



2023 Media Guide

2023 Bassmaster Tournament Trail



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2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota

March 24-26	Bassmaster Classic at Tennessee River	Knoxville, Tenn.
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2023 Bassmaster Elite Series Schedule

Feb. 16-19	Bassmaster Elite at Lake Okeechobee	Okeechobee, Fla.
Feb. 23-26	Bassmaster Elite at Lake Seminole	Bainbridge, Ga.
April 20-23	Bassmaster Elite at Lake Murray	Columbia, S.C.
April 27-30	Bassmaster Elite at Santee Cooper Lakes	Clarendon County, S.C.
May 11-14	Bassmaster Elite at Lay Lake	Shelby County, Ala.
June 1-4	Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River	Orange, Texas
July 27-30	Bassmaster Elite at Lake St. Clair	Macomb County, Mich.
August 17-20	Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain	Plattsburgh, N.Y.
August 24-27	Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River	Clayton, N.Y.

2023 St. Croix Bassmaster Opens Schedule

Division 1		
March 2-4	Lake Eufaula	Eufaula, Ala.
May 18-20	Wheeler Lake	Decatur, Ala.
Oct. 12-14	Harris Chain of Lakes	Leesburg, Fla.
Division 2		
April 13-15	Toledo Bend	Many, La.
June 15-17	Lake Eufaula	Eufaula, Okla.
Sept. 22-24	Lake of the Ozarks	Osage Beach, Mo.
Division 3		
May 3-5	Buggs Island Reservoir	Clarksville, Va.
July 20-22	St. Lawrence River	Waddington, N.Y.
Sept. 14-16	Watts Bar Reservoir	Kingston, Tenn.



Remembering Ray

Ray Scott didn't invent bass tournaments when he held the first All-American Invitational Bass Tournament on Beaver Lake, Ark., in June 1967. Scott's mark on the sport came from his creation of the first professional tournament circuit and from the organization of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) in 1968.

Scott, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 8, 2022 at the age of 88, has left a legacy that is felt to this day and continues to influence B.A.S.S., the world's largest fishing membership organization.

"Ray's passion and vision for bass fishing birthed our entire industry more than 50 years ago," said Chase Anderson, B.A.S.S. CEO. "Ray's contributions and impact on conservation and his advocacy and passion for anglers and our sport set the standard for tournament fishing and are something we will always strive to uphold."

Scott's brainchild, the Bassmaster Classic, grew from two dozen competitors and a smattering of spectators at Lake Mead, Nev., in 1971, to become the biggest event in sportfishing over the next half-century. Today, the Classic and related events, such as the Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo, record more than 100,000 fishing fans each year and boast an economic impact of more

than \$30 million for host communities.

Aspirations of fishing in the Bassmaster Classic have drawn generations of anglers to tournament fishing.

"I can remember being a kid, getting up to watch *The Bassmasters* with Ray and Bob Cobb," said 2022 Bassmaster Classic champion Jason Christie. "Ray Scott not only started modern-day bass fishing, but he was responsible for setting the bar on fish care and how tournament fishing should be done. I just hope whenever I'm done in this sport that I've lived up to the bar that Ray Scott set."

When a world champion of fishing is crowned at the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota in Knoxville, Tenn., they will hoist the Ray Scott Bassmaster Classic trophy — a familiar trophy emblazoned with a legendary name.

"We could think of no better way to celebrate Ray Scott's lasting legacy than by officially naming the most iconic trophy in sportfishing — the Bassmaster Classic trophy — in his honor" said Anderson. "It is often said that winning the Classic etches an angler's name on the pages of bass fishing history, but it is a book that would never have been written without Ray."

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Working media can register for credentials to cover B.A.S.S. events by going to Bassmastermedia.com. The media site also offers archives of news releases, photos of B.A.S.S. anglers and events and a digital copy of this Media Guide. For more information, contact Emily Harley, Communications Manager, eharley@bassmaster.com, 205-313-0945.

B.A.S.S. Through The Decades



In the beginning, there was the idea: Bass fishermen would compete in a legitimate, tournament-style format and the sport would be televised, joining the ranks of golf, bowling and the major stick-and-ball sports.

That was the dream of an Alabama insurance salesman named Ray Scott. In June 1967, he would take a major step to make that dream a reality by holding the first modern bass tournament on Beaver Lake in Arkansas.

Called the “All-American,” that competition changed the sport of bass fishing forever. In late 1967, he formalized the structure of the organization that would spearhead the bass fishing revolution.

1960s

1968 — Scott wants his organization to go by the acronym B.A.S.S., and he gets the name Bass Anglers Sportsman Society from Bob Steeber of the Nashville *Tennessean*. The first member — and first Life Member — is Oklahoma’s Don Butler, who pays Scott \$100. Annual dues are \$10.

— Scott launches *Bassmaster* Magazine in the spring and serves as the editor for almost two years. He solicits contributions from the best anglers — rather than the best writers — he can find. Bob Cobb becomes editor of *Bassmaster* Magazine in 1969 and soon plays a key role in the success of B.A.S.S.



1970s

1970 — Roland Martin fishes his first B.A.S.S. event in January, the Toledo Bend Invitational. He finishes second, beginning one of the most impressive careers in professional fishing history.

1971 — Twenty-four professional anglers and an equal number of media board a flight for an unknown destination to compete in the first Bassmaster Classic. Once airborne, they are told they will compete on Lake Mead, Nev., a fishery none had ever seen.



1972 — Scott introduces the “Don’t Kill Your Catch” program whereby: “Tournament bass will be promptly weighed in and immediately placed in a large, aerated live-tank. After the weigh-in is completed, the bass will be released to be caught again.”



— In October, after lobbying and support by Scott and B.A.S.S., Congress passes the Clean Water Act with the goal of ensuring that waters meet standards necessary for water sports and recreation by 1983.

1975 — At the Arkansas Invitational on Bull Shoals Lake, California’s Dee Thomas dominates the field with a technique he calls “flippin’.” The rest of the world is introduced to it through the pages of *Bassmaster*.



1980s

1983 — Alfred Williams becomes the first African-American to qualify for the Bassmaster Classic. He finishes 10th.

1984 — Rick Clunn wins the Bassmaster Classic on the Arkansas River, recording the heaviest catch of each competition day and leading his closest challenger by more than 25 pounds. He is joined onstage for the final weigh-in by Vice President George H.W. Bush and Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.



— B.A.S.S. lobbies successfully for the Wallop-Breaux amendments to the Sport Fish Restoration Act, legislation that has generated hundreds of millions of dollars to states for sportfishing projects.

1986 — In July, investors, led by longtime employee Helen Sevier, purchase B.A.S.S. from founder Ray Scott.



1988 — George H.W. Bush is elected president of the United States, and the *New York Times* reports his favorite periodical is *Bassmaster* Magazine.

1989 — *B.A.S.S. Times* — the newsletter for B.A.S.S. club members — is transformed into a tabloid to provide more tournament and B.A.S.S. Nation news, conservation information and in-depth fishing tips.



1990s

1991 — Vojai Reed becomes the first female angler to fish the B.A.S.S. Tournament Trail, debuting at the Missouri Invitational on Truman Lake.



1993 — Japan's Norio Tanabe wins the Kentucky Invitational on Kentucky Lake, becoming the first international angler to win a B.A.S.S. event.



1994 — In July, Bryan Kerchal wins the Bassmaster Classic on North Carolina's High Rock Lake. He is the only B.A.S.S. Nation qualifier to ever win the Classic. Less than five months later, he dies in a commuter plane crash near Raleigh, N.C., at the age of 23.



1999 — In April, Mark Tyler catches a 14-pound, 9-ounce largemouth at the California Western Invitational on the California Delta near Stockton, Calif. It is the largest bass ever caught in B.A.S.S. competition.



2000s

2001 — On Day 1 of the Florida Bassmaster Top 150 on Lake Tohopekaliga, Dean Rojas brings in a 45-2 bag, the heaviest five-bass limit in B.A.S.S. history. He wins the event with a four-day total of 108-12.



— In April, ESPN purchases B.A.S.S.

2002 — In July, Kevin VanDam becomes the first angler to win the ESPY as Best Outdoor Sports Athlete.

2004 — In August, Japan's Takahiro Omori becomes the first citizen of a foreign country to win the Bassmaster Classic.



2006 — In March, B.A.S.S. debuts the Bassmaster Elite Series on Lake Amistad in Texas, featuring the best anglers on the best waters at the best times of year. Ish Monroe wins the inaugural event.



2006 — Preston Clark wins the Elite Series Santee Cooper Showdown with a four-day record catch of 115-15.

2008 — B.A.S.S. introduces the Bassmaster Elite Series Marshal program.

2010s

2010 — On Nov. 1, Jim Copeland, Don Logan and Jerry McKinnis purchase B.A.S.S. from ESPN.



2011 — In July, Andrew Upshaw of Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas becomes the first angler to qualify for the Bassmaster Classic through the College B.A.S.S. National Championship program.

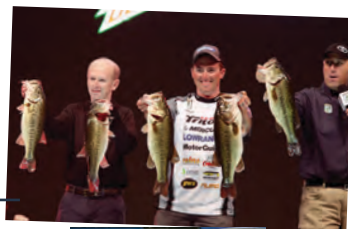
— B.A.S.S. relocates to Birmingham, Ala.

2012 — B.A.S.S. bans multiple-lure rigs from the Bassmaster Classic and Elite Series competition.



- The name of the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation is changed to B.A.S.S. Nation in an effort to grow grass-roots membership.

2014 — Paul Mueller weighs in a 32-3 limit on Day 2 of the Bassmaster Classic on Lake Gunter, the heaviest daily catch in Bassmaster Classic history.



2016 — Rick Clunn wins the Bassmaster Elite at the St. Johns River, becoming the oldest Elite Series winner at 69 years, 3 months and 30 days old. He would cement this record by winning at the St. Johns again in 2019.



- The first Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarship for Females in Fisheries is awarded to honor the former B.A.S.S. Conservation Director.

2017 — Jordan Lee makes the biggest come-from-behind leap in Bassmaster Classic history to win the 2017 Classic.

- Anderson Media Corp., a 100-year-old family business founded in Alabama, acquires a majority interest in B.A.S.S.



2018 — B.A.S.S. celebrates its 50th anniversary.

2020 — B.A.S.S. launches the Bassmaster B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Series, debuting its inaugural tournament on Alabama's Logan Martin Lake.

2021 — For the first time, all nine Bassmaster Elite events, as well as the Bassmaster Classic, College Classic Bracket and select Bassmaster Opens feature live television coverage on FOX Sports platforms.



- The inaugural Bassmaster High School Combine offers high school anglers an opportunity to showcase their talents for colleges and generates more than \$2.1 million in college scholarships.

- Bruce Akin retires as CEO of B.A.S.S. after 10 years. Chairman Chase Anderson assumes responsibility for day-to-day operations.

- After a 12-year hiatus, the Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship returns.



2022 — In May, B.A.S.S. founder Ray Scott passes away at 88. It is announced that the Classic trophy will be named in his honor.

- The first Helen Sevier Memorial Scholarships are awarded to women aspiring to fish at the collegiate level.

- In July, Cory Johnston and Jay Przekurat become the first two anglers to earn century belts with all small-mouth during an Elite on the St. Lawrence River.



Quick Guide To B.A.S.S.

THE B.A.S.S. ORGANIZATION

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.) was founded in Montgomery, Ala., by Ray Scott in 1968.

The organization advances the sport through advocacy, outreach and an expansive tournament structure while connecting directly with the passionate community of bass anglers through its media vehicles.

B.A.S.S. was purchased from ESPN in 2010 by three investors: Don Logan, Jim Copeland and Jerry McKinnis. Controlling interest in the organization was acquired in 2017 by Anderson Media Corp., a family-owned media company headquartered in Knoxville, Tenn.

B.A.S.S. is a tournament and membership organization serving more than 515,000 members and their families.

Bassmaster tournament circuits include the Bassmaster Elite Series, St. Croix Bassmaster Opens, TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation, Strike King Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship, Strike King Bassmaster High School Series presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors, Bassmaster Junior Series, Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX, Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter and the ultimate celebration of competitive fishing, the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

The Bassmaster Classic — long known as the Super Bowl of Bass Fishing — hosts an average of more than 110,000 fans and has generated an economic impact of more than \$30 million annually.

B.A.S.S. MEDIA

Bassmaster Magazine is the flagship publication of B.A.S.S. Launched in 1968 as the organization's membership magazine, it was named the "Bible of Bass Fishing" in a *Time* magazine article.

Bassmaster has a readership averaging more than 2.4 million people per month. It has received critical acclaim, including Folio awards for editorial and design.

Editor-in-Chief James Hall has more than 20 years' experience as a magazine editor, including 20 at the helm of *Bassmaster*, which is also available in a digital version.

B.A.S.S. Times is a publication with a readership of more than 435,000 monthly. Subscribers include B.A.S.S. Nation members, B.A.S.S. Life Members, team and individual tournament anglers and other avid bass fishermen. First published in 1989, *B.A.S.S. Times* offers news and information written and edited for serious bass anglers.

Each monthly issue contains how-to articles and news about tournaments and conservation issues for intermediate and advanced anglers. *B.A.S.S. Times* Editor Bryan Brasher has been an outdoors writer and editor for more than two decades.

DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA

B.A.S.S. has the most robust digital platforms in the fishing industry, with over 2.2 million social media followers as well as more than 25.4 million visits, including 8.5 million unique visitors to Bassmaster.com in 2022. Video views topped 6.2 million on Bassmaster.com. Bassmaster.com offers fishing how-to information, up-to-date news across every B.A.S.S. tournament trail, conservation news and a comprehensive database of tournament anglers and their performance in B.A.S.S. competition. This diverse content is why the site had more than 229.5 million page views in 2022.

Bassmaster.com is the official source and record for all levels of B.A.S.S. competition, offering real-time coverage of the events in a variety of platforms. Popular features include the "Live Blog" by teams



B.A.S.S. media outlets span multiple platforms.

of writers on the water, the BassTrakk live leaderboard, photo galleries, videos and the livestreamed weigh-in programs.

When covering our events, the official B.A.S.S. hashtags are #Bassmaster, #BassElite, #basslive, #CollegeBass, #HighSchoolBass and #BassmasterClassic.

- Facebook.com/bass
- Facebook.com/collegebass
- Facebook.com/basshighschool
- @Bassmaster, @BASSTrakk and @BassmasterPR
- @BASS_Nation, @collegebass and @bassmasterhighschool
- YouTube.com/Bassmaster1
- BASS_Nation
- Pinterest.com/bassnation
- LinkedIn.com/company/b.a.s.s.-llc
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INSIDE BASSMASTER PODCAST

The *Inside Bassmaster Podcast* presented by *Black Rifle Coffee Company* is a weekly podcast hosted by two former college anglers, Bassmaster LIVE co-host Ronnie Moore and Bassmaster.com Digital Content Editor Kyle Jessie.

The podcast covers a range of topics, from B.A.S.S. tournaments and Rapala Bassmaster Fantasy Fishing, to stories of professional bass anglers from across the world.

The podcast is available across a variety of platforms, including Bassmaster.com, YouTube, Apple Podcast, Spotify and anywhere podcasts are found.

Since relaunching at the beginning of the 2022 season, the *Inside Bassmaster Podcast* has rapidly grown in a short period of time with episodes garnering more than 10,000 views.

TELEVISION & VIDEO

Pioneered by B.A.S.S.'s production arm, Little Rock-based JM Associates, Bassmaster LIVE debuted in 2015.

LIVE airs all four days of Elite competition, with the top finalists each having a LIVE camera streaming his fishing action. The show features expert commentary from hosts Tommy Sanders, Mark Zona and former Classic champion Davy Hite, as well as Bassmaster emcee Dave Mercer.

After a successful second season with FOX Sports where more than 14.5 million viewers watched Bassmaster LIVE programming, once more all Elite events and the Bassmaster Classic will feature live television coverage on the FOX Sports platforms each Saturday and Sunday morning. During weekend FOX television and FS1 broadcasts, fans can also join Bass Fishing Hall of Fame journalist Steve Bowman and a variety of Elite anglers for LIVE Mix on Bassmaster.com.

When tournaments are not being broadcast on FOX or FS1, a LIVE show covering the leaders will be streamed at Bassmaster.com, Tubi and on the FOX Sports digital platforms, while other anglers can be viewed online on the LIVE Mix video stream on Bassmaster.com.

New for 2023, fans can enjoy predictions, conditions and live hits from the lake as part of the LIVE Preview show streaming on Bassmaster.com every Wednesday before an Elite event.

FS1 will also broadcast the College Classic Bracket and Championship Saturday of the divisional finals of the Bassmaster Opens.

Fans can view years of shows and special features at YouTube.com/Bassmaster1.



2023 Bassmaster Elite Series Purse*

1st	\$100,000
2nd	\$35,000
3rd	\$30,000
4th	\$25,000
5th	\$20,000
6th	\$19,000
7th	\$18,000
8th	\$17,000
9th	\$16,000
10th	\$15,000
11th-50th	\$10,000
51st-77th	\$2,500
Total	\$771,500

*Purse applies to regular-season Elites only. Payouts are contingent on a field of 104 competitors. Phoenix Boats Big Bass prize is \$1,000 per day and \$2,000 overall. An additional \$1,000 BassTrakk contingency is awarded at each event. VMC Monster Bag prize is \$2,000 to the angler who weighs in the heaviest single-day catch of the event at every Elite tournament.

The 2023 Bassmaster Elite Series

The Bassmaster Elite Series is the most prestigious level of competition for the professionals of bass fishing. The invitation-only circuit allows anglers to qualify through several different outlets, including the St. Croix Bassmaster Opens and the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

“The 2023 Elite Series schedule allows us to visit multiple regions to celebrate fishing fans and our great sport,” said B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. “Anglers are tested in a variety of environments, truly battling for the right to call themselves the Angler of the Year or Rookie of the Year.”

The schedule includes nine regular-season events in seven states with a mix of familiar fisheries and some that B.A.S.S. hasn’t visited in a while. The schedule includes two rivers: the Sabine River in Orange, Texas, which drew an Elite Series record crowd of 40,107 fans in 2021, and the St. Lawrence River in Clayton, N.Y., where in 2022 two anglers cracked the 100-pound mark with only smallmouth. Fans will also be treated to outstanding fishing on Lake Okeechobee in Florida, Georgia’s Lake Seminole, Lake Murray and Santee Cooper Lakes in South Carolina, Alabama’s historic Lay Lake, Michigan’s Lake St. Clair and Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, New York.

Each event provides a \$100,000 first-place prize as part of a total purse of more than \$771,500, based on a full field of 104 anglers.

Along the tournament trail, these talented anglers will battle each other — and big bass — for the prestigious titles of Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Elite Series champion.

All nine Bassmaster Elite Series events as well as the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota will feature live television coverage on the FOX Sports platforms.

- » New for 2023, Elite LIVE Preview show every Wednesday
- » Saturday and Sunday live coverage of every event on FS1 and FOX Sports platforms
- » Exclusive radio coverage on Bassmaster Radio
- » Live, on-the-water reporting on Bassmaster.com
- » Extensive coverage in industry-leading publications such as *Bassmaster* and *B.A.S.S. Times* magazines



Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler Of The Year

The Angler of the Year race is a marathon that requires mental toughness, maximum endurance and a little luck.

To win the AOY title, and its \$100,000 payout, a pro must consistently out-fish the Elite Series field over the course of the nine-tournament schedule. Along the way, anglers accumulate points based on their finish in each event. The winner gets 100 points, the runner-up earns 99 points and so on.

With events in seven states and at all types of fisheries, the Angler of the Year title is a testament to versatility.



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Meet The Elites

After 2022 bore a record-shattering Elite Series season that drew the eyes of over 18.5 million viewers on FOX and the FOX Sports channels and saw four first-time champions claim a blue trophy and eight anglers enter the Century Club, the 2023 Elite Series season is primed to take off with a bang.

