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2015 Tournament Schedule

Date	Location	Launch	Event
Oct 26, 2014	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	NYTBF Points <i>(completed)</i>
Jun 14	Lake Champlain	Plattsburg NY	NYTBF Points
Jun 27	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	Lions Club Tm Open
Jun 28	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	NYTBF Tm Open
Jul 11	Mohawk River	St. Johnsville Marina	Youth Qualifier
Jul 12	Mohawk River	St. Johnsville Marina	State HS Qualifier
Aug 9	Oneida Lake	Oneida Shores, Brewerton NY	NYTBF Points
Sep 20	St. Lawrence River	Cape Vincent	NYTBF Points
Sep 27	TBA 30 days prior	Only the top five Boaters & Co-Anglers advance to STC	Wild Card Qualifier for STC
*Oct 10 & 11	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	State Team Championship

Points tournaments and Wild Card Qualifier are a \$100 entry fee per Boater and \$50 per non-boater (with a mandatory \$30 gas stipend payable to assigned boater). Additionally, each angler will be awarded points based place of finish, beginning with 100 pts for 1st, 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)

All NYTBF members are allowed to fish the end of season State Team Championship if they've fished three of the four regular points tournaments. The **Wild Card Qualifier** is created to allow NYTBF members who missed the 2015 early bird tournament and join the NYTBF not later than June 2015 a chance to also qualify for the end of season State Team Championship. These new members must fish at least two points tournaments to be eligible for the **Wild Card Qualifier** and from this tournament only the top five boaters and co-anglers will advance to the end of season State Team Championship to compete for a slot on the 2016 NYTBF Eastern Divisional State Team

Angler and Co-Angler of the Year will be based on points amassed throughout the regular points tournament season. Ending on September 20, 2015. The Boater and Co-Angler amassing the greatest number of points for the season will be awarded an automatic slot on the 2016 NYTBF Eastern Divisional State Team.

For additional information on tournaments got to <http://www.nytb.com/tournaments.html>



New York TBF 2015 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 26, 2014 Lake Chaplain, Ticonderoga NY (*tournament complete*)
- June 14, Lake Champlain, Plattsburg NY
- August 9, Oneida Lake, Brewerton NY
- September 20, St . Lawrence River, Cape Vincent NY
- September 27, Wild card State Team Championship Qualifier (location TBA 30 Aug)
- October 10/11, State Team Championship (\$150 entry), St Lawrence River , Clayton NY

*****NOTE*** Boater entry fee: \$100 Co-Angler Entry Fee \$50**

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.**

Mail to:

NYTBF
P.O. Box 185
LaFargeville, NY 13656



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: _____

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Signature: _____



New York TBF Open Team Tournament Registration

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LaFargeville, NY 13656

Contact Bobby Williams labob1995@gmail.com or 315-408-8472 if you have questions. Make all checks payable to "NYTBF".

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Name: _____ (please print)
Address: _____ (please print)
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ (please print)
Home phone _____ cell phone _____
Email address _____

Events (select one or more):

- 6/27/14 – Clayton Lion’s Club Open Team Event \$90.00 + \$10.00 Lunker (optional) St. Lawrence River Clayton NY, French Creek Marina, Safe Light-3pm
- 6/28/14 – TBF Open Team Event \$90.00 + \$10.00 Lunker (optional) St. Lawrence River Clayton NY, French Creek Marina, Safe Light-3pm

Boater/Partner Name:

Boater: _____ Partner: _____
(First MI Last) printed (First MI Last) printed

All boat numbers will be based on registration postmark date. You may fish alone in the Team event , but full entry is required. You can sign up at the boat launch for either event.

Boat make _____ Boat model _____
Boat length _____ Engine HP _____

Membership in FLW or NYTBF is not required for this event. Five fish limit, 12 inches in length. Insurance and boat length/HP waived for this event. Life jackets must be worn while outboard is running. No live bait may be used.

