

# Tight Lines

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## Mark Elliott Wins Mid-Atlantic Co-Angler Title at TBF National Championship

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### Purpose of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

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



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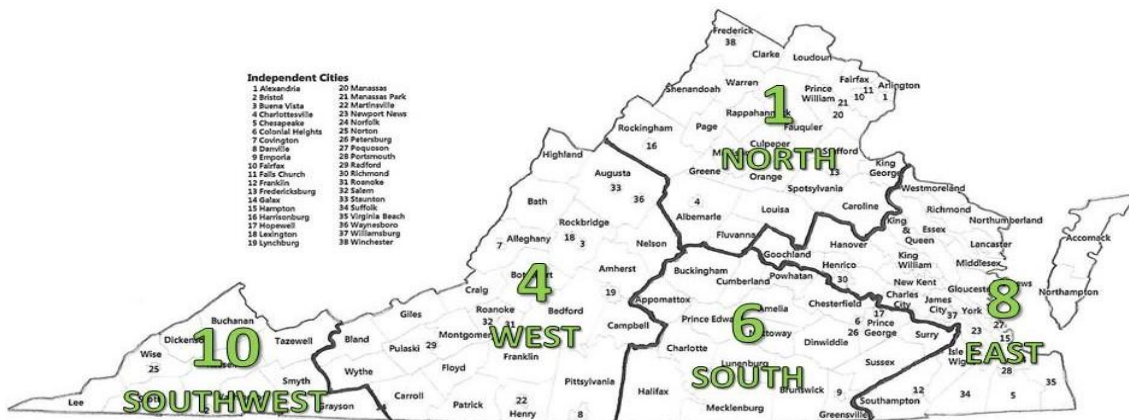
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## Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Regions





# Presidents Corner

## Scott Whitmore

It appears spring has sprung with Federation tournaments in full swing. As of this writing we are half way through our State Regional tournaments with the South Regional on Lake Gaston upon us. We have a busy schedule the next couple of months with the North Regional on Lake Anna May, 2<sup>nd</sup> followed up the State Championship on the Chickahominy the weekend of June, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting year for our Federation as we are hosting this year's TBF District 12 National Semifinal on Lake Anna September, 25th-27th. Let's work hard to send as many Teams as possible for the NSF. This will allow us to send an additional Team to the National Championship. It would be great to have four Virginia Teams at the 2027 National Championship!

I would like to thank our four anglers that just returned from competing in the 2026 TBF National Championship on Pickwick Lake in Florence, Alabama. Rick Mills, Brad Huddleston, Chris Mills and Mark Elliot did a great job representing Virginia. Congratulations to Mark Elliot on his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish earning him an invite to the BFL All American.

Thanks to everyone who helped support our Junior State Championship and SAF State Championship on Smith Mountain Lake in March. I believe these young anglers could have handed out Guide Service business cards to some of the adults as they had multiple five fish limits weighing north of 18lbs with two eclipsing 20+lbs.

Welcome to our new members this year, so far we have seen a very positive growth in new memberships. I look forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming tournaments.

Don't forget on June 7th we will be crowning our Angler/Co-Angler Team Trail points Champions who automatically receive a berth in the 2027 TBF National Championship.

We will be receiving a limited amount of VIP slots for Humminbird and MinnKota in the next couple of weeks. These are available first to the 2025 State Team members that are on active rosters. If you are a 2025 State Team Member and want to buy some of these products contact me ASAP so I can put you on the list. After June 15<sup>th</sup> any unclaimed VIPs will be on a first come first serve basis to any active member.

Great News we have a new National Sponsor! Discount Tackle is now on board and offering some great discounts. They have also provided us a QR code that I will have posted at each tournament, you scan the QR code and type in your email address and you are entered into a drawing for a \$1000 shopping spree. I ask that you continue to support all of our great sponsors and when in their businesses let them know you are a Federation member and thank them for their support of our Federation. If you have anyone that may be interested in advertising in Tightlines please send them in my direction. It's because of these great Sponsors that we are able to bring you a 100% payback tournament trail.

We are getting close to our "Winner Take All Raffle" drawing on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets have been selling fast so if you haven't had a chance to buy one yet contact your Region Director as I'm out of tickets.

In closing always keep your eyes open for Facebook post and Website updates to stay up on Federation news. I cannot go without thanking the Staff of this Federation that spends countless hours behind the scenes working with Sponsors to ensure we have product to give away at each tournament and to ensure the members have a great tournament experience. Without them we could not run these tournaments.

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??	First Team Trail Tournament of the 2027 Season - TBD
November 8	Board Meeting (South Hill)

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FISHING EXPO**

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Doswell, VA

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FISHING EXPO**

**FEB 5-7**

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SHOW**

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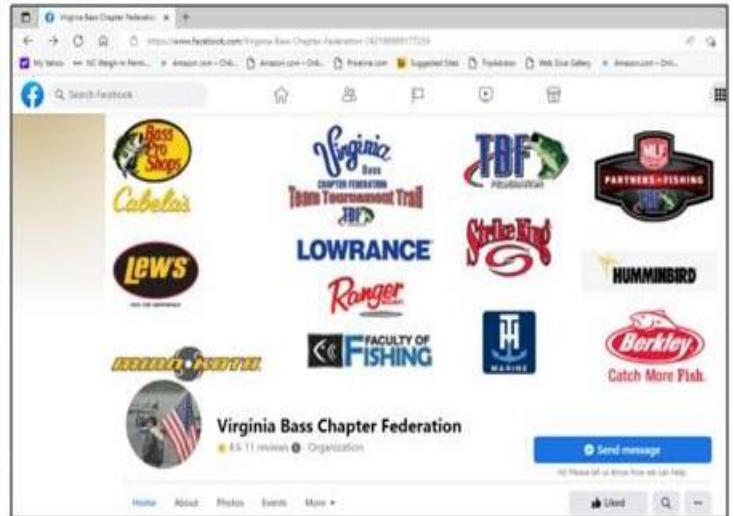


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## 2026 MEMBERSHIP:

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# Virginia Anglers compete for TBF National Championship on Pickwick Lake



Virginia Anglers Brad Huddleston (Nottoway Bassmasters) and Mark Elliott (5-Rivers Bassmasters) along with the father and son team of Rick and Chris Mills (Hook'em Bass Anglers) competed in the TBF National Championship Tournament on the Pickwick Lake, Florence, AL on March 18-20. The Virginia anglers earned the opportunity to compete for a national title by fishing their way through their respective Club, Region, and State level tournaments. Brad and Mark earned their berths in the TBF Championship as the top Virginia Angler or Co-Angler in the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament last fall on Ohio River. Rick and Chris advanced to the National Championship event as the 2025 Virginia Angler and Co-Angler of the Year.

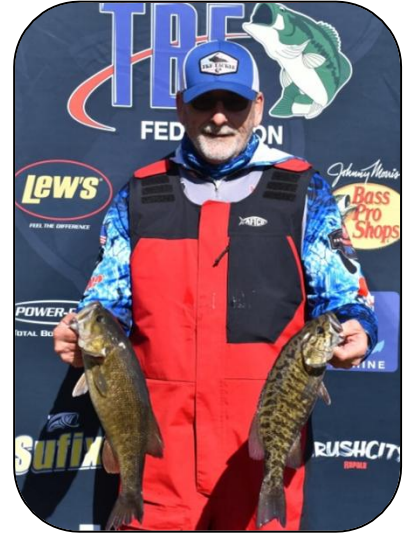


Virginia anglers found the fishing a real challenge as dramatic swings in weather and dropping water levels hampered their efforts. Record cold temperatures hit the region through tournament practice then warmed to around 80 degrees on Championship Day.

**DAY 1:** In the Angler Division, Rick managed to bring three bass to the scales weighing in at 8 pounds 9 ounces while Brad who was unable to access the areas he had planned on fishing due to low water struggled to find keeper size fish. In the Co-Angler Division, Chris Mills managed a single bass weighing 2 pounds 5 ounces. Mark Elliott, however, had a 3 fish limit that weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce putting him in second place in the Mid-Atlantic Co-Angler Division just 2 pounds 5 ounces behind the leader.



TBF National Championship continued:



**Day 2:** The big bite proved even more difficult as there was a lot less current and the water levels dropped more than twelve inches ending the championship runs for all but one Virginia angler. In the Co-Angler Division, Mark Elliott adapted and managed to bring in another limit of bass weighing 10 pounds 2 ounces which was enough to win the Mid-Atlantic Co-Angler Division with a two day total of 18 pounds 3 ounces and advance to the Championship Round on Day 3.