The 2023 season will feature 89 returning Elite anglers — the entirety of the 2022 field sans four anglers who retired — along with 12 qualifiers from the St. Croix Bassmaster Opens, two veteran anglers who qualified through Legends exemptions and the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation champion.

The 2023 field comprises a mix of Elite veterans — including the

2022 Bassmaster Classic champion Jason Christie, 2022 Angler of the Year Brandon Palaniuk and all nine 2022 Elite Series champions — alongside 10 up-and-coming Elite rookies and two former Elite Series anglers.

Both former Elite Series anglers returned to bass fishing's most competitive tournament trail via the Bassmaster Opens, with Alabama pro Keith Poche earning his Elite invitation by claiming the 2022 Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year title and Oklahoma pro Bradley Hallman cementing his spot by placing first in the 2022 Central Opens standings.

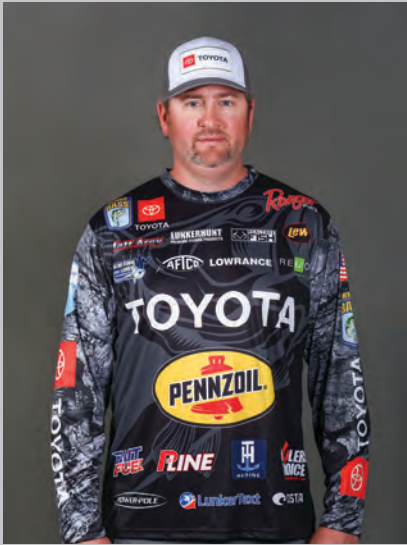
"I think the schedule sets up really well for big catches, big drama and big excitement," said Elite Series Tournament

Director Lisa Talmadge. "The Elite Series field is absolutely stacked, and fans are going to love following favorite anglers as well as meeting this talented crop of rookies."

Elite anglers will compete in nine events across seven states as they seek cash and prizes and attempt to qualify for the 2024 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

Each tournament will begin with the full field of anglers on Days 1 and 2 before the field is cut to 50 for the semifinal round on Day 3. Only the Top 10 remaining anglers will fish the final day of each event for a \$100,000 first-place prize.

Read on and get to know the anglers of the 2023 Bassmaster Elite Series.



Matt Arey

Residence: Shelby, N.C.

Birthdate: 3/2/1981

B.A.S.S. events: 42

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2021)

Career earnings: \$411,000

Years as a full-time pro angler: 13

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water power fishing

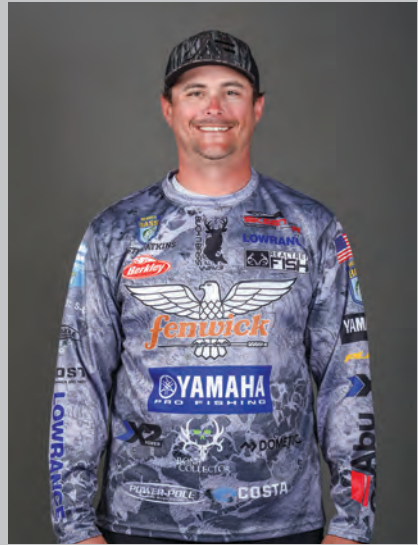
Home waters: Lake Wylie

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: After a long career with FLW that saw him win the co-angler division of the Forrest Wood Cup in 2006 and three events as a pro, Matt made the move to the Elites in 2019. Since then, he has managed seven Top 10s.

Did you know: Beginning at age 17, Matt played paintball as a professional for four years, competing in tournaments across the United States and Canada.

Social media: (IG) mattareyfishing



Justin Atkins

Residence: Florence, Ala.

Birthdate: 3/3/1990

B.A.S.S. events: 43

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2018 Bass Pro Shops Central Open #4 at Logan Martin Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$194,065

Years as a full-time pro angler: 7

Signature technique/strength: Throwing a spinnerbait

Home waters: Pickwick Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Cumberland

Career highlights: In 2017, Justin won the Forrest Wood Cup, becoming only the third angler in FLW history to win the Cup in their rookie season. In his first season on the Elites, Justin finished second at the 2021 Farmers Insurance Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River.

Did you know: Justin has a special hidden talent — sleeping!

Social media: (IG) justinatkinsfishing



Todd Auten

Residence: Lake Wylie, S.C.

Birthdate: 3/14/1966

B.A.S.S. events: 181

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 5

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2020)

Career earnings: \$746,942

Years as a full-time pro angler: 23

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing

Home waters: Lake Wylie

Favorite place to fish: Lake St. Clair

Career highlights: Todd has fished 181 B.A.S.S. events dating back to 1996. In that time, he's amassed 40 Top 20 finishes, including five second-place finishes. Auten was PAA Angler of the Year in 2011.

Did you know: Todd first met fellow Elite Series pro Bryan New at a tackle shop near Lake Wylie when Bryan was just seven years old.

Social media: (FB) ToddAutenFishing



Drew Benton

Residence: Panama City, Fla.

Birthdate: 5/10/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 94

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2018 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 18 (2017)

Career earnings: \$774,260

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Sight fishing

Home waters: Lake Eufaula (Alabama) & Lake Seminole

Favorite place to fish: Lake Travis

Career highlights: Benton was the 2016 Elite Series Rookie of the Year and has 11 Top 10 Elite finishes, including a win, in his career.

Did you know: When Drew was in high school he split his time between fishing local tournaments and playing baseball — he was even offered a baseball scholarship by Gulf Coast State.

Social media: (IG) drewbentonfishing



Stetson Blaylock

Residence: Benton, Ark.

Birthdate: 8/27/1987

B.A.S.S. events: 78

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Elite at Winyah Bay

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 3 (2020, 2022)

Career earnings: \$754,684

Years as a full-time pro angler: 14

Signature technique/strength: Deep-water structure fishing

Home waters: Lake Ouachita

Favorite place to fish: Chickamauga Lake & Nickajack Lake

Career highlights: At 21, Stetson became the youngest pro ever to win an FLW event at Lake Norman in 2009.

Did you know: While Stetson is known for being an avid hunter, he has a hidden talent for playing ping-pong.

Social media: (IG) stetsonblaylockfishing



Scott Canterbury

Residence: Odenville, Ala.

Birthdate: 5/12/1976

B.A.S.S. events: 59

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 6 (2021)

Career earnings: \$505,446

Years as a full-time pro angler: 15

Signature technique/strength: Flipping

Home waters: Logan Martin Lake & Coosa River

Favorite place to fish: Ozark lakes in the spring

Career highlights: In just his first season on the Elite Series, Scott won the 2019 Elite Angler of the Year title. In four seasons, Scott has seven Top 10 finishes.

Did you know: Before he was a pro angler, Scott worked as a plumber. The owner of the plumbing company he worked for was his fishing partner in local tournaments and even loaned him the money to pay for tournament entry fees.

Social media: (IG) canterburyfishing



Brandon Card

Residence: Salisbury, N.C.

Birthdate: 7/25/1986

B.A.S.S. events: 122

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 9 (2020)

Career earnings: \$773,548

Years as a full-time pro angler: 12

Signature technique/strength: Offshore power fishing

Home waters: Norris Lake

Favorite place to fish: Falcon Lake

Career highlights: The former University of Kentucky angler was the first Bassmaster College Series angler to qualify for the Elite Series. Brandon won the 2012 Bassmaster Elite Rookie of the Year award.

Did you know: Brandon is an expert on grass — and not just fishing it! Brandon majored in landscape architecture and even owned his own landscaping business. The whole neighborhood is jealous of his lawn!

Social media: (IG) brandoncardfishing



Hank Cherry

Residence: Lincolnton, N.C.

Birthdate: 2/8/1974

B.A.S.S. events: 116

B.A.S.S. wins: 4

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 7

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (2020, 2021)

Career earnings: \$1,409,753

Years as a full-time pro angler: 11

Signature technique/strength: Jerkbait

Home waters: Lake Norman

Favorite place to fish: Florida

Career highlights: Cherry is only the fourth angler in the history of the Bassmaster Classic to win the event in back-to-back years, joining Rick Clunn (1976-77), Kevin VanDam (2010-11) and Jordan Lee (2017-18).

Did you know: When Hank was just starting out tournament fishing, this future Classic champ actually fished his first tournament out of a pontoon boat.

Social media: (IG) hankcherryfishing



Jason Christie

Residence: Dry Creek, Okla.

Birthdate: 11/3/1973

B.A.S.S. events: 101

B.A.S.S. wins: 8

Most recent tournament win: 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk; 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Chickamauga Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 9

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (2022)

Career earnings: \$1,808,011

Years as a full-time pro angler: 11

Signature technique/strength: Spinnerbait & flipping

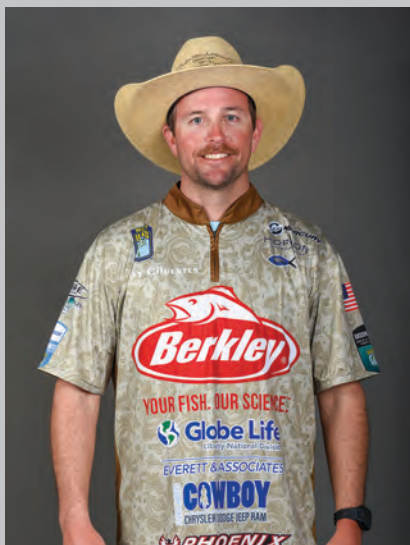
Home waters: Lake Tenkiller

Favorite place to fish: Lake St. Clair

Career highlights: Jason is a Bassmaster Classic champion, a five-time Elite champion and has a second-place finish in the Angler of the Year race to his credit (2017).

Did you know: Before he became a pro angler, Jason worked as a coach after graduating from Northeastern State University on a basketball scholarship.

Social media: (IG) christiefishing



Joey Cifuentes III

Residence: Clinton, Ark.

Birthdate: 8/23/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 11

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$36,262

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: "I am trying to think of something I'm good at ..."

Home waters: Greers Ferry Lake

Favorite place to fish: New York

Career highlights: Joey earned his Elite Series spot via the Bassmaster Southern Opens. His season was highlighted by a second-place finish in the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Kissimmee Chain.

Did you know: His cowboy hat is more than a prop. When not fishing, Joey manages a commercial Black Angus cow/calf operation.

Social media: (IG) joeycifuentesfishing



Gary Clouse

Residence: Winchester, Tenn.

Birthdate: 1/16/1960

B.A.S.S. events: 116

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$165,966

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

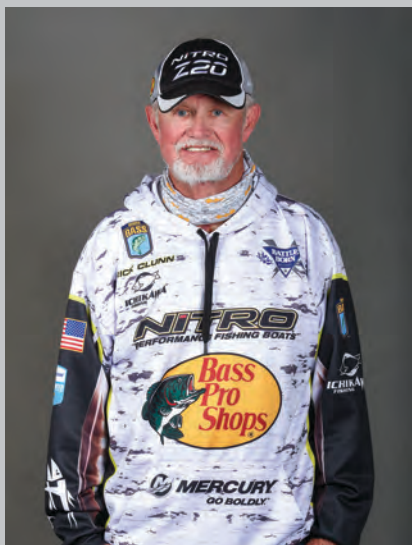
Home waters: Tims Ford Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Gary has competed in B.A.S.S. events for 40 years and has earned 13 Top 20 finishes in his career. Gary was PAA Angler of the Year in 2012 and qualified for the Elite Series through the Bassmaster Opens.

Did you know: When Gary is fishing well in a tournament, he tries to eat the same thing for dinner at the same place every night as a way of keeping his good luck going!

Social media: (IG) garyclousefishing



Rick Clunn

Residence: Ava, Mo.

Birthdate: 7/24/1946

B.A.S.S. events: 484

B.A.S.S. wins: 16

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Power-Pole Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 32

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (1976, 1977, 1984, 1990)

Career earnings: \$2,671,442

Years as a full-time pro angler: 49

Signature technique/strength: "Trusting my intuition over intellect."

Home waters: The Ozark lakes

Favorite place to fish: Lake Powell

Career highlights: Rick is a four-time Bassmaster Classic champion who also won the Bassmaster Angler of the Year title in 1988, U.S. Open in 1983 and 1986, and the Redman All-American in 1985.

Did you know: In 2005, Rick was voted the ESPN Greatest Angler Of All Time.

Social media: (FB) Rick Clunn Professional Angler



Brandon Cobb

Residence: Greenwood, S.C.

Birthdate: 12/28/1989

B.A.S.S. events: 54

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; 2019 Bassmaster Elite at Lake Hartwell

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 32 (2021)

Career earnings: \$565,306

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Topwater fishing

Home waters: Lake Hartwell

Favorite place to fish: Lake Hartwell

Career highlights: Brandon won two events during his rookie year on the Elite Series.

Did you know: When Brandon was 11 he entered a drawing and ended up winning a fishing trip with one of his childhood heroes, Davy Hite.

Social media: (IG) brandoncobbishing



Keith Combs

Residence: Huntington, Texas

Birthdate: 12/10/1975

B.A.S.S. events: 131

B.A.S.S. wins: 3

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Central Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Sam Rayburn

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 9

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 9 (2016)

Career earnings: \$1,379,392

Years as a full-time pro angler: 15

Signature technique/strength: Cranking

Home waters: Sam Rayburn

Favorite place to fish: Sam Rayburn

Career highlights: An Elite angler since 2011, Keith has won three events and earned an astounding 55 Top 20 finishes in B.A.S.S. tournaments.

Did you know: As a Bassmaster Elite Series pro, it's safe to assume that Keith has caught his fair share of bass on a crankbait, but the first time he did he was only 4 years old.

Social media: (FB) KeithCombsFishing



Drew Cook

Residence: Cairo, Ga.

Birthdate: 5/30/1994

B.A.S.S. events: 55

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2022
Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at
Santee Cooper Lakes

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 9 (2021)

Career earnings: \$566,455

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water
power fishing & sight fishing

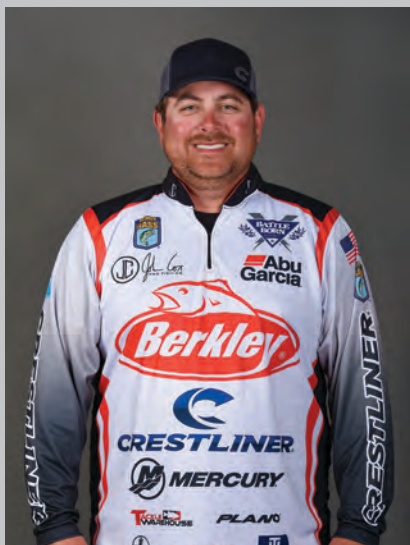
Home waters: Lake Talquin & Lake Seminole

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Drew earned 2019 Elite
Rookie of the Year honors after notching
five Top 20 finishes and three Top 10s. In
2022, Drew earned a century belt along-
side his victory on Santee Cooper Lakes
after weighing in a total of 105-5.

Did you know: Drew might be best-known as
a Bassmaster Elite Series pro, but he has a
hidden talent — hand modeling.

Social media: (IG) drewcookfishing



John Cox

Residence: DeBary, Fla.

Birthdate: 12/12/1985

B.A.S.S. events: 73

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2019
Basspro.com Bassmaster Eastern Open
at Chickamauga Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 5

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 20 (2018)

Career earnings: \$555,646

Years as a full-time pro angler: 13

Signature technique/strength: "I like to be
able to touch the bottom where I'm fishing."

Home waters: St. Johns River, Harris Chain
& Kissimmee Chain

Favorite place to fish: New York

Career highlights: John earned an Elite
Series invitation through both Opens divi-
sions, finishing second in the Central Opens
and fourth in the Eastern Opens points
standings.

Did you know: When John was a kid, he had a
poster of fellow Elite Series pro and 2020 AOY
winner Clark Wendlandt hung up on his wall.

Social media: (IG) johncox_fishing



John Crews

Residence: Salem, Va.

Birthdate: 6/11/1978

B.A.S.S. events: 218

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2022 AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 13

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 6 (2020)

Career earnings: \$1,604,577

Years as a full-time pro angler: 21

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

Home waters: Smith Mountain Lake

Favorite place to fish: Love fishing any new lake

Career highlights: John has been an Elite Series angler since the series launched in 2006. He has 28 Top 10 finishes in B.A.S.S. events, including two Elite Series wins, the most recent being at the 2022 AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River.

Did you know: John is passionate about coaching youth sports and has done so for over a decade — he has coached football, basketball, baseball and soccer!

Social media: (YouTube) JohnCrews



Clent Davis

Residence: Montevallo, Ala.

Birthdate: 12/30/1985

B.A.S.S. events: 61

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 18 (2020)

Career earnings: \$318,782

Years as a full-time pro angler: 11

Signature technique/strength: "My real strength is crappie fishing!"

Home waters: Lay Lake

Favorite place to fish: Up North

Career highlights: Clent first qualified for the 2016 Elites after his first full season in the Opens. After switching back to FLW in 2018, he won the Forrest Wood Cup. Clent returned to the Elites in 2019 and has notched three Top 10 finishes.

Did you know: While earning a dual major in kinesiology and history at the University of Montevallo, Clent also founded and competed on the school's bass fishing team. Montevallo is now one of the sport's powerhouse teams.

Social media: (IG) clentdavisfishing



Will Davis Jr.

Residence: Sylacauga, Ala.

Birthdate: 9/28/1992

B.A.S.S. events: 3

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1 (2023)

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$6,513*

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Current fishing

Home waters: Lay Lake & Coosa River

Favorite place to fish: Lay Lake

Career highlights: Will earned his invitation to the Bassmaster Elite Series via a win at the 2022 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship.

Did you know: When he's not fishing, Will works as a quail hunting guide, so it is no surprise that he considers competitive skeet shooting and taxidermy as hidden talents.

* Does not include B.A.S.S. Nation regional events or Championship.

Social media: (FB) Will Davis Jr Fishing



Greg DiPalma

Residence: Millville, N.J.

Birthdate: 8/6/1982

B.A.S.S. events: 6

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 23 (2020)

Career earnings: \$290,825

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Creek fishing

Home waters: Maurice River

Favorite place to fish: Upper Bay

Career highlights: Greg has amassed seven Top 20 finishes in four seasons on the Elite Series.

Did you know: Greg is known for his talent at making people laugh, so it makes sense that the comedy movie *Step Brothers* is one of his favorites.

Social media: (FB) Greg DiPalma/GDP



Josh Douglas

Residence: Isle, Minn.

Birthdate: 6/30/1980

B.A.S.S. events: 66

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$129,914

Years as a full-time pro angler: 7

Signature technique/strength: Offshore smallmouth & largemouth

Home waters: Lake Mille Lacs

Favorite place to fish: Lake Kissimmee & St. Lawrence River/1000 Islands

Career highlights: Josh competed in 57 Bassmaster Open tournaments in his quest to qualify for the Elite series and succeeded in 2021 by finishing third in the Southern Opens.

Did you know: As you might expect from a Minnesota native, Josh grew up playing hockey.

Social media: (IG) joshdouglasfishing



Bob Downey

Residence: Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Birthdate: 10/20/1987

B.A.S.S. events: 32

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Basspro.com Bassmaster Central Open at Grand Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 27 (2020)

Career earnings: \$257,030

Years as a full-time pro angler: 4

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water power fishing

Home waters: Minnesota/Wisconsin — too many lakes and rivers to name!

Favorite place to fish: Mississippi River

Career highlights: Bob qualified for the Elites via the Central Opens after winning the 2019 Bassmaster Central Open at Grand Lake. In his first three seasons, Bob has earned seven Top 20s.

Did you know: In 2006, when Bob was a teenager, he entered a pro-am fishing tournament and ended up teamed with now-fellow Elite Series pro and 2021 Angler of the Year Seth Feider. They won the tournament.

Social media: (IG) bobdowney_



Seth Feider

Residence: New Market, Minn.

Birthdate: 10/16/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 99

B.A.S.S. wins: 3

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year Championship at Lake St. Clair

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 4 (2020)

Career earnings: \$982,518

Years as a full-time pro angler: 7

Signature technique/strength: Deep small-mouth fishing

Home waters: Lake Minnetonka

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: En route to winning 2021 Angler of the Year honors Seth notched four Top 10 finishes and never placed lower than 29th the entire 2021 season.

