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**2015 Angler of the Year**



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Heavy Weight  
Records Set**

**State Team  
Championship**

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## 2016 Tournament Schedule

Oct 25, 2014	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	NYTBF Points (completed)
Jun 11	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	NYTBF Points
Jun 25	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	Lions Club Tm Open
Jun 26	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	NYTBF Tm Open
Jul 23	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	Jr World Qualifier
Jul 24	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	SAF Championship Qualifier
Jul 24	St Lawrence River	Clayton NY	Collegiate Cup #1
Jul 31	Lake Ontario	Henderson Harbor, NY	NYTBF Points
Aug 13	Tupper Lake	TBD	NYTBF Tm
Aug 28	St Lawrence River	Cape Vincent, NY	NYTBF Points
Sep 11-16	St Lawrence River	Kingston Ontario	TBF Eastern Divisional
Sep 18	Mohawk River	Schoharie Crossing	Collegiate Cup #2
*Oct 1 & 2	St. Lawrence River	French Creek, Clayton NY	State Team Championship
Oct 8	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	Collegiate Cup Championship
Oct 9	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	SAF Regional Championship
Oct 15 & 16	Lake Champlain	Ticonderoga NY	2016 TBF Semi-Final
Oct 30	Oneida Lake	Brewerton NY	NYTBF 2017 Early Bird

# 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
- July 26, 2016 St Lawrence River, Clayton NY
- August 13, 2016 Tupper Lake, (TBA)
- October 1 & 2, 2016 State Team Championship  
(\$150 entry per angler, angler fish under 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Conservation Corner

## *with Dave Hart*

The 2015 season has come to an end and we have started the 2016 season. This past season was a good one for us in many ways; we've seen growth in our membership and growth in the national program. In this past year we as an organization were very successful during our tournaments with fish care and fish survival. I appreciate all the effort everyone has put forward towards fish care.



I had a chance to read a couple of articles this past week and would like to share some of the statistics I found in them. The first report was from the NYSDEC and was titled "Characterizing the Statues of Black Bass Populations in New York". The object of this report was to compile all the data from the existing studies on black bass for all of the water bodies in New York State and to combine the results into one comprehensive report.

To summarize: the report found distinct boundaries within the state for several different trends based on different aspects to the black bass population. The general results of the study indicate there have been a couple of distinct ecological changes that have improved the bass population and the quality of the bass.

The final result of the study indicated the bass population of New York State is the best it has ever been. The conclusions from the report are broad based on the fact the studies used vary in time taken, method used and reason for the study. The report is not large but has some good information in it and is well worth the reading if you want to know more about bass fishing in New York State.

The second report has just been published by the Office of The State Comptroller. This report focuses on the economic impacts of fishing, hunting, and trapping in New York. The comptrollers report indicates approximately 1.7 million fishing licenses were purchased in the 2012/13 season and contributed approximately \$44 Million dollars to the state's conservation fund. The report indicated that New York State is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest state in the nation for licenses issued.

When I put the information from these two reports together I am pleased to see the quality of our fisheries and the improvements they have made, but I also see the extreme fishing pressure they receive. I hope we will all keep these thoughts in mind and continue to respect our environmental resources and protect them.





Photo Courtesy FLW Outdoors

## Jim Schneider 2015 Angler of the Year

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

**Schneider:** My dad was an avid outdoorsman and great fisherman. He taught me how to fish for bass when I was five years old. I eventually fished my first tournament at age 20 and I've been fishing ever since.

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

**Schneider:** This Angler of the Year title is one that I'm very proud to hold. The quality of the NYTBF anglers is exceptional and the win the title is a very special accomplishment.

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

**Schneider:** I classify myself as an all around fisherman. I really favor the drop shot when I can but I love flipping and cranking just as much.

**NYTBF:** Looking back on the 2015 season, what was your toughest tournament and why?

**Schneider:** My toughest tournament by far was Oneida Lake. I have very little experience on that lake and had a tough time adjusting to the conditions. Then I caught all of my fish the last hour of the tournament after changing my pattern.

**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?

**Schneider:** I realized I had a chance at AOY with two tournaments (Oneida Lake & St Lawrence River) to go. After looking at the point standings I felt if I could finish in the top 1/3 at each event I had a legitimate chance at the title.

**NYTBF:** As the reigning NYTBF AOY you've qualified for the 2016 TBF Eastern Divisional tournament in Kingston Ontario 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?

