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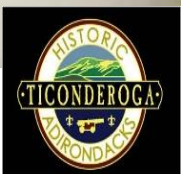
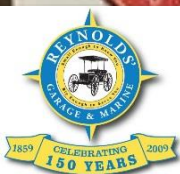
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# 2016 Tournament Schedule

Date	Location	Launch	Event
Jun 11	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	NYTBF Points
Jun 25	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	Lions Club Team Open
Jun 26	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	NYTBF Team Open
Jul 23	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	Jr SAF Championship Qualifier
Jul 24	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	SAF Regional Championship Qualifier
Jul 24	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	Collegiate Cup Qualifier # 1
Jul 31	Lake Ontario	Henderson NY	NYTBF Points
Aug 13	Lake Champlain	Plattsburgh NY	Team Event
Aug 28	St Lawrence River	Cape Vincent NY	NYTBF Points
Sep 18	Lake Champlain	Plattsburgh NY	Collegiate Cup Qualifier # 2
Oct 1&2	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	*State Championship
Oct 8	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	Collegiate Cup Championship
Oct 8	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	SAF Regional Championship
Oct 15&16	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	TBF District 14 Semi-Final

Points Events are a \$100 entry fee per Boater and \$60 per non-boater (with a mandatory \$30 gas stipend payable to assigned boater). Each angler will be awarded points based place of finish, beginning with 100 pts for 1st, then 99 for 2nd, 98 for 3rd, 97 for 4th, and so on... All anglers that zero will receive no points. (\* = \$150 entry for all anglers). Team Trail participants may also qualify for the State Championship as long as they are paid NYTBF members before their first cast of the season.

**Angler and Co-Angler of the Year** will be based on points amassed throughout the four points tournaments. The Boater and Co-Angler amassing the greatest number of points for the season will be awarded an automatic spot on the 2016 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament (TBA).



# New York TBF 2016 Tournament Registration



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Events (please select one or more):**

- October 25, 2015 Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga NY (tournament complete)
- June 11, 2016 Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga NY
- July 31, 2016 Lake Ontario, Henderson Harbor NY
- August 28, 2016 St Lawrence River, Cape Vincent NY
- October 1 & 2, 2016 State Team Championship (\$150 entry), St Lawrence River, Clayton NY

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* Boater entry fee: \$100 Co-Angler Entry Fee \$60**

**Boater or Co-Angler (select one):** Boater: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Boater was selected:**

Boat make \_\_\_\_\_ Boat model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat length \_\_\_\_\_ Engine HP \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all rules and regulations. I understand that if I am a boater I am required to provide proof in insurance prior to the events in question, either mailed with this application or provided at the ramp prior to the start any and all events. I understand that if I am a non-boater, I am responsible for any damage done to the boat, while it is under my control.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks or money orders payable to "NYTBF". **Must be mailed no later than 6 days prior to tournament date to ensure partner coordination.**

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# New York TBF 2016 Team Tournament Registration



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Events (please select one or more):**

- June 25, 2016 St Lawrence River, Clayton NY
- June 26, 2016 St Lawrence River, Clayton NY
- August 13, 2016 Lake Champlain, Plattsburgh NY
- October 1 & 2, 2016 State Team Championship  
(\$150 entry per angler, anglers fish under a random draw format)  
St Lawrence River, Clayton NY

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* Team Entry fee \$160**

Boater Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat make \_\_\_\_\_ Boat model \_\_\_\_\_

Boat length \_\_\_\_\_ Engine HP \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) have read all rules and regulations. I (we) understand that if I am a boater I am required to provide proof of insurance prior to the events in question, either mailed with this application or provided at the ramp prior to the start any and all events. I acknowledge if I want to qualify for the NYTBF Two-Day State Championship through this team trail I must be a member of the NYTBF before making my first cast of the tournament season .