Did you know: Seth counts killer whales, timber wolves, blue herons and the ghost cat which haunts his childhood home as his spirit animals. What animal does a man nicknamed "Llama" not like? Kangaroos.

Social media: (IG) sethfeiderfishing



Austin Felix

Residence: Eden Prairie, Minn.

Birthdate: 7/11/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 47

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Lake Oahe

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 39 (2021)

Career earnings: \$398,153

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Northern smallmouth

Home waters: Lake Minnetonka & Lake Mille Lacs

Favorite place to fish: New York

Career highlights: A former collegiate national championship angler for the University of Minnesota, Austin earned the 2020 Rookie of the Year title and snagged his first Elite win in 2022 at Lake Oahe. In three seasons, Austin has earned eight Top 10s.

Did you know: Austin starts his tournament days by listening to Harry Potter audiobooks on his way to the ramp in the morning.

Social media: (IG) austinfelixfishing



Jacob Foutz

Residence: Charleston, Tenn.

Birthdate: 6/9/1998

B.A.S.S. events: 30

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2017 Carhartt Bassmaster College Southern Conference Regional presented by Bass Pro Shops at Winyah Bay

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 39 (2018)

Career earnings: \$126,688

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: Offshore fishing

Home waters: Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Erie

Career highlights: Jacob won the 2017 College Classic Bracket while competing for Bryan College, earning a spot in the 2018 Classic. Jacob qualified for the Elite Series after placing second in the 2021 Southern Opens Angler of the Year standings.

Did you know: Jacob is one of two members of the 2022 Elite Series rookie class to have won the College Classic Bracket and fished the Classic.

Social media: (IG) jacobfoutzfishing



Marc Frazier

Residence: Newnan, Ga.

Birthdate: 2/20/1993

B.A.S.S. events: 34

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 26 (2022)

Career earnings: \$209,687

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Cranking

Home waters: West Point Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Eufaula

Career highlights: Marc qualified for the Elites in 2020 by finishing fourth in the Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year standings as well as fourth in the Central Opens rankings.

Did you know: Before he was an Elite Series pro, Marc played baseball his whole life and was even drafted by the San Francisco Giants out of high school. Marc pitched for Nichols State and Auburn University.

Social media: (FB) MarcFrazierFishing



Micah Frazier

Residence: Newnan, Ga.

Birthdate: 6/7/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 86

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Berkley Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River presented by Black Velvet

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 5

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 5 (2020)

Career earnings: \$670,194

Years as a full-time pro angler: 14

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

Home waters: West Point Lake

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Micah earned his first Elite Series title in 2019 at the St. Lawrence River. Along with his one career win, he also has nine Top 10s in B.A.S.S. competition.

Did you know: In 2005, Micah won a BFL fishing on West Point Lake, becoming the youngest angler in history to do so at just age 16.

Social media: (IG) micahfrazierbass



David Fritts

Residence: Lexington, N.C.

Birthdate: 12/29/1956

B.A.S.S. events: 218

B.A.S.S. wins: 5

Most recent tournament win: 1996 Minnesota Bassmaster Top 100 at Lake Minnetonka

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (1993)

Career earnings: \$1,047,339

Years as a full-time pro angler: 34

Signature technique/strength: Cranking

Home waters: High Rock Lake

Favorite place to fish: Buggs Island/Kerr Reservoir

Career highlights: David is one of the few anglers to win both the Bassmaster Classic (1993) and Forrest Wood Cup (1997). He also won Angler of the Year honors in 1994. In his storied B.A.S.S. career, David has finished in the Top 20 56 times.

Did you know: David likes spending time in the kitchen and has a hidden talent for baking.

Social media: (IG) davidfrittsfishing



Kyoya Fujita

Residence: Minamitsuru, Yamanashi, Japan

Birthdate: 4/2/1996

B.A.S.S. events: 4

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$14,997

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: Finesse fishing

Home waters: Lake Kawaguchi (Japan)

Favorite place to fish: Lake Nanairo (Japan)

Career highlights: Kyoya is one of Japan's highest-regarded anglers and has won every major tournament title in his home country, including six wins and four Angler of the Year races.

Did you know: Kyoya earned an Elite Series invitation six months after first visiting the U.S. by finishing second in the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Northern Opens Angler of the Year standings.

Social media: (IG) fujita_kyoya



Cooper Gallant

Residence: Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada

Birthdate: 10/30/1997

B.A.S.S. events: 13

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Cherokee Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1 (2023)

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$98,659

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Finesse fishing

Home waters: Rice Lake, Lake Scugog (Canada) & Kawartha Lakes (Canada)

Favorite place to fish: Lake Ontario

Career highlights: Cooper finished second in the 2022 Opens Angler of the Year overall standings and third in the Southern Opens standings to qualify for the Elite Series. Cooper qualified for the 2015 Bassmaster High School National Championship, where he was a member of the first team to represent Canada.

Did you know: Cooper used to be a competitive snowboarder.

Social media: (YouTube) coopergallantfishing2186



David Gaston

Residence: Sylacauga, Ala.

Birthdate: 9/16/1996

B.A.S.S. events: 30

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$60,963

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Shallow water

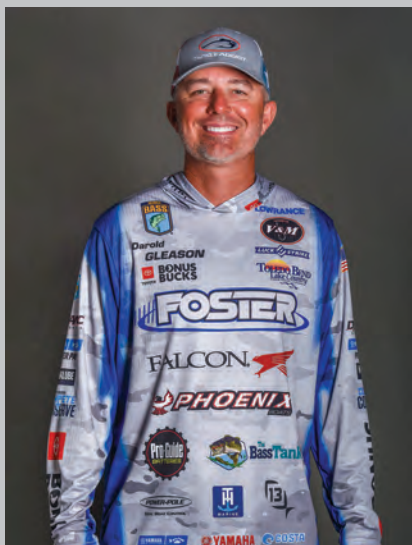
Home waters: Lay Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Martin

Career highlights: After competing at the high school level, David entered the Opens after graduation and has since notched seven Top 30s in B.A.S.S. events. He earned an Elite invite via the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Central Opens.

Did you know: David scored his first Top 5 in B.A.S.S. competition at the 2016 Northern Open on Lake Champlain. Worth noting: Fellow Elite Bryan Schmitt won that derby.

Social media: (IG) davidgastonfishing



Darold Gleason

Residence: Many, La.

Birthdate: 4/24/1982

B.A.S.S. events: 67

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Basspro.com

Bassmaster Central Open at Toledo Bend

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 35 (2020)

Career earnings: \$167,171

Years as a full-time pro angler: 4

Signature technique/strength: Offshore fishing & electronics

Home waters: Toledo Bend Reservoir

Favorite place to fish: Toledo Bend Reservoir

Career highlights: Darold qualified for both the Toyota Series Championship and Bassmaster Classic in 2020. After finishing fifth in Bassmaster Central Opens points in 2020, Darold joined the Elite Series in 2021.

Did you know: Darold has a master's degree in Education and, before he was an Elite Series pro, was a middle school teacher and a basketball coach.

Social media: (IG) daroldgleasonfishing



Buddy Gross

Residence: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Birthdate: 8/18/1972

B.A.S.S. events: 38

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2022 SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at Harris Chain

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 20 (2022)

Career earnings: \$463,600

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Offshore fishing

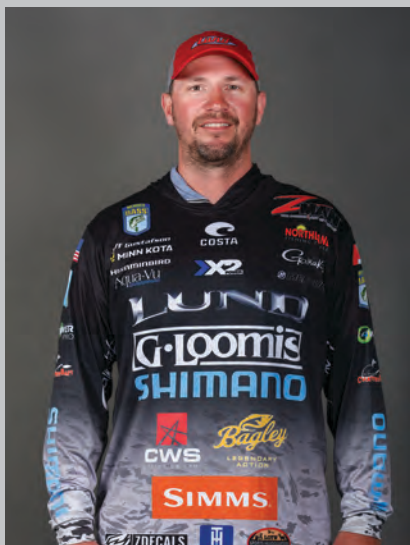
Home waters: Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Tennessee River

Career highlights: Buddy is a two-time FLW Tour winner. He joined the Elite Series in 2020, where he came from behind on Championship Sunday to win the 2020 DEWALT Bassmaster Elite at Lake Eufaula. He picked up his second Elite victory in 2022 on the Harris Chain.

Did you know: Before he ever hoisted a blue trophy, Buddy had a job selling heavy trucks.

Social media: (FB) Buddy Gross Fishing



Jeff Gustafson

Residence: Kenora, Ontario, Canada

Birthdate: 9/19/1982

B.A.S.S. events: 40

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Tennessee River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 21 (2021)

Career earnings: \$439,200

Years as a full-time pro angler: 10

Signature technique/strength: Using electronics

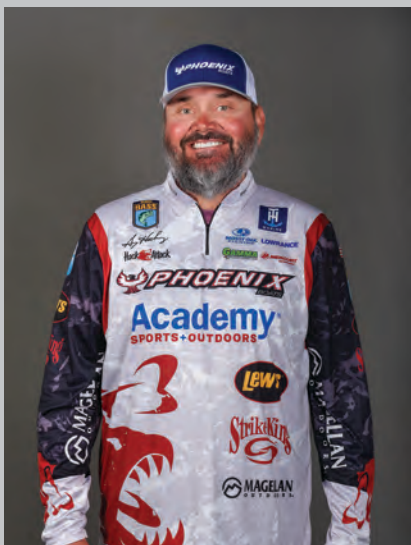
Home waters: Lake of the Woods

Favorite place to fish: "Anywhere with some biting fish!"

Career highlights: In just four seasons on the Elite Series, Jeff has bagged 13 Top 20 finishes, including a win at the 2021 Bassmaster Elite at Tennessee River.

Did you know: In the offseason, Jeff teamed up with fellow Elite Series pro Carl Jocusen for four barramundi tournaments, posting three Top 10s against Australia's best barramundi anglers!

Social media: (IG) gussyoutdoors



Greg Hackney

Residence: Gonzales, La.

Birthdate: 9/1/1973

B.A.S.S. events: 209

B.A.S.S. wins: 6

Most recent tournament win: 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River presented by Econo Lodge

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 17

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 5 (2008)

Career earnings: \$2,694,780

Years as a full-time pro angler: 20

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing

Home waters: Louisiana Delta

Favorite place to fish: In the South

Career highlights: Greg is a three-time Elite Series champ (Sam Rayburn 2006, Cayuga Lake 2014, Sabine River 2018) and the 2014 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year.

Did you know: With a nickname like "Hack Attack" and his extensive angling experience, Greg is certainly primed to hunt down big trophy bass — which is to say, it comes as no surprise that *Predator* is one of his favorite films. "Darth Greg" is also a huge Star Wars nerd!

Social media: (IG) greghackneyfishing



Bradley Hallman

Residence: Edmond, Okla.

Birthdate: 11/14/1974

B.A.S.S. events: 103

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$392,748

Years as a full-time pro angler: 15

Signature technique/strength: "Anything six inches or less."

Home waters: Grand Lake O' the Cherokees

Favorite place to fish: California Delta

Career highlights: Bradley is a two-time FLW Tour champion who requalified for the Elite Series via a first-place finish in the 2022 Bassmaster Central Opens points race. He has amassed 37 Top 30 finishes in B.A.S.S. competition.

Did you know: Bradley has joined Opens anglers, including Andrew Upshaw, Todd Castledine and Matt Pangrac on a Bassmaster show offering insight and picks for Rapala Fantasy Fishing.

Social media: (YouTube) BradleyHallmanFishing



Skylar Hamilton

Residence: Dandridge, Tenn.

Birthdate: 12/4/1994

B.A.S.S. events: 88

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2016 Bass Pro Shops Central Open #1 at Arkansas River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 12 (2020)

Career earnings: \$401,986

Years as a full-time pro angler: 12

Signature technique/strength: Flipping, shallow water & river fishing

Home waters: Douglas Lake

Favorite place to fish: Douglas Lake

Career highlights: Skylar qualified for the Elite Series through the Bassmaster Opens in 2016 after a strong season anchored by a win at the Central Open on the Arkansas River.

Did you know: Skylar is one of 12 Elite Series pros who admit their second-best sport is golf. Sounds like B.A.S.S. should add a golf outing to our Classic Week schedule!

Social media: (IG) profishskylar



Justin Hamner

Residence: Northport, Ala.

Birthdate: 3/21/1991

B.A.S.S. events: 30

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 4 (2022)

Career earnings: \$141,802

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Jerkbait & LiveScope

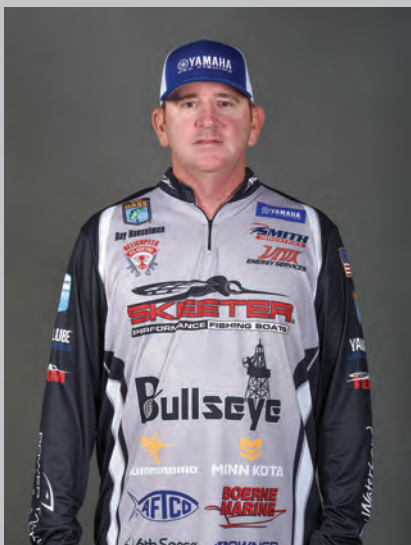
Home waters: Lake Tuscaloosa

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: After earning a spot in the Bassmaster Elite Series lineup for 2021 via the 2020 Bassmaster Opens, Justin finished second in the Rookie of the Year standings.

Did you know: In middle school, Justin was assigned a class project on what he wanted to be when he grew up. His choice for a role model? Former Elite Series angler Jay Yelas.

Social media: (IG) justinhamnerfishing



Ray Hanselman

Residence: Del Rio, Texas

Birthdate: 3/25/1973

B.A.S.S. events: 64

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 44 (2020)

Career earnings: \$375,683

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: "Whatever they're biting."

Home waters: Lake Amistad

Favorite place to fish: Port O' Connor

Career highlights: Before joining the Elites in 2017, Ray won four straight FLW Costa tournaments in 2015. He earned his spot in the Elites through the 2017 Bassmaster Central Opens.

Did you know: In his younger days, Ray used to rope calves and steers. Not the only accomplished athlete in his family, Ray's wife Misty won a college national championship with the Texas A&M equestrian team. Ray has also operated a hunting business offseason for almost three decades.

Social media: (FB) Ray Hanselman's Outdoors



Jamie Hartman

Residence: Greenbrier, Ark.

Birthdate: 10/27/1972

B.A.S.S. events: 67

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville; 2019 Bassmaster Elite at Cayuga Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 18 (2021)

Career earnings: \$678,567

Years as a full-time pro angler: 22

Signature technique/strength: Decision making

Home waters: Oneida Lake

Favorite place to fish: New York

Career highlights: Jamie earned his first two Elite Series titles in 2019 on Lake Guntersville and in his home state of New York at Cayuga Lake.

Did you know: While many anglers thank their dad for taking them fishing, Jamie says it was his mom who introduced him to the sport.

Social media: (FB) JamieHartmanFishing



Matt Herren

Residence: Ashville, Ala.

Birthdate: 1/8/1963

B.A.S.S. events: 160

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 10

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 7 (2010)

Career earnings: \$1,125,644

Years as a full-time pro angler: 20

Signature technique/strength: Flipping

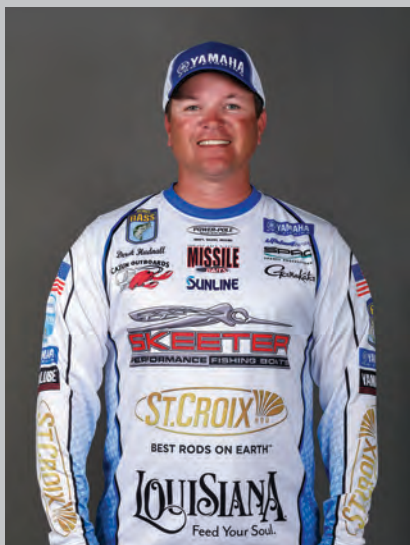
Home waters: Neely Henry Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Matt won the Toyota Texas Bass Classic championship in 2016. This veteran Elite Series angler has earned 65 Top 30 finishes.

Did you know: Matt is one of several Elite Series anglers who is also a fantastic golfer, competing through high school.

Social media: (FB) MattHerrenFishing



Derek Hudnall

Residence: Zachary, La.

Birthdate: 8/15/1980

B.A.S.S. events: 62

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 33 (2019)

Career earnings: \$295,354

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Weightless wacky worm

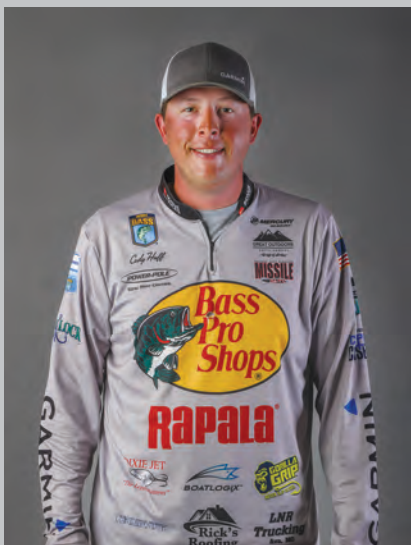
Home waters: Atchafalaya Basin

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Derek qualified for the Elites after a stellar season on the 2018 Bassmaster Opens. Since 2019, he has earned six Top 20s.

Did you know: Derek is a quintessential "girl dad" who can often be found sporting painted nails at tournaments because it "makes him prettier" for Bassmaster LIVE appearances.

Social media: (IG) derek_hudnall_fishing



Cody Huff

Residence: Ava, Mo.

Birthdate: 3/17/1977

B.A.S.S. events: 23

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 24 (2020)

Career earnings: \$137,481

Years as a full-time pro angler: 4

Signature technique/strength: Fishing deep

Home waters: Bull Shoals Lake

Favorite place to fish: Bull Shoals Lake

Career highlights: Cody is a rising star, following up his 2019 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket victory and a successful career at Bethel University with the 2021 Central Opens Angler of the Year title.

Did you know: Cody first met iconic angler and now-mentor Rick Clunn when he pulled Clunn's young son, River, from the waters of Bull Shoals.

Social media: (IG) codyhufffishing



Mike Huff

Residence: Corbin, Ky.

Birthdate: 4/4/1990

B.A.S.S. events: 54

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 49 (2020)

Career earnings: \$240,717

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Flipping

Home waters: Laurel, Cumberland & Cherokee lakes

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Mike had two Top 20 finishes during his 2019 rookie campaign on the Elite Series, including seventh at the 2019 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year Championship at Lake St. Clair. He followed that up with three more Top 20 finishes, including a second-place finish at the 2020 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Chickamauga Lake.

Did you know: How big a fan of University of Kentucky football is Mike? His wedding reception was held at Kroger Field!

Social media: (IG) mikehuff_fishing



Mike Iaconelli

Residence: Pittsgrove, N.J.

Birthdate: 6/17/1972

B.A.S.S. events: 265

B.A.S.S. wins: 8

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Basspro.com Bassmaster Eastern Open at James River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 20

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (2003)

Career earnings: \$2,713,640

Years as a full-time pro angler: 28

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing & finesse fishing

Home waters: Tidal Delaware River

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Mike is the only angler in Bassmaster history to have won at every adult tournament level, including the Bassmaster Classic (2003), Bassmaster AOY (2006), a B.A.S.S. Nation Championship (1999) and a Bassmaster Kayak Series event (2021).

Did you know: Ike and his wife Becky operate a nonprofit, The Ike Foundation, which works to get kids fishing and in the outdoors — especially youth in areas where those activities are not readily available.

Social media: (IG) mikeiaconelli



Taku Ito

Residence: Chiba, Japan

Birthdate: 3/29/1987

B.A.S.S. events: 34

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Farmers Insurance Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 7 (2022)

Career earnings: \$417,233

Years as a full-time pro angler: 10

Signature technique/strength: Smallmouth finesse fishing

Home waters: Tone River (Japan) & Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Kameyama (Japan) & Lake Ontario

Career highlights: In just three seasons on the Elite Series circuit, Taku has netted seven Elite Tops 10s, including his first career victory at the 2021 Farmers Insurance Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River.