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## Jim Schneider (continued)

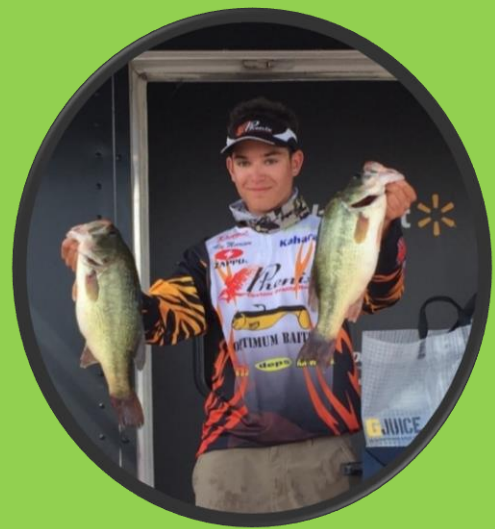
**Schneider:** I'm real happy to have an opportunity to fish for a National title.

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

**Schneider:** It sounds cliché , but don't ever give up! In each of the last two tournaments I caught my keeper fish in the last hour of the event after I'd changed my pattern and that's how I won this title for me. So don't ever give up.



# 2015 NYTBF Co-Angler of the Year *Alec Morrison*



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

**Morrison:** I have been fishing bass tournaments since 2010 when I started with the Junior TBF tournaments. I became interested in the sport when I was 10 years old and I've always fished for anything that would swim however I like fishing for bass the most. I started watching the Bassmaster and FLW tournaments at a young age and that only fueled the excitement of it all for me.

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

**Morrison:** The NYTBF CO-AOY title has been one of my goals all year , I'm not sure if I can rate it , I always look at every win or finish in any tournament good or bad as a step in the right direction because there is always an opportunity to learn. With each win whether it's in a club tournament or a national tournament I feel it is an accomplishment and an opportunity to learn that will certainly push me towards my long term goal as a Bassmaster Elite Series angler.

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

**Morrison:** When it comes to techniques there isn't a whole lot of them that I dislike. Every day on the water whether a practice day or a tournament I look at it as a learning experience. I do not believe I've ever had a day on the water where I haven't learned something new. However, I have a few techniques that I do like to catch fish on more than others. My favorite techniques have to be big swimbaits whether they are hard or soft bodied. Some of them that I throw range anywhere from 6" and 1 oz. in weight all the way up to 10.5" and 6.5 oz. in weight. My other favorite techniques are flipping, and at the other end of the spectrum I enjoy finesse techniques like dropshot rigs and other Japanese finesse rigs.

**NYTBF:** Looking back on the 2015 season, what was your toughest tournament and why?

**Morrison:** Looking back at the 2015 season , I really don't believe I had a super tough tournament I had a couple tournaments that didn't go as planned or that definitely weren't in my favor and I also had a couple tournaments that I feel I could've executed better. However, that's the way this sport goes and the best thing for me is to recap a little that day, but by the next tournament I make sure the last one isn't in my mind at all good or bad I make sure that I make the tournament I'm in that day my priority and I concentrate on what's going on then and there.

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## Alec Morrison (continued)

**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?

**Morrison:** I realized I had a legitimate shot going into the last event; however, I drew a great friend that I would be fishing with for that tournament and I just went out to fish and have fun like I had in the other events.

**NYTBF:** As the reigning NYTBF Co-AOY you've qualified for the 2016 Eastern Divisional tournament in Kingston Ontario 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?

**Morrison:** Sounds like a great event, I am looking forward to fishing them, and it will be another good experience either way!

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

**Morrison:** Some good advice for other co-anglers isn't necessarily fishing related, but treating your boater and their boat with respect makes for a more comfortable day on the water and a lot of times that will put you in a better mood and can allow you to concentrate and catch more fish. Watching and listening... You can learn a world's worth of experience in a single day on the water with a seasoned angler!



# NYTBF ALL-TIME HEAVY WEIGHT RECORDS

This year our Federation witnessed the all-time weigh record being set in both the Boater and Co-Angler divisions. We had the opportunity to talk to the anglers that set these records and here's what they had to say.