**Day 3- Championship Round:** The third and final day of competition Mark fished hard and managed to bring two bass to the scales weighing in at 8 pounds 8 ounces bringing his tournament total weight to 26 pounds 11 ounces. Mark finished in fourth place of the Co-Angler Division on Championship Day. With his Mid-Atlantic Division Co-Angler Title, Mark receives a paid entry into the BFL All American Tournament on Lake Murray, later this spring. Fishing as a Co-Angler presents a whole different dynamic to tournament fishing. It's difficult enough as a Co-Angler on your home waters to win a tournament. On unfamiliar waters it is more difficult as the Co-Angler must adapt each day to wherever his angling partner chooses to fish.



Following the tournament Mark Elliott shared a few words about his TBF National Championship experience:

*“My week at the 2026 TBF National Championship on Pickwick was all about fishing in the moment, making the most of every opportunity. Practice was tough with wind, cold fronts, and changing current, but I found just enough to work with. Come tournament time, I kept it simple, fished clean, and let the conditions tell me what to do. That approach paid off with a solid Day 1 and the consistency I needed on Day 2 to win the Mid-Atlantic Division, advancing me to championship day. Championship day was a grind in heavy current near the dam, and I finished 4th overall—a very respectable finish, fishing against some true hammers! Big thanks to the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation, Scott Whitmore, and John Flicek for all they do, and The Bass Federation for putting on a top-notch event on a legendary body of water. Awesome memories made!”*

Rick, Chris, Brad and Mark had an experience of a lifetime and were exceptional representatives of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation. Well Done Gentlemen!

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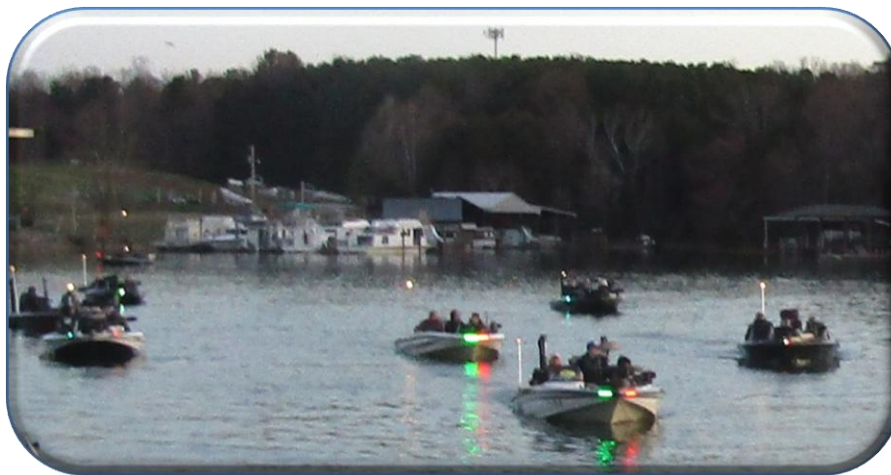
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# West Regional Smith Mountain Lake



Smith Mountain Lake was the site for the second stop on the 2026 Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail season. All participants in this West Regional Tournament qualified for the 2026 State Championship to be held on the Chickahominy River next June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The winning team from this tournament earned a berth on the State Team plus paid entries into the TBF National Semi-Final Tournament and the 2026 Team Tournament Trail two day State Championship. The Top 10% of the anglers from this event qualified for the 2026 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament to be held on Lake Anna in September. All participating anglers also earned valuable point towards the 2026 Virginia Angler of the Year and Co-Angler of the Year race.

It was a cool spring morning as teams arrived at Parkway Marina for tournament check-in and preparation for a safe light tournament blast-off.



**Parkway Marina**  
**SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE**



East Regional Results continued:

Triangle Bassmasters teams dominated the top positions with the team of William Croteau and Logan Combs bring in a five bass limit weighing in at 24.98 pounds. They also weighed the tournaments Big Bass, a 7.29 pound largemouth. Steve Deisher and Bobby Pauley finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with their limit weighing 23.12 pounds. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Place were Zach Peaslee and Bob Peaslee with 20.66 pounds. Robert Hissen from the Bass Snipers and Lewis Williams from the RVA Bassmasters teamed up to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a limit of bass weighing 20.25 pounds. Finishing the tournament in the 5<sup>th</sup> spot was the Black Water River Bass Club team of Greg Stallings and Ricky Grant with 19.96 pounds.



# William Croteau & Logan Combs

West Regional Champions  
24.98 lbs.  
Big Fish Award  
7.29 lbs.

# Steve Deisher & Bobby Pauley

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
23.12 LBS



East Regional Results continued:

# Team Trail West Regional RESULTS

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Total Weight	Points
1	William Croteau	Logan Combs	24.98	200
2	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	23.12	198
3	Zack Peaslee	Bob Peaslee	20.66	197
4	Robert Hissen	Lewis Williams	20.25	196
5	Greg Stallings	Ricky Grant	19.96	195
6	Hayden Hart	Chuck Hart	19.18	194
7	Todd Langford	Thomas Harden	19.17	193
8	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	17.80	192
9	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	17.30	191
10	Jamie Ratliff	Blaine Miller	17.25	190
11	Walter Dryman	Gary Jones	17.24	189
12	Michael Coleman	Tracy Gravely	16.69	188
13	Ian Branson	John Branson	16.58	187
14	Clay Winebarger	Cody Fuller	16.36	186
15	Paul Coleman	Charles Boyd	16.10	185
16	John S. Cielakie	Brandon Handy	15.07	184
17	Tim Keene	Chad Newberry	14.70	183
18	James Vick	Rick Lemocks	14.64	182
19	Mickey Ellis	Bobbie Yates	14.25	181
20	Larry Kempler	Kenneth Brown	13.89	180
21	Josh Griffin	Dustin Taylor	13.43	179
22	Darren Keith	Shawn Christian	13.24	178
23	Steven Hartford	Charles Bartley	12.95	177
24	Chris Mills	Rick Mills	12.36	176
25	Joseph Clarke	David Hagan	12.02	175



East Regional Results continued:

# Team Trail West Regional RESULTS (continued)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Total Weight	Points
26	Brandon Pearce	Nathan Williams	11.45	174
27	Glenn Stateman	Nelson Johnson	10.93	173
28	Dennis Heltzel	James Shorter	10.84	172
29	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	10.66	171
30	Wayne Dorman	Scottie Melton	9.93	170
31	Kaleb Boyles	Dakoda Boyles	9.47	169
32	Chad Howell	Christopher Scott	9.31	168
33	Joe Imler	Curtis Sullivan	9.21	167
34	Tristan Matney	Jason Keene	8.84	166
35	Daniel Eubank	Tony Campbell	7.86	165
36	Jeff Meade	Eddie Minor	7.52	164
37	Camden Heaton	Craig Heaton	6.10	163
38	Brad Watkins	Jason Williams	6.06	162
39	Jeff Rollins	Dante Villa	4.55	161
40	Joe Bandish	Bart Leonard	1.43	160
41	Jonathon Blaire	Greg Wampler	0.00	100
41	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	0.00	100
41	Eric Rasnake	Derek Ray	0.00	100
41	Michael Townsend	Samantha Olivia	0.00	100



East Regional Results continued:



# Smith Mountain Lake



# MINN KOTA®



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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 tournament of the 2026 Team Tournament Trail season, the East Regional on the Chickahominy River, October 25, 2025.

## Team Tournament Trail “Smallest 5 Fish Limit” Award

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

## Team Tournament Trail “Lunker of the Year” Award

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



# Virginia Bass

## CHAPTER FEDERATION

# Team Tournament Trail

## 2026 Team Trail Schedule

**1. . EAST Regional**  
**Chickahominy River**  
**Riverfront Park**  
**25 October 2025**

**2. WEST Regional**  
**Smith Mountain Lake**  
**Parkway Marina**  
**14 March 2026**

**3. SOUTH Regional**  
**Lake Gaston**  
**Holly Grove Marina**  
**4 April 2026**

**4. NORTH Regional**  
**Lake Anna**  
**Sturgeon Creek Marina**  
**2 May 2026**

**State Championship**  
**Chickahominy River**  
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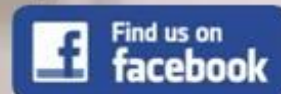
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# Virginia Angler & Co-Angler Of the Year



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

Here's how the points will be awarded: The system is a 200 point system with a +2 points for the tournament winners. The top points awarded will be 200 for the winning anglers (200 for the Angler and 200 for the Co-Angler). 2<sup>nd</sup> place anglers will receive 198 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place anglers will receive 197 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place – 196 points, etc. Any anglers participating and not weighing fish will receive 100 points each. Each Angler and each Co-Angler points from their best 4 out of the 5 team Trail tournaments will be totaled and counted towards the Angler of the Year or Co-Angler of the Year Award.