Did you know: Have a pest problem? Taku is especially adept at getting rid of hornets' nests!

Social media: (IG) takumiitou4663



Carl Jocumsen

Residence: Toowoomba, Australia

Birthdate: 9/22/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 104

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2019 Cherokee Casino Tahlequah Bassmaster Elite at Lake Tenkiller

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1 (2023)

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$425,636

Years as a full-time pro angler: 14

Signature technique/strength: Jig fishing

Home waters: Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Havasu

Career highlights: Carl requalified for the Elites through the 2018 Bassmaster Opens. In 2019 at Lake Tenkiller he became the first Australian to win an Elite event. Since then, he has earned eight Top 20 finishes.

Did you know: In the offseason, Carl teamed up with fellow Elite Jeff Gustafson for four barramundi tournaments, posting three Top 10s against 40 of the best barramundi anglers in Australia!

Social media: (IG) carl_jocumsen



Chris Johnston

Residence: Otonabee, Ontario, Canada

Birthdate: 7/13/1989

B.A.S.S. events: 45

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2020 SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 5 (2022)

Career earnings: \$670,071

Years as a full-time pro angler: 7

Signature technique/strength: Flipping a jig & sight fishing

Home waters: Lake Ontario

Favorite place to fish: Lake Ontario

Career highlights: After a successful career with FLW, Chris kicked off his Elite Series campaign with two second-place finishes at the St. Johns River and St. Lawrence River in 2019. In 2020, Chris became the first Canadian to capture an Elite title.

Did you know: Chris turned down an opportunity to play hockey professionally after earning a spot on the Knoxville, Tenn., Ice Bears hockey team.

Social media: (IG) chrisjohnstonfishing



Cory Johnston

Residence: Cavan, Ontario, Canada

Birthdate: 5/20/1985

B.A.S.S. events: 45

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Basspro.com Bassmaster Northern Open at 1000 Islands/St. Lawrence River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 11 (2021)

Career earnings: \$573,790

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Sight fishing

Home waters: Rice Lake & Tri-Lakes (Canada)

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Cory has amassed 20 Elite Top 20s in four seasons. He claimed his first B.A.S.S. victory at the 2021 Bassmaster Northern Open at 1000 Islands/St. Lawrence River and followed up in 2022 by becoming the first angler in Bassmaster history to earn a century belt with all smallmouth at an Elite event on the same fishery.

Did you know: Cory played senior-level hockey until it took too much time away from competing in bass tournaments.

Social media: (IG) coryjohnston_fishing



Jonathan Kelley

Residence: Old Forge, Pa.

Birthdate: 10/12/1995

B.A.S.S. events: 15

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$50,205

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing

Home waters: Oneida Lake

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: After expanding the Coastal Carolina University fishing team, Jonathan qualified for the Bassmaster College Series National Championship four times. Jonathan laid claim to the 2021 Bassmaster Northern Opens Angler of the Year title with two Top 10 finishes to earn his Elite invitation.

Did you know: Jonathan has a master's degree in Business Administration. He is also ambidextrous (both hands and feet)!

Social media: (IG) jtk_fishing



Steve Kennedy

Residence: Auburn, Ala.

Birthdate: 4/19/1969

B.A.S.S. events: 184

B.A.S.S. wins: 3

Most recent tournament win: 2017 GoPro Bassmaster Elite at Dardanelle presented by Econo Lodge

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 11

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2017)

Career earnings: \$1,957,763

Years as a full-time pro angler: 19

Signature technique/strength: Swimbait & jig

Home waters: Lake Martin

Favorite place to fish: The Keys

Career highlights: Steve is a veteran Elite Series pro with three Elite wins (Clear Lake 2007, West Point Lake 2011, Lake Dardanelle 2017). In 2022, Steve had two Top 20 finishes.

Did you know: As you can likely guess from listening to his walkout music or looking at his boat wrap, Steve graduated from Auburn University and is an avid supporter of the school's bass fishing team.

Social media: (IG) fishingprostevekennedy



Kenta Kimura

Residence: Hirakata, Osaka, Japan

Birthdate: 2/7/1982

B.A.S.S. events: 68

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Northern Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at James River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1 (2023)

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$330,054

Years as a full-time pro angler: 12

Signature technique/strength: Topwater

Home waters: Lake Biwa (Japan)

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Kenta earned his way onto the Elite circuit via the 2020 Bassmaster Central Opens. In 2022, Kenta posted an astounding seven Top 10s in Elite and Opens events, including a win at the Bassmaster Northern Open on the James River.

Did you know: In his native Japan, Kenta helped to found an organization dedicated to working with anglers, locals and government officials to keep shorelines clean and encourage the proper use of life jackets.

Social media: (IG) kentakimura5727



Koby Kreiger

Residence: Alva, Fla.

Birthdate: 9/13/1968

B.A.S.S. events: 110

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2002 Northern Open #2 at St. Lawrence River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 60 (2003)

Career earnings: \$412,537

Years as a full-time pro angler: 19

Signature technique/strength: Topwater

Home waters: Lake Okeechobee

Favorite place to fish: Up North

Career highlights: Koby spent 18 years on the FLW Tour and has won the Bassmaster Northern Opens Angler of the Year title twice. On the Elite Series, Koby has nine Top 20 finishes.

Did you know: Koby's dad, Quinn, fished the Bassmaster Invationals in the 1980s, and Koby grew up getting autographs from Ray Scott, Rick Clunn and Guido Hibdon.

Social media: (FB) Koby Kreiger



Caleb Kuphall

Residence: Mukwonago, Wis.

Birthdate: 5/18/1983

B.A.S.S. events: 32

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Berkley Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 19 (2020)

Career earnings: \$384,650

Years as a full-time pro angler: 4

Signature technique/strength: Jig fishing

Home waters: Mississippi River

Favorite place to fish: Tennessee River

Career highlights: Caleb won the 2021 Berkley Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville by the second-largest margin in Elite Series history (17-14). Caleb followed that up in 2022 by earning a century belt en route to a second-place finish in the Bassmaster Elite at Santee Cooper Lakes.

Did you know: Life for Caleb revolves around fishing. When not competing, he works as a fishing guide covering 30 lakes near his hometown as well as working part-time at a tackle store.

Social media: (FB) Caleb Kuphall Fishing



Logan Latuso

Residence: Gonzales, La.

Birthdate: 10/6/1993

B.A.S.S. events: 30

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$83,865

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water power fishing

Home waters: Atchafalaya Basin

Favorite place to fish: Venice, La.

Career highlights: Since 2014, Logan has fished the St. Croix Bassmaster Opens. In that time he earned 16 Top 30s and finished one spot from earning an Elite invitation twice. Logan finally received his Elite invite by finishing third in the 2022 Central Opens standings.

Did you know: Logan lists his father — former Elite Series pro and Opens champion Robbie — as the angler he most admires.

Social media: (FB) Logan Latuso Fishing



Shane LeHew

Residence: Catawba, N.C.

Birthdate: 12/2/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 42

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 28 (2020)

Career earnings: \$360,428

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Shallow water

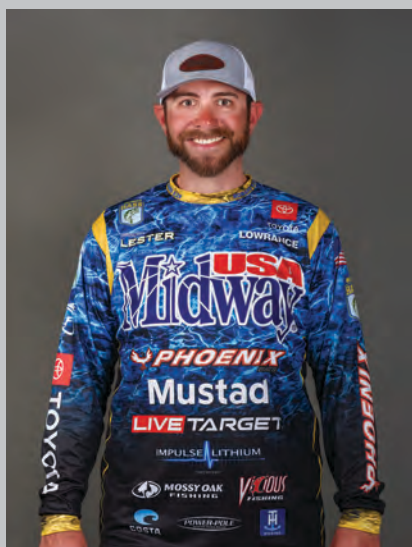
Home waters: Lake Norman

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: A former junior world bass fishing champion, Shane joined the Elite Series in 2019 after a successful career in collegiate fishing and five years as an FLW Tour pro. In four seasons fishing the Elites, Shane has earned 11 Top 20 finishes, including a fourth-place finish at the 2022 Simms Bassmaster Elite at Lake Fork that also earned him a century belt.

Did you know: Shane likes to unwind by grilling and playing Call of Duty and Fortnite (usually with fellow Elite Brandon Cobb).

Social media: (IG) shanelehewfishing



Brandon Lester

Residence: Fayetteville, Tenn.

Birthdate: 4/7/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 126

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Kissimmee Chain; 2022 Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 8

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 6 (2019)

Career earnings: \$1,067,426

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

Home waters: Tims Ford Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Brandon has two Top 10 Bassmaster Classic finishes and 43 Top 20s in B.A.S.S. events. He won an Elite and Open event in the 2022 season and placed second in the Progressive Insurance Bassmaster AOY race.

Did you know: Brandon uses his platform to support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Alzheimer's Association.

Social media: (YouTube) BrandonLesterFishing



Lee Livesay

Residence: Longview, Texas

Birthdate: 7/3/1985

B.A.S.S. events: 56

B.A.S.S. wins: 4

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Central Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Ross Barnett; 2022 Simms Bassmaster Elite at Lake Fork

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 8 (2020)

Career earnings: \$720,356

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Frogging & topwater

Home waters: Lake Fork

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: In four years, Lee has already claimed three Elite Series victories (Chickamauga Lake 2020, Lake Fork 2021, Lake Fork 2022). At the 2021 Lake Fork Elite his final-day catch of five bass weighing 42-3 was the third-heaviest, single-day weight in B.A.S.S. history.

Did you know: Lee was a fifth-grade checkers champion — his mom still has the ribbon.

Social media: (IG) leelivesaybasselite



Wes Logan

Residence: Springville, Ala.

Birthdate: 6/23/1994

B.A.S.S. events: 39

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021

Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Neely Henry Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 23 (2022)

Career earnings: \$323,657

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: Grass fishing

Home waters: Coosa River

Favorite place to fish: Coosa River

Career highlights: In his second year on the Elite Series, Wes claimed his first career victory on his home lake at the 2021 Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Neely Henry. He followed that with a second-place finish at the very next event, the Berkley Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville.

Did you know: Wes, who has previously boasted about his secret talent for breaking things and being naturally clumsy, also claims an uncanny ability to lose things.

Social media: (IG) wesloganfishing



Ed Loughran III

Residence: Richmond, Va.

Birthdate: 8/18/1970

B.A.S.S. events: 73

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 12 (2021)

Career earnings: \$281,864

Years as a full-time pro angler: 14

Signature technique/strength: Shallow cranking

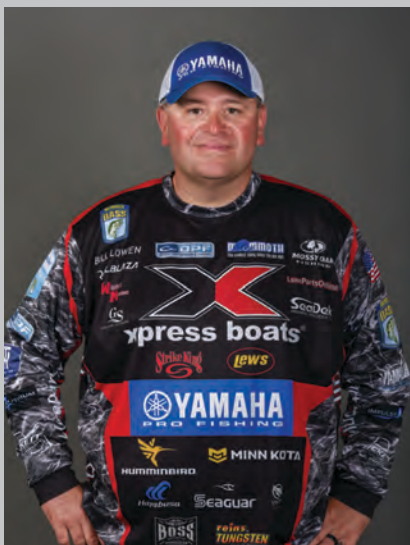
Home waters: James River

Favorite place to fish: Anywhere at low tide

Career highlights: Ed finished his rookie season in 2019 with three straight Top 30 finishes. Over the past three seasons, he has earned seven Top 20s.

Did you know: As you may have guessed from his nickname, "The Barrister," Ed is still a working attorney, but he also has a hidden talent for investing.

Social media: (IG) ed_loughran_fishing



Bill Lowen

Residence: Brookville, Ind.

Birthdate: 12/3/1974

B.A.S.S. events: 175

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021
Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at
Pickwick Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 11

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 4 (2016)

Career earnings: \$1,518,145

Years as a full-time pro angler: 17

Signature technique/strength: Shallow water

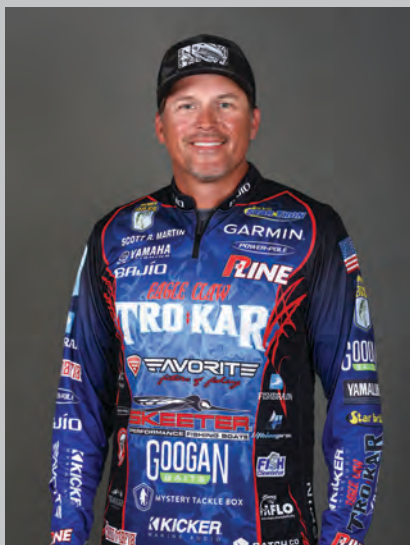
Home waters: Ohio River

Favorite place to fish: Ohio River

Career highlights: Bill is a veteran angler who had three runner-up finishes in Elite events (Old Hickory Lake 2008, Clear Lake 2010, Chesapeake Bay 2015) before capturing his first blue trophy at the 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake.

Did you know: Bill has gone by the nickname "Turtle" since he was a kid.

Social media: (FB) Bill Lowen



Scott Martin

Residence: Clewiston, Fla.

Birthdate: 10/9/1975

B.A.S.S. events: 46

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 19 (2022)

Career earnings: \$193,104

Years as a full-time pro angler: 23

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

Home waters: Lake Okeechobee

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: After a successful FLW career that included eight FLW Tour event wins plus the 2011 Forest Wood Cup Championship and over \$3 million in winnings, Scott qualified for the 2021 Elites through the Bassmaster Eastern Opens.

Did you know: Scott, who was named after B.A.S.S. founder Ray Scott, hosts *The Scott Martin Challenge* show on ESPN2 and the Discovery Channel.

Social media: (IG) scottmartinchallenge



Masayuki Matsushita

Residence: Tokoname-Aichi, Japan

Birthdate: 3/1/1983

B.A.S.S. events: 37

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2020 Basspro.com Bassmaster Central Open at Sam Rayburn

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 42 (2021)

Career earnings: \$179,701

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: Heart

Home waters: Lake Biwa (Japan)

Favorite place to fish: Everywhere!

Career highlights: Masayuki won the 2020 Bassmaster Central Open at Sam Rayburn to earn his first trip to the Classic. In 2021, Masayuki placed second in the overall Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year standings and punched a ticket for the 2022 Bassmaster Elite Series, where he captured two Top 20s in his first season.

Did you know: At age 15, "Masa" fished his first junior tournament in Japan from a rowboat.

Social media: (IG) masayuki_matsushita5831



Mark Menendez

Residence: Paducah, Ky.

Birthdate: 9/28/1964

B.A.S.S. events: 262

B.A.S.S. wins: 3

Most recent tournament win: 2009 Elite Series - Diamond Drive at Lake Dardanelle

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 12 (1997)

Career earnings: \$1,334,701

Years as a full-time pro angler: 31

Signature technique/strength: Cold water & jerkbait

Home waters: Kentucky Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Martin

Career highlights: Mark held the B.A.S.S. Big Bass record from 1997 to 1999 for a 13-9 largemouth. He has won three B.A.S.S. events, including an Elite tournament, Bassmaster Southern Open and Top 100 tournament.

Did you know: Mark has a degree in fisheries biology and frequently briefs legislative and conservation groups on invasive species issues.

Social media: (IG) markmenendezbass



Brock Mosley

Residence: Collinsville, Miss.

Birthdate: 8/21/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 105

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 5 (2021)

Career earnings: \$647,718

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing

Home waters: Okatibbee Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: After qualifying for the Elite Series through the Bassmaster Opens in 2015, Brock has notched five second-place finishes (St. Lawrence River 2017, Lake St. Clair 2017, Pickwick Lake 2021, Sabine River 2021, Chickamauga Lake 2022).

Did you know: As a high school wide receiver, Brock suffered the "Bo Jackson injury," separating his hip and breaking his pelvis during practice. He still played football for four years.

Social media: (IG) brockmosleyfishing



Paul Mueller

Residence: Naugatuck, Conn.

Birthdate: 4/17/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 81

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2020 AFTCO

Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2014)

Career earnings: \$692,037

Years as a full-time pro angler: 11

Signature technique/strength: Cranking, drop shot, hair jig & electronics

Home waters: Candlewood Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Ontario

Career highlights: Paul is the 2014 B.A.S.S. Nation National Champion. Paul has won two Elite titles (Lake Lanier 2019, St. Johns River 2020). Paul holds the Classic record for heaviest daily five-bass limit with 32-3 on Day 2 of the 2014 Classic, as well as the record for the largest smallmouth caught in B.A.S.S. history.

Did you know: When Paul is not competing as a full-time Elite Series pro, he acts as a freshwater fishing guide.

Social media: (IG) paulmuellerfishing



David Mullins

Residence: Mt. Carmel, Tenn.

Birthdate: 12/17/1981

B.A.S.S. events: 88

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2016 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Southern Open #3 at Douglas Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 10 (2022)

Career earnings: \$717,913

Years as a full-time pro angler: 10

Signature technique/strength: Cranking

Home waters: Cherokee & Douglas lakes

Favorite place to fish: Kentucky Lake

Career highlights: David qualified for the Elite Series through the 2013 Opens and has been a solid performer ever since. In 2020, he finished second in Bassmaster Angler of the Year points.

Did you know: Before beginning his career as an Elite Series pro, David acted as an armed security guard and a high school economics, finance and accounting teacher.

Social media: (IG) dmullinsfishing



Bryan New

Residence: Saluda, S.C.

Birthdate: 2/21/1990

B.A.S.S. events: 31

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2021 AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 9 (2022)

Career earnings: \$410,964

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Junk fishing

Home waters: Lake Murray

Favorite place to fish: Lake Eufaula

Career highlights: After winning the first Bassmaster Open of the 2020 season, Bryan registered for all of the Opens in a bid to qualify for the Elites. He succeeded in that endeavor, claiming the title of 2020 Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year and continuing his momentum into the Elites by winning the first event of 2021.

Did you know: When not traveling the country during his rookie season, Bryan worked painting pavement. Now he counts pest control among his side jobs.

Social media: (IG) bryannewfishing



Larry Nixon

Residence: Quitman, Ark.

Birthdate: 9/3/1950

B.A.S.S. events: 261

B.A.S.S. wins: 14

Most recent tournament win: 1999 Michigan Bassmaster Top 150

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 25

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 1 (1983)

Career earnings: \$1,637,991

Years as a full-time pro angler: 40+

Signature technique/strength: Senko worm

Home waters: Greers Ferry Lake

Favorite place to fish: Toledo Bend

Career highlights: Between 1977 and 1988, Larry never ranked lower than eighth in Angler of the Year standings. For nine consecutive years (1979-87) he was in the Top 5 and won two Bassmaster AOY titles (1980, 1982).

Did you know: Larry was the first "Bassmaster Millionaire," earning the distinction in 1992.

Social media: (FB) FishinWithNixon



Kyle Norsetter

Residence: Cottage Grove, Wis.

Birthdate: 4/24/1986

B.A.S.S. events: 3

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$24,560

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: Dedication

Home waters: Madison Chain

Favorite place to fish: "I like going everywhere ... maybe by the end of this year that will change!"

Career highlights: In his first season fishing the Opens, Kyle earned two Top 10s, including finishing in third place at the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Central Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Sam Rayburn.

Did you know: Kyle doesn't have a lucky charm, he just "never gives up."