Boater Signature: _____ Date: _____

Partner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Conservation Corner *with Dave Hart*

As the 2014 season comes to a close, I look back on this year and have to say it was an interesting year for me. After accepting the Conservation Director's position I have tried to look at tournament fishing through the eyes of this position. I've participated in a lot of tournaments, observed several as a spectator and I noticed a considerable amount of dead fish being brought to the weigh stations, particularly in the summer months. And a lot of these fish are the biggest of the tournaments. As I listened to some of the competitors justify a dead fish by stating "I am not spending the money on additives", "they are going to die anyway, so why bother" or "I am not wasting the fishing time caring for these fish"... etc. I grow concerned the competitors' are losing site of the fact that in recent years the number of fishermen and tournaments are increasing as well as the pressure and stress on the fisheries. It is important to the sport of bass fishing that we care for the resources and the public image of the sport.



Our TBF members do a very good job of caring for their fish and most of our tournaments have a high percentage of live fish released, but we've had a couple of events with a significant number of dead fish. I want to take a minute and give you a few pointers to think about. Our 2015 October Early bird tournament out of Ticonderoga was one of our bigger tournaments with over 50 participants and next year's tournaments are looking to be some of our biggest fields to date. With participation growing the communities we visit recognize the benefits of hosting and sponsoring us and hopeful we'll return. We're also seeing more of the general public coming to our weigh-ins which increases our exposure. The people coming out to see our weigh-ins are residents in these communities and they get very concerned when they see a lot of dead fish.

There are several ways to improve the survival of the fish weighed in and it starts on the water. A lot of smallmouth are being caught in waters 20ft, 30ft ... down to 70ft of water. To bring fish up from these depths and place them in a live well requires the fish to be "fizzed". Even after fizzing a fish has been placed under considerable stress with the change in water pressure. And there are some care treatments that can be helpful to these fish. Flip clips help a fish stay up-right in the live wells, this reduces the fish's stress. The use of ice to reduce the water temperature in the live wells helps the water hold more dissolved oxygen. And the use of live well additives such as "catch and release" and "G-juice" and others not only help calm the fish, but also keep the protective slime coating on a fish to help fight diseases and bacteria. Another live well additive is hydrogen peroxide, a cap full of this in a live well will increase the water's dissolved oxygen almost 20,000 times. This helps boost a fish's adrenaline and provides increased energy.

When an angler returns to the launch and prepares for weigh-in we are encouraging them to use all the methods set up by NYTBF to help ensure the survival of the fish. This starts with bringing your fish to the holding tanks, ounce at the tanks you should use the water in the tanks to add to your weigh-in bags. This water has been treated with fish care additives and has been infused with dissolved oxygen. The angler should also place one of the oxygenator balls in their bag to help increase dissolved oxygen levels.

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Conservation Corner (continued)

Once you've weighed your fish NYTBF has added a tank with constant re-circulating water that also has treatment added. This helps the fish recover from the weigh-in process and also helps when taking the time for pictures. I hope this provides a helpful tip or two and hopefully next year we can all implement positive actions to care for the fish and achieve a 100% release rate. This effort will not only benefit the fish but also to promote the TBF with a good image in the communities we visit. In closing if anyone has a concern with the practices I have put forth here or know of any other methods that will help our fish care program I'd greatly appreciate it if you would bring it to my attention.

Youth Program (Good Ole Boys Junior Bass Club)

The Good Ole Boys Junior Bass Club is based out of Central NY with meetings held at the Central Square Fire Station on the corners of State Route 11 (Main Street) and State Route 49 in the village of Central Square, NY.

At the beginning of 2014, the Good Ole Boys began a venture we hope to continue each year. We began a YOUTH BASED MISSION / Service Dog to Veteran fundraising campaign to assist some of our Veterans of war here in New York State. Many of these Veterans currently residing in NYS have returned home and are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or other similar illnesses. Many of these injuries have occurred because of multiple deployments. Studies have found that many of our Veterans have adjusted back into civilian life to face their respective challenges much easier through the aid of trained Service Dog. On July 10th our GOB Juniors presented a check for \$1,500.00 to Clear Path for Veterans in their Dogs2Vets program.

This December, our plans are to purchase another Service Dog for one more needy Veteran and we hope that the contributions continue so that we can purchase up to two trained Service Dogs a year.