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

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

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

Current Standings are available on the State web site: [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com) .

# Angler of the Year 2026 Standings

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>25-Oct</b>	<b>14-Mar</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>	<b>2-May</b>	<b>6-7 Jun</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	Robert Hissen	193	196				389
2	Jamie Ratliff	197	190				387
3	Michael Coleman	196	188				384
4	James Vick	191	182				373
5	Larry Kempler	189	180				369
6	John S Cielakie	182	184				366
7	Glenn Stateman	192	173				365
8	Brandon Pearce	190	174				364
9	Joseph Clarke	184	175				359
10	Sammy Henman	186	171				357
11	Joe Imler	187	167				354
12	Chad Howell	181	168				349
13	Chris Mills	169	176				345
14	Daniel Eubank	168	165				333
15	Michael Townsend	163	100				263
16	Floyd Dalton	162	100				262
17	Dylan Whitmore	200					200
18	William Croteau		200				200
19	Craig Cheek	198					198
20	Steve Deisher		198				198
21	Zack Peaslee		197				197
22	Greg Stallings		195				195
23	Marvin Major	195					195
24	Hayden Hart		194				194
25	Richard Barnhardt	194					194
26	Todd Langford		193				193
27	David Martin		192				192
28	Paul Craighead		191				191
29	Walter Dryman		189				189
30	James Mills	188					188
31	Ian Branson		187				187
32	Clay Winebarger		186				186
33	Paul Coleman		185				185
34	Tim Byers	185					185

## Angler of the Year 2026 Standings (continued)

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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35	Frank Glazier	183					183
36	Tim Keene		183				183
37	Mickey Ellis		181				181
38	Brad Huddleston	180					180
39	Josh Griffin		179				179
40	Travis Hylton	179					179
41	Darren Keith		178				178
42	Scott Coons	178					178
43	Steven Hartford		177				177
44	Terry Sullivan	177					177
45	Charles Ingram	176					176
46	Bucky Gyoker	175					175
47	James Whitehead	174					174
48	Jeff Hayden	173					173
49	Dennis Heltzel		172				172
50	Jason Upton	172					172
51	Tim Seery	171					171
52	Timothy Mitchem	170					170
53	Wayne Dorman		170				170
54	Kaleb Boyles		169				169
55	Chris Craft	167					167
56	Jon Perham	166					166
57	Tristan Matney		166				166
58	Larry Gray	165					165
59	Jeff Meade		164				164
60	Ronnie Brewer	164					164
61	Camden Heaton		163				163
62	Brad Watkins		162				162
63	Jeff Rollins		161				161
64	Marty Schray	161					161
65	Eddie Minor	160					160
66	Joe Bandish		160				160
67	Chris Willoughby	100					100

# Angler of the Year 2026 Standings (continued)

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>25-Oct</b>	<b>14-Mar</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>	<b>2-May</b>	<b>6-7 Jun</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
68	Dave McLean	100					100
69	Eric Rasnake		100				100
70	Jonathon Blaire		100				100
71	Wayne Deavers	100					100



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## Co-Angler of the Year 2026 Standings

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>25-Oct</b>	<b>14-Mar</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>	<b>2-May</b>	<b>6-7 Jun</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	Blaine Miller	197	190				387
2	Tracy Gravely	196	188				384
3	Kenneth Brown	189	180				369
4	Brandon Handy	182	184				366
5	Nelson (Lee) Johnson	192	173				365
6	Nathan Williams	190	174				364
7	Troy Neff	186	171				357
8	Curtis Sullivan	187	167				354
9	Rick Lemocks	172	182				354
10	Christopher Scott	181	168				349
11	Rick Mills	169	176				345
12	Tony Campbell	168	165				333
13	Samantha Oliva	163	100				263
14	Tarance Fuller	162	100				262
15	Logan Combs		200				200
16	Scott Whitmore	200					200
17	Bobby Pauley		198				198
18	William Allen	198					198
19	Bob Peaslee		197				197
20	Lewis Williams		196				196
21	Ben Major	195					195
22	Ricky Grant		195				195
23	Chuck Hart		194				194
24	Danny Sage	194					194
25	Jacob Hissen	193					193
26	Thomas Harden		193				193
27	Kevin Simmons		192				192
28	Brian Burnett		191				191
29	Clyde Cheek	191					191
30	Gary Jones		189				189
31	Scott Shaffer	188					188
32	John Branson		187				187
33	Cody Fuller		186				186
34	Charles Boyd		185				185

## Co-Angler of the Year 2026 Standings (continued)

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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35	Donald Lee	185					185
36	Robert McDorman	184					184
37	Chad Newberry		183				183
38	Donald Martin	183					183
39	Bobbie Yates		181				181
40	Dave Christian	180					180
41	Dustin Taylor		179				179
42	Joseph Zawhorodny	179					179
43	Mark Elliott	178					178
44	Shawn Christian		178				178
45	Charles Bartley		177				177
46	Doug Griles	177					177
47	Sarah Ingram	176					176
48	David Hagan		175				175
49	Paul Gyoker	175					175
50	Steve Finch	174					174
51	Willie Etheridge	173					173
52	James Shorter		172				172
53	Ronnie Ketchum	171					171
54	Alex Buckhorn	170					170
55	Scottie Melton		170				170
56	Dakoda Boyles		169				169
57	Scott Taylor	167					167
58	Jason Keene		166				166
59	Mitchell Portervint	166					166
60	Josh Griffin	165					165
61	Audie Murphy	164					164
62	Eddie Minor		164				164
63	Craig Heaton		163				163
64	Jason Williams		162				162
65	Cole Wykoff	161					161
66	Dante Villa		161				161
67	Bart Leonard		160				160

## Co-Angler of the Year 2026 Standings (continued)

	<b>Angler of the Year</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
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68	Joe Bandish	160					160
69	Derek Ray		100				100
70	Greg Wampler		100				100
71	Jacob McLean	100					100
72	Kevin Bowles	100					100
73	Waverly Randall	100					100



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# 2026 National Semi-Final Tournament

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

Hosted by the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

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

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

**Qualified Angler Identification Process:** Anglers who qualified through state tournaments (Team Tournament Trail and Region Tournament Trails) will be identified to TBF by the State Federation. Anglers representing each chapter/club will be identified by 30 June 2026 to the State Federation President. Qualified anglers will complete their State level registration and pay entry fees online through the State Federation. Once all qualified anglers have committed to fish the event and paid the required registration fee, the State will compile the master roster and forward the names to TBF.

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

**Tournament / Ramp Location:** Lake Anna, Mineral, Virginia. Ramp: Sturgeon Creek Marina

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

East Regional – Chickahominy River: Anglers- D Whitmore, C Cheek, J Ratliff, M Coleman, M Major  
Co-Anglers- S Whitmore, W Allen, B Miller, T Gravely, B Major

West Regional – Smith Moutain Lake: Anglers- W Croteau, S Deisher, Z Peaslee, R Hissen, G Stallings  
Co-Anglers- L Combs, B Pauley, B Peaslee, L Williams, R Grant

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

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

Team Trail State Championship –  
Chickahominy River: Anglers-  
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The following Contingency and Incentive Programs are available to Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Members to participate in. Anglers MUST join each program every year and declare your participation prior to each tournament.

## MLF “Competitor Level” Membership Upgrade:

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



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

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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.
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- Members must wear apparel displaying the NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON logo while competing, and at weigh-ins. A photo during weigh-ins to confirm apparel compliance is required with claim submission.
- Must display NITRO Rewards, RANGER Cup, or the TRITON Gold decal on driver's windshield/console of the boat.
- The factory installed NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON decals must be on the qualifying boat in the appropriate position. If the boat is wrapped, the decals must be put back in the same location and must be visible.
- It is recommended that anglers submit claims online for efficient processing.

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

# Angler Contingency Programs



## 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:

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*Tulsa, OK 74112*

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### HOW THE 2026 TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM WORKS:

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#### 2. REGISTER

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

#### 3. FISH

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

#### 4. REDEEM

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

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

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# Vice President

## Steve Hajdasz

### *A note from the VP:*

It's that time of year when tournament schedules and fun fishing really starts to get underway. This article is just to give everyone a reminder to help make sure there are no problems when you want to get out there to hook into some fish and have a problem free tournament day.

First, when you are getting your equipment ready, be sure to check your life jackets. If you use inflatable life jackets, be sure they are in good condition with no tears, mildew or other issues that can affect their serviceability. Be sure to check the CO2 cartridge to make sure it is properly seated and check the expiration date on the cartridge. If it is expired replace it.