Social media: (IG) kyleneorsetter



Brandon Palaniuk

Residence: Rathdrum, Idaho

Birthdate: 11/3/1987

B.A.S.S. events: 141

B.A.S.S. wins: 6

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Basspro.com Bassmaster Northern Open at James River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 12

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2013)

Career earnings: \$1,790,591

Years as a full-time pro angler: 13

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

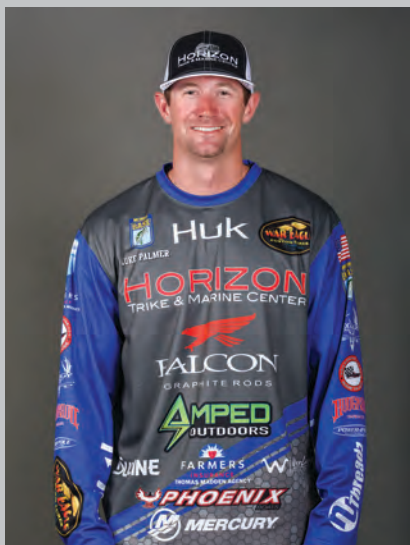
Home waters: Lake Coeur d'Alene

Favorite place to fish: Lake Ontario

Career highlights: Brandon earned the Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year title in 2022, his second AOY win, the first coming in 2017. In his stellar Elite Series career, he has five wins (Bull Shoals Lake 2012, St. Lawrence River 2013, Sam Rayburn Reservoir 2017, Lake Champlain 2020, Santee Cooper Lakes 2020).

Did you know: "The Prodigy" at more than just fishing, Brandon started snowboarding when he was just six.

Social media: (YouTube) BmpFishing



Luke Palmer

Residence: Coalgate, Okla.

Birthdate: 10/22/1990

B.A.S.S. events: 49

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 6 (2022)

Career earnings: \$398,741

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Flipping & pitching

Home waters: Lake Texoma & Lake Eufaula (Oklahoma)

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: After earning his Elite invite through the 2018 Bassmaster Central Opens, Luke had a strong rookie season with three Top 20 finishes in 2019. Since then, he's added six Elite Top 20s, including fourth place at the 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Santee Cooper Lakes.

Did you know: Although Luke is a notable Elite Series pro and manages his family's hardware store, his real hidden talent is mowing grass.

Social media: (IG) lukepalmerfishing



Chad Pipkens

Residence: DeWitt, Mich.

Birthdate: 8/23/1983

B.A.S.S. events: 133

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2014 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Northern Open #3 presented by Allstate at Lake St. Clair

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 6

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 24 (2021)

Career earnings: \$753,175

Years as a full-time pro angler: 10

Signature technique/strength: Isolated target fishing

Home waters: Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Chad qualified for the Elites through the 2012 Bassmaster Northern Opens and has been the Northern Opens points leader twice. Chad has 30 career Top 20 finishes, including eighth at the 2022 Northern Open at Upper Chesapeake Bay.

Did you know: Many anglers view bananas as a bad omen when it comes to tournament fishing. Not Chad! In fact, eating a banana is his secret good luck charm.

Social media: (IG) chad_pipkens



Clifford Pirch

Residence: Payson, Ariz.

Birthdate: 10/22/1975

B.A.S.S. events: 113

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 8

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 13 (2015, 2018)

Career earnings: \$894,666

Years as a full-time pro angler: 22

Signature technique/strength: Jig fishing, drop shotting & sight fishing

Home waters: Roosevelt Lake

Favorite place to fish: Roosevelt, California Delta, Havasu, Mille Lacs, Falcon, Oahe & Clear Lake

Career highlights: Clifford won the U.S. Open Championship three times and was a two-time FLW Tour champion. Clifford joined the Elite Series in 2013 and, in that time, has amassed 21 Top 20 Elite finishes, including three finishes of 11th or better in 2022.

Did you know: In college, Clifford earned extra money by acting as a "Helitack" firefighter, where he would rappel out of helicopters to fight wilderness wildfires.

Social media: (FB) Clifford Pirch Outdoors



Keith Poche

Residence: Cecil, Ala.

Birthdate: 7/7/1981

B.A.S.S. events: 143

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Central Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Red River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 3 (2012)

Career earnings: \$661,010

Years as a full-time pro angler: 13

Signature technique/strength: Shallow

Home waters: Alabama River

Favorite place to fish: James River

Career highlights: Keith requalified for the Elite Series by winning the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year title, earning four Top 20 finishes en route to his AOY victory. Keith has spent nine seasons on the Elite Series.

Did you know: Keith played football for Troy University until suffering a shoulder injury. Ironically, his time recovering from the injury was spent fishing, leading him into a pro fishing career.

Social media: (IG) keithpoche



Jacob Powroznik

Residence: North Prince George, Va.

Birthdate: 9/10/1978

B.A.S.S. events: 86

B.A.S.S. wins: 5

Most recent tournament win: 2021 Basspro.com Bassmaster Central Open at Lewis Smith Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 7

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 5 (2015, 2018)

Career earnings: \$900,415

Years as a full-time pro angler: 9

Signature technique/strength: Sight fishing

Home waters: James River

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Jacob requalified for the 2022 Elite Series after winning the 2021 Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year title in a season where he captured three Top 10s. In addition to his 2021 Opens victory, Jacob has four other B.A.S.S. wins (Buggs Island Reservoir 2005, Toledo Bend 2014, Bays de Noc 2014, Pokegama Lake 2017).

Did you know: Queue your best Cole Trickle quote ... Jacob's favorite movie is *Days of Thunder*.

Social media: (IG) jacob_powroznik



Cliff Prince

Residence: Palatka, Fla.

Birthdate: 1/14/1970

B.A.S.S. events: 130

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 34 (2015)

Career earnings: \$551,504

Years as a full-time pro angler: 15

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

Home waters: St. Johns River

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Cliff qualified for the 2012 Elite Series through the Bassmaster Southern Opens. He has 15 Top 10s in B.A.S.S. competition, including a seventh-place finish in the 2021 AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River.

Did you know: Cliff competed on the rodeo circuit, winning all-around cowboy titles for his prowess in calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and riding a cutting horse.

Social media: (FB) CliffPrinceBassmasterEliteAngler



Jay Przekurat

Residence: Stevens Point, Wis.

Birthdate: 6/21/1999

B.A.S.S. events: 23

B.A.S.S. wins: 3*

Most recent tournament win: 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1 (2023)

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$224,733

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: River fishing or clear-water smallmouth

Home waters: Wisconsin River system

Favorite place to fish: Sturgeon Bay

Career highlights: En route to winning 2022 Rookie of the Year honors, Jay became the youngest angler to ever win an Elite Series tournament and earned a century belt with all smallmouth in a historic victory on the St. Lawrence River.

Did you know: Jay's dad Jason has two Angler of the Year titles and two National Walleye Tour Championship victories.

* Two wins as a Bassmaster Opens co-angler.

Social media: (IG) jprzekurat



KJ Queen

Residence: Catawba, N.C.

Birthdate: 8/21/1996

B.A.S.S. events: 28

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 48 (2022)

Career earnings: \$169,482

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Sight fishing

Home waters: Lake Norman

Favorite place to fish: Lake Gunterville in March

Career highlights: KJ fished for Bethel University, where he qualified for five B.A.S.S. college championships and captured the 2019 Team of the Year title in the Bassmaster College Series. He qualified for the Elites through the 2021 Eastern Opens and has posted two Top 10 Elite finishes.

Did you know: Talk about keepers! KJ and his wife welcomed twins Kallen and Kash during the 2022 season. The boys enjoyed their taste of the big stage at the 2022 Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River.

Social media: (IG) kjqueenfishing



Alex Redwine

Residence: Blue Ash, Ohio

Birthdate: 8/27/1999

B.A.S.S. events: 19

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$50,751

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: Great Lake smallmouth & river systems/current

Home waters: Ohio River & Brookville Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake St. Clair

Career highlights: Alex joined the Elite Series after finishing third in the 2021 Bassmaster Northern Opens standings and finished his rookie campaign strong, posting three consecutive Top 30s to end the 2022 season.

Did you know: Alex is currently the youngest angler on the Bassmaster Elite Series.

Social media: (IG) alexredwinefishing



Tyler Rivet

Residence: Raceland, La.

Birthdate: 6/14/1994

B.A.S.S. events: 56

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2023 SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at Lake Okeechobee

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 33 (2022)

Career earnings: \$409,675

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Punching, frogging & LiveScoping

Home waters: Lake Boeuf

Favorite place to fish: Lake Guntersville

Career highlights: Tyler was a five-time college national championship qualifier who qualified for the Elites through the 2018 Bassmaster Opens. He captured his first Elite win on Lake Okeechobee at the beginning of the 2023 Elite Series season.

Did you know: Tyler not only founded the bass fishing team at Nicholls State University, he also earned a degree in petroleum technology from there as well.

Social media: (IG) tyler_rivet_trfishing



Matt Robertson

Residence: Kuttawa, Ky.

Birthdate: 4/16/1986

B.A.S.S. events: 36

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2020 Basspro.com Bassmaster Eastern Open at Cherokee Lake

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 7 (2021)

Career earnings: \$260,619

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Offshore

Home waters: Kentucky Lake

Favorite place to fish: Kentucky Lake

Career highlights: Matt has qualified for the Classic three different ways — through the Bassmaster Team Championship, through the Bassmaster Opens and through Elite Series standings. Matt joined the Elite Series in 2021 after taking third in the 2020 Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year race.

Did you know: Along with fellow Elite pro Jeff Gustafson, Matt counts a rock blessed by 2021 AOY Seth Feider's father, Pedro Feider, as his tournament good luck charm.

Social media: (IG) onem_fishing



Cole Sands

Residence: Calhoun, Tenn.

Birthdate: 9/5/1996

B.A.S.S. events: 14

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$47,534

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Grass fishing

Home waters: Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Harris Chain, Lake Hartwell & Lake Gunter'sville

Career highlights: Cole won the 2020 Bassmaster College Series National Championship when he and partner Conner Dimauro set a three-day record catch of 84-12. He is a four-time College National Championship qualifier and competed in multiple Bassmaster College and High School Classics as well as the 2019 College Classic Bracket.

Did you know: Cole's family relocated from Alaska — where he fished for pike, salmon and trout — to Tennessee when he was 10.

Social media: (YouTube) Cole Sands Fishing



Pat Schlapper

Residence: Eleva, Wis.

Birthdate: 4/18/1983

B.A.S.S. events: 23

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 45 (2021)

Career earnings: \$142,682

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Electronics

Home waters: Chetek Chain of Lakes

Favorite place to fish: Chippewa Flowage

Career highlights: Pat joined the ranks of the 2021 Elites after double-qualifying by winning the 2020 TNT B.A.S.S. Nation Championship and finishing third in the 2020 Bassmaster Eastern Opens Angler of the Year standings.

Did you know: Pat is a whiz at "Name That Tune."

Social media: (IG) patschlapperfishing



Bryan Schmitt

Residence: Deale, Md.

Birthdate: 3/3/1981

B.A.S.S. events: 43

B.A.S.S. wins: 3

Most recent tournament win: 2022

Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Mississippi River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 28 (2022)

Career earnings: \$499,459

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Swim jig

Home waters: Potomac River

Favorite place to fish: Lake Champlain

Career highlights: Bryan finished first in the 2019 Bassmaster Eastern Opens standings. In just his third season on the Elites, Bryan has six Top 10s, including victories at the 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain and the 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Mississippi River.

Did you know: When not competing, Bryan runs a charter boat company on the lower Chesapeake Bay for saltwater stripers with his father-in-law.

Social media: (IG) bryanschmittfishing



Bernie Schultz

Residence: Gainesville, Fla.

Birthdate: 9/4/1954

B.A.S.S. events: 356

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 9

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 11 (1991)

Career earnings: \$1,187,095

Years as a full-time pro angler: 30-plus

Signature technique/strength: "Anything shallow."

Home waters: Orange Lake & Rodman Reservoir

Favorite place to fish: 1000 Islands/ St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Bernie is a veteran Elite pro with 59 Top 20 finishes in B.A.S.S. tournaments, including an eighth-place finish at the 2021 Farmers Insurance Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River.

Did you know: Bernie is a man of many talents. He not only has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in illustration and design, but he also has an extensive vintage tackle collection.

Social media: (FB) Bernie Schultz Fishing



Hunter Shryock

Residence: Ooltewah, Tenn.

Birthdate: 8/2/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 83

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 25 (2020)

Career earnings: \$430,086

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water fishing

Home waters: Chickamauga Lake

Favorite place to fish: Cayuga Lake

Career highlights: Hunter has seven career Top 10 finishes with B.A.S.S., most recently finishing eighth at the 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Tennessee River.

Did you know: Before becoming a star on the Bassmaster Elite Series, Hunter found his success on the dirt track, where he competed competitively in Motocross and Supercross.

Social media: (IG) huntershryockfishing



Bryant Smith

Residence: Roseville, Calif.

Birthdate: 2/20/1991

B.A.S.S. events: 7

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$32,158

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Flipping any kind of grass

Home waters: "Technically Folsom Lake, but I've always considered Clear Lake my real home lake."

Favorite place to fish: Lake Shasta

Career highlights: Bryant qualified for the Elites via the Bassmaster Southern Opens, bolstered by a second-place finish at the 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Open presented by Mossy Oak Fishing at Lake Hartwell. He never finished lower than 26 in the 2022 season.

Did you know: Other than fishing, Bryant is especially good at ping-pong and solving a Rubik's Cube.

Social media: (IG) bryant_smith_fishing



John Soukup

Residence: Sapulpa, Okla.

Birthdate: 2/3/1982

B.A.S.S. events: 14

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$45,671

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: LiveScoping with a jerkbait & shallow-water flipping

Home waters: Keystone Lake

Favorite place to fish: Florida

Career highlights: After notching two Top 10s in 2022, John qualified for the Elites via the overall 2022 St. Croix Bassmaster Opens Angler of the Year standings.

Did you know: While John may have chosen his walk up song, "Big Bad John" by Jimmy Dean, because he's called "Big John" a lot, he also likes the message — giving yourself to save others.

Social media: (YouTube) The Hookup w/ Soukup



Josh Stracner

Residence: Vandiver, Ala.

Birthdate: 1/25/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 30

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 37 (2022)

Career earnings: \$174,568

Years as a full-time pro angler: 3

Signature technique/strength: Offshore fishing

Home waters: Coosa River

Favorite place to fish: Lake Eufaula (Alabama)

Career highlights: After a solid rookie season that included two Top 20s, Josh had to climb over four other anglers in the final event of the season on the St. Lawrence River to take 2021 Rookie of the Year honors.

Did you know: Before joining the ranks of the Bassmaster Elite Series, Josh worked as a commercial general contractor. He also has a very special hidden talent ... finding shooting ranges during the season.

Social media: (FB) Josh Stracner Fishing



Caleb Sumrall

Residence: New Iberia, La.

Birthdate: 5/20/1987

B.A.S.S. events: 61

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 16 (2022)

Career earnings: \$374,555

Years as a full-time pro angler: 6

Signature technique/strength: Flipping, pitching & punching

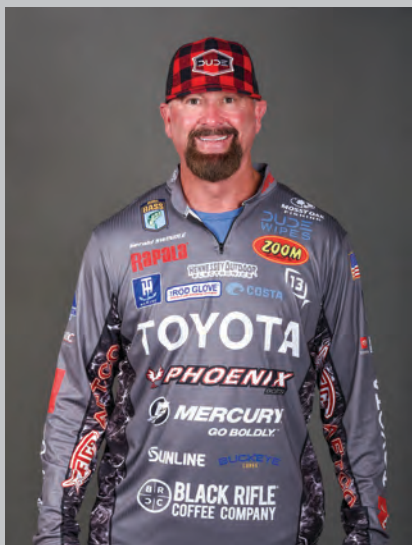
Home waters: Atchafalaya Basin

Favorite place to fish: Upstate New York

Career highlights: Caleb joined the Elites after winning the 2017 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. He had a breakout season in 2021 with two Top 10s and a seventh-place finish in the AOY standings.

Did you know: Caleb is a fan of all things outdoors. When the Louisiana native is not competing on the Elite Series, you can find him bow hunting, running and working out.

Social media: (IG) caleb.sumrall.fishing



Gerald Swindle

Residence: Guntersville, Ala.

Birthdate: 12/17/1969

B.A.S.S. events: 307

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2011 Bass Pro Shops Southern Open #1 at Kissimmee Chain

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 20

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 3 (2005)

Career earnings: \$2,364,246

Years as a full-time pro angler: 25

Signature technique/strength: Jig fishing & junk fishing

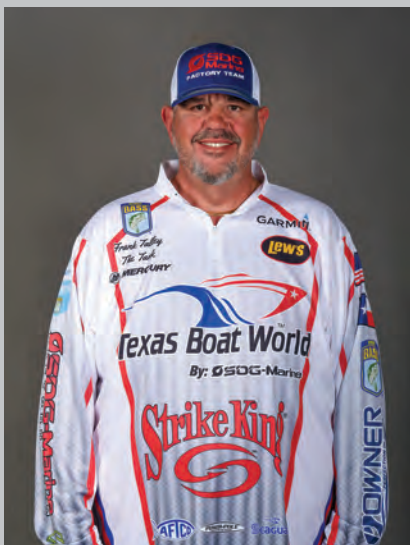
Home waters: Lake Guntersville

Favorite place to fish: Lake Guntersville

Career highlights: Gerald is a two-time Bassmaster Angler of the Year (2004, 2016). He has 58 career Top 10 finishes, including most recently a third-place finish at the 2022 Simms Bassmaster Elite at Lake Fork where he captured a century belt in the process.

Did you know: The G-Man has one of the biggest platforms in fishing and uses his popularity to help support programs like a backpack ministry which helps fight childhood hunger.

Social media: (FB) GeraldSwindle.GMAN



Frank Talley

Residence: Temple, Texas

Birthdate: 11/11/1974

B.A.S.S. events: 46

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2020 NOCO Bassmaster Elite at Lake Gunterville

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 22 (2021)

Career earnings: \$343,423

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Spinnerbait around wood cover

Home waters: Lake Belton

Favorite place to fish: Sugar Lake (Mexico)

Career highlights: Frank captured the 2018 Bassmaster Central Opens Angler of the Year title. His first Elite Series victory came at the 2020 NOCO Bassmaster Elite at Lake Gunterville.

Did you know: Frank starts every competition day with two pots of coffee and a pound of bacon.

Social media: (IG) frank_talley



Patrick Walters

Residence: Summerville, S.C.

Birthdate: 8/30/1994

B.A.S.S. events: 67

B.A.S.S. wins: 4

Most recent tournament win: 2020 Basspro.com Bassmaster Eastern Open at Lake Hartwell; 2020 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Lake Fork

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 4

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 10 (2021)

Career earnings: \$748,388

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Versatility

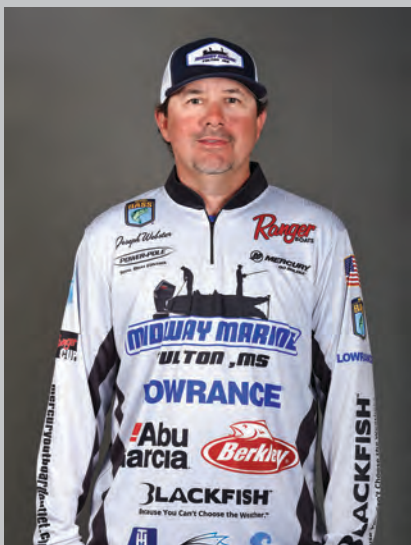
Home waters: Santee Cooper Lakes

Favorite place to fish: "Santee Cooper ... but I'm starting to like Northern fisheries!"

Career highlights: Patrick has earned four B.A.S.S. wins and two century belts. He set a Bassmaster record for margin of victory (29-10) with his 2020 Lake Fork win.

Did you know: Patrick won the 2017 Bassmaster College Southern Conference Regional while fishing for the University of South Carolina.

Social media: (IG) patrickwaltersfishing



Joseph Webster

Residence: Hamilton, Ala.

Birthdate: 12/3/1974

B.A.S.S. events: 23

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$69,563

Years as a full-time pro angler: 7

Signature technique/strength: Offshore

Home waters: Pickwick & Lewis Smith lakes

Favorite place to fish: Pickwick Lake

Career highlights: Joseph earned his way onto the Elite Series via the 2021 Bassmaster Central Opens. He's competed in 23 B.A.S.S. events, capturing 11 Top 30 finishes in the process.

Did you know: A man with few interests outside of fishing, Joseph says he is "pretty boring" and doesn't even have a favorite book or movie!