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **TBF, State Federation & TBF Club Event Participant Wavier.**

Having fully acquainted myself with the rules. In signing this application, and by my presence at the events, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all event rules and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the events and I hereby release The Bass Federation, Inc., (TBF) its parent, and affiliate companies, its licensees and affiliates, including their affiliated State Federations, and Clubs and all their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, and stockholders, the tournament hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred in connection with this their events. If I am using a boat during the official practice days or during the tournament, I certify that I now have or will obtain prior to the event, property damage\ watercraft liability insurance having a limit of at least \$300,000.00. Said insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer and must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with a tournament. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of that insurance. I hereby waive my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video\audio productions and/or articles and press releases by NYTBF, National TBF, its parent or affiliate companies, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason. I am currently a member in good standing of my home state federation, an affiliated TBF member club, TBF and FLW Outdoors. I agree if I qualify for a State Team, The Federation National Championship or any other event representing TBF to use any and all "Official" products and equipment so specified and provided, and be bound by the terms and conditions of a STATE TEAM CONTRACT, If applicable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(First, MI, Last) printed

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Team Tournaments Series & Military Exemptions

## **TEAM TOURNAMENT SERIES**

In our continuing effort to provide something for everyone we're willing to try new things that offer additional tournament opportunities for bass fisherman in NY and the North East Region.

In the past we've traditionally held two team tournaments annually the last weekend in June on the St Lawrence River. These events are designed as fund raisers for the Clayton Lions Club and as a NYTBF membership drive event. NYTBF annual membership is waived for each of these events. And they've proven to be very successful, and because you asked for it this year we're expanding the team tournaments by adding one more event. Making it a three tournament series with the option to qualify for the end of season two-day State Championship.

Teams may qualify for participation in the two day State Championship to compete for an individual slot at the TBF Semi-Final tournament. This State Championship tournament is designed as a draw tournament, pairing boaters and co-anglers together via random draw with each competing against only their designated category.

To qualify for the State Championship teams must be members of the NYTBF before they make their first cast of the season. Teams must fish all three tournaments as a team, no substitutions authorized, or any team that wins an tournament is automatically qualified as long as they're NYTBF members in good standing before tournament starts.

## **MILITARY EXEMPTIONS**

NYTBF recognizes the sacrifice our military community makes every year and to honor that sacrifice we're offering our military members (active duty, guard and reserve) the option to fish just one tournament and they qualify for the end of season two-day State Championship. Our tournament rules state you must win a points or team tournament or fish a minimum of three (3) tournaments on either trial in order to advance to the two-day State Championship. For our military that can't fish the minimum tournaments required through no fault of your own, if you provide a copy of your deployment orders that prevent your participation then we'll waive that three tournament requirement and allow you to fish the two-day State Championship. Oh you'll still have to be a NYTBF paid member in good standing before you make your first cast of the season, but that's the least we can do to say thank you for your service.

## President's Message



We are fast approaching another tournament season that looks to be an outstanding year with several great bodies of water on the schedule. Several changes are on tap this year including the new Team series and National Championship Semi Final that replaces the Divisional.

As everyone prepares to get out on the water for the first time this year, I want to remind everyone about boat safety and the responsibility we all have in being safe on the water. This past weekend the federation suffered a tragic loss when an experienced angler and boater from Virginia was in a boating accident and lost his life. The short story is that when returning to the weigh-in his boat hit a boat wake or rogue wave resulting in both him and his passenger getting ejected throwing both in 50 degree water. The Co-Angler was recovered and revived with CPR, he was

wearing a life jacket. The Boater was wearing an inflatable life jacket with the kill switch attached but it was somehow removed resulting in drowning.

Accidents can happen in a blink of an eye. Speed, weather conditions water temperature and other factors are all integral parts of any boating accident. This year is an exciting time in NYTBF, let's make it a safe one

See you on the water

Bobby Williams  
President



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## Conservation Corner

This year we want to remind everyone about the NY DEC's ongoing efforts to implement clean, drain and dry. In a nut shell this program is designed to help curb the spread of invasive species. It's easy enough to do but sometimes overlooked and we're asking our NYTBF members to remember to set a good example for the viewing public.