The Good Ole Boys Junior Bass Club will be holding their Annual CLUB BANQUET on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at the Central Square Fire Station on the corners of State Route 11 (Main Street) and State Route 49 in the village of Central Square, NY. The Banquet will begin at 6PM with a short meeting followed by dinner and announcements throughout the evening ending by 9PM. Families will be bringing dishes to share and liters of cold drinks.

The 2014 Angler of the Year for the Minnow, Junior and Junior-Pro Divisions will be announced. Other Awards will be announced as well and we will have a guest speaker/sponsor from Livingston Lures. We plan on having some free "experienced" rod & reel combo give-a-ways. We hope to have a guest auction of four (4) new rods from our sponsor Rapsody Rods.

The Good Ole Boys are planning to conduct a 50/50 raffle at the Cicero American Legion on Legionnaire Drive in Cicero, NY on Friday January 9, 2015 during the legions "Fish-fry" event which runs from noon to 8PM.

During the 50/50 raffle, we also plan on selling donations we receive from other local businesses so that the participating members of our club can utilize their respective earnings to select and purchase Rapsody Rods prior to our fishing season. *(continued on page 11)*

Youth Program (continued)

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In 2015 we'll also we work on community projects such EARTH DAY Clean and Canal Clean Sweep as we've done every year over the past five years.

The Good Ole Boys will have their annual Applebee's Community Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, February 8, 2015 from 8AM until 10AM at the 3975 State Route 31, Liverpool, NY 13090 Applebee's location.

Club members and families will be selling tickets and the tickets will be \$6.00 per person and each breakfast will consist of 3 pancakes, 2 slices of bacon and unlimited beverages such as juice, coffee, tea, etc. If people request a second portion, they will receive an additional 2 pancakes and 1 more slice of bacon. Our club will also reach out to local businesses for a donation which will be raffled off to our guests during the 2 hour breakfast session



<http://gobjuniorbassclub.com/>

Lake Champlain (South Bay) September 21 2014

BOATER RESULTS

Brian Winchill, Warrensburg NY took top honors with a limit of largemouth weighing 15.45 lb. Winchill reports fishing Senkos around Lock # 12 and he backed that up by fishing spinner baits along lay downs in the canal with most of his fish coming off the end of the lay downs in 10-12 ft.



L-R: Winchill, Haney, Luciano

TFO Rod Pro Staffer Burnie Haney, Calcium NY secured second place with a mixed bag weighing 13.90 lbs. that he anchored with the tournament lunker (4.75 lbs.). Haney reports targeting points, gravel flats and grass lines with a chatter bait (3/8 oz. white w/Zoom split tail trailer) for his limit culling up several times to reach about 12 lbs., then he switched to fishing rock bluff walls in 15-21 ft with a Biffle Bug (Green Pumpkin w/Chartreuse spike it on the tips of the feet) rigged on a YUM ½ oz. leadhead to catch his kicker fish. Key for Haney was a successful practice session on August 30th when he found the shad & perch relating to eel grass and hard shallow cover areas. Haney had eight areas identified, but due to the high winds that muddied his primary areas he ended up catching all but one of his weigh-in fish from his back up area in the canal south of the launch.

Third place with a weight of 12.90 lbs. went to NYTBF Vice President Tom Luciano. He also took Ranger Cup Bonus money and won the participants raffle draw for a new GTS Series TFO rod. Luciano reports catching all of his fish shallow on a Keitech swim bait.

Rounding out the top five were Brian Sanson with 9.60 lbs. and NYTBF President Bobby Williams with 8.95 lbs.

