank (less than five feet) and anglers are good at catching fish that are a little deeper or fish that would spook when we get close to the shore with the motor running. The tournament samples are particularly useful in understanding the large end of the size structure, providing vital information on studies such as the impact of F1 bass on Smith Mountain.

If you ever see the shock boat, give them some space if they are running the generator but please come closer and take a look if they are working up the fish. We love chatting with anglers about what we're seeing and what's changing.

See you out there this fall.

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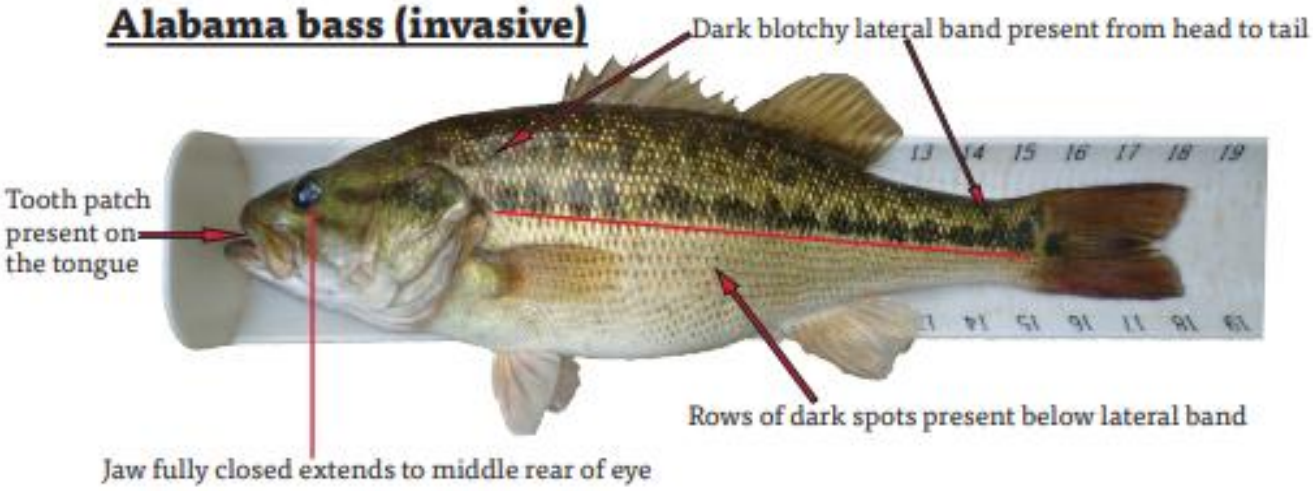
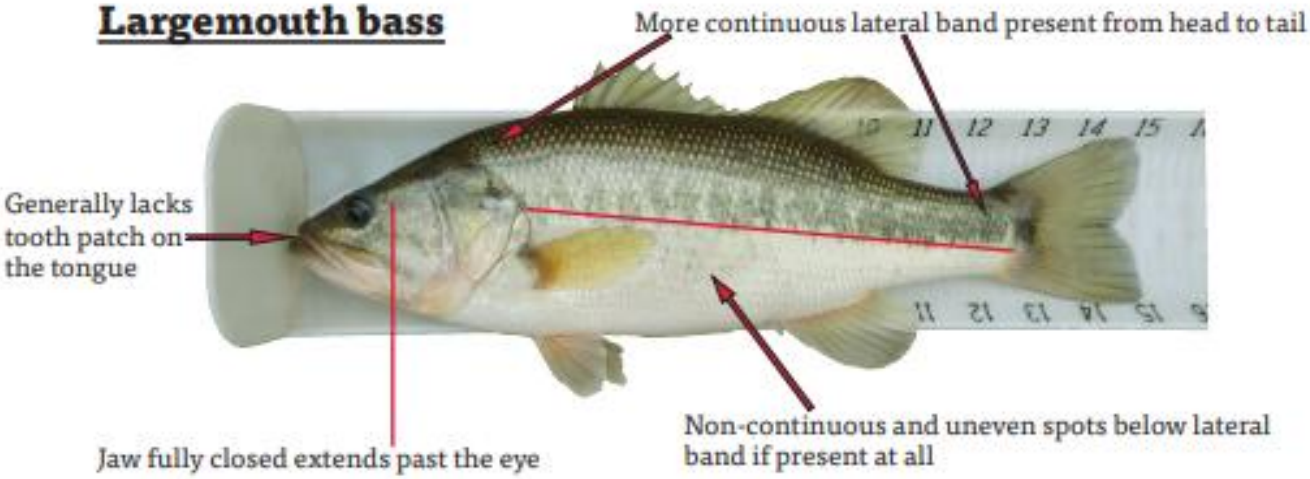
DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Alabama bass (invasive)



Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with 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 our State Sponsors, Region Directors, members, staff, and all Student Angler Federation (SAF) / TBF Junior Program anglers and parents for their support of what has proven to be another great year of fishing and membership growth!

Congratulations to the 2026 Virginia SAF High School and TBF Junior Angler Tournament Trail winners. Kole Reynolds and Andrew Richardson won the SAF High School Trail Championship with their best of three tournament points total of 159, way to go guys! We had thirteen SAF High School teams competing for the title this year. Our 2026 Virginia TBF Junior Angler Trail Champions, Easton Stevens and Donnie Bostic finished the season with their best of three tournament points total of 153. We had nine TBF Junior Angler teams competing for the title this year.