Make it a routine, a mental checklist if you will that you walk yourself through each time you pull your boat and put it on the trailer.

Remove your drain plug, empty your live well and check your trailer bunks and wheel wells for any vegetation you might have picked up at the boat ramp. Most DEC managed boat launch sites have a receptacle designated to disguard excess vegetation and the like. To read additional information on stopping the spread of invasive species [click here](#)

If you want to stay connected with the NY DEC and receive the latest news and updates just go to their webpage [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) and look for the DEC Delivers block in the lower right hand corner of their home page. Simply insert your email and click submit... it's just that easy.



The DEC is changing fish and game regulations on an annual basis so stay connected and get involved, as an angler your voice does matter. To stay connected with fishing updates they offer the same email service and a quarterly e-Newsletter. To find out more [click here](#)



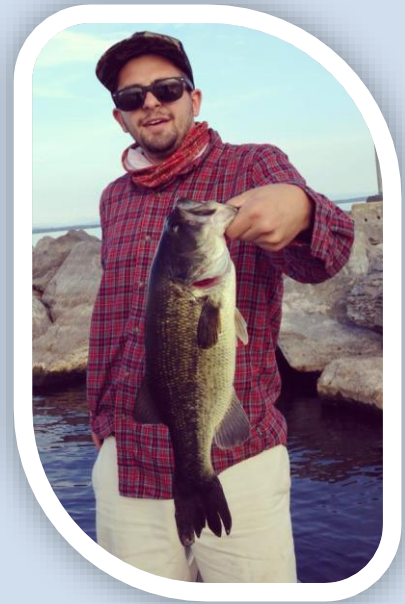
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# Frank Benedetto

## Collegiate Director



**NYTBF:** Tell us how you first found about the Plattsburgh Fishing Team ?

**Benedetto:** I first found out the Plattsburgh Fishing Team in 2010 through a friend who was involved with the club. I started going to meetings and there were only about 10 members. It's incredible to see the growth of the club over the past several years.

**NYTBF:** Why do you think collegiate fishing is important to the growth of the sport?

**Benedetto:** Answer: I think collegiate fishing is so important to the growth of the sport because of the opportunities made available to college anglers. When I joined the club, I had never fished a tournament, and I began fishing FLW collegiate events and TBF events as a co-angler every summer. Had I not been in the club, I would have never been introduced to tournament fishing. I believe it's keeping the sport going, and we continue to see this as more and more guys who were involved in college fishing begin to fish in FLW and Bassmaster events.

**NYTBF:** You've just been appointed as the NYTBF's Collegiate program director. Do you have any specific program goals for the future?

**Benedetto:** Answer: my main goal as the Collegiate Cup director is not only to have a successful tournament series, but to offer the same opportunities I was offered to other college anglers, and to get as many teams on the water as possible.

**NYTBF:** How many members are in the Plattsburgh Fishing Team and what are the membership requirements for a student to join the program?

**Benedetto:** There are about 30 members in the club right now. There are no requirements to be able to join, but each member gains participation points for team events, fundraisers, etc., and those points are used to help determine which members get to fish in the Collegiate cup

**NYTBF:** What's your favorite style of fishing and the biggest largemouth and smallmouth bass to date?

**Benedetto:** my perfect day on the water would be going after smallmouth, throwing a jerkbait in the morning and dropshotting for the rest of the day, but I love throwing frogs for largemouth just as much. I usually don't weigh fish when I'm out fishing, but I've caught both largemouth and smallmouth in the 5 pound range.

**NYTBF:** Is there anything else you like to talk about?

**Benedetto:** I'd like to take a second to thank the Plattsburgh Fishing Club for giving me the opportunity to help them out as assistant coach, and to thank Bobby Williams, who is a great friend and mentor, and, as usual, is going out of his way to help me with this new endeavor!

# Cape Vincent

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