**Angler:** Cory Baright

**Boater Division**

**Date:** September 20, 2015

**Tournament:** St. Lawrence River (Cape Vincent, NY)

**Weight:** 25.15 Lbs.



First off, I'm incredibly grateful to live in this part of the county and have the opportunity to fish bodies of water like the St. Lawrence River. Having the ability to catch 25+ pounds of smallmouth is something that can only happen in a handful of places in the world. Also, a big thank you to NYTBF and the town of Cape Vincent who were fantastic hosts for this event. This was just one of those days where every decision you make seems to be the right one and positive things start to snowball for you.

I had spent the week prior fishing the TBF Eastern Divisional tournament on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire so I was unable to practice for this event. As a result, I stayed in the river system and ran a bunch of history that I had developed over the last 4-5 years. Most of these are very specific spots that were found idling and using side imaging

technology. Due to the current in the river system these fish can be fairly predictable this time of the year. A large percentage of the population will relate to deep structure (i.e. rock) and once you find these productive areas they will generally hold fish from one year to the next.

I caught all my fish on a drop-shot in 25 to 55 feet of water, the vast majority coming on Jackall Cross Tail Shads. There was little wind and I was able to efficiently and accurately target quite a few of these areas. This also allowed me to drop straight down on individual fish, even with the river current. It was one of those rare days where you catch few big ones and think, "man, that was pretty easy", every time I set the hook it seemed to be a giant. A key for me was finding current breaks that are close to the main river channel, specifically rocks piles on those breaks. By mid-day my biggest concern was fish care and keeping those big river smallmouth alive and healthy. The best thing you can do it to use ice, cooler water holds more oxygen and reducing the water temperature just a few degrees can have a major effect on oxygen levels. It was a memorable day on a fantastic body of water and hopefully we'll be back to Cape Vincent in the near future and have the opportunity to break this record again!

## NYTBF ALL-TIME HEAVY WEIGHT RECORDS

**Angler:** Andrew Bechard

**Co-Angler Division**

**Date:** October 25, 2015

**Tournament:** Lake Champlain (Ticonderoga, NY)

**Weight:** 22.25 lbs.

I would like to start by thanking my boater Rick Whitaker for putting me on these winning fish and netting everyone for me. Without Rick this day wouldn't have been possible. Drawing boat #21 to launch, Ricks 21ft Ranger gave us a competitive edge by easily combating 3-4 ft. waves while coming through one of the widest portions of the Lake and allowing us to have optimal fishing time. Our first stop was a ledge that held large amounts of bait fish that were apparent on his graphs. Most of the bait was suspended 13-14 ft. deep and the Smallmouth were coming up to hit our suspending jerk baits. We both quickly put fish in the boat and drifted to our next spot which was a short distance away. Our second spot we worked more thoroughly and I was able to place a couple quality smallmouth into the live wells and quickly had my limit. This spot was a point approximately 12ft deep that once again held bait fish. After an hour or so we moved more shallow and were able to locate quality Largemouth once again on points. The largemouth were found on shallower points 6-8 ft. deep that still held milfoil. At approximately 1130 am we decided to head out deeper again to work the ledges once more, for more quality smallmouth. At this point I quickly hooked another 4.5lb smallmouth and that is when I realized I had something spectacular going. At 1130am during a tournament I was throwing a 4lb smallmouth back into the lake, I couldn't believe it! I ended up weighing in 3 Smallmouth and 2 Largemouth for 21.2lbs. All my fish were caught using a suspending 4" jerk bait that resembled an Alewife. I was using a 7'3 MH rod with 20lb braid and a 6ft 12lb fluorocarbon leader. I may be a little biased considering Lake Champlain is my home lake, but I wouldn't want to spend a weekend anywhere else. I would also like to thank the TBF crew for making these tournaments possible.



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# GARRY WOODRUFF WINS NY THE BASS FEDERATION STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ON ST LAWRENCE RIVER

October 10, Clayton NY... New York The Bass Federation (NYTBF) held their annual State Team Championship with the launch and weigh-in at the 1,000 Islands Harbor Hotel.

Unlike our season long points tournaments where Boaters and Co-Anglers fish against only anglers in their respective divisions the State Team Championship tournament finds Boaters and Co-Anglers sharing equal time on the trolling motor. This tournament is traditionally a two-day championship but due to extreme weather and a small craft advisory day two was cancelled and for the first time ever this tournament saw a three way tie at the weigh-in.