The SAF / JR Virginia State Championship date has been set for April 17th at South Holston Lake, Washington County Ramp. All Virginia SAF and Junior Angler teams are welcome to register and compete in the 2027 State Championship tournament.

The SAF / JR 2nd Chance Qualifier Tournament will be on May 15th on the Chickahominy River at the Riverfront Park (Rt. 5) Ramp. You MUST FISH a minimum of three (3) Virginia SAF/JR Youth Tournament Trail tournaments to fish this second chance qualifier tournament. See the Virginia SAF/JR Youth Tournament Trail schedule in the following pages for an event near you.

The 2027 SAF and TBF junior Angler Program membership season opened on September 1st. Join or renew your membership now to fish the remaining 2026 tournaments and keep fishing throughout the 2027 tournament season.

Keep your eyes open for the announcements for the Virginia Youth program on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/ .

I personally want to thank to all the parents and boat captains of the kids that are out here fishing, without your support and understanding this could never happen. Our goal is to get youth anglers out fishing safely and as often as possible. THANK YOU!

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

Lastly, 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
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Check out our Youth Fishing Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth for the up-to-date news and happenings in the Virginia TBF Youth Program

Youth Program continued:

Virginia Youth Anglers Compete at State Federation Region Tournaments

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

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

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

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

Student Angler Federation High School Program

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

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

Youth Program continued:

Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments are available for Youth Anglers (Junior Anglers and SAF High School Anglers). Anglers may contact the Virginia State Youth Director or the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information (Contact information is available on page 3 of this publication). Additional information will also be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page for each event: **https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/**

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
February 7, 2026	Philpott Lake	Twin Ridge Ramp	7AM- 4PM	Region 4
February 28, 2026	South Holston Lake	421 Ramp	7AM – 3PM	Region 10
February 28, 2026	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	7AM- 4PM	Region 4
March 7, 2026	South Holston Lake	421 Ramp	TBD	Region 10
March 14, 2026	Smith Mountain Lake	Parkway Marina	TBD	**Junior & High School State Championships**
March 21, 2026	Boone Lake	TVA Ramp	TBD	Region 10
March 21, 2026	Kerr Lake	North Bend	7AM – 3PM	Region 6
March 28, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
March 28, 2026	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
April 4, 2026	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove Marina	TBD	South Regional
April 11, 2026	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch Ramp	TBD	Region 10
April 11, 2026	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove	TBD	Region 6
April 18, 2026	South Holston Lake	Washington County	6Am-3PM	Region 4
April 18, 2026	South Holston Lake	Observation Knob	TBD	Region 10
April 18, 2026	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 19, 2026	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove Marina	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8
April 25, 2026	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Region 1
April 25, 2026	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch Ramp	TBD	Region 10
May 2, 2026	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	North Regional
May 9, 2026	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch Ramp	TBD	Region 10
May 9, 2026	James River	Jordan Point Marina	TBD	Region 6
May 9, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverside Campground	TBD	Region 1
May 9, 2026	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 16, 2026	Philpott Lake	Twin Ridge Ramp	6AM- 3PM	Region 4
May 23, 2026	Boone Lake	TVA Ramp	TBD	Region 10
May 30, 2026	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	6AM-3PM	Region 4

Youth Program continued:

Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule (continued)

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
June 6/7, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	Team Trail Champ.
June 13, 2026	Chowan River	Shoup's Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
June 13, 2026	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
June 20, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	Region 6
August 8, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 15, 2026	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	TBD	Region 6
September 12, 2026	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 19, 2026	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Region 1
October 10, 2026	Nottoway River	Gen Vaughan Rte. 258	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 10/11, 2026	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
October 17, 2026	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	7AM-4PM	Region 4
October 17, 2026	Lake Chesdin	Public Ramp	TBD	Region 6
October 24, 2026	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove Marina	TBD	South Regional
November 1, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8
2027				
March 27, 2027	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	North Regional
April 10, 2027	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 17, 2027	South Holston Lake	Washington County	TBD	**Junior & High School State Championships**
May 1, 2027	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 2, 2027	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove Marina	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8
May 15, 2027	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	**Junior & High School 2nd Chance Qualifier**
June 5-6, 2027	Kerr Lake	North Bend	TBD	Team Trail Champ.
June 12, 2027	Chowan River	Shoup's Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
July 10, 2027	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 7, 2027	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 28, 2027	Nottoway River	Gen Vaughan Rte. 258	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 11, 2027	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 30, 2027	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8

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Upcoming Events

Reel Kids Casting Skills events and State Championship will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo 15-17 January 2027.

Reel Kids Casting Skills events will be held during the annual Spring Fishing Classic at the Bass Pro Shops, Hampton, VA in March 2027.

Virginia Youth Fishing

JR / SAF State Championship on South Holston Lake April 17, 2027

JR / SAF 2nd Chance Qualifier on the Chickahominy River May 15, 2027

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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 2026 Spring Fishing Classic Rod & Reel Exchange Promotion the Hampton Bass Pro Shop has donated 224 rods and 362 reels in support of our ongoing efforts to provide new and reconditioned rod and reel combos to youth and organizations hosting family and veteran fishing events statewide. Already in 2026 we have provided rods and reels to support the Wayne Fenton Veterans Fishing Day and Jill's Buddy Camp events. We are presently working on several recent requests for rods and reels in support of additional events this summer. In 2025, the program efforts provided rods, reels, and tackle items in support of the Wayne Fenton Annual Veterans Fishing event, the Region 1 Youth Family Fishing Day, the Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation Annual Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo in Christiansburg, 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 hosted by the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation on Lake Anna.