Take a look at your throw cushion to make sure there are no rips and or tears and there is no mildew. Also make sure you have an easily available rope to tie to it in case you have a need to throw it to someone in an emergency. When you put the throw cushion on your boat, make sure it is easily accessible and not stored under any other equipment in your boat. This is not only smart but required by law. Make sure that your rain suits are in a storage location that you can get to with a minimum of effort. There is not much worse than getting soaked while trying to get to your rain suit. Keep your cell phone somewhere that is protected from water and easily accessible in case of emergency.

Second take some time to inspect your boat and motor. Check to make sure your batteries are charged and the connections are not corroded. If you have not changed your lower end unit oil prior to storing your boat for the winter, it's always a good idea to change it. If you changed it prior to storing your boat for the winter it's a good idea to pull the lower plug to check for water in the gear housing. Make sure your drain plug is on the boat and again make sure it's installed prior to launching. When you launch your boat, be sure to check your "kill switch" to make sure it's functioning properly.

These are just a few reminders to hopefully alleviate any easily avoided problems. As always, enjoy your time on the water and be sure to be safe. Here's hope that you keep your feet dry and your live wells full.

Steve Hajdasz  
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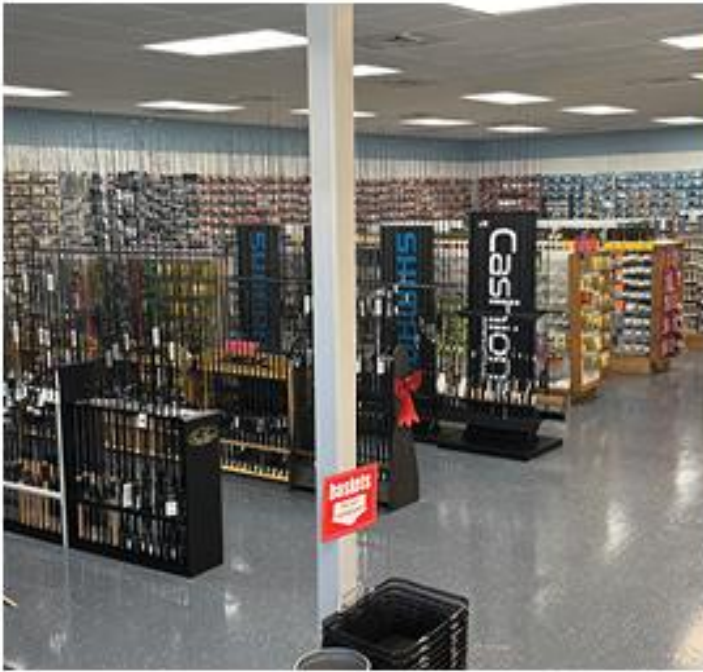
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# Conservation Director

## John Flicek

I had the opportunity to attend the Tidal Rivers Bass Summit presented by DWR Biologists at their Charles City facility on February 26<sup>th</sup>. This was the third annual gathering and as usual I found it very informative. We had several of our Federation members participate along with anglers from throughout Eastern Virginia. There were presentations on each of the major tidal waterways with some very interesting information passed on and several great comments and questions from anglers.

Aside from the excellent presentations on the various tidal water fisheries, I found the discussions concerning budget shortfalls and its impact on DWR operations very concerning. 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. There was an interesting article on this subject in a recent issue of Wood and Waters magazine that I recommend you take a look at. It can be found at the following link:

<https://woodsandwatersmagazine.com/vdwr-facing-funding-shortfalls-stocking-programs-at-risk/>

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 tax payers.

As a bass fishing community we are very fortunate to have such a hard working group of professionals who are open to discussion and welcome angler input. This Tidal Rivers Bass Summit is an annual event and I encourage you take the opportunity to attend and participate in the discussions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

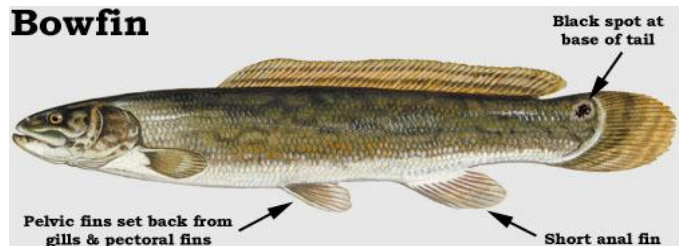
1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) for verification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

**NORTHERN SNAKEHEADS:** Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to possess a live snakehead in Virginia. Anglers are encouraged to kill and report any snakeheads they encounter. In an effort to track Snakehead migration VA DWR has established a **SNAKEHEAD HOTLINE** that anglers can use to report snakehead fish: **(804-367-2925)** 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 must be dead if in possession (contained in live well, cooler, etc.). The DWR asks that all snakeheads be killed if possible. If an angler wishes to keep a legally caught northern snakehead, the fish must be killed to be in possession.

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 somewhat confusing and frustrating to navigate. The next few pages can be used as your resource for obtaining your required permit when scheduling a fishing tournament at one of their facilities. Club Presidents, Region Directors and Tournament Directors need to research your local jurisdictions to insure the required permits are obtained for each event.

**VIRGINIA:** The **Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR)** requires a **Special Use Permit** for fishing tournaments/rodeos/derby's/etc. utilizing any VA DWR owned boat ramp or facilities. Special Use Authorization Application is available online at: <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](mailto: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 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](mailto:mur12@henrico.gov)

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

Special Events Coordinator  
John H Kerr Reservoir  
1930 Mays Chapel Road  
Boydton, VA 23917-9725  
**Ranger Richard Brown**  
Phone: 434-738-6143 ext 6151

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

Lake Gaston's **Holly Grove Marina** is a popular spot for Region and Club tournaments. You can all the marina store, (434)636-3455, 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](mailto: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.





## James City County Tournament Facilities - Permits

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

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

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



### James City County Fishing Tournament Permit Process

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



Greetings TBF Members,

I want to extend my appreciation to all of you that attended our annual Tidal Bass Summit back in February. We always enjoy sharing info and getting feedback!

At that meeting, I shared some news about the DWR budget. Long story short - rising costs and stable revenue have caught up with us. As Fish Chief, I made the difficult recommendation to pull back on our fish stocking – my proposed budget includes a reduction in the trout program, eliminating the purchase of channel catfish and hybrid striped bass, and suspending future stocking for our F1 bass study. That last item is particularly relevant to the bass angler, but please realize that I am doing my best to prioritize items for our more than 500K anglers across the state.

In that vein, I want to guide you all through how you can be heard and how to better advocate for your interests. At DWR, we are strong advocates of government transparency and public participation. So, here's where and how to raise concerns.

If your concern focuses on a specific fishery your first point of contact is one of our biologists. We have biologists across the state and if you reach out to us, we will have them get in touch.

For regulations or concerns about how the money is being spent, I am the best initial point of contact – I run the regulatory cycle, and I work with my team to make sure funds are being spent appropriately. My phone number and email always follow any of my newsletter items. Further, you can address our Wildlife and Boat Committee or our Board at our public meetings. If you feel strongly enough about a management issue, that is the best place to focus your time. I will guide you through that process even if you are commenting negatively. This year, we are going to present draft regulations and the Agency's budget in May. I've invited you all to participate and many of you have commented. I appreciate that.

Now, if you have concerns about how much money we have to spend, your best avenue is to contact your elected officials. Email them, call them, invite them to events. One of our biggest issues relates to incomplete transfer of funds from a tax on outdoor equipment – what we call House Bill 38 – and that's within the purview of your officials. You may not think it matters, but I hear about a lot of concerns that elected officials hear from their constituents. The best time to reach out is right now. And fishing is popular – people of all backgrounds and political affiliations love to fish. Over the past decade I've learned that there are decent folks in politics (I hear your skepticism but trust me) who are advocates for their community. You may be surprised at how much they listen.