Woodruff won the tiebreaker title and took Ranger Cup bonus bucks with a limit that pulled the scales to 22.80 lbs. anchored by his big fish that also tied for tournament lunker at 5.05 lbs.

Steve Brinster also weighed in 22.80 lbs. and tied for Lunker, but lost the second tie breaker to finish in second place.

Brian Sanson was the third angler to weigh-in 22.80 lbs. and rounding out the top five were David Hart 22.50 lbs. and Bobby Williams 21.25 lbs.

Perry Marvin won the TFO Rod giveaway and Jason Karol won the Humminbird giveaway, while Dave Hart won the \$500 Anglers Choice Marine gift certificate and Gary Woodruff won the Reynolds Marine \$500 gift certificate.



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# GARRY WOODRUFF WINS NY THE BASS FEDERATION STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ON ST LAWRENCE RIVER



L-R: Garry Woodruff and Steve Brinster with their 5.05 lb. Lunkers



*TFO Rod Winner*



*Humminbird Winner*



*Reynolds Marine Winner*



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Whatever your pleasure may be, the friendly staff at Lanz's would be happy to arrange reservations for you at any attraction, restaurant or boat rental facility. The Clayton Area Chamber of Commerce along with the citizens of the Clayton community have been hard at work through the past several years in bringing many attractions to Clayton. **The Annual Vintage & Classic Street Meet held in September is always a great success with classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and snowmobiles lining the streets of downtown Clayton. Please call for this years date. Check out our video: [Burnout](#)** A complete list of each year's events can be found at the [Clayton Area Chamber of Commerce website.](#)

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## National Semi-Finals

The new TBF National Semi-Finals Program will make competing much more cost effective and much more rewarding financially, with travel costs way down and cash payout direct to the individual anglers increased. No longer will TBF members have to travel across the nation to attempt to qualify for the Federation National Championship, or to earn one of 14 TBF member qualifying spots into the BFL All-American or to qualify for the Forrest Wood Cup and the FLW Tour with all entry fees paid, use of a custom wrapped Ranger boat all year and a chance of a lifetime to “Live The Dream.”

“Obviously as you will see we are not cutting anything, we are drastically expanding something that has been very successful and that decision was not taken lightly,” said Robert Cartlidge, TBF president and CEO. “Of course, the states have made improvements over the years to the program, such as the national insurance program started in 1991, the TBF\FLW Living The Dream program, numerous member discounts, doubling the number of anglers from each state advancing to the Federation National Championship and advancing beyond the Federation National Championship in our partnership in fishing with FLW in 2006, but this is the first major revamp and expansion of the basic format.”

Highlights of the new program include:

- All National Semi-Final events will take place in two- and three-state groups, so travel will only be “next door”. This means not only is travel costs greatly reduced and payouts greatly increased but the new program will host a National Semi-Final event in every market segment of North America.
- Anglers want to fish for some money, so that will be a huge added feature.
- This program greatly reduces the amount of time required to qualify and advance.
- In a giant new club benefit for every individual TBF affiliated club in good standing with their state, they will have the ability to qualify their top angler(s) direct from their club to a TBF National Semi-Final.
- Larger membership states will qualify more anglers to a National Semi-Final because they have more members competing. Each state federation will send a minimum of 12 anglers to a National Semi Finals, there is no maximum based on membership participation and growth.
- MORE anglers from each state will also advance to the TBF Federation National Championship. For instance at the 2017 Federation National Championship at least 2 boaters and 2 co-anglers from each state. Depending on participation numbers, some states may advance even MORE.



## National Semi-Finals (cont.)

- State Pride – The program will continue a new “State vs State Competition” piece within each National Semi-Final where a percentage of top qualifying anglers will represent their home state with significant prizes and bragging rights for the state who wins their National Semi- Final.
- All payouts will increase significantly across the board however a major emphasis and rewards are being added for those members qualifying as a co-angler in each National Semi-Final and in the Federation National Championship.
- Full details and outlines will go out to the state Federation Presidents & membership in coming days and weeks and be posted to [bassfederation.com](http://bassfederation.com) as the new program is rolled out.

“TBF as the oldest and largest organized grassroots fishing, youth and conservation group at the grassroots level has been laser-focused on the High School Fishing program since we founded that movement nationwide in 2007,” Cartlidge continued. “The High School program is well established and continues to grow annually by leaps and bounds. It’s time for us to turn the same laser focus we used to found and develop the wildly successful National High School program toward our adult program, and we are doing exactly that.”