Bass Pro Shops - Hampton, Va.

"Jill's Buddy Camp"

The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation is pleased to donate to such a rewarding event as the annual "Jill's Buddy Camp." The annual camp includes a fishing activity for their participants. For the past several years the Federations "Rods & Reels for Kids" Project has provided rods and reels for the event.

Each summer, the Town of Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department partners with Montgomery County Public Schools to provide children in pre-kindergarten through second grade with nutritious meals, enriching activities, and memorable field trip experiences that support learning and growth beyond the classroom.

Jill's Buddy Camp, is a five-day summer experience designed for children with developmental disabilities and their teenage volunteer mentors, known as "Buddies." The camp offers individualized and small-group opportunities focused on speech and language development, fine and gross motor skills, social interaction, and community engagement through themed field trips. A hallmark of the program is the meaningful one-on-one relationship each child develops with a dedicated teenage Buddy, creating friendships that often extend beyond the camp experience.

This year's camp also introduced a new **indoor fishing activity**, made possible through the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation "Rods and Reels Project." Campers practiced basic casting skills in a fun, supportive environment, and each child received their own rod and reel to take home adding an exciting hands-on experience that encourages continued outdoor recreation and confidence-building.

For the teen volunteers, Buddy Camp provides a rewarding 20-hour service-learning opportunity. Participants gain firsthand experience working alongside professionals in fields such as early childhood education, special education, speech-language pathology, adaptive physical education, school counseling, and child psychology. Along the way, they develop valuable leadership abilities, child-development knowledge, and practical behavior-management skills while making a lasting difference in the life of a child.

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Supports Bass Pro Shops Club Member Appreciation Event

On August 6th, the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Conservation Director, John Flicek, along with Region 8 member Terry Minnick supported the Hampton Bass Pro Shops Club Member Appreciation Event with a presentation and discussion on Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Community Outreach efforts, Youth Fishing opportunities, Invasive Species issues and the importance of their Outdoor Fund contributions and how they benefit the local community. The event was attended by nearly two hundred local Bass Pro Shops Club Members.

"Rods & Reels for Kids" Project Supports Youth Fishing Camp

Region 8 Director, John Flicek, met with Mr. Greg Heath, Project Co-Ordinator, to deliver 30 Rods and Reels to support the Annual Holiday Lake 4-H Youth Fishing Camp event scheduled for the first week in October. Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Rods and Reels for Kids Project has been supporting the Holiday Lake event for over ten years with donations where each participant leaves the event with a rod and reel.

"Rods & Reels for Kids"

Battlefield Anglers of Virginia Host Annual Youth Sportsman Day

12 September 2026 - Curtis Lake Park: The Battlefield Anglers of VA teamed up with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to host the 13th Annual Youth Sportsman Day at Curtis Lake Park. Sixty-two children registered for the event this year, which was an improvement of 33% over last year's event. The increased participation was attributed to the efforts by Battlefield members promoting the event on social media. The Battlefield Anglers of VA membership coupled with sponsorship assistance from Advance Management Strategies Group (AMSG) and House of Cars provided all 62 children in attendance with a brand-new rod and reel combo. Additional prizes such as Kayaks and Lifetime Fishing licenses, tackle boxes, bow and arrow sets were also given away as raffle prizes for the attendees. Each child had the chance to go out on a Pontoon Boat provided by Dukes Creek Marina on Lake Anna, and every child was able to catch a fish, some for the first time in their life. Fly casting and archery instruction was also provided by DWR and Stafford County Parks and Rec. Battlefield has also received support for the NVKBA Kayak club in previous years, this year they lost a member and held a benefit, in which the proceeds were donated for the Youth Sportsman Day, providing 5 kayaks, a lifetime license and Guided fishing trip on Lake Anna.

Battlefield has sponsored this event for the past 13 years providing outdoor experiences for both children and parents. Food, drink and fun was had by all, with member attendees already asking what the date for next year will be. Battlefield Anglers are looking forward to the 14th Annual Youth Sportsman Day in Sep of 2027. We welcome any TBF members that would like to support this worthy event please contact a member of Battlefield Anglers of VA.

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Region 1

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

With a summer of temperatures in the upper nineties and high humidity causing seemingly endless heat advisories, we returned to Lake Anna to continue our tournament season. Some cooler nights leading up to the event managed to drop the water temperature a few degrees, but it remained above eighty first thing in the morning. The day started with the sun rising bright and strong then went to clouds looking like rain. By midday, the clouds were gone, and the lake was covered in wake boats or pontoons pulling a tube full of kids. Even with all the boat traffic there seemed to be plenty of fish to be caught with almost every team that weighed fish had a five fish limit. After all the fish crossed the scale, the father son team of Tim and Nick Covington took the win with a weight of 16.24 pounds. The team also took big fish honors with a bass weighing 4.73 pounds. Taking second was another father son team Chris and Rick Mills with 14.16 pounds. Rounding out the top three in third was the team of Scott Taylor and Chris Craft with a bag weighing 11.68.

Great work by all the teams that came out to fish with us and hope to see you at the two-day classic on the Potomac October 10 & 11. Stay safe and set the hook!