Social media: (FB) Joseph Webster Fishing



Kyle Welcher

Residence: Opelika, Ala.

Birthdate: 2/12/1993

B.A.S.S. events: 34

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 2 (2022)

Career earnings: \$290,687

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Flipping & frogging

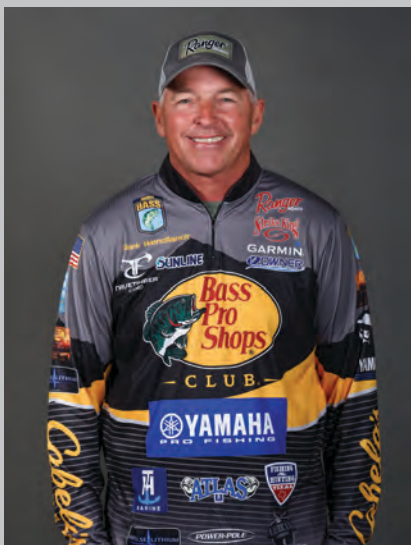
Home waters: Chattahoochee River

Favorite place to fish: Lake Harding

Career highlights: During his first three seasons on the Elites, Kyle has amassed nine career Top 20 finishes and placed 10th in the 2020 Bassmaster Elite Series Angler of the Year standings.

Did you know: Kyle left nursing school to support himself as a professional gambler.

Social media: (YouTube) KyleWelcher



Clark Wendlandt

Residence: Leander, Texas

Birthdate: 3/1/1966

B.A.S.S. events: 130

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 5

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 11 (1998)

Career earnings: \$703,973

Years as a full-time pro angler: 31

Signature technique/strength: Power fishing

Home waters: Lake Travis

Favorite place to fish: 1000 Islands/
St. Lawrence River

Career highlights: Clark joined the Elites in 2019 after an incredible career with FLW where he was a three-time FLW Angler of the Year, a four-time FLW Tour winner and an 18-time qualifier for the Forrest Wood Cup, earning over \$2.2 million. In 2020, Clark earned three Top 10 finishes en route to winning Bassmaster Angler of the Year honors.

Did you know: Outside of fishing, the two sports Clark is the most competitive at are pickleball and ping-pong.

Social media: (IG) clarkwendlandt



Alex Wetherell

Residence: Middletown, Conn.

Birthdate: 12/4/1992

B.A.S.S. events: 27

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 0

Bassmaster Classic best finish: N/A

Career earnings: \$102,081

Years as a full-time pro angler: 1

Signature technique/strength: Bladed jig

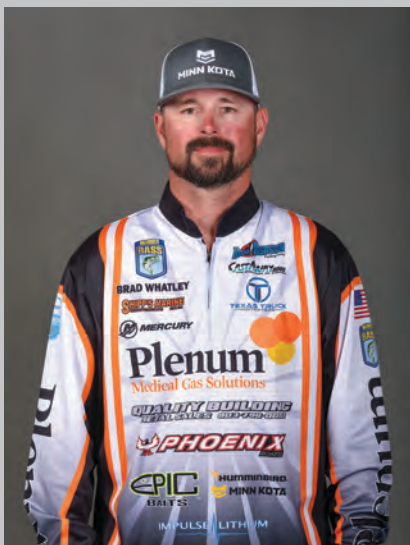
Home waters: Candlewood Lake

Favorite place to fish: Lake Ontario

Career highlights: Alex won the 2010 Junior Bassmaster World Championship and 2015 B.A.S.S. Nation Eastern Divisional. He has been competing in the Bassmaster Opens since 2016 and won the Northern Opens points race in 2022.

Did you know: Alex takes his tournament paintball very seriously. Who wants to see this rookie face off with former professional paintball player and fellow Elite Matt Arey?

Social media: (IG) alex_wetherell



Brad Whatley

Residence: Bivins, Texas

Birthdate: 7/1/1980

B.A.S.S. events: 56

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 2

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 44 (2021)

Career earnings: \$262,943

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Flipping & cranking

Home waters: Lake O' The Pines

Favorite place to fish: Lake O' The Pines

Career highlights: Brad reached the Elites after a second-place finish in the 2018 Bassmaster Central Opens. Brad has had a solid career, with 18 Top 30s in B.A.S.S. events. In 2022, Brad was forced to take a medical hardship midseason but returned toward the end of the Elite season to post a Top 30 finish at Lake Oahe.

Did you know: Elite Series pro Brad not only throws down on the water, but in the kitchen as well. Cooking is his hidden talent.

Social media: (IG) bradwhatleyfishing



Jake Whitaker

Residence: Hendersonville, N.C.

Birthdate: 3/31/1992

B.A.S.S. events: 55

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 3

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 30 (2020)

Career earnings: \$367,889

Years as a full-time pro angler: 5

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water power fishing

Home waters: Lake Hartwell

Favorite place to fish: Lake St. Clair

Career highlights: Jake won the 2014 Bassmaster College Series National Championship while fishing for UNC Charlotte. He qualified for the Elites through the 2017 Bassmaster Northern Opens and earned 2018 ROY honors. In five seasons, Jake has netted 12 Top 20s.

Did you know: What could be cooler than being a Bassmaster Elite Series pro? Being like Jake, who is a Bassmaster Elite Series pro who can also ride a unicycle.

Social media: (IG) jake_whitaker



David Williams

Residence: Newton, N.C.

Birthdate: 8/4/1972

B.A.S.S. events: 76

B.A.S.S. wins: 0

Most recent tournament win: N/A

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 46 (2009)

Career earnings: \$262,646

Years as a full-time pro angler: 8

Signature technique/strength: Shallow-water power fishing

Home waters: Lake Norman

Favorite place to fish: St. Lawrence River & Lake Hartwell

Career highlights: A former Elite (2015-17) and FLW angler, David requalified for the 2022 Elite Series by finishing first in the St. Croix Bassmaster Southern Opens Angler of the Year points standings.

Did you know: Many anglers also enjoy hunting and the outdoors, so it's convenient that David was a professional taxidermist!

Social media: (FB) David Williams - Pro Fisherman



Jason Williamson

Residence: Aiken, S.C.

Birthdate: 9/16/1980

B.A.S.S. events: 195

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2010 Elite Series - Pride of Georgia at Clarks Hill Reservoir

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 5

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 11 (2020)

Career earnings: \$1,268,814

Years as a full-time pro angler: 17

Signature technique/strength: Jig & swimbait fishing

Home waters: Clarks Hill Lake

Favorite place to fish: Falcon Lake

Career highlights: Jason is a two-time Elite champion (Lake Amistad 2009, Clarks Hill Reservoir 2010). He earned a century belt at the 2008 Elite Series - Lone Star Shootout by catching 118-2 in four days at Falcon Lake.

Did you know: Elite Series veteran Jason has not one, but multiple full-time jobs. Not only is he a father of four, the "Tower of Power" owns and operates a fishing rod company and a wrap company!

Social media: (IG) jwillfishing



Matty Wong

Residence: Honolulu, Hawaii

Birthdate: 2/26/1988

B.A.S.S. events: 13

B.A.S.S. wins: 1

Most recent tournament win: 2021 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship on the Ouachita River

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 1

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 54 (2022)

Career earnings: \$42,000

Years as a full-time pro angler: 2

Signature technique/strength: Jerkbait & finesse

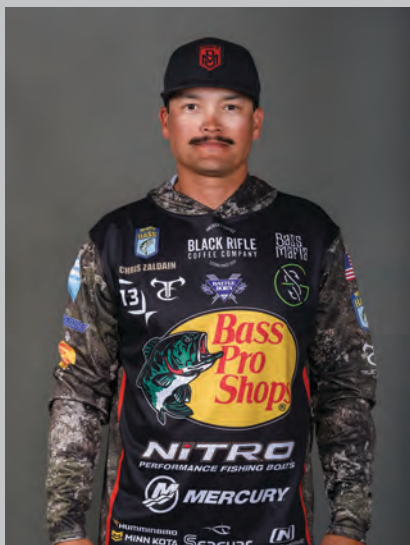
Home waters: Lake Wilson, Castaic Lake, Lake Casitas & California Delta

Favorite place to fish: Clear Lake

Career highlights: A native of Hawaii, Matty won the 2021 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship to earn his invitation to the 2022 Elite Series.

Did you know: In addition to fishing, surfing and playing the saxophone with the band Lost at Sea, Matty is a professional photographer who has worked in Hollywood with many A-list celebrities.

Social media: (IG) matty_wong



Chris Zaldain

Residence: Fort Worth, Texas

Birthdate: 9/11/1984

B.A.S.S. events: 125

B.A.S.S. wins: 2

Most recent tournament win: 2015 Toyota Tundra Angler of the Year Championship at Sturgeon Bay

Bassmaster Classic qualifications: 8

Bassmaster Classic best finish: 12 (2019)

Career earnings: \$1,104,787

Years as a full-time pro angler: 12

Signature technique/strength: Swimbaits & finesse

Home waters: Lake Ray Roberts

Favorite place to fish: Lake Fork

Career highlights: Chris has amassed 26 Top 10s throughout his B.A.S.S. career, with 11 Top 3 finishes. He has been an Elite angler since 2012.

Did you know: A fierce competitor on the Elite Series, Chris also won the 2021 Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter alongside veteran IFA Redfish Tour angler Ryan Rickard.

Social media: (IG) chriszaldain

Bassmaster Elite Series Offers Marshal Program

The Bassmaster Elite Series Marshal program, which began in 2008, was very popular throughout the 2022 Elite Series season and will continue in 2023.

The program gives B.A.S.S. members the opportunity to ride along with Bassmaster Elite Series pros during competition and learn valuable bass fishing tips and techniques from the best in the sport.

While on the water, marshals also help B.A.S.S. enhance the sport by operating BassTrakk, a digital scoring technology. By logging the anglers' catches on BassTrakk and sending reports and photos throughout the day, marshals enable fans to follow the action in real time on [Bassmaster.com](https://www.bassmaster.com) and see how the top bass fishing pros in the world are performing.

Similar to the popular "Day On The Lake" feature in *Bassmaster Magazine*, Bassmaster marshals witness firsthand at least two full days of tournament fishing from the best seat in the house. Not only are marshals at the center of the action for these exciting tournaments, AFTCO also rewards marshals with gear and a gift package worth more than \$100.



Becoming A Bassmaster Elite Series Marshal

- Sign up as soon as registration opens; check [Bassmaster.com](https://www.bassmaster.com) for dates.
- Pay your fee:
 - » \$99 for a regular-season Elite Series event.
 - » \$500 for the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.
- Those who sign up early have a better chance of being selected to go out with an Elite pro on Day 3, when the field is cut to 50.
- » Otherwise, the marshal is guaranteed a spot with an angler on Day 1 and Day 2 during Elite Series competition days.
- Attend a mandatory registration and briefing by B.A.S.S. officials, who also provide copies of B.A.S.S. rules.
- Help ensure the integrity of the highest level of professional fishing by reporting rules violations to B.A.S.S. tournament officials.



Marshals have a front-row seat to the exciting action of Elite Series competition.



PRESENTED BY  **TOYOTA**

2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota

Competition Days: **March 24-26, 2023**

Fishery: **Tennessee River**

Weigh-in location: **Knoxville, Tenn.**

Takeoff: Volunteer Landing
400 Neyland Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37902

Weigh-in: Thompson-Boling Arena
1600 Phillip Fulmer Way #202
Knoxville, TN 37996

Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo:
Knoxville Convention Center
701 Henley St.
Knoxville, TN 37902
and
World's Fair Exhibition Hall
935 World's Fair Park Drive
Knoxville, TN 37902

B.A.S.S. Events on
Tennessee River: **7**

Classics held previously on
Tennessee River: **2 (1986,
2019)**

Most Recent Bassmaster
Classic Winner:
**Jason Christie,
Dry Creek, Okla.**

Host Sponsor:
Visit Knoxville



Knoxville Classic Sets Stage To Shatter Records

Professional bass fishing's biggest celebration is returning to Knoxville, Tenn., with the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota and accompanying Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo set for March 24-26. In 2019 Knoxville played host to what is widely considered to be one of the most successful Bassmaster Classics of all time, setting expectations high for a repeat performance.

"Our first Bassmaster Classic in Knoxville produced record-breaking fan attendance and was one of the best Classics we've ever had," said B.A.S.S. CEO Chase Anderson. "The Bassmaster Classic is the Super Bowl of Professional Bass Fishing. It's not just a great competition; it is a true celebration of the competitors, the fans and the sport as a whole. We couldn't be more thrilled to be headed back to Knoxville."

The 2019 Bassmaster Classic drew a record-breaking crowd of 153,809 fans and generated an economic impact of \$32.2 million for Knoxville and east Tennessee. The event was recognized as a 2019 Champion of Economic Impact in Sports Tourism (Mid-Market Division) by Sports Destination Management.

Fans will witness 55 of the world's greatest bass anglers compete head-to-head on the Tennessee River for a combined purse of over \$1 million, with the angler who tops the field taking home the most coveted trophy in pro bass fishing, the Ray Scott Bassmaster Classic trophy, as well as \$300,000.

The Classic field will feature defending Classic champion Jason Christie and the top 39 finishers from the 2022 Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year standings, which include 2022 Angler of the Year Brandon Palaniuk, 2022 Bassmaster Rookie of the Year Jay Przekurat and Canadian pro Jeff Gustafson, winner of the 2021 Bassmaster Elite event on the Tennessee River. The field will also include champions from last year's Bassmaster Opens circuit, three qualifiers from the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship, the College Classic Bracket winner and the individual winner of the Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off.

Fans will have ample opportunity to explore Knoxville, with daily launches taking place at Volunteer Landing and the Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo being held at the Knoxville Convention Center and World's Fair Exhibition Hall. Daily weigh-ins will take place at the Thompson-Boling Arena on the University of Tennessee campus. Festivities will begin on Thursday, March 23, with a Kickoff Party held on the Plaza Terrace at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Live coverage, including blogs, photo galleries, articles and Bassmaster LIVE streaming video, will be on Bassmaster.com throughout the event, alongside live coverage on FOX.

2023 Bassmaster Classic Purse*

1st	\$300,000
2nd	\$50,000
3rd	\$40,000
4th	\$30,000
5th	\$25,000
6th	\$22,000
7th	\$21,500
8th	\$21,000
9th	\$20,500
10th	\$20,000
11th	\$15,000
12th	\$15,000
13th	\$15,000
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16th	\$13,000
17th	\$13,000
18th	\$13,000
19th	\$13,000
20th	\$13,000
21st	\$13,000
22nd	\$13,000
23rd	\$13,000
24th	\$13,000
25th	\$13,000
26th-55th	\$10,000
Total	\$1,068,500

*Contingencies will feature:

\$2,500 overall Mercury Big Bass

\$7,000 Rapala Monster Bag

\$1,000 BassTrakk

Road to the 2023 Classic

1 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota defending champion

1 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Mississippi River winner

3 2022 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship top finishers

1 2022 Bassmaster College Series Classic Bracket champion

3 2022 Bassmaster Central Opens winners

3 2022 Bassmaster Northern Opens winners

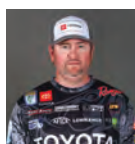
3 2022 Bassmaster Southern Opens winners

39 2022 Bassmaster Angler of the Year final standings*

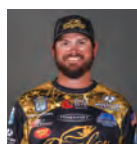
1 2022 Bassmaster Team Championship winner

*Openings created by double-qualifiers are filled from the 2022 Elite Series AOY standings.

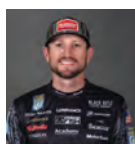




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Shelby, N.C.



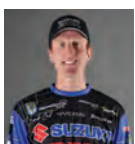
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Stetson Blaylock
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Scott Canterbury
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Brandon Card
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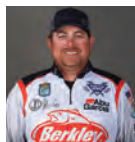
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Keith Combs
Huntington, Texas



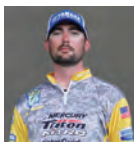
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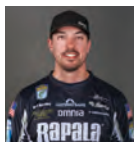
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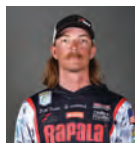
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Bob Downey
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Seth Feider
New Market, Minn.



Austin Felix
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Marc Frazier
Newnan, Ga.



Cooper Gallant
Bowmanville, Canada



Buddy Gross
Chattanooga, Tenn.



Jeff Gustafson
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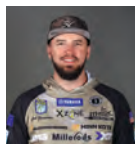
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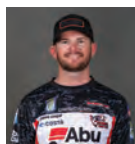
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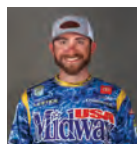
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Brandon Lester
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Longview, Texas



Scott Martin
Clewiston, Fla.



Tristan McCormick
Burns, Tenn.



Louis Monetti
Charlotte, N.C.



Brock Mosley
Collinsville, Miss.



David Mullins
Mt. Carmel, Tenn.



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DeWitt, Mich.



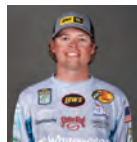
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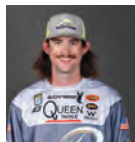
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Tyler Rivet
Raceland, La.



Matt Robertson
Kuttawa, Ky.



Pat Schlapper
Eleva, Wis.



Bryan Schmitt
Deale, Md.



Casey Smith
Victor, N.Y.



Collin Smith
Anderson, S.C.



Gerald Swindle
Guntersville, Ala.



JT Thompkins
Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Patrick Walters
Summersville, S.C.



Chris Zaldain
Fort Worth, Texas

St. Croix Bassmaster Opens

The St. Croix Bassmaster Opens are often referred to as the feeder league of B.A.S.S.'s tournament trails because they give up-and-coming anglers the opportunity to win cash prizes as well as a chance to join Elite Series pros on the biggest stage in bass fishing: the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

Though Opens tournament winners will still earn a berth into the Bassmaster Classic, beginning in 2023, anglers hoping to earn a coveted invitation to join the Bassmaster Elite Series can only qualify by competing in all nine tournaments.

Anglers competing in every tournament will form the Bassmaster Opens Elite Qualifiers, and the format will be marketed as the Bassmaster Opens EQ.

"The new EQ format allows the Opens to serve two groups of anglers moving forward," said B.A.S.S. Executive Director of Tournaments Hank Weldon. "Those who want to make fishing a full-time career and pursue the Elite Series have a clear direction preparing them for that path. But there are also nine opportunities for those who've always aspired to fish the Classic to chase that dream."

The top nine anglers in the Bassmaster Opens EQ standings will earn an invitation to join the prestigious Bassmaster Elite Series in 2024. With the exception of a berth going to the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation champion, fishing all nine events and participating in the Opens EQ will be the exclusive route for earning entry into the Elite Series.

For 2023, 175 anglers will fish all nine events across all three divisions — more than double the number who fished every event last year. Each division consists of three-day tournaments where pros can compete for cash prizes and performance points in the Opens standings.

For every angler fishing in the pro division, a co-angler is assigned to fish from the back of the boat. Co-anglers fish against other co-anglers for a cash prize. Pros weigh in their heaviest five bass each competition day, and co-anglers can weigh in up to three fish per day.

The full field will fish the first two days, with the winning co-angler being named after Day 2. The final round will feature the Top 10 pros.

At each regular-season event, a total of \$314,300 in cash, based on a 200 pro/150 co-angler field, will be awarded to the pros and co-anglers finishing in the Top 40, giving the nine-event circuit a total payout of more than \$2.82 million. For more information, visit Bassmaster.com/opens.



Pro Angler Purse*

Place	Winnings
1st	\$46,667
2nd	\$22,667
3rd	\$16,000
4th	\$13,333
5th	\$11,600
6th	\$10,667
7th	\$10,000
8th	\$9,333
9th	\$7,333
10th	\$6,000
11th	\$5,333
12th	\$4,667
13th-20th	\$3,667
21st-25th	\$3,333
26th-40th	\$3,067

Co-Angler Purse*

Place	Winnings
1st	\$17,000
2nd	\$4,000
3rd	\$3,000
4th	\$2,250
5th	\$2,100
6th	\$2,000
7th	\$1,900
8th	\$1,800
9th	\$1,650
10th	\$1,500
11th	\$1,400
12th	\$1,300
13th	\$1,100
14th	\$1,000
15th	\$900
16th	\$800
17th-20th	\$750
21st-25th	\$700
26th-30th	\$600
31st-40th	\$550

*Payouts are based on a field of 200 pro/150 co-anglers. Prize amounts are adjusted proportionally to match field size. All payouts are cash. Angler of the Year prize is \$10,000.