“Many of our programs are widely imitated in the industry, in part, because they are so successful, so we do recognize this change will affect a lot of folks,” Cartlidge added. “I’m sure this new program the presidents have built will be imitated as well, and change will spread. As an industry leader in grassroots fishing, we have a responsibility to look ahead to the next 25 years, recognize the world is a different place than it was in 1990 and build a program that fits today lifestyles and economy. Most federation members do not want to fish professionally full time but they all would like the chance to try their skills against other members, have some fun, earn their share of a nice prize pool and possibly advance to fish the biggest events in all of fishing once in their lifetime. This program provides every club member with that chance.”

### About The Bass Federation

The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) is owned by those we serve and dedicated to the sport of fishing and proudly “partners in fishing” with FLW. TBF is a member of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and the only 100% member-owned national fishing organization. TBF is the largest and oldest organized grassroots fishing, youth and conservation organization in North America. TBF-affiliated state federations and their member clubs conduct more than 20,000 fishing, youth and conservation events each year. The Federation has provided a foundation for the entire bass fishing industry for more than 45 years. For more information about TBF visit [Bassfederation.com](http://Bassfederation.com) or look for [bassfederation](https://www.facebook.com/bassfederation) on Facebook.

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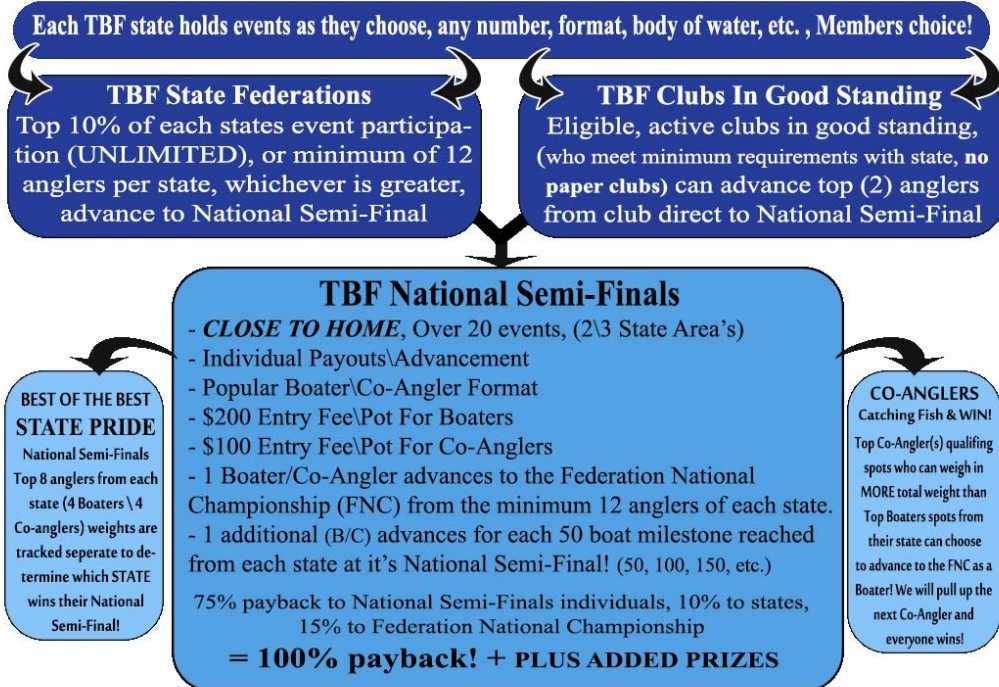


# National Semi-Final Overview



## NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS

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Practice out of own boats (just like today) for 2 days (Saturday and Sunday)

States with multiple FNC qualifiers will **COMPETE** from their own boats on Monday and Tuesday. After Tuesday we cut the field to the top Boater & top Co-angler from each state.

Wednesday is final practice day for all State Leaders out of new Ranger Boats, (just like today) Thursday and Friday the full field competes by division. Friday the field is cut to the top anglers from each of the 7 TBF division (just like today) who will compete on Saturday's Final Day for a National Championship title and...

- All 14 finalist will advance as TBF Division Champions to the BFL -All American!
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- SIGNIFICANT cash and prizes increases for Boaters and Co-Anglers!