Region 1 - 2026 Season Schedule

March 28th	Potomac River
April 25th	Lake Anna
May 9th	Chickahominy River
June 13th	Potomac River
September 19th	Lake Anna
October 10-11	Potomac River

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

REGION 1 continued:

Region 1 Tournament Results

Lake Anna – September 19, 2026

Lake Anna Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Tim Covington	Nick Covington	16.24
2	Chris Mills	Rick Mills	14.16
3	Drew Carr **	Landon Tusing**	11.77
4	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	11.68
5	Logan Brown**	Parker Dorsey**	10.92
6	John Perham	Mitch Portervint	10.91
7	Rob Racer	Robbie Pugh	10.70
8	Wayne Dorman	Scottie Melton	10.58
9	Joe Imler	Curtis Sullivan	10.40
10	Kenny Brown	Bert Seymour	10.17
11	Paul Smith	Eddie Minor	10.00
12	Jake White**	Chris Fortune**	9.83
13	Jeff Runnels	Zack Runnels	9.71
14	Doug Fisher	Mike Rush	9.41
15	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	8.96
16	Garth Bucks	Jodie Bucks	7.37
17	Jeff Nalls	Drew Nalls	7.12
18	Thomas Hardin	John Ashcraft	6.78
19	Dana Gagnier	Isiah Gagnier	3.23
20	Joe Bandish		0
21	Bill Haire	Steve Hajdasz	0
22	Craig Loudan	Tommy Hasler	0
23	Dawson Moosa**	Nolan Mabry**	0
24	Marty Schray	Mike Longerbeam	0
25	Cole Wykoff	William Wykoff	0

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Lake Anna - Big Fish

Adult: 4.73 LBS
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Youth: 5.45 LBS
Drew Carr & Landon Tusing

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Region 4

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Region 4 Tournament Results

On June 13, we had our first of three-night tournaments on Smith Mt. Lake. This would be our last tournament held at the State Park due to low-water conditions. Smith Mt. has been producing some really big fish the last couple of years and we had a real monster weighed in that night. It was a Largemouth weighing 9.64 lbs. The results of the tournament are below:

Smith Mountain Lake Open Tournament– June 13, 2026

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	
1	Open	Parker Brogan	Zack LeMaster $1000 + $220	5	22.42	9.64
2	Open	Tim Skinnell	Grant McKinster $560	5	21.42	5
3	Open	Josh Layne	Jared Layne $200	5	18.56	
4	Open	Paul Bird	Billy Giles	5	18.2	4.58
5	Star City/Southwest	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	5	17.05	
6	Triangle	William Croteau	Brandon Huff	5	17.02	4.28
7	Open	Brandon Harris	Landon Lawson	5	16.9	
8	Open	Jacob Rothgeb	Easton Ruthgeb	5	16.26	3.98
9	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Todd Whittaker	5	15.86	
10	Open	Scott Stillner	Brandon Witcher	5	15.7	
11	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	15.68	6.14
12	Open	Jeff Rodgers	James Butterworth	5	15.62	4.48
13	Open	Ray Orey	David Rose	5	15.46	4.32
14	Open	DeWayne Lindsey	Robbie Elmor	5	15.27	4.58
15	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	5	15.22	
16	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	14.26	
17	Open	Jay Nicely	Bill Goets	5	13.56	
18	Open	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	13.2	
19	SouthWestern	Darren Keith	Shawn Christian	5	12.17	
20	Open	Johnny Cole	Ashley Miller	5	12.16	
21	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	0	0	
21	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Bobby Yates	0	0	
21	Triangle	Charles Lee	Jeff Creed	0	0	
21	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Adam Frost	0	0	
21	Open	Tony Walker	Hylton Scott	0	0	
21	Open	Seth Brogan	Jared Ingram	0	0	

REGION 4 continued:

Smith Mountain Lake

POWER-POLE

TOTAL BOAT CONTROL

REGION 4 continued:

Smith Mountain Lake – July 11, 2026

On July 11, we had our second night tournament on Smith Mt. Lake. We could no longer launch boats at the State Park due to low water conditions, so we moved the tournament to Parkway Marina. As in our first night tournament, we had another very big Largemouth caught. It weighed 8.88 lbs. The results follow:

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	
1	Open	Dalton Bethel	Trent Boatwright $1000	5	21.18	6.72
2	Open	Kyle Smith	Bert Smith $660+$290	5	20.22	8.88
3	Open	Jay Perez	Jonathon Arrington $495	5	19.62	
4	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank $165	5	17.24	5.9
5	Open	Todd Whittaker	Austin Schlottman	5	16.3	
6	Open	Parker Brogan	Zack LeMaster	5	16.1	
7	SouthWestern	Darren Keith	Shawn Christian	5	15.7	
8	Open	Chris Lucas	Buddy Ratcliffe	5	15.62	
9	Open	Hylton Scott	Tony Walker	5	15.56	
10	Open	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	15.48	
11	Triangle	Charles Lee	Jeff Creed	5	15.16	
12	Open	Tim Skinnell	Grant McKinster	5	15.12	5.28
13	Open	Mark Cox	Amy Cox	5	15.04	
14	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	14.36	
15	Open	Randy Hicks	Dakota Krantz	5	14.16	
16	Open	Joseph StClair	Hunter Clark	5	13.38	
17	Open	Jonathan Smith	Jason Harris	5	12	
18	Open	Keth	Robert Johnson	5	11.8	
19	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	11.38	
20	StarCity/Southwest	David Martin	Kevin Simnsons	0	0	
20	Open	Scott Slittner	Brandon Witcher	0	0	
20	Open	Andrew Martin	Hunter Hurly	0	0	
20	Open	Dale Smith	David Hinkley	0	0	
20	Open	Matt Hall	Jaxson Hall	0	0	
20	Open	Shawn Holland	Aaron Scott	0	0	
20	Open	Courtney Hall	Ray Hall	0	0	
20	Open	Jeff Rogers	Rick Gardner	0	0	
20	Open	Billy Giles	Paul Bird	0	0	
20	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Bridget Nidffer	0	0	
20	Open	John Coles	Jay Nicely	0	0	
20	Open	Brandon Harris	Landon Lawson	0	0	
20	Open	Dewayne Lindsey	Robbie Elmor	0	0	