DWR Article continued:

Good Fishing



**Mike Bednarski**

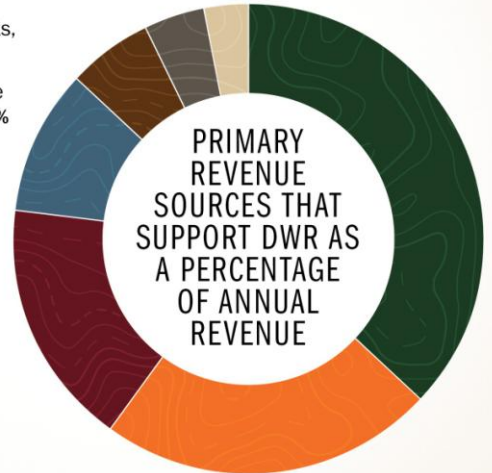
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## How DWR is Funded

- Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses, Permits, and Stamps **37%**
- Federal Grants for Wildlife and Aquatics Support **23%**
- Sales Tax on Outdoor Equipment for Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife Watching (HB38) **17%**
- Watercraft Sales and Use Tax **10%**
- Boat Registration and Titling Fees **6%**
- Miscellaneous **4%**
- Federal Grants for Boating Support **3%**



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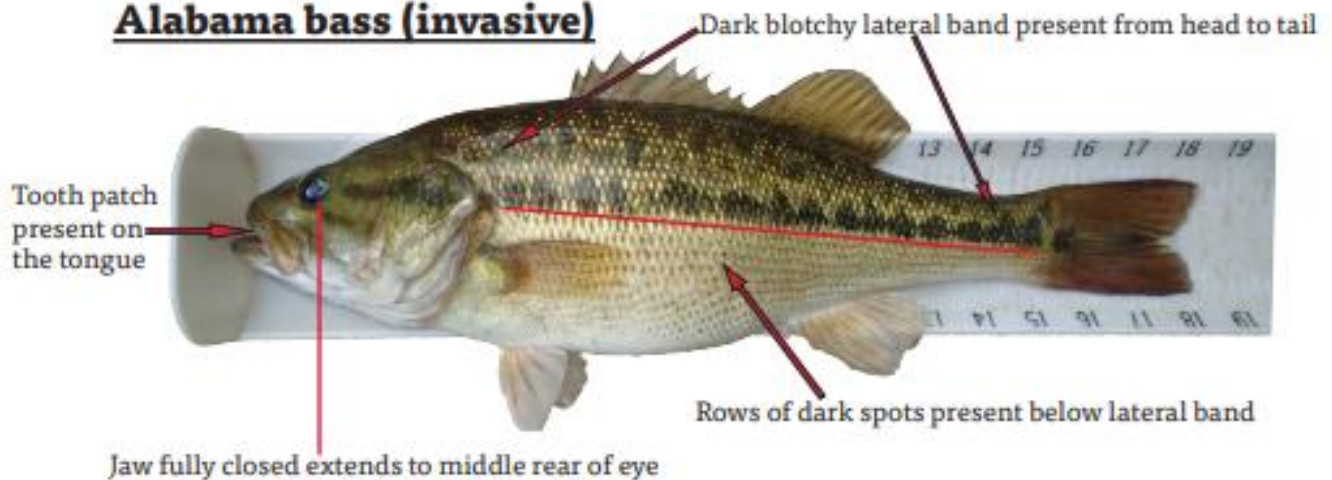
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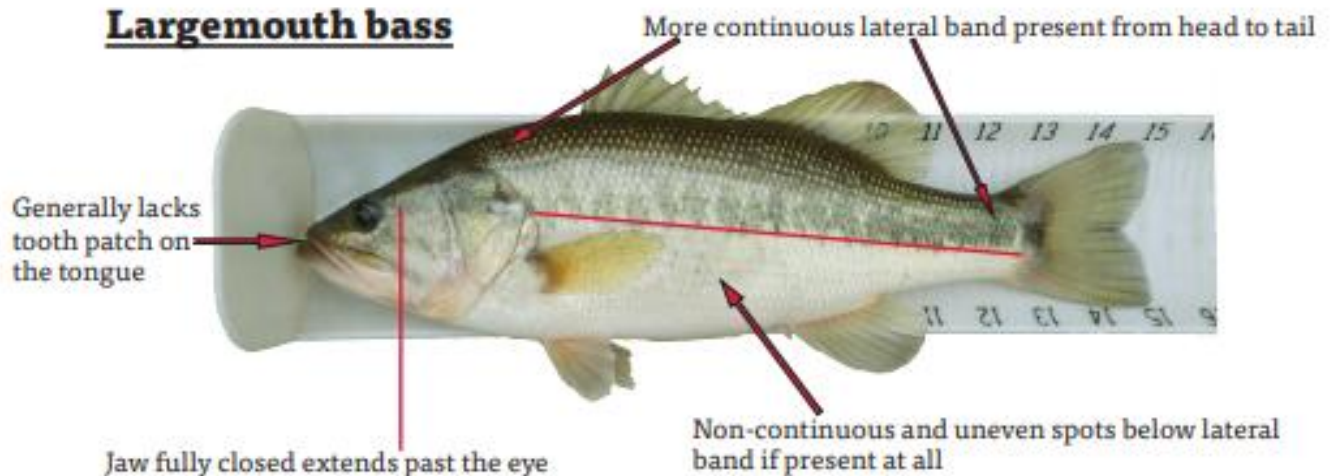


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## Alabama bass (invasive)



## Largemouth bass



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



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# Youth Program Director

## Tim Mick

The 2026 season is in full swing. The Virginia Student Angler Federation (SAF) High School State Championship and the TBF Junior Angler State Championship was March 14<sup>th</sup> on Smith Mountain Lake. Congratulations to the Virginia SAF Champions Peyton McAndrew and Cutler Wooten with the Smith Mountain Lake Anglers. They have punched their ticket to the 2026 SAF World Finals & High School National Championship to be held on Lake Cumberland, Russell Springs, KY, on June 22<sup>nd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. In second place only by .04 lbs., were the team of Brody Deel and Jackson Deel from the Ridgeview High School Wolf Pack. Our third place team was Jacob Hicks and Kinsey Wooten who are also from Smith Mountain Lake Anglers. Great job everyone!

The Virginia TBF Junior Angler State Champions are Brody Witmer and Luke McAndrew from the Smith Mountain Lake Anglers. Brody and Luke now advance to the 2026 Junior World Championship the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>, way to go guys. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior Angler Team was Easton Walker Stevens and Donnie Bostic from the Castaway Lip Rippers. Finishing in third place was Franklin Harper and Dietz Liam.

A big thanks to all the Region Directors for they do to keep the youth programs going!

### **Now for something new!!!**

This year we have The Second Chance Tournament. Yes, it is a chance to send one additional team from Virginia in each division, JR Anglers and SAF, to their respective National Championship!

#### **All that is required to qualify:**

1. Your team is a TBF youth member.
2. Your team fishes (3) three Youth opens in the state. See our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/viriniatbfyouth> for the youth open schedule. Again, call the region directors to let them know you're coming so they can send your team's name in to get counted.

3. Then on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sturgeon Creek Marina on Lake Anna fish the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Tournament for the opportunity to advance to a National Championship.

The Junior World Championship location will be announced soon, keep your eyes on our Facebook page.

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

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

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/viriniatbfyouth> for the up-to-date news and happenings in the Virginia TBF Youth Program**

# Upcoming Events



The SAF High School World Finals will be June 24-26, 2026 on Lake Cumberland, Kentucky



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

# Virginia Youth Anglers Compete at State Federation Region Tournaments

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

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

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

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



## Student Angler Federation High School Program

The high school fishing program is ran by the TBF National Office. Each year High School Anglers have the opportunity to fish the Virginia High School Championship Tournament and Bass Pro Shops/MLF Open Tournaments. Tournament dates, locations and additional information on additional opportunities for Virginia High School Anglers to fish local events will be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page. Student Angler Federation Membership and Registrations for SAF High School Tournaments and the High School World Finals/National Championship are processed online through the Student Angler Federation web site: <https://highschoolfishing.org/>.



## 2026 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/viriniatbfyouth/>

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	<b>Junior &amp; High School State Championships</b>
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	Watagua 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	Watagua Lake	Rats Branch Ramp	TBD	Region 10
May 2, 2026	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	North Regional
May 9, 2026	Watagua 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

## 2026 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	Shoups 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
November 1, 2026	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8

# Virginia TBF Junior Anglers State Championship Smith Mountain Lake



Brody Witmer and Luke McAndrew weigh in 16.41 pound and advance to the TBF Junior Angler World Championship with their Virginia State Championship win.