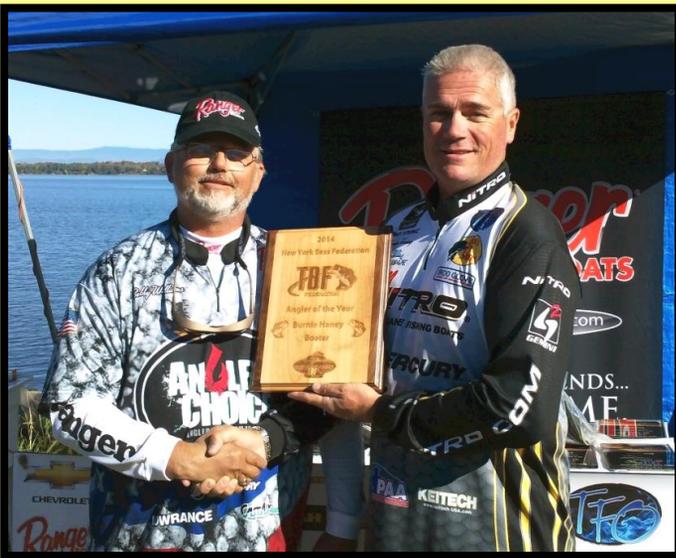
Co-ANGLER RESULTS

Todd Stark, Saratoga Springs NY took top honors with a weight of 11.80 lbs. Stark reports fishing a 1/2 oz. spinnerbait with Colorado blades along shoreline cover to catch his fish.

Taking second place with a weight of 9.50 lbs. was Nikki Eddy, West Seneca NY. Eddy reports fishing 5" Senkos, then switching to dropshot fishing Senkos (green w/ red fleck and black w/blue fleck) to catch her fish.

Rounding out the top five were Matt Ziomek, Amherst MA 8.95 lbs., Chris Heckard, Plattsburg NY, with 8.60 lbs. & lunker 4.40 lbs., and Connor Ramsdell with 7.85 lbs.

2014 NYTBF Angler of the Year Burnie Haney



NYTBF: How long have you been fishing bass tournaments and what first got you got you interested in the sport?

HANEY: I fished my first tournament in 1992 when I got invited to a local club event with the Indian Lakes Bassmasters.

I've been fishing since I was eight years old and when I found out you could win money catching bass I knew I had to try it.

NYTBF: Out of all of your angling achievements, where do you rate winning this NYTBF AOY title?

HANEY: I put this at the top of my list, above my line class world records, my three American Bass Angler (ABA) AOYs for District 124 and qualifying for both the ABA and TBF National Championships. We have some very accomplished anglers in the NYTBF and winning AOY means I caught good fish every where we fished all across the state all year long.

NYTBF: How do you classify yourself, a finesse or power fisherman and what's your favorite technique?

HANEY: I consider myself a power fisherman. My favorite technique is burning a chatterbait over grass in 3-5 ft of water because the strikes are explosive and I like to cast and crank, but this year I fished more finesse presentations and I caught the majority of my fish on 6 -10 lb test line.

NYTBF: Looking back on the 2014 season, what was your toughest tournament and why?

HANEY: Lake Champlain (Pt Au Rouche) June 14th. I went up there three days early to scout around and every day it blew with three to four foot white caps, but on the last day I got about two hours of practice. And on tournament day I went to the only area I had and I caught a little over 13 lbs good for 13th place, my worst finish this year. In the other tournaments I was 4th at Oneida Lake , 5th at Cayuga Lake, 1st at Lake Ontario and 2nd at Lake Champlain (South Bay) to close out the season.

NYTBF: At what point during the season did you realize you had a legitimate shot at the AOY title and did it change how you fished any of the remaining tournaments?

HANEY: After our Cayuga Lake tournament I felt I had very good chance at the title. I was sitting in second place for AOY coming out of that event and our next tournament was on Lake Ontario (Chaumont Bay). I was pretty sure I ought to win that one and I not only won it but I set the NYTBF all time heavy weight record with a weight of 23.30 lbs. I continued to fished like I always do.

Burnie Haney (continued)

NYTBF: As the reigning NYTBF AOY you've qualified for the 2015 TBF Eastern Divisional Championship putting you just one tournament away from the TBF National Championship and a shot at the TBF Living the Dream prize package. What are your thoughts on that?

HANEY: To say I'm excited is an understatement. I was fortunate enough to fish the TBF Nationals Championship on Grand Lake in Grove OK in April of this year and it's a first class show all the way. I had a rough day one, but I bounced back on day two with a solid 4 lb. average, unfortunately it wouldn't make up for my lousy first day.

I've fished a lot of tournaments and a couple of National Championships. And in my opinion TBF offers the best opportunity for the weekend angler. Its a real treat to fish the TBF National Championship and I hope I can qualify for it again.