REGION 4 continued:

Smith Mountain Lake - July 11th

On July 25, we had our third and last night tournament on Smith Mt. Lake. The results are below:

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	
1	Open	Chris Lucas	Jacob Lucas $1000+$240	5	22.99	7.43
2	Triangle	William Croteau	Dylan Bailey $690	5	21.47	4.96
3	Open	David Mills	Shane Mills $230	5	21.34	5.97
4	Open	Scott Slittner	Brandon Witcher	5	18.45	6.15
5	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	17.97	
6	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	17.95	
7	Open	Johnny Coles	Jay Nicely	5	17.39	
8	Open	Jay Perez	Jonathan Arrington	5	16.67	
9	Open	Seth Martin	Jared Looney	5	14.7	
10	Open	Joseph StClair	Roger Perdue	5	14.34	
11	Open	Kyle Smith	Bert Smith	5	13.93	
12	Triangle	Charles Lee	Jeff Creed	5	12.92	
13	South Western	Darren Keith	Shawn Christian	5	12.52	
14	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	11.57	
15	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	4	9.96	
16	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Langston Ellis	0	0	
16	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	0	0	
16	Open	Dalton Bethel	Colin Wells	0	0	
16	Open	Scott Stephenson	Caleb Naff	0	0	
16	Open	Parker Brogan	Zack LeMaster	0	0	
16	Open	Matt Hall	Jaxson Hall	0	0	
16	Open	Jonathan Smith	Jason Harris	0	0	
16	Open	Paul Bird	Billy Giles	0	0	
16	Open	Courtney Hall	Ray Hall	0	0	
16	Open	Wayne Nidiffer	Adam Frost	0	0	
16	Open	Mark Cox	Amy Cox	0	0	
16	Open	Mike Williams	Ty Wingfield	0	0	
16	Open	Shawn Holland	Aaron Scott	0	0	

REGION 4 continued:

Region 4 Team of the Year points after 9 tournaments:

The competition for Region Champions is being hotly contested with one regular season tournament left. The standings are:

Place	CLUB	Boater	fishoff	Non-Boater	fishoff	SML	SML*	SOHC	Phil	Phil	Clay	SML	SML	SML	Clay	Total4	HeavyWeight
1	Triangle	William Croteau	6*	Logan Combs	3*	95	100	0	99	0	100	99	0	100		399*	SML 24.96
2	BlackWater River	Daniel Eubank	9**	Douglas Eubank	5	92	88	97	97	100	99	98	100	95		397*	SML 17.24
3	Triangle	Zach Peaslee	5*	Bobby Peaslee	5*	99	98	98	100	0	97	0	0	0		395*	SML 20.66
4	Triangle	Paul Craighead	9***	Brian Burnett	9***	98	94	99	98	96	98	95	96	98		393*	SML 17.30
5	Triangle	Steven Deisher	7*	Bobby Pauley	5*	90	99	100	94	0	85	96	0	84		389*	SML 23.12
6	Star City	Chuck Hart	8*	Hayden Hart	6*	97	96	96	0	98	96	84	97	94		388*	SML 19.18
7	Star City	Ian Branson	5*	Jon Branson	5*	96	92	0	96	0	0	97	0	99		388*	SML 17.97
8	Star/South	David Martin	5*	Kevin Simmons	5*	94	95	0	95	0	0	100	86	0		384*	SML 17.80
9	Southwestern	Darren Keith	6*	Shawn Christian	7*	91	90	0	83	84	0	94	99	96		380*	SML 15.70
10	Triangle	Charles Lee	4	Jeff Creed	4	93	0	0	0	0	0	84	98	97		372	SML 15.16
11	Star City	Jeff Rollins	4*	Dante Villa	4*	0	87	0	93	97	95	84	0	0		372*	SML 14.25
12	BlackWater River	Mickey Ellis	4*	Bobby Yates	4*	0	91	0	83	94	0	84	0	84		353*	SML 14.25
13	BlackWater River	Greg Stallings	2*	Ricky Grant	2*	100	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		197*	SML 28.10
14	Southwestern	Wally Dryman	2*	Gary Jones	2*	0	93	0	0	99	0	0	0	0		194*	SML 17.24
15	Star City	Dennis Hartzl	2*	James Shorter	2*	0	89	0	0	95	0	0	0	0		184*	SML 10.84
16	BlackWater River	Tony Campbell	1**			0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		88*	SML 7.86
17	Star City	Travis Hylton	1	Joseph Zawhorodny	1	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		81	0

Our last regular season tournament is October 17 at Claytor Lake.

The Region 4 Championship, which is only open to Region 4 members who have fished at least four regular season tournaments plus at least one VA Bass Team Tournament Trail Regional Tournament, is on November 7 on Smith Mt. Lake.

REGION 4 continued:

Region 4's 2026 Team Tournament Trail schedule

The 2026 Region 4 tournament schedule is shown below. The schedule is tentative pending obtaining ramp permits. Tournaments are open to both Federation and non-Federation anglers.