### Junior Angler Championship Results

Place	Angler	Angler	Weight	Big Fish
1	Brody Witmer	Luke McAndrew	16.41	3.96
2	Easton Walker Stevens	Donnie Bostic	15.48	4.26
3	Harper Franklin	Liam Dietz	6.02	
4	Harrison Guckert	Samuel Cruz	0.00	



# High School Anglers Compete for SAF State Championship on Smith Mountain Lake



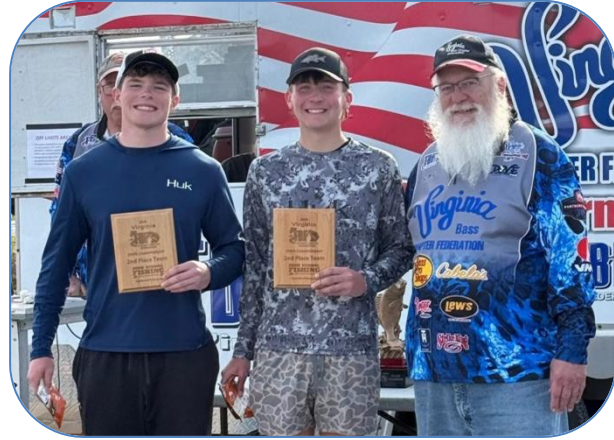
**Peyton McAndrew & Cutler Wooten**  
**Virginia Student Angler Federation Champions**  
**21.31 lbs**

The Team of Peyton McAndrew and Cutler Wooten won the Virginia Student Angler Federation High School State Championship on Smith Mountain Lake with an impressive limit of bass weighing in at 21.31 pounds. In second place was the team of Brody and Jackson Deel with five fish that weighed 21.27 pounds. Brody and Jackson also had the Big Bass of the tournament that weighed 6.92 pounds. The third place team was Jacob Hicks and Kinsey Wooten who also weighed in a limit of bass that went 18.64 pounds.

## SAF Championship Results, 14 March 2026

Place	Angler	Angler	Weight	Big Fish
1	Peyton McAndrew	Cutler Wooten	21.31	5.32
2	Brody Deel	Jackson Deel	21.27	6.92
3	Jacob Hicks	Kinsey Wooten	18.64	4.70
4	Griffin Sheets	John Hicks	18.55	5.57
5	Kole Reynolds	Andrew Richardson	15.55	5.49
6	Wyatt Reynolds	Hampton Hancock-Ward	10.81	4.36
7	Aiden Meyers	Grayden Brown	7.98	4.60
8	Rylan Mohler	Leyton Brown	3.57	3.57
9	Joshua Smith	Landon Ray	2.01	2.01

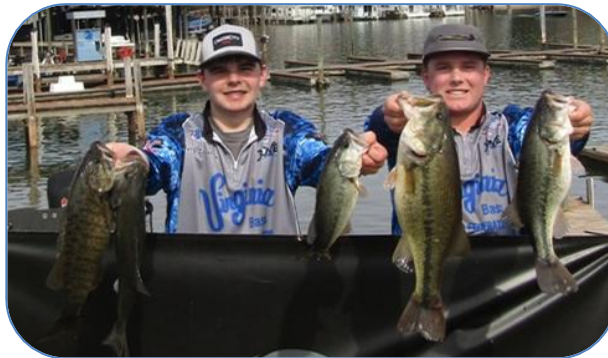




Brody Deel & Jackson Deel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 21.27 lbs



Jacob Hicks & Kinsey Wooten  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 18.64 lbs



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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. We are presently working on several recent requests for rods and reels in support of both youth and veteran 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.



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# "Rods & Reels for Kids"

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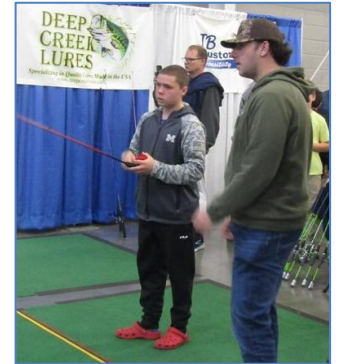
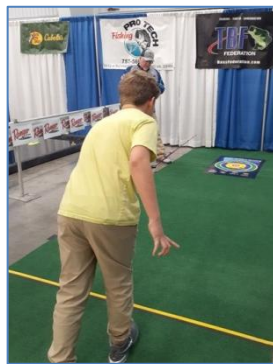


The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation kicked off the year at the Annual Richmond Fishing Expo held at The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA on 16-18 January. Throughout the three day event, Federation member volunteers gathered from across the state to support the Federation booth, visit with the many tackle and marine state sponsors and over 100 vendors. In addition to manning the state booth, our membership hosted a full weekend of “Reel Kids” Casting Skills Competition. The Federation booth always draws large crowds as it has become the premier youth and family event of the Expo each year.





At noon Saturday youth anglers gathered that qualified at events across the State the previous year competed in the Virginia "Reel Kids" Casting Skills State Championship. A great time was enjoyed by all including Touring Professional Angler Gerald "The GMAN" Swindle, who spent some time with the kids following the Championship round and presented the competition awards.





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# Region 1

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With winter, spring and summer battling over control of our weather and temperatures as usual in Virginia, we held our first tournament of the season March 28 on the Chickahominy River. If you went out to pre-fish Friday, you know what I'm talking about with high winds warming it to eighty degrees during the day, then a drastic drop to the low forties by day's end. That was followed by a cold rain lasting into the late-night hours and continued high winds. We launched the tournament out of Chickahominy Riverfront Park ramp located on Gordon's Creek which provided some shelter from the stiff high wind that was blowing. The freezing temperature bit any exposed skin and the wind battered the fisherman all day making them earn every fish caught for sure. When it was all said and done, the team of Chris and Rick Mills were on top followed by Todd Langford and Thomas Harden then Larry Kempler and Kenneth Brown. Big Fish Award went to Larry Kempler with a bass just over five pounds. Congratulations to all the teams that participated and stuck it out all day in the brutal winds and the mornings freezing temperatures. Huge thanks to Region 8 Director John Flicek for allowing us to hold our event at the park alongside their members. Our next tournament will be April 25 on Lake Anna out of Sturgeon Creek Marina. I need all my members to mark their calendars for the Locust Shade Youth Fishing event on May 30<sup>th</sup> where we will need volunteers to assist kids around the pond.



## Region 1 - 2026 Season Schedule

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

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# Region 4

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## Region 4 Tournament Results

On February 28, Region 4 had its first tournament of the year at Smith Mt. Lake. It was a nice day for that time of year and there were some very nice fish caught. Big fish for the tournament was close to 8 pounds. We also had some high school and junior anglers fishing with us. The results were:

### Smith Mountain Lake Open Tournament– February 28, 2026



**Greg Stallings  
&  
Rick Grant**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – 28.10 LBS

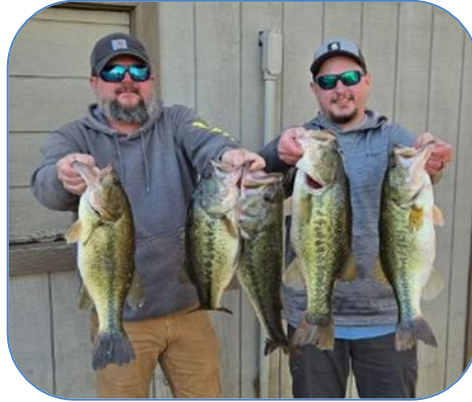
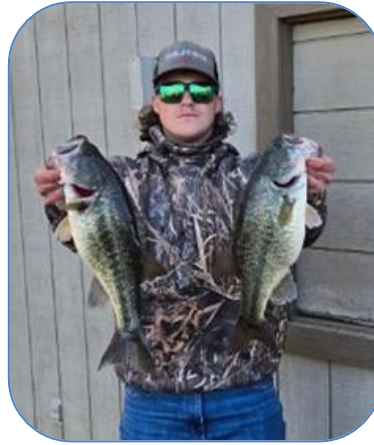
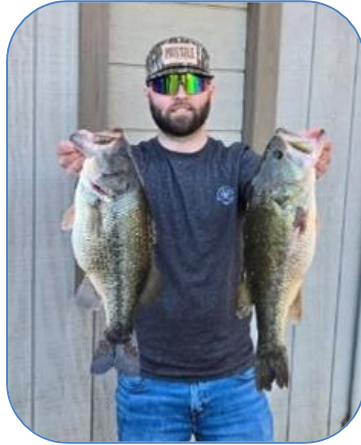