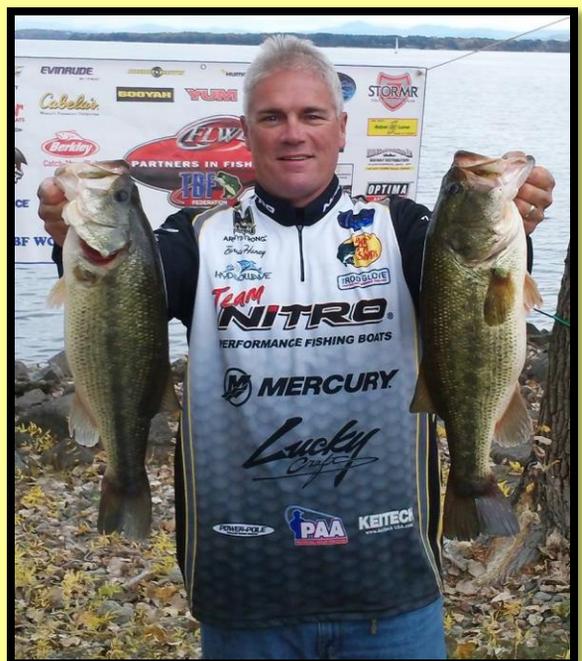
NYTBF: Last question, What advice or tips can you offer other tournament anglers?

HANEY: First and foremost is don't take this stuff too seriously, its only fishing and its supposed to be fun. Beyond that remember whenever you fish you represent all tournament fisherman so try to set a good example both on and off the water. Lastly trust your instincts when you're on the water and don't fish memories. This year I zeroed out all of my way points and I fished every day as if I'd never been on any of these lakes before. I let the daily conditions and fish dictate how I fished every day.

I won't kid anyone I did some mental gymnastic before I committed to deleting those 500(+) way points on eleven different lakes and rivers , but I think that was the best decisions I ever made. Without those old way points I had no fallback or back up spots to cloud my mind or make me want to second guess my approach and it apparently worked out for the best.

I also recommend you always keep your equipment in top condition. You don't have to use the most expensive gear out there, but it ought to perform when you need it to. And part of ensuring it will is to perform regularly scheduled maintenance. I use TFO rods with Bass Pro Shops and Abu Garcia reels and they 'e never let me down. I wipe my rods down once a week, clean and lube my reels and I know that makes a big difference in how they perform day in and day out.

And remember just go have fun. Enjoy your time on the water and try to introduce others to the sport of fishing.



2014 NYTBF Co-Angler of the Year *Ted Appleton*



NYTBF: How long have you been fishing bass tournaments and what first got you got you interested in the sport?

APPLETON: I have been a diehard fisherman my whole life, but this is my third season fishing competitively. I would not have had chance to get into tournament fishing if it was not for the fishing team at Plattsburgh State. The Plattsburgh State Fishing Team opened up a lot of opportunities for me in this sport and is something I'll always be grateful for.

NYTBF: Out of all of your angling achievements, where do you rate winning this NYTBF Co- AOY title?

APPLETON: Winning AOY in the Co-Angler division is definitely the highest honor I have received in my angling career. Winning my first tournament this year was a huge accomplishment, which I thought would not be topped for some time. However, winning AOY is by far my biggest angling accomplishment.

NYTBF: How do you classify yourself, a finesse or power fisherman and what's your favorite technique?

APPLETON: My favorite way to catch fish is power fishing, specifically with a jerk bait. To me there is no better feeling than having your line get heavy during the pause of a jerk bait retrieve. However, this year I found myself having to finesse my way in to filling the live well.

NYTBF: Looking back on the 2014 season, what was your toughest tournament and why?

APPLETON: The toughest tournament for me undoubtedly was South Bay. On the 2nd cast of the day I hung my chatter bait up on a stump and in the process of trying to un snag it, my line slipped behind my brand new Under Armor sunglasses and flung them into the water. This set up for a long day where I had struggled to get bit. The one bite I did have, I failed to get a good hook set and a quality fish came off leaving me with nothing to show at the weigh in.

NYTBF: At what point during the season did you realize you had a legitimate shot at the AOY title and did it change how you fished any of the remaining tournaments?