2026 Region 4 TBF VA Bass

Open Team Tournament Trail

$100 entry per boat Includes Big Fish Pot

$$ 1,000 $$ 1st place and 1 place paid for every 7 boats after 14 paid entries

9 OPENS 5 FISH LIMIT 90% Pay back

No Membership Need to Participate

Feb. 28th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, 7am-4pm (all Fish 14")

(Mar. 14th Smith Mountain, Parkway Marina, TBF Members Only)

Mar.14th TBF Va. State West Regional Rules Apply, (Region 4 Point Tournament)

April18th South Holston, Observation Knob Ramp, 6am-3pm (Sm 15", Lm/spots 12")

April 25th Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, 6am-3pm (all Fish 12")

May 16th Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, 6am-3pm (all Fish 12")

May 30th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, 6am-3pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")

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

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

July 11th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")

July 25th Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3amm (all Fish 14")

Oct. 17 Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, 7am-4pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")

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

REGION 4 TBF TEAMS FISH-OFF

Nov. 7th Smith Mountain, Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp 7am-4pm (all Fish 14")

Fish-OFF Eligibility

(Must be a Region 4 TBF member who has fished at least 4 open tournaments and 1 TBF VA State Regional)

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

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Region 6

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Region 6 is nearing the end of the 2026 tournament season which has proven to be a tough year for some of us to catch fish. The points race for the 2026 Region 6 Championship Team is close with one more event this year. The Pamunkey River tournament (with no drop for the season) the top five teams for 2026 are: Terry Clavarella and Bob Graves with 966 points, James Vick and Bryan Reedy with 944 points, Phillip Gould and Keith Moring with 922 points, Donnie and Dylan Bowman with 914 points, and Frank Glazier and Clyde Cheek with 908 points.

Our last tournament of the season will decide our Region Championship which will be on Lake Chesdin on Oct 17. We plan to put together our 2027 tournament schedule once we have our final event of the year. We hope all are doing well and have a safe time fishing for the rest of the year.

Region 6 Tournament Results

Pamunkey River – August 15, 2026

Pamunkey River

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Bob Graves	Terry Ciavarella	10.15
2	Donnie Bowman	Dylan Bowman	9.50
3	James Vick	Bryan Reedy	8.70
4 Tie	Rick Lemocks	Jason Upton	7.60
4 Tie	Maurice Curley	Donald Lee	7.60
6	Frank Glazier	Clyde Cheek	7.45
7	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	6.75
8	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	5.85
9	Jason Williams	Brad Watkins	5.65
10	Robert Gilmartin	Donald Martin	4.95
11	Craig Ferguson		4.00
12	Waverly Randall		3.85
13	Alton Vaughan		0
14	Dylan Shephard	Calvin Lowrey	0

REGION 6 continued:

Region 6 Championship Points Standings after 5 Tournaments

	(Angler 1 / Angler 2)	Club	Buggs Island	Gaston	James River	Chick River	Pamunkey River	Chesdin	Total	Total w/drop
1	Terry Ciavarella / Bob Graves	Tri City	194	196	188	188	200		966	778
2	Roger Walters / Renee Walters	Tri City	192	200	0	198	186		776	776
3	Dylan Shephard / Cavan Lowery	Tri City	196	0	200	192	176		764	764
4	James Vick / Bryan Reedy	Tri City	190	182	186	190	196		944	762
5	Phillip Gould / Keith Moring	Tri City	200	190	174	170	188		922	752
6	Donnie Bowman / Dylan Bowman	Southern	162	174	194	186	198		914	752
7	Tim Byers / Craig Ferquson	Tri City	180	0	196	194	180		750	750
8	Kelvin Barnes / Thomas Barnes	Southern	184	194	192	176	0		746	746
9	Frank Glazier / Clyde Cheek	Tri City	166	198	172	182	190		908	742
10	Waverly Randall	Tri City	198	158	190	174	178		898	740
11	Josh Griffin / Bobo Dustin Taylor	Va Lip Rip	168	186	184	200	0		738	738
12	Jason Upton / Rick Lemocks	Tri City	178	188	166	172	194		898	732
13	Mike Renshaw / Ken Huband	Southern	186	176	182	178	0		722	722
14	Brad Watkins / Jason Williams	Tri City	170	164	0	196	184		714	714
15	John Jessee / Alton Vaughan	Tri City	172	192	170	168	176		878	710
16	Maurice Curley / Donald Lee	Tri City	0	166	180	168	192		706	706
17	Robert Gilmartin / Donald Martin	Tri City	164	180	176	0	182		702	702
18	Jacob McCabe / Dwayne Berry	Tri City	176	0	178	168	176		698	698
19	Tim Snover / Phil Pannill	Tri City	182	172	166	168	0		688	688
20	Matt Lightfoot J. D. Childress	Va Lip Rip	174	170	166	168	0		678	678
21	Chris Williams / Eric Ellington	Va Lip Rip	188	178	0	180	0		546	546
22	Larry Gray Jr. / Joseph Boyles	Va Lip Rip	0	156	168	168	0		492	492
23	Danny GutShall / Ayden Gutshall	Tri City	158	160	0	168	0		486	486
24	Jason Boyles / ED Banton	Va Lip Rip	0	0	198	184	0		382	382
25	Chris Bradley / Rodney Allen	Tri City	0	168	166	0	0		334	334
26	Jon Tye / Brandon Gray	Tri City	160	162	0	0	0		322	322
27	Justin Clements / Jessica Clements	Va Lip Rip	156	0	166	0	0		322	322
28	Corey King / Orlando Kelly	Tri City	0	184	0	0	0		184	184
29	Wade Rook/Caleb Rook	Tri City	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
30	Tim Mick	Tri City	0	0	0	0	0		0	0