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# National Semi-Final Districts



NYTBF is in District 14 with Pennsylvania and Ontario







*Alec Morrison*

*Perry Marvin*

*TBF Weigh Master*



*Perry Marvin*

*Alec Morrison*



## Morrison & Marvin 2015 High School Fishing World Finals 7-11 July on Pickwick Lake

Alec Morrison and Perry Marvin did a fantastic job representing the NY TBF Student Angler Federation (SAF) program at the High School World Championship on Pickwick Lake in Alabama.

The boys arrived the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the official practice period that ran from 05:30 AM on July 5<sup>th</sup> through 3:00 PM on July 7<sup>th</sup>. During those 3 days, Perry and Alec put their research to the test and began exploring the waters of the Pickwick Lake for the first time. They quickly identified several good spots and were on fish in no time. They marked spots and continued to find more areas until the close of the practice period.

On the evening of July 7<sup>th</sup> they attended the opening banquet and rules / regulations meeting. Over 100 teams from 22 states are participating in this tournament. These high school teams are the best in our country and the competition is fierce with everyone hoping to advance to the final round. The top 2 teams from each state will advance on to Day 3 (Semi-Final round) of the tournament.

Day 1: They draw boat # 114 and weigh-in a five fish limit good for 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Day 2: They draw boat # 68 and weigh-in another five fish limit at 9 lbs. 4 oz. They fished hard researching the water and marking additional spots. The boys are being challenged by the extremely hot weather at the tournament. The temperatures during this afternoon's weigh-in reached above 100 degrees.

Day 3: Alec & Perry have made it to the semi-final round as the field's been cut to 40 teams, all of them hoping to make the next cut to the final ten teams competing for the World Title. They fished hard but their five fish limit just wasn't enough weight to make the top ten cut.

The NYTBF congratulates both this young anglers on a great tournament and a great effort. We're very proud how they represented our Federation at the SAF World Finals and we wish them the best of luck in their 2016 angling and beyond.





# BONUS BUCKS



## THE BASS FEDERATION PROGRAM (TBF)

State Team Program	Payment
State Team Members	\$500
Representing State at the TBF National Championship	\$1,000
<b>TBF Regional Divisional Events-7 events</b>	
Highest placing eligible entrant	\$750
2 <sup>nd</sup> highest placing eligible entrant	\$250
<b>National Championship-1 event</b>	
Highest placing eligible entrant	\$2,500
2 <sup>nd</sup> highest placing eligible entrant	\$1,500
<b>Matching Funds for TBF Programs</b>	
State Team- For each eligible entrant state team member	\$250
State Qualifier- State sends an eligible entrant state champion to Natl. Championship	\$500
<b>TBF Regional Divisional Events-7 events</b>	
To the state who has the highest eligible finisher	\$375
To the state who has the 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest eligible finisher	\$125
<b>National Championship-1 event</b>	
To the state who's eligible entrant places highest finish	\$1,250
To the state who's eligible entrant places 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest finish	\$750

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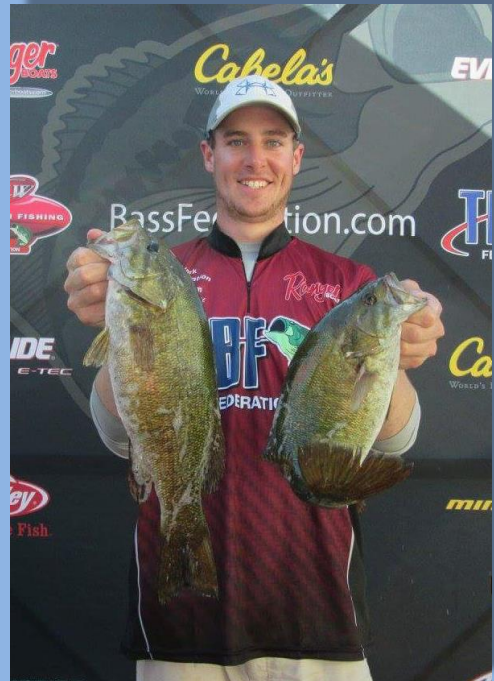




2015 NYTBF Eastern Divisional Team (Lake Winnepesaukee, NH)



Mike Czaplinski (Boater) Advances to 2016 TBF National Championship



Cory Baright (Co-Angler) Advances to 2016 TBF National Championship





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