## Smith Mountain Lake Results

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	BlackWater	Greg Stallings	Ricky Grant \$1000+\$270	5	28.1	7.8
2	Open	Brandon Reynolds	Ben Reynolds \$890	5	24.9	
3	Open	Seth Brogan	Josh Ingran \$290	5	24.48	6.3
4	Open	Jordan Hardin		5	23.04	5.34
5	Open	Chad Green	Johnny Martin	5	22.62	5.54
6	Open	Shawn Holland	Aaron Scott	5	20.48	5.36
7	Claytor Lake	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	18.38	
8	Open	Gregg Basham	Nic Basham	5	17.68	4.34
9	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	15.64	
10	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	15.56	
11	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	15.38	
12	Claytor Lake	William Croteau	Logan Combs	5	15.3	
13	StarCity/Southwestern	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	5	15.2	
14	Triangle	Charles Lee	Jeff Creed	5	14.32	
15	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	13.44	
16	Open	Joey Dawson		5	12.82	
17	Southwestern	Darren Keith	Shawn Christian	5	12.1	
18	Open	Curtis Rice	Jamie Whitt	5	11.78	
19	Triangle	Steven Deisher	Bobby Pauly	0		
19	Star City	Mike Williams	Ronnie Mitchell	0		
19	Star City	Travis Hylton	Joseph Zawhorodny	0		
19	Open	Anthony Ortiz	Austin Burch	0		
19	Open	Tonny Morris	Timothy Goodson	0		
19	Open	Kevin Allison	Jared Sowers	0		
19	Open	Ray Orey	Ethan Orey	0		
19	Open	AJ Lester		0		
19	Open	Sean Sabol	Chad Gilmore	0		
19	Open	Boogie Atkins	Monte Atkins	0		
19	Open	Tj Christian	Jc Mitchem	0		
19	Open	Jeff Cullop	Tanner Cullop	0		
19	Open	Clay Ross	Jeff Ross	0		
	High School					
	SML Anglers	Cutler Wooten	Peyton McAndrews	5	20.76	
	Jr Scholl					
	SML Anglers	Brody Witmer	Luke McAndrews	5	13.98	
	Chatem	Gabe Reynolds	Owen Watkins	5	0	



# Smith Mountain Lake



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On March 14, the VA Bass Team Tournament Trail West Regional was held on Smith Mt. Lake. Region 4 used this tournament as one of our points tournaments. In addition, Region 4 members who want to fish our year end championship must fish at least one of the Regional Tournaments. Region 4 was very well represented and took many of the top finishing places. Congratulations to the team of Croteau and Combs of Triangle Bassmasters for winning the tournament. Also, congratulations to the teams of Deisher and Pauley & Peaslee and Peaslee who finished second and third respectively. They are also with Triangle.



**William Croteau & Logan Combs**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 24.98 lbs  
 Big Fish – 7.29 lbs



**Steve Deisher & Bobby Pauley**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 23.12 lbs



**Zack & Bob Peaslee**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 20.66 lbs

Region 4 standings after two tournaments are below:

Boater	fishoff	Non-Boater	fishoff	SML	SML*SOHCPhil	Phil	Clay	SML	SML	SML	Clay	Total4	HeavyWeight
Zach Peaslee	2*	Bobby Peaslee	2*	99	99							198*	SML 20.66
Greg Stallings	2*	Ricky Grant	2*	100	97							197*	SML 28.10
William Croteau	2*	Logan Combs	2*	95	100							195*	SML 24.96
Chuck Hart	2*	Hayden Hart	2*	97	96							193*	SML 19.18
Paul Craighead	2*	Brian Burnett	2*	98	94							192*	SML 17.30
David Martin	2*	Kevin Simmons	2*	94	95							189*	SML 17.80
Ian Branson	2*	Jon Branson	2*	96	92							188*	SML 16.58
Daniel Eubank	2**	Douglas Eubank	1	92	89							181*	SML 13.44
Steven Deisher	2*	Bobby Pauley	2*	81	99							180*	SML 23.12
Wally Dryman	1*	Gary Jones	1*	0	93							93*	SML 17.24
Charles Lee	1	Jeff Creed	1	93	0							93	SML 14.32
Mickey Ellis	1*	Bobby Yates	1*	0	91							91*	SML 14.25
Darren Keith	1	Shawn Christian	1	91	0							91	SML 12.10
Dennis Hartzl	1*	James Shorter	1*	0	90							90*	SML 10.84
		Tony Campbell	1**	0	89							89*	SML 7.86
Jeff Rollins	1*	Donte Villa	1*		88							88*	SML 4.55
Travis Hylton	1	Joseph Zawhorodny	1	81	0							81	0



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## 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

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(Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, Parkway Marina, TBF Members Only)

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

April 18<sup>th</sup> South Holston, Observation Knob Ramp, 6am-3pm (Sm 15", Lm/spots 12")

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

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

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

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

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

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

July 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

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# Region 6

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Region 6 began the 2026 tournament season March 21<sup>st</sup> on Kerr Lake. Congratulations to the team of Phillip Gould and Keith Moring on their tournament win.

I'd like to thank **Black Star Graphics & Wraps** for the great job they did putting the wrap on our Region 6 tournament trailer.



Next up for Region 6 will be our Lake Gaston tournament on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

James Vick Sr.  
Region 6 Director

## Region 6 Tournament Results Bugg's Island, 21 March 2026



**Phillip Gould & Keith Moring**

1<sup>st</sup> Place

15.70 lbs

## Bugg's Island Tournament Results

(Angler 1 / Angler 2)	Buggs Island	Gaston	James River	Chick River	Pamunkey River	Chesdin	Total	
<b>Tricity B/M</b>	3/21/26	4/11/26	5/9/26	6/20/26	8/15/26	10/17/26		
Phillip Gould / Keith Moring	15.7						15.7	LBS
Waverly Randall	14.35						14.4	LBS
Dylan Shephard / Cavan Lowery	14.09						14.1	LBS
Terry Ciavarella / Bob Graves	13.89						13.9	LBS
Roger Walters / Renee Walters	12.52						12.5	LBS
James Vick / Bryan Reedy	12.34						12.3	LBS
Tim Snover / Phil Pannill	11.52						11.5	LBS
Tim Byers / Craig Ferguson	11.17						11.2	LBS
Jason Upton / Rick Lemocks	10.92						10.9	LBS
Jacob McCabe / Dwayne Berry	10.57						10.6	LBS
John Jessee / Ahon Vaughan	10.02						10	LBS
Brad Watkins / Jason Williams	9.87						9.87	LBS
Frank Glazier / Clyde Cheek	8.53						8.53	LBS
Robert Gilmartin / Donald Martin	8.49						8.49	LBS
Jon Tye / Brandon Gray	7.85						7.85	LBS
Danny Gutshall / Ayden Gutshall	5.19						5.19	LBS
<b>Southern B/M</b>	3/21/26	4/11/26	5/9/26	6/20/26	8/15/26	10/17/26		
Mike Renshaw / Ken Huband	12.23						12.2	LBS
Kelvin Barnes / Thomas Barnes	12.09						12.1	LBS
Donnie Bowman / Dylan Bowman	8.14						8.14	LBS
<b>VA Lip Rippers</b>	3/21/26	4/11/26	5/9/26	6/20/26	8/15/26	10/17/26		
Justin Clements / Jessica Clements	2.62						2.62	LBS
Chris Williams / Eric Ellington	12.29						12.3	LBS
Matt Lightfoot J. D. Childress	10.23						10.2	LBS
Josh Griffin / Bobo Dustin Taylor	9.7						9.7	LBS
<b>TriCity B/M BIG FISH</b>	LBS							
Dylan Shephard / Cavan Lowery	4.44							
<b>Southern B/M BIG FISH</b>	LBS							
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<b>VA Lip Rippers Big Fish</b>	LBS							
Chris Williams / Eric Ellington	3.38							



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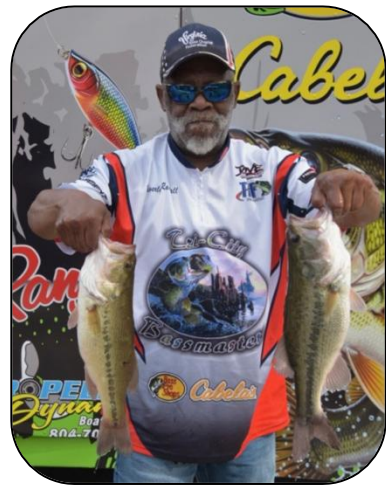
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# Bugg's Island March 21, 2026



## 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
June 20	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park
August 15	Pamunkey	Williams Landing
October 17	Lake Chesdin	Public Ramp



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March was a busy month for Region 8 as we conducted our annual events during the Hampton Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic. I'd like to thank our volunteers who helped man the Rod & Reel Exchange project along with our annual Tackle Pack Drawing and the Reel Kids Casting Skills Competitions on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. The Reel Kids event was one of the busiest we've seen in recent years. Special thanks go out to Doug Mullins, Tim Mitchem, Ashley Everhart, Ken O'Boyle, Craig & Cameron Cheek, John Guzik and Scott Whitmore for the long hours working to ensure we put on a great 2 day event for the kids. Some of our members spent a lot of hours at Bass Pro Shop during the 20 day event. We have well over one hundred members in our Region and we would all appreciate it if many would take a more active effort in support of events like these. The Tackle Pack Drawing effort is our only fund raising event each year, it allows us to fund most of the things we do for our membership, and if each member would help out for just a four hour shift we would easily cover the events and reduce the extra time a few members spent ensuring we have a successful activity each year.