Region 6 - 2026 Season Schedule

March 21	Bugg's Island	North Bend State Park
April 11	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove Marina
May 9	James River	Jordan Point Marina
June20	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park
August15	Pamunkey	Williams Landing
October 17	Lake Chesdin	Public Ramp

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The District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament on Lake Anna concluded this past weekend and proved to be a real challenge for most anglers. Region 8 anglers were in the hunt following day one with RVA Bassmasters Lewis Williams leading along with Scott Coons in 5th Place in the Angler Division and Paul Gyoker was in 3rd Place in the Co-Angler Division. However, as often happens in these two-day events, our anglers struggled on the final day. Region 8 did end up with a few anglers finishing "In-The Money" with Brad Huddleston from our Nottoway Bassmasters finishing in 10th Place and RVA Bassmasters angler Lewis Williams in eleventh place in the Angler Division. In the Co-Angler Division TBF Bass Bandits anglers David Hagan finished in 10th place and Paul Gyoker took the eleventh spot. In all it was a very good event with very respectable efforts by all our Region 8 participants. While most did not finish where they expected, these tournaments are as much about the fellowship as they are the competition. Our anglers met the challenge on a difficult fishery, spent time with their fellow anglers, and came away with a little more experience that they can apply in the future.

We have already started our Region 8 qualification process towards the 2027 District 12 National Semi Final Tournament which is scheduled for 24-26 September 2027 on Summersville Lake, West Virginia. The top 10 percent of the anglers and co-anglers at each of our Region 8 tournaments since July 1st, 2026, can secure their spot in the 2027 National Semi Final by participating in at least one of the 2027 State Team Trail tournaments. The first Team Trail Tournament of the 2027 season is on Lake Gaston on October 24th. Online registration is now open on the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations web site: www.vabass.com.

Once again, I would like to congratulate RVA Bassmasters Anglers Michael Coleman Tracy Gravely who won what proved to be a highly competitive 2026 Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year title chase. As the Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year they now advance directly to the TBF National Championship next spring.

The 2026 Region 8 Championship race is still a toss-up as many teams still have a good chance to make a move up the standings. We've completed seven of our eight 2026 Region tournaments and the final 2026 season tournament on the Nottoway Rive on October 10th will determine if anyone can overtake our season leaders Mike and John Guzik. The Nottoway has been fishing well lately, and the potential is there for anyone to make a big move in the Region 8 standing in the tournament. We are already preparing for our Members Appreciation Tournament scheduled for November 1st on the Chickahominy River. Make plans to participate in this No-Entry-Fee event which will be followed by some awards, fellowship, door prizes, and BBQ.

Please patronize those local businesses that have and continue to support our Region 8 family: **Bass Pro Shops, Fishing Pro Tech, Teriyaki Madness (Hampton, Williamsburg, & Virginia Beach), HG Drywall, JLJ Handyman, 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 loved one, and facing life's challenges each day.

John Flicek
Region 8 Director

REGION 8 continued:

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 (Shoup's Landing)
13 June (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
8 August (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte. 5) Tournament
22 August (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoup's 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

2027 Region 8 Tournament Schedule

10 April (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte. 5)
1 May (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
2 May (Sun)	Lake Gaston (Honey Hole @ Holly Grave)
12 June (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoup's Landing)
10 July (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte. 5)
7 August (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Landing)
28 August (Sat)	Nottoway River (Rte. 258 General Vaughan Bridge Ramp)
11 September (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte. 5)
30 October (Sat)	Member Appreciation No Entry Fee Tournament - Chickahominy (Rte. 5)

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

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REGION 8 continued:

Region 8 Tournament Results

Chickahominy River, August 8, 2026

Region 8 Anglers endured one of the hottest days of the summer August 8th on the Chickahominy River. Anglers indicated that bass fishing has been tough this year, however, several did manage to bring some nice limits of bass to the scales. Brad Huddleston from the Nottoway Bassmasters won the tournament with his five fish limit weighing in at 17.29 pounds. NASA-Langley Bassmasters angler James Whitehead finished in the second spot with 16.42 pounds. James also weighed the tournament's big bass, a 6.08 pound largemouth. The Third-Place team from the RVA Bassmasters was Erling Bruun and Ken Jaco with 14.01 pounds. Nottoway Bassmasters Mike & John Guzik finished fourth with 13.96 pounds. The 5th Place team also from the Nottoway Bassmasters was "Team Teriyaki Madness" Billy Allen and Joe Davis with 13.77 pounds. The 5-Rivers Bassmasters team of Kevin Phillips and Ray Allen took sixth place with their limit of bass weighing in at 12.84 pounds. Complete standings can be viewed on the Region 8 web site: **www.vabassregion8.com.**

Brad Huddleston
1st Place 17.29 lbs.

James Whitehead
2nd Place 16.42 lbs.
Big Fish 6.08 lbs.

Erling Bruun
&
Ken Jaco
3rd Place 14.01 lbs.