APPLETON: I realized I had a legitimate shot at AOY after the Chaumont Bay tournament. I never altered how I fished based on my positioning as the leader. I have always tried to maximize my opportunity from the back of the boat and the water I was on. I placed mid pack at Chaumont to give me a sizable lead going into the final tournament at South Bay, where I needed much of that points lead I had built up to take AOY.

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Ted Appleton (continued)

NYTBF: As the reigning NYTBF Co-AOY you've qualified for the 2015 TBF Eastern Divisional Championship putting you just one tournament away from the TBF National Championship and a shot at the TBF Living the Dream prize package. What are your thoughts on that?

APPLETON: In a series as competitive as the NYTBF, it is a huge advantage to be an automatic berth on the State Team as AOY. Making the cut at the State Team Qualifier is no easy task and to have secured AOY was a huge relief. I cannot wait to fish Winnepesaukee. I have never fished it but I have read it is a tremendous smallmouth factory, and to me there is no better fishing than smallie fishing. I am going to do everything I can to better my chances at doing well on Winnepesaukee to make it to the National Championship. We've been able watch our own Ben Wright experience his win at the National Championship and the subsequent Living the Dream prize package. This is something I could only dream of happening to me, but I will do everything in my power to make it happen. It would be an

NYTBF: Last question, What advice or tips can you offer other tournament anglers?

APPLETON: I would say as a Co-Angler, you have to be as prepared as you can. Prepare for the events as if you are going to be a boater. Pre-fish, research and have a game plan together in order to assist your boater in the event your input can help or is inquired. Having said that, I think it is most important to respect your boater, fish the water they want and help out in any way you can. In the end, they have a lot more invested in the game so being respectful and courteous is a co-anglers top priority. Also, learn as much as you can. There are a lot of different fishing styles, techniques and mentalities out there so take note!



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NYTBF Collegiate Cup Championship

October 18th, Lake Champlain (Ticonderoga NY)