2023 Opens Elite Qualifiers Field

Jason Abram, Piney Flats, Tenn.
Logan Anderson, Catawba, N.C.
Kyle Austin, Ridgeville, S.C.
Clayton Barnes, Clanton, Ala.
Evan Barnes, Dardanelle, Ark.
Chris Beaudrie, Princeton, Ky.
Brock Belik, Orchard, Neb.
Jacob Bigelow, Cecil, Wis.
Chris Blanchette, Charleston, S.C.
Jeremy Bogard, Wilkesboro, N.C.
Greg Bohannon, Bentonville, Ark.
Sterling Bougher, Mannford, Okla.
Bailey Boutries, Mobile, Ala.
Paul Bouvier, Kingston, Canada
Josh Bragg, Fayetteville, Ga.
Allen Brooks, Canton, Ga.
Paul Browning, Pecos, Texas
Jamie Bruce, Kenora, Canada
Keith Brumfield, Vicksburg, Miss.
Miles Burghoff, Dayton, Tenn.
Shaine Campbell, Brookeland, Texas
Jon Canada, Helena, Ala.
Brett Cannon, Willis, Texas
Jason Carpenter, Castle Pines, Colo.
Richard Cathey, San Antonio, Texas
Craig Chambers, Midland, N.C.
Ryan Clark, Whitby, Canada
Chase Clarke, Virginia Beach, Va.
Hugh Cosculluela, Spring, Texas
Austin Cranford, Norman, Okla.
Darrell Davis, Dover, Fla.
Destin DeMarion, Harborcreek, Pa.
Willy Dennison, Willoughby Hills, Ohio
Cody Detweiler, Guntersville, Ala.
Jack Dice, Lynchburg, Va.
Wil Dieffenbauch, Morgantown, WV
Jonathan Dietz, Corry, Pa.
Jim Dillard, West Monroe, La.
Cole Drummond, Effingham, S.C.
Tony Dumitras, Winston, Ga.
Scout Echols, Monticello, Ark.
Tyrel Faber, Pagosa Springs, Colo.
Denny Fiedler, Wabasha, Minn.
Tim Frederick, Leesburg, Fla.
Tom Frink, Southside, Ala.
John Garrett, Union City, Tenn.
Robert Gee, Knoxville, Tenn.
Kyle Gelles, Pingree, Idaho
Sam George, Athens, Ala.
Kyle Goltz, Cornell, Wis.
Wesley Gore, Clanton, Ala.
Zeke Gossett, Pell City, Ala.
Zach Goutremout, Chaumont, N.Y.
Chad Grigsby, Maple Grove, Minn.
Joey Hanna, Corsicana, Texas
Andrew Hargrove, Moody, Texas
Andrew Harp, Linden, Texas
Charlie Hartley, Grove City, Ohio
Nikki Jo Hatten, Clanton, Ala.

Alex Heintze, Denham Springs, La.
Matt Henry, Milledgeville, Ga.
Dale Hightower, Mannford, Okla.
Harvey Horne, Bella Vista, Ark.
Josh Hubbard, Dunnellon, Fla.
Scott Isaacs, Ladonia, Texas
Logan Johnson, Jasper, Ala.
Teb Jones, Yalaha, Fla.
Seiji Kato, Otsu, Japan
Chris Keeble, Lenoir City, Tenn.
Danger Kelly, Somerset, Ky.
Scott Kerslake, Okeechobee, Fla.
Phil Killian, Solomon, Ariz.
Justin Kimmel, Athens, Ga.
Kenta Kimura, Hirakata, Japan
Chris Kingree, Inverness, Fla.
Daisuke Kita, Otsu, Japan
Brad Knight, Lancing, Tenn.
Takayuki Koike, Otsu, Japan
Evan Kung, Pickering, Canada
Joe Labarbera, Montrose, Pa.
Jason Lambert, Savannah, Tenn.
Bobby Lane, Lakeland, Fla.
Bobby Lanham, Eddyville, Ky.
Derek Lehtonen, Woodruff, S.C.
Brad Leuthner, Independence, Minn.
Jason Lieblong, Conway, Ark.
Shane Lineberger, Lincolnton, N.C.
Tyler Lubbat, Wheeling, Ill.
Terry Luedtke, Burton, Texas
Jake Maddux, Birmingham, Ala.
Buck Mallory, Lawton, Mich.
Mike Mayo, Athens, Texas
Julius Mazy, Phoenix, Ariz.
Bronk McDaniel, Alexandria, La.
Billy McDonald, Greenwood, Ind.
Danny McGarry, Newcastle, Canada
Trevor McKinney, Benton, Ill.
Trey McKinney, Carbondale, Ill.
Brandon McMillan, Clewiston, Fla.
James Meers, Rome, Ga.
Jason Meninger, Yulee, Fla.
A.J. Messen, Bloomington, Ill.
Lafe Messer, Warfield, Ky.
Matt Messer, Warfield, Ky.
Ben Milliken, New Caney, Texas
Jesse Millsaps, Jasper, Ga.
Kurt Mitchell, Milford, Del.
Ricardo Mitchell, Naples, Fla.
Kenny Mittelstaedt, Sturgis, S.D.
Yusuke Miyazaki, Forney, Texas
Matt Mollohan, Batesburg, S.C.
Louis Monetti, Charlotte, N.C.
Ish Monroe, Oakdale, Calif.
Kyle Monti, Okeechobee, Fla.
Steve Morella, Townshend, Vt.
Brian Mullaney, Ijamsville, Md.
Alex Murray, Lake Charles, La.
Allan Nail, Sand Springs, Okla.

Joey Nania, Cropwell, Ala.
James Niggemeyer, Van, Texas
Tripp Noojin, Bryant, Ala.
Lance Owen, Greer, S.C.
Matt Pangrac, Bixby, Okla.
Garrett Paquette, Canton, Mich.
Logan Parks, Auburn, Ala.
Kyle Patrick, Cooperstown, N.Y.
David Perdue, Wirtz, Va.
Griffin Phillips, Mount Olive, Ala.
Brian Post, Janesville, Wis.
Jacob Pyles, Nolensville, Tenn.
Brayden Rakes, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Danny Ramsey, Trinidad, Texas
Adam Rasmussen, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Clark Reehm, Elm Grove, La.
Jerry Riddle Jr., Summit, Miss.
J T Russell, McCalla, Ala.
Hunter Sales, Blaine, Tenn.
Casey Scanlon, Eldon, Mo.
Marc Schilling, Carrollton, Texas
Steve Sennikoff, Edgewood, Texas
Logan Shaddix, Cummings, Ga.
Christian Shoda, Crystal River, Fla.
Caiden Sinclair, Logan, Ala.
Blake Smith, Lakeland, Fla.
Cody Stahl, Barnsville, Ga.
Bart Stanisz, Wichita Falls, Texas
Jimmy Steed, Zapata, Texas
Jaxon Sullivan, Reagan, Tenn.
Mike Surman, Boca Raton, Fla.
Trey Swindle, Cleveland, Ala.
Blake Sylvester, Plaquemine, La.
Paul Tabisz, Whitmore Lake, Mich.
Brandon Tallhamer, Parkersburg, WV
Steve Tennon, Lexington, Okla.
Bo Thomas, Edwardsburg, Mich.
Jacob Thompkins, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
JT Thompkins, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Timmy Thompkins, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Jason Tibbetts, Centerville, Va.
Jack Tindel, Orange, Texas
Reece Tremaglio, Dunkirk, Md.
Keith Tuma, Brainerd, Minn.
Andrew Upshaw, Hemphill, Texas
B.J. Usie, Bourg, La.
Daniel Valois Gomez, Coral Springs, Fla.
Brady Vernon, Sterrett, Ala.
Chancy Walters, West Des Moines, Iowa
Chad Warren, Sand Springs, Okla.
Jimmy Washam, Stantonville, Tenn.
Taylor Watkins, Clinton, Tenn.
Tommy Williams, Shepherdsville, Ky.
Tyler Williams, Belgrade, Maine
David Wootton, Collierville, Tenn.
Kenji Yamada, Hixson, Tenn.
Jack York, Emory, Texas

B.A.S.S. Nation

The B.A.S.S. Nation is a global network of locally organized clubs whose members participate in and support a range of activities, including tournaments, conservation initiatives and youth programs. They are organized in 48 U.S. states and 11 countries (Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Zimbabwe).

The B.A.S.S. Nation has played a major role in B.A.S.S. history since the inception of B.A.S.S. chapters in 1968 to combat water pollution at the local level. In 1972, these individual chapters were organized into state federations, now known as Nations.

B.A.S.S. founder Ray Scott called B.A.S.S. Nation members the “minutemen” of the organization. Through the years he called on members to support causes ranging from legislation to a famous 1970 lawsuit against 250 companies that B.A.S.S. alleged were polluting water in violation of the Federal Refuse Acts of 1899.

Each Nation has a group of officers, including a president, conservation director and youth director, who work closely with B.A.S.S. Nation staff to promote B.A.S.S. initiatives at the local, state and division levels.

The Nation Championship tournament will be made up of qualifiers from all five regions, and the Top 3 anglers from the overall championship standings will earn a berth to the 2024 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota. The Champion will earn the title of “Nation’s Best,” which includes the use of a fully-rigged tournament boat for a year, an invitation to join the 2024 Bassmaster Elite Series and a cash prize. The second- and third-place finishers and nonboater champion will each earn paid entry fees for all divisions of the St. Croix Bassmaster Opens with the opportunity to qualify for the Elite Series.

In 1994, Bryan Kerchal, the B.A.S.S. Nation champion that year, won the Bassmaster Classic on High Rock Lake, N.C. Other Nation qualifiers have come close to capturing the crown, including Justin Kerr, who qualified for the 2021 Classic through the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship and finished fourth, but none have matched Kerchal’s feat.

Underneath the B.A.S.S. Nation umbrella is the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship and the Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX, along with the Strike King Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops, the Strike King Bassmaster High School Series presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors and the Bassmaster Junior Series.

Follow the B.A.S.S. Nation at Bassmaster.com/b-a-s-s-nation.



TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Series

Central Regional

Arkansas River
Muskogee, Okla.
May 3-5

Southeast Regional

Douglas Lake
Jefferson County, Tenn.
May 24-26

Northeast Regional

Potomac River
Charles County, Md.
June 7-9

Northern Regional

Lake Winnebago
Fox Cities, Wis.
June 28-30

Western Regional

TBA
TBA
Sept. 13-15



Will Davis Jr. of Sylacauga, Ala., won the 2022 TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship on Pickwick Lake with 43 pounds, 8 ounces. His victory earned him a boat/motor package and berths in the 2023 Bassmaster Elite Series and the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

Team Anglers

Many anglers got their start in competitive fishing by teaming with friends in local weekend events on their home lakes.

It's always been a lot of fun, and there have been times when it could be a good money-making venture. But only recently have team events offered a path to the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

The final spot in the 2024 Bassmaster Classic will be filled on the same fishery that hosted 2023's first B.A.S.S. tournaments — Florida's Harris Chain of Lakes. The Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship and Classic Fish-Off will be held Dec. 6-9, 2023.

Founded in 2014, the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship starts with the same simple concept as most team events around the country. Two friends fish for two days out of the same boat for bass that will go in the same livewell. The team with the heaviest total weight wins the national team championship.

Then, the six anglers from the Top 3 teams are sent back onto the lake for a two-day solo competition that pits partners against partners as well as anglers from the other teams. The winning individual earns a berth in the Classic.

The Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship comprises the top teams from organized tournament trails across the United States. The trails must register with B.A.S.S. before the season.

The program has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception. In 2014, 38 trails signed up. That number grew to 62 trails (with more than 11,500 members) in 2021. The 2022 Team Championship event on legendary Lake Hartwell boasted a 250-boat field.

Collin Smith and Brady Kimbrell from South Carolina's 5 Alive Sunday Series held off the stacked 250-boat field to win the 2022 Bassmaster Team Championship with a two-day total of 30 pounds, 13 ounces.

Smith, a 27-year-old grounds foreman for Anderson County, would go on to claim victory in the Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off by weighing in a two-day total of 28-1, netting him a spot in the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota on the Tennessee River.

B.A.S.S. officials expect continued growth for the Team Championship, as the event gives grass-roots anglers a chance to chase their dreams of fishing the Bassmaster Classic.

For more information, contact GL Compton at 205-313-0900 or glcompton@bassmaster.com.



The 5 Alive Sunday Series team of Collin Smith and Brady Kimbrell from Anderson, S.C., won the 2022 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship on Lake Hartwell with a two-day total of 30 pounds, 13 ounces.



South Carolina angler Collin Smith of the 5 Alive Sunday Series won the 2022 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off with a two-day total of 10 bass weighing 28 pounds, 1 ounce, earning a spot in the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic. presented by Toyota.

Kayak Series

In 2020 B.A.S.S. launched a tournament trail aimed at kayak enthusiasts set on some of the country's most notable fisheries. Heading into its fourth season, the 2023 Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX will showcase an expanded format — all five regular-season events will feature two days of competition.

"It's been fun to watch anglers enjoy this trail as the sport — and our trail — continues to evolve and grow," said B.A.S.S. Vice President of Tournaments Chris Bowes. "We value the feedback of anglers who are traveling from across the country to fish with B.A.S.S., and the two-day events we experimented with last season were extremely well-received. We're excited to offer expanded competition on some iconic lakes."

Having crowned its first Bassmaster Kayak Series Angler of the Year in 2022, the 2023 season will allow anglers to compete for the the Dakota Lithium Bassmaster Kayak Series Angler of the Year award by accumulating points throughout regular-season events, with \$5,000 going to the angler who accumulates the most points during the season.

2022 saw Drew Gregory of Kent, Ohio, enjoy a dominant season, wherein he won three regular-season events en route to claiming the inaugural Angler of the Year award.

Kayak anglers practice "catch, photograph and release" to determine the standings. When an angler catches a bass, he or she photographs the fish lying on a standard-issue measuring board and submits the photo through a special mobile app provided by TourneyX. The boards measure each fish in inches down to 1/4 inch, and the angler with the longest five-bass limit wins. Once each photograph is submitted via the TourneyX app, a tournament director and judges deem the catch legal or not and enter an official length.

A real-time leaderboard will be available online during each tournament until an hour before weigh-in.

The Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series Championship powered by TourneyX will be held in conjunction with the 2024 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota. The Top 50 anglers in the AOY points race along with the Top 5 anglers from each event will earn a spot in the Championship. Anglers will earn points in every regular-season tournament with their lowest finish dropped to determine the final Angler of the Year standings.

Entry fees for regional events will be \$250, and each will pay 30 places. Based on a full field of 150 kayaks, the total purse for each event will be \$30,000.

For more information, visit Bassmaster.com/kayak.



Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX

Tour No. 1

Lake Guntersville
Scottsboro, Ala.
March 4-5

Tour No. 2

Lake Hartwell
Anderson, S.C.
April 15-16

Tour No. 3

Possum Kingdom Lake
Grafard, Texas
June 3-4

Tour No. 4

Mississippi River
La Crosse, Wis.
July 8-9

Tour No. 5

Susquehanna River
Lewisburg, Pa.
Oct. 7-8



The Dakota Lithium Bassmaster Kayak Series Angler of the Year award will feature a top prize of \$5,000.

College Bass Fishing

The Strike King Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops gives college anglers a taste of what it feels like to compete on a national level.

The series pits teams of college anglers against one another for cash, prizes, bragging rights and the ultimate prize in fishing: a chance to compete in the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.

UNC Charlotte's Louis Monetti of Brielle, N.J., won the 2022 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket presented by Lew's on Lake Greenwood and will compete for the \$300,000 top prize in the 2023 Bassmaster Classic on the Tennessee River as well as compete in all nine 2023 St. Croix Bassmaster Opens.

The 2023 Bassmaster College Series will consist of four tournaments and a Wild Card tournament, which offers an additional qualifying opportunity for the 2023 National Championship. While regular-season events will be two-day tournaments with the full field fishing both days, the National Championship will be a three-day tournament.

Additionally, the Bassmaster College Series will partner with the B.A.S.S. Nation to hold state qualifying tournaments, allowing college anglers to compete for a berth in the National Championship through their respective state's event.

All tour events are open to any college or university interested in participating. Teams can attend all four tour stops and the state qualifier if they choose to do so.

Teams will also be competing for the title of 2023 Bassmaster College Series Team of the Year. Each of the tour's two-day events will feature point-system scoring based on field size. The leading anglers in the Team of the Year points standings will be determined after the four regular-season events.

In their first year fishing together, Monetti and partner Michael Fugaro of UNC Charlotte took home the 2022 Team of the Year title. In four Bassmaster College Series stops, Monetti and Fugaro never finished lower than 26th place.

The Team of the Year — along with the Top 3 teams from the National Championship — will punch their ticket to the College Classic Bracket event, portions of which will air live on FS1.



UNC Charlotte's Louis Monetti won the 2022 Bassmaster College Classic Bracket presented by Lew's, earning a berth in the 2023 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota.



Strike King Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops

Tour No. 1

Harris Chain of Lakes
Leesburg, Fla.
Jan. 26-27

Tour No. 2

Cherokee Lake
Jefferson County, Tenn.
March 31-April 1

Tour No. 3

James River
Richmond, Va.
April 21-22

Tour No. 4

Red River
Natchitoches, La.
May 4-5

Wild Card Tournament

Lay Lake
Shelby County, Ala.
June 9-10

College National Championship

TBA

College Classic Bracket

TBA

For more information, visit Bassmaster.com/college, or follow on facebook.com/collegebass or contact Glenn Cale, Tournament Manager – College, High School & Youth, at gcale@bassmaster.com or bn@bassmaster.com.

High School Bass Fishing

The Strike King Bassmaster High School Series presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors was designed to help shape the future of bass fishing — one high school club at a time. The High School Series embraces and promotes the importance of education and conservation and gives high school students the opportunity to compete in the extremely popular Bassmaster High School Opens.

The High School Series debuted in 2013 and since its inception has grown immensely, currently involving more than 10,000 student athletes representing more than 800 clubs in 45 states — an astounding 724% increase in the number of clubs and schools competing.

Each two-person team is accompanied by an adult “captain” who operates the boat. Due to the soaring popularity of the trail, the field size is capped at 250 boats.

In 2018, the High School Series expanded to four Opens in which high school teams competed for berths in the Strike King Bassmaster High School Championship presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

The Bassmaster Junior Series was also added to the annual slate of events in the Bassmaster High School Series. Each high school event includes a field of up to 50 boats for competitors ranging from second to eighth grade, with accompanying coaches or team captains.

The Bassmaster Elite Series field is littered with anglers who have competed in B.A.S.S. youth programs, including rookies Copper Gallant, part of the first Canadian team to qualify for the Bassmaster High School National Championship, and Alex Wetherell, a 2010 Bassmaster Junior World Champion.

An exhibition tournament is also held each year in conjunction with the Bassmaster Classic.

For the ninth consecutive year, judges will select Bassmaster All-State anglers and the Bassmaster High School All-American Fishing Team, both presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Students can be nominated by parents, coaches or school officials. Two students from each state are named to their respective All-State teams, and the 12 All-Americans are then selected from that list. Students are judged based on their success in high school fishing competitions, academic achievements, leadership skills and community involvement.