REGION 8 continued:

Chickahominy River Results (Top 25)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Brad Huddleston		17 .29
2	James Whitehead	Kevin Bowles	16.42
3	Erling Bruun	Ken Jaco	14.01
4	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	13.96
5	Billy Allen	Joe Davis	13.77
6	Kevin Phillips	Ray Allen	12/84
7	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	12.08
8	Nicky Skinner	Ron Sullivan	10.89
9	Keith Jones	Ken O'Boyle	10.54
10	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	10.23
11	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	10.18
12	James Mills Jr	Scott Shaffer	9.93
13	Mike Watson	Ronnie Ketchum	9.81
14	Gary Svatek		9.63
15	Terry Sulivan	Shane Casey	9.49
16	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	9.04
17	Patrick Massara		8.99
18	James Breen		8.63
19	Doug Griles	Parker Newsome	8.54
20	Jeff Hayden	Don Carter	8.32
21	Chad Howell	Reed Thacker (Y)	7.64
22	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	6.16
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Lake Anna, September 10, 2026

Sturgeon Creek Marina was the site for our Lake Anna tournament held on September 10, 2026. The father and son team of Dave and Jacob McLean from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters won the tournament with a limit of bass weighing in at 13.96 pounds. The Nottoway Bass Anglers team of Brad Huddleston and Dave Christian finished on second-Place with 12.91 pounds. Also, from the Nottoway Bassmasters the team of Tim Covington and Christopher Reed finished in 3rd Place with 12.66 pounds. Tim and Reed also had the Big Bass which weighed 4.78 pounds. The 4th Place team from the RVA Bassmasters with 10.83 pounds was the team of Floyd Dalton and Tarance Fuller. Finishing in the fifth spot was NASA-Langley Bassmasters angler James Whitehead and RVA Bassmasters Co-Angler Michael Williams with 9.05 pounds.

Lake Anna Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	David McLean	Jacob McLean	13.96
2	Brad Huddleston	Dave Christian	12.91
3	Tim Covington	Christopher Reed	12.66
4	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	10.83
5	James Whitehead	Michael Williams	9.05
6	Dwayne Young		8.95
7	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	8.50
8	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	7.82
9	Mike Watson	Ronnie Ketchum	7.73
10	Terry Sullivan	Shahe Casey	5.57
11	Ed Clarke	Jared Clarke	3.81
12	Chris Scott	Dillon Clark	3.77
13	Nicky Skinner	Ron Sullivan	3.72
14	James Breen		0
14	Kaleb Boyles	Dakoda Boyles	0
14	Sam Cielakie	Brandon Handy	0

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2026 Region 8 Club Tournament Schedules

5-Rivers Bassmasters

21 March (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoup's Landing)
11 April (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
12 Apr (Sun)	Lake Gaston (Poplar Creek)
16 May (Sat)	Pasquotank River (Waterfront Park)
20 June (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Landing)
18 July (Sat)	Nottoway River (Gen Vaughn Bridge)
15 Aug (Sat)	James River (Hopewell City Ramp)
13 Sept (Sat)	Chickahominy River (Rte. 5)
19 September (Sat)	*"Dash 4 the Cash"*

TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia

March 1	Chowan River (Shoup's Landing)
March 15	Lake Chesdin (Public Boat Ramp)
March 29	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
April 12	Nottoway River (Rte. 258)
Apr 26	Perquimans' River (Hertford Boat Landing)
May 3	Blackwater River
May 17	Chowan River (Shoup's Landing)
May 31	Nottoway River (Rte. 258)
June 14	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
June 28	Chowan River
July 12	Pasquotank River (Elizabeth City)
July 26	Nottoway River
August 2	Chickahominy River
August 16	Appomattox River (Hopewell)
August 30	Chowan River
September 13	Roanoke Rapid Lake (5th St)
September 27	Nottoway River
October 4	Chickahominy River
October 24-25	Club Classic: Location TBD

Nottoway River Rats

March 22	Lake Gaston
April 25	Kerr Lake
May 30	Chickahominy River
June 20	Chowan River
June 27	Old Lake
July 18	Roanoke River
August 15	Nottoway River
August 22	Chowan River
September 5	Old Lake
September 19	Chowan River
October 17/18	Club CLASSIC: Location 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 2026 season behind us, everyone is looking forward to the announcement of the 2027 Region 10 season. Our winners for 2026 were Justin & Vince Botts, congratulations to them both! They will receive their paid TBF membership for the 2027 season, and they will also be doing the drawing to determine which one of the eight 2027 tournaments will be the 2026 Classic. Only 2026 TBF members (annual $80 membership) are eligible to fish the Region 10 Classic.

Region 10 will be having two open tournaments to conclude our events in 2026. These Open Tournaments are planned for October 17th and 31st, on South Holston Lake (tentative blast offs are 7:30am with a 3:00pm weigh-in). Anglers will have the opportunity to join or renew their TBF membership ($80) for the 2027 season at both Open Tournament Weigh-ins. Joining Region 10 of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation allows anglers to fish our Region 10 events but also to fish State Level Team Trail Tournaments with opportunities to advance through the TBF National Semi Finals to the TBF National Championship. Our October Open Tournaments will also serve as State Qualifiers for our TBF Junior Anglers and High School Student Angler Federation (SAF) members. TBF Junior Angler and the Student Angler Federation memberships are always open for only a $25 membership fee.

We are happy to announce that Region 10 will be hosting the 2027 Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail West Regional. This State Team Trail Tournament will be on April 17, 2027, on South Holston Lake, and will be launching at the Washington County Ramp. This tournament is also the TBF Junior Angler and SAF State Championships (see the Virginia TBF Youth Facebook page for more information).

Stay tuned as Region 10 will be announcing their 2027 season soon! It will be posted on the Region 10 Facebook page once it is set.

Tim Keen
Region 10 Director

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