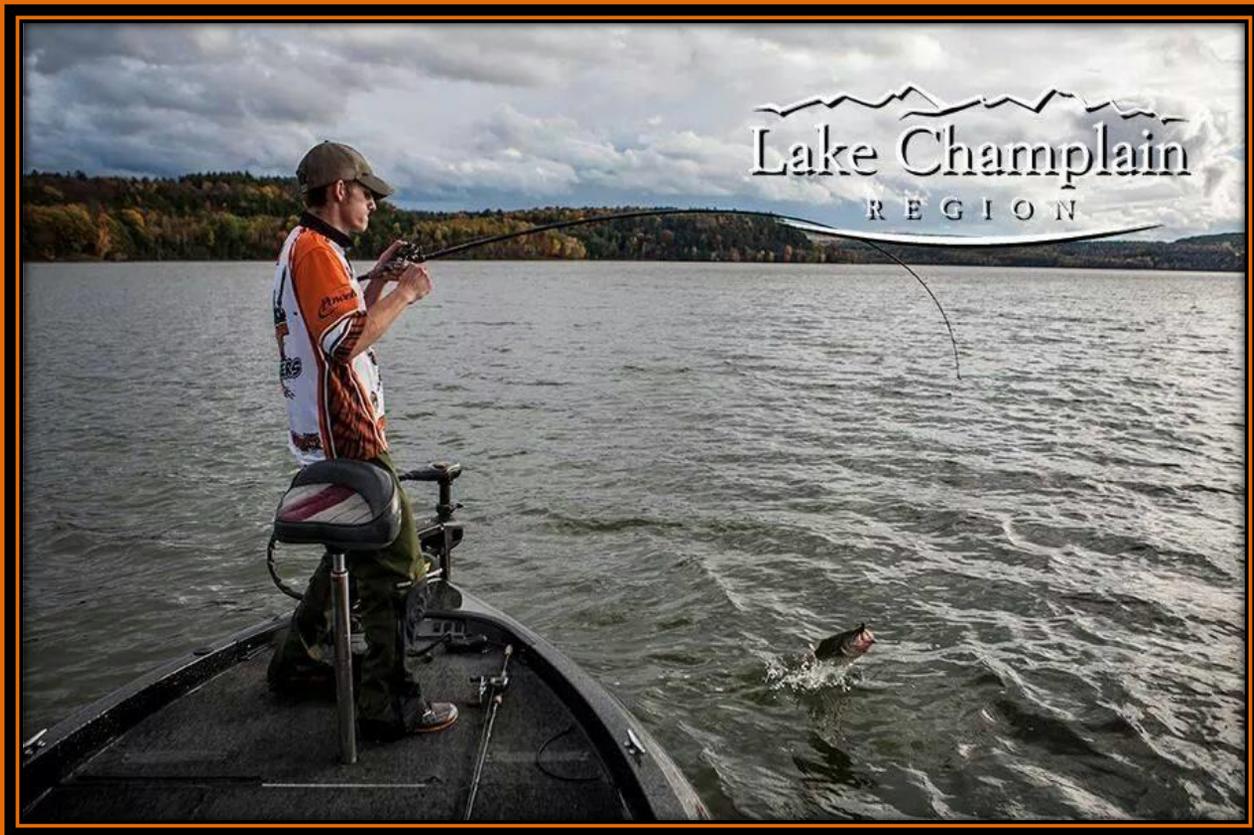


Jason Karol

In October the NYTBF held the first annual Collegiate Cup Championship. To qualify for the tournament anglers had to fish in two cup qualifiers and finish as one of the top 12 teams.

This tournament kicked off with 33 student anglers representing seven universities. Jason Karol, Rochester IT captured the title with a weight of 17.30 lbs. Second place went to the team of Ben Casscles and Mitch Monni of Sunny Cobleskill with 15.45 lbs. Penn State anglers John Hirdt and Jon Rodolfi brought in 14.90 lbs. good for third place and Michael Sapone and Steve Phipps of Suny Plattsburg took 4th with a weight of 14.45 lbs.

NYTBF wishes to thank the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce for their support of this event.



State Team Championship Lake Champlain (South Bay) October 11 & 12, 2014



Casey Casamento

The big lake lived up to its name and once again produced nice limits of large and smallmouth bass on both days. During this event the anglers compete for two days with top 12 anglers earning slots on the 2015 NYTBF Eastern Divisional Team.

Day one saw solid weights come to the scales with the top three anglers all in excess of 18 lb. limits and separated by mere ounces. Day two saw the top three anglers shuffle with the Day 1 leader falling to 11th and 3rd place angler landing at 10th place while Casey Casamento brought in another solid 18.65 lbs. for two day total weight of 37.50 lbs. and the tournament victory. Casamento was unavailable for comment but on day two he shared the boat with second place angler Rick Whitaker from Virginia who weighed in 36.05 lbs. that he anchored with the heaviest limit of the tournament that weighed 21.50 lbs. Whitaker reports they fished in 15-17 ft. along hard bottom areas and main lake shoals with Lucky Craft Pointer jerk baits and Keitech swim baits in green pumpkin fire.

Finishing third with a weight of 33.50 lbs. is Keitech Pro Staffer Dan Murphy. Murphy reports flipping and swimming a Keitech model one jig (green pumpkin blue dressed with a Net bait paca chunk) in 3-6 ft. of water. Murphy tried fishing larger swim baits and other baits during practice, but they failed to generate the number of strikes he felt he needed for this tournament so he decided to downsize his tournament presentation to the model one jig. Murphy targeted hard cover areas of rock and wood to catch all of his fish.

Rounding out the top five were Brad Brodnicki with 33.40 lbs. and Cory Baright with 32.30 lbs. Day 1 lunger went to NYTBF President and Angler's Choice Pro Staffer Bobby Williams with a stout 5.85 lb. largemouth bass. Day 2 lunger went to Plattsburgh College angler Kevin Grist with a 5.05 lb. bass.

These anglers have earned slots on the 2015 NYTBF Eastern Divisional Team joining the Anglers of the Year- Burnie Haney (Boater) and Ted Appleton (Co-Angler), Boaters: Casey Casamento, Rick Whitaker, Dan Murphy, Brad Brodnicki, Cory Baright; Co-Anglers: Mike Czaplinski, Chris Gore, Chris Berringer, Bobby Williams, Tom Luciano, 1st Alternate is Garry Woodruff, 2nd Alternate is Mike Cusano.

Ranger Cup Winner: Chris Gore with a weight 31.30 lbs.

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