We had two of our anglers compete at the TBF National Championship Tournament on Pickwick Lake, Florence, AL on March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Brad Huddleston and Mark Elliott earned their berths in the National Championship by finishing as the Top Virginia Anglers at the District 12 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament on the Ohio River last September. These are both very accomplished anglers and represented us well at the TBF National Championship. Mark Elliott had a lot of success during the tournament week. He won the Mid-Atlantic Co-Angler Division which advanced him the Championship Round on the final day. Mark ended up with a 4<sup>th</sup> Place finish on Championship day and as the Mid-Atlantic Co-Angler Champion he earned a berth in the MLF/BFL All-American Tournament on Lake Murray later this spring. It was a great effort by both of our anglers on a very difficult fishery as they battled record cold weather and low water throughout the week.

Our 2026 Region Tournament schedule started on March 28<sup>th</sup> on the Chickahominy River. We had a good turnout on a cold and windy day. Congratulations to Mike and John Guzik for their tournament win and to Troy Neff who weighed the Big Bass of the day, an 8.03 pound largemouth.

The 2026 National Semi Final Region Qualifier tournaments started with or Open Tournament on the Chickahominy River this past August. The 2026 National Semi Final (NSF) which is scheduled to be held on Lake Anna, September 25-27, 2026. Since the 2026 NSF is hosted by Virginia I suspect everyone will do their most to qualify.

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), JJJ Handyman, Chuckatuck Trading Post, Old Dominion Guns, HG Drywall, and Dove Designs Pro.**

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

John Flicek  
Region 8 Director



## 2026 Region 8 Tournament Schedule

28 March (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
18 April (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
19 April (Sun)	Lake Gaston (Holly Grove)
9 May (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
13 June (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
8 August (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) Tournament
22 August (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
12 Sept (Sat)	Lake Anna (Sturgeon Creek Marina)
10 October (Sat)	Nottoway River (Gen. Vaughan Bridge Ramp)
1 November (Sun)	Member Appreciation No Entry Fee Tournament – Chickahominy

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

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# Region 8 Tournament Results

## Chickahominy River, March 28, 2026

Region 8 started its 2026 tournament season with an event on the Chickahominy River, Saturday, March 28th. Anglers battled cool temperatures and winds all day. When it was over the Nottoway Bassmasters Team of Mike and John Guzik were victorious with a limit of bass weighing in at 19.71 lbs. In 2nd Place was RVA Bassmasters angler Avery Neely with his limit weighing in at 18.51 pounds. Don Carter and Jeff Hayden from the Nottoway River Rats took the 3rd spot with 15.96 lbs. 5-Rivers Bassmasters angler James Breen landed in 4th place with 15.38 lbs. Another RVA Bassmaster Team of Erling Bruun and Ken Jaco finished 5th with 14.71 lbs. The BIG BASS for the tournament, weighing 8.03 pounds, was caught by Troy Neff from the Nottoway River Rats. Complete standings can be viewed on the Region 8 web site: [www.vabassregion8.com](http://www.vabassregion8.com).



**Mike & John Guzik**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place 19.71 lbs.**



**Avery Neely**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place 18.51 lbs.**



**Troy Neff**  
**Big Bass Award 8.03 lbs.**

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## Chickahominy River Results (Top 25)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	19.71
2	Avery Neely		18.51
3	Don Carter	Jeff Hayden	15.96
4	James Breen		15.38
5	Erling Bruun	Ken Jaco	14.71
6	Sammy Henman	Troy Neff	14.69
7	Ed Clarke	Jared Clarke	13.94
8	Billy Allen	Joe Davis	13.94
9	Joe Clarke	David Hagan	13.15
10	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	12.96
11	Doug Griles	Michael Williams	12.40
12	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	11.12
13	Kevin Phillips	Ray Allen	10.81
14	Thomas Coluccio		10.43
15	Brad Huddleston	Dave Christian	10.42
16	Keith Jones		10.24
17	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	10.07
18	James Whitehead	Matt Hockaday	9.97
19	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	9.95
20	Bob Everhart		9.92
21	Scott Shaffer	James Mills	9.20
22	Nicky Skinner	Ron Sullivan	8.92
23	Bill Roberts		7.63
24	JR Ingram	Sarah Ingram	3.23
25	Chad Howell	Reed Thacker	2.13





# Chickahominy Riverfront Park March 28, 2026



# Region 8 Supports Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic



March was a busy month for Region 8 members as they supported the Hampton Bass Pro Shop's Spring Fishing Classic promotion from March 5th through the 25th. During the event Region 8 anglers manned the Rod & Reel Exchange Promotion table at the entrance to the store and conducted our annual Tackle Pack drawing. Anglers also answered questions in response to the Invasive Species information we had on display in support of our Conservation efforts and partnership with Virginia DWR Fisheries.

We would also like to congratulate our annual Tackle Pack Winners Elijah B. from Poquoson and Jay R. from Suffolk, VA





The logo features the TBF Federation logo on the left, which includes a green fish silhouette. To the right, the words "REEL KIDS" are written in a large, bold, white font with a blue outline. Below that, "CASTING SKILLS" and "COMPETITION" are written in a similar bold, white font with a blue outline, stacked vertically.

On March 14th and 15th Region 8 members also conducted 2 days of Reel Kids Casting Skills Competitions in the Hampton Bass Pro Shop where anglers spent time with youth helping them improve their Flipping, Pitching & Casting Skills. Congratulations to all the various age group winners who now advance to the Reel Kids Casting Skills State Championship to be held at the Richmond Fishing Expo next January.





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## 2026 Region 8 Club Tournament Schedules

### 5-Rivers Bassmasters

21 March (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoups 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 (Shoups 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 (Shoups 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 (5 <sup>th</sup> 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 4	Nottoway River
July 18	Roanoke River
August 22	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.**

Region 10’s 2026 season has taken off at full speed. We are pleased to announce that we have had a 12% increase in our Region 10 Federation Memberships plus a 15% increase in the clubs that make up Region 10.

We held our Federation Classic on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, on South Holston Lake with sixteen teams competing for their piece of a \$2500 payout. This payout was made possible by our sponsors: Newberry Construction, Honaker Funeral Home, Hurberries Inc and Affordable Roofing. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that made this possible! Shout out to Justin Botts for bringing home the win with 17.17lbs. Finishing out the top 5 were Mark Gouge & Jason Chambliss (15.12lbs), Jaime Ratliff & Blaine Miller (14.67lbs), Kyle Musick & Matthew Rock (14.23lbs) and Junior Burgman (13.85lbs). Junior also won Big Fish weighing in at 4.96lbs!

The first points event in 2026 regular season was on March 7<sup>th</sup> with 25 teams competing on South Holston Lake. Tim Keen and Kole Reynolds brought home the win with 16.11lbs. The remaining top 5 were Shane Winebarger & Clay Winebarger (15.24lbs), Vince Botts & Justin Botts (14.19lbs), Matthew Rock and Zack Francis (14.17lbs) and Mark Gouge and Jason Chambliss (14.07lbs). Clay and Shane also brought home Big Fish weighing in at 4.72lbs!

The second Region 10 tournament was on March 21<sup>st</sup> on Boone Lake with 22 teams competing. Vince Botts & Justin Botts finished first with 18lbs and winning Big Fish weighing in at 5.10lbs! Rounding out the top 5 were Paul Coleman & Charles Boyd (13.87lbs), Eric Rasnake & Derrek Ray (12.82lbs), Stephen Hartford and Charles Bartley (10.98lbs) and Mark Gouge and Jason Chambliss (10.82lbs).

Tim Keen  
Region 10 Director



## Region 10 2026 Schedule

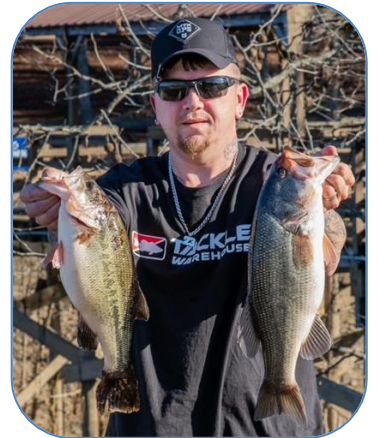
3/7/26	South Holston Lake	421 Ramp
3/21/26	Boone Lake	TVA Ramp
4/11/26	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch
4/18/26	South Holston Lake	Observation Knob
4/25/26	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch
5/9/26	Watauga Lake	Rats Branch
5/23/23	Boone Lake	TVA Ramp

All tournaments last until 3pm.

Exact start times will be announced at least 48hrs prior day of tournament based on daylight safe time.

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