Strike King Bassmaster High School Series presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors

Tour No. 1

Harris Chain of Lakes
Leesburg, Fla.
Jan. 29

Tour No. 2

Lay Lake
Shelby County, Ala.
Feb. 25

Tour No. 3

Chickamauga Lake
Dayton, Tenn.
April 15

Tour No. 4

Red River
Natchitoches, La.
May 7

High School National Championship TBA

To learn more about the High School Series program, visit Bassmaster.com/high-school or contact Glenn Cale, Tournament Manager – College, High School & Youth, at gcale@bassmaster.com or bn@bassmaster.com.

High School Combine

In 2021, B.A.S.S. launched its inaugural Bassmaster High School Combine presented by Skeeter on Wheeler Lake in Decatur, Ala. The High School Combine was designed to be a three-day event where young anglers were given the opportunity to perform multiple tasks to show their skill set not only on the water, but also display their knowledge of the sport as a whole. After the first day, colleges had the opportunity to select anglers for a “second look” where they were able to further explore everything the angler had to offer and see if they would be a good fit for their fishing program.

The inaugural High School Combine generated more than \$2.6 million in scholarship offers, and 2022 saw an uptick in participation for the event. The spotlight on Combine anglers has continued to grow, with students signing scholarship offers on-site as well as at Bassmaster High School Series events.

The 2023 High School Combine will be held on Wheeler Lake Sept. 15-17. Registration is capped at 110 students. To learn more, contact Glenn Cale at gcale@bassmaster.com.

High School All-American

2022 saw some of the highest levels of participation in the Bassmaster High School All-American presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors program. Nearly 400 applications nominating students in grades 10-12 were submitted from 34 states. Of those, 53 students were selected as Bassmaster All-State anglers. After a second group of judges took an extensive look at tournament history, conservation efforts, community service activities and recommendations from school officials and coaches, the Top 12 anglers in the country were selected.

Each year, the Bassmaster All-American class is invited to participate in an exclusive tournament, which is held in conjunction with a special All-American weekend at a Bassmaster Elite tournament.

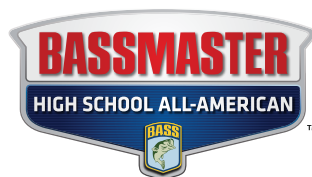
For more information, contact Mandy Pascal at 205-313-0955 or allamerican@bassmaster.com.



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Phillip Herring, Alex Standerfer and Nathan Preston took home top honors at the 2022 Bassmaster High School Combine presented by Skeeter, winning the overall competition and individual skills challenges.



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Each year the Bassmaster High School All-American presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors program names the Top 12 high school anglers in the country and gives them the opportunity to participate in an exclusive All-American tournament.

Redfish Cup Championship

Originally launched in 2003 and produced by pioneering outdoor television company JM Associates, 2021 saw the Redfish Cup Championship revived after a 12-year hiatus. For the past two years, portions of the event have aired live on FS1. With Yamaha and Skeeter partnering with B.A.S.S. to present the Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter, the 2023 tournament will feature 10 teams comprised of both redfish and Bassmaster Elite pros.

“The return of the Redfish Cup Championship [in 2021] was a big success, and we expect it to grow even more,” said Susan Camp, Division Manager, Marketing, Yamaha U.S. Marine Business Unit. “This tournament is unique because it pairs fresh and saltwater anglers together and, by doing so, expands the reach of the Yamaha and Skeeter brands within competitive fishing.”

Many anglers pursue both bass and redfish, in part due to the fact that the fish behave so similarly. Both bass and redfish are ambush predators known to violently strike out at reaction lures, and both species tend to linger around the same kind of habitat. It’s not uncommon for anglers to catch both species of fish from the same stretch of shoreline.

Redfish can be found in the Gulf of Mexico and along the East Coast from Florida to Massachusetts. Juvenile redfish often dwell in the protected inshore waters of bays and estuaries and head offshore after reaching maturity, where they form schools. A fully mature redfish typically reaches between 28 to 33 inches long, and some have been known to reach weights of over 40 pounds.

The 10-team field will target this powerful predator fish over the course of the three-day tournament. With only a two-fish limit per day and a slot limit per fish of 20 to 28 inches, the pros will be on the hunt for upper-slot fish and the \$75,000 first-place prize.

The Redfish World Series team of Edward Adams of Metairie, La., and Sean O’Connell of Mandeville, La., won the 2022 Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter with a three-day total of 48 pounds, 3 ounces. Adams and O’Connell bested the all-star team of Bassmaster Elite Series veteran Chris Zaldain of Fort Worth, Texas, and IFA Redfish Tour standout Ryan Rickard of Brandon, Fla., who won the 2021 Redfish Cup.

For more information, visit Bassmaster.com/redfish.



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The Redfish World Series team of Edward Adams of Metairie, La., and Sean O’Connell of Mandeville, La., led the entirety of the 2022 Yamaha Bassmaster Redfish Cup Championship presented by Skeeter and captured their win wire-to-wire.



“The stage that we were fishing and the platform that B.A.S.S. created is unparalleled by anything I’ve ever fished in redfishing,” Adams said after winning. “People now get to see what we do. This brought redfishing to a new stage, and I can’t thank B.A.S.S. enough.”

Fantasy Fishing

Rapala Bassmaster Fantasy Fishing provides a competitive platform for enthusiastic fans to test their knowledge of professional fishing and their prognostication skills to win gear packages, gift cards and more. Participants select their best five-angler team for each of the nine Elite Series events and the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota, then compete against other players to score the highest number of points. Points are awarded based on each angler's final standings at the end of an Elite Series event.

The overall Fantasy Fishing winner for the season will win a trip to South Carolina to fish with former Bassmaster Classic champion and current Bassmaster LIVE host Davy Hite, as well as a prize package valued at over \$21,000.

2022 saw nearly 59,000 fans compete for over \$90,000 in prizes throughout the season.

“Over the past three years with Rapala entitling Bassmaster Fantasy Fishing, the game has grown by 45%,” said B.A.S.S. Vice President of Digital, Jim Sexton, “and even though Drain the Lake launched midway through the 2021 season, it still had more than 14,500 players.”

Initially launching during the 2021 Elite Series season, the Mercury Bassmaster Drain the Lake Challenge posed a new challenge to even the most seasoned Fantasy Fishing players. In the 2022 season, the first full season of Drain the Lake, more than 20,600 fans played. Instead of choosing anglers from buckets, as is the method for normal Fantasy Fishing, Drain the Lake participants are able to choose any eight Elite Series anglers to fill their team per tournament. However, each angler can only be used once throughout the duration of the entire season, meaning players must consider the entire Elite Series tournament trail, as well as the Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota, as they make their selections for each individual event. Players who select the winning angler for an event will receive bonus points to their score.

The Top 5 points leaders for each event will receive a \$200 Mercury gift card. The 2023 Drain the Lake Challenge overall winner will receive a fishing trip in Michigan with Bassmaster LIVE host Mark Zona, with airfare, hotel and \$150 in spending money included.

B.A.S.S. members who are top finishers in each event will receive a \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card in addition to their prize. Registration for both games, along with full rules and a description of each prize package, can be found at Bassmaster.com/fantasy.



In just her second season playing Rapala Bassmaster Fantasy Fishing, Erin White of Grapevine, Texas, took home the grand prize. White collected 11,841 points to win a grand prize package that included a \$15,000 Bass Pro Shops gift card, \$5,000 cash, a Rapala prize package and an expense-paid trip to fish with Davy Hite.



The second season of the Mercury Bassmaster Drain the Lake Challenge was dominated by Dylan Pierce of Maysville, Ky. Pierce amassed 19,372 points and won a fishing trip with Bassmaster LIVE host Mark Zona, which included round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations and \$150 spending money. Pierce was also rewarded with a \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card for being a B.A.S.S. member.

2023 Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament Trail



Bassmaster Elite at
Lake Okeechobee

Competition Dates: **Feb. 16-19, 2023**

Fishery: **Lake Okeechobee**

Location: **Okeechobee, Fla.**

Host: **Okeechobee County**

Total B.A.S.S Events: **22**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:
11th, Southeastern Division, 2022

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series
Winner: **Timmy Horton (83-5),
2017 A.R.E. Truck Caps
Bassmaster Elite at Lake
Okeechobee**



Bassmaster Elite at **Lake Seminole**

Competition Dates: **Feb. 23-26, 2023**

Fishery: **Lake Seminole**

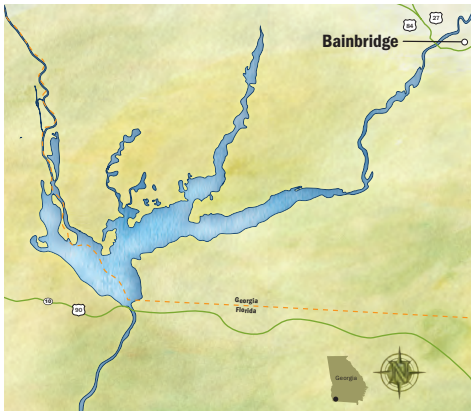
Location: **Bainbridge, Ga.**

Host: **City of Bainbridge
Community Development**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **15**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:
12th, Southeastern Division, 2022

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:
**Brett Hite (97-10), 2014 Dick
Cepek Tires Bassmaster Elite at
Lake Seminole presented by
Hardee's**





Bassmaster Elite at **Lake Murray**

Competition Dates: **April 20-23, 2023**

Fishery: **Lake Murray**

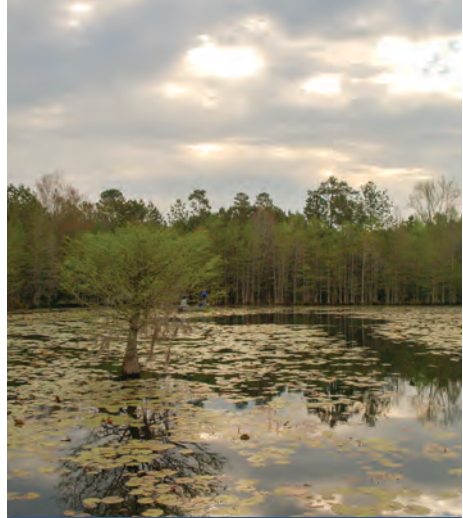
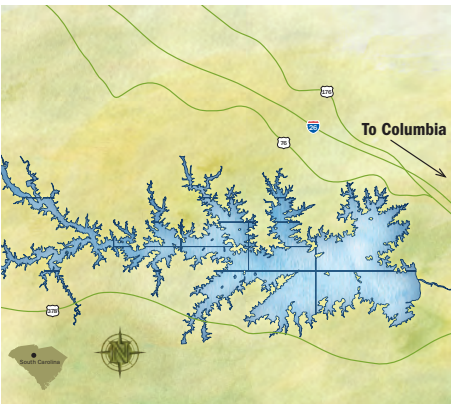
Location: **Columbia, S.C.**

Host: **Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **9**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank: **20th, Southeastern Division, 2022**

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner: **Casey Ashley (61-3), 2011 Elite Series – Evan Williams Bourbon Carolina Clash**



Bassmaster Elite at **Santee Cooper Lakes**

Competition Dates: **April 27-30, 2023**

Fishery: **Santee Cooper Lakes**

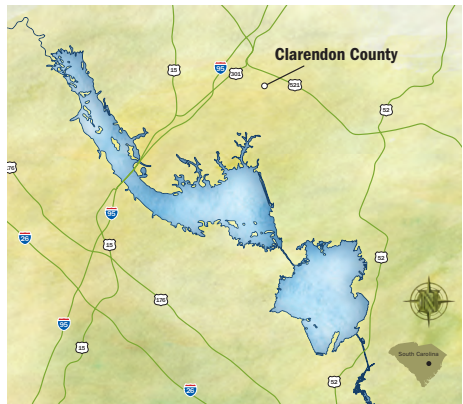
Location: **Clarendon County, S.C.**

Host: **Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **15**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank: **10th, Overall, 2022; 2nd, Southeastern Division, 2022**

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner: **Drew Cook (105-5), 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Santee Cooper Lakes**





Bassmaster Elite at **Lay Lake**

Competition Dates: **May 11-14, 2023**

Fishery: **Lay Lake**

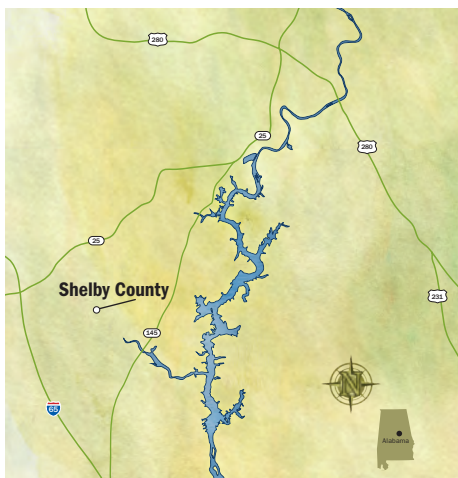
Location: **Shelby County, Ala.**

Host: **Discover Shelby**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **5**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:
25th, Southeastern Division, 2016

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:
N/A



Bassmaster Elite at **Sabine River**

Competition Dates: **June 1-4, 2023**

Fishery: **Sabine River**

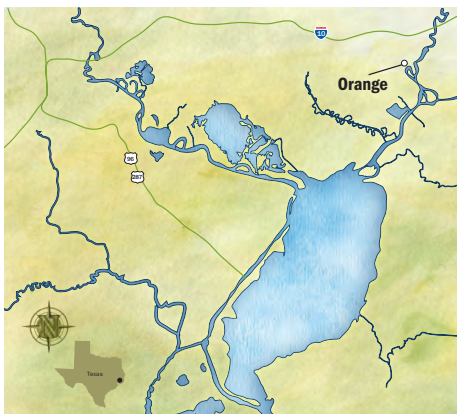
Location: **Orange, Texas**

Host: **Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **5**

Bassmaster Top 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:
N/A

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:
**Jason Christie (43-15), 2021
Dovetail Games Bassmaster
Elite at Sabine River sponsored by Bassmaster 2022 the video game**





Bassmaster Elite at **Lake St. Clair**

Competition Dates: **July 27-30, 2023**

Fishery: **Lake St. Clair**

Location: **Macomb County, Mich.**

Host: **Detroit Sports Commission**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **8**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:

4th, Overall, 2022; 2nd, Northeastern Division, 2022

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:

Bill Weidler (86-7), 2020 YETI Bassmaster Elite at Lake St. Clair



Bassmaster Elite at **Lake Champlain**

Competition Dates: **Aug. 17-20, 2023**

Fishery: **Lake Champlain**

Location: **Plattsburgh, N.Y.**

Host: **Adirondack Coast Visitors Center; City of Plattsburgh**

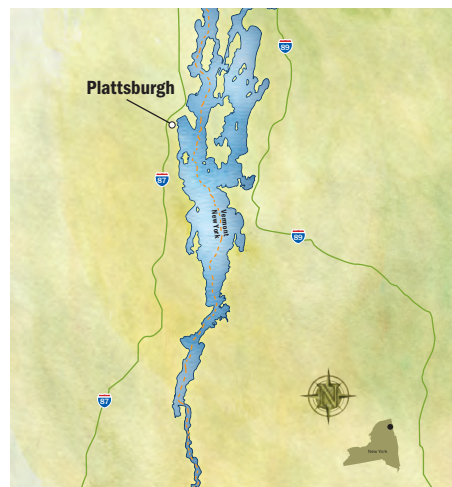
Total B.A.S.S. Events: **14**

Bassmaster Top 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:

4th, Northeastern Division, 2022

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:

Bryan Schmitt (78-5), 2021 Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Lake Champlain





Bassmaster Elite at
St. Lawrence River

Competition Dates: **Aug. 24-27, 2023**

Fishery: **St. Lawrence River**

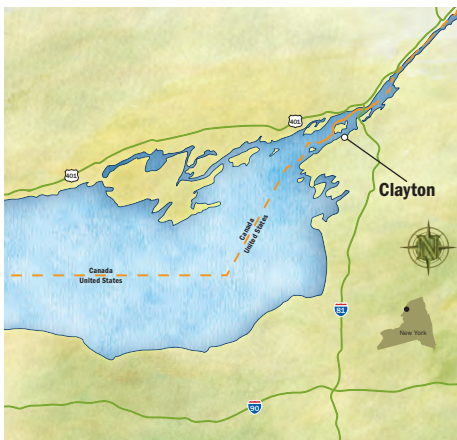
Location: **Clayton, N.Y.**

Host: **Clayton Chamber of Commerce**

Total B.A.S.S. Events: **23**

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes Rank:
1st, Overall, 2022; 1st, Northeastern Division, 2022

Most Recent Bassmaster Elite Series Winner:
**Jay Przekurat (102-9), 2022
Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster
Elite at St. Lawrence River**



Best Bass Lakes Of 2022



Since 2012, *Bassmaster* Magazine has released annual rankings of the country's best bass fisheries.

A study by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation shows that in the past year nearly 55 million Americans have gone fishing. Those eager anglers hunting for giants need to set their sights on New York according to *Bassmaster* Magazine's annual 100 Best Bass Lakes ranking. The St. Lawrence River, which topped the 2019 100 Best Bass Lakes list, has returned to the throne in the 2022 rankings, beating out other notable fisheries to claim the No. 1 spot.

"We are always a little surprised when going through the data how many fisheries make the rankings and then fall off, as well as by those lakes that just always make the list," explained *Bassmaster* Magazine Editor-in-Chief James Hall. "Creating the rankings takes more than two months as we dig through current tournament data as well as state fishery information on stocking efforts, catch rates and angler access.

"While the fisheries may change, our goal is to point anglers toward the most productive waters so that your time is spent with rod bent. These rankings provide a bucket list of destinations for anglers."

For complete rankings, including the Top 25 lakes in our geographical regions — Central, Western, Southeastern and Northeastern — visit [Bassmaster.com/best-bass-lakes](https://www.bassmaster.com/best-bass-lakes).

Top 10

1. St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands), New York
2. O.H. Ivie Lake, Texas
3. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, California
4. Lake St. Clair, Michigan
5. Fellsmere Reservoir/Stick Marsh/Kenansville Lake, Florida
6. Clear Lake, California
7. Lake Fork, Texas
8. Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River, New York
9. Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Texas
10. Santee Cooper Lakes (Marion/Moultrie), South Carolina

Opens Division 1



Division 1 No. 1

Competition Days: **March 2-4**

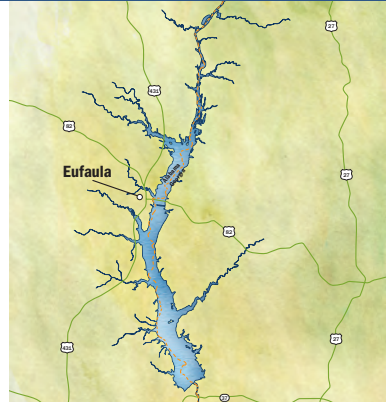
Fishery: **Lake Eufaula**

Location: **Eufaula, Ala.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **17**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Buddy Gross (84-8)**, DEWALT Bassmaster Elite at Lake Eufaula, June 10-13, 2020

Host: **Eufaula Barbour Chamber of Commerce**



Division 1 No. 2

Competition Days: **May 18-20**

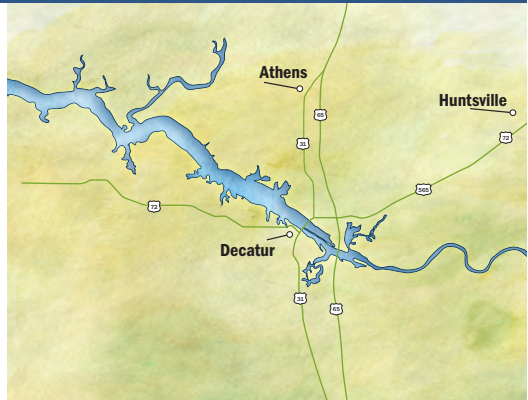
Fishery: **Wheeler Lake**

Location: **Decatur, Ala.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **12**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Takahiro Omori (81-6)**, Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Elite at Wheeler Lake, April 28-May 1, 2016

Host: **Decatur Morgan County Tourism**



Division 1 No. 3

Competition Days: **October 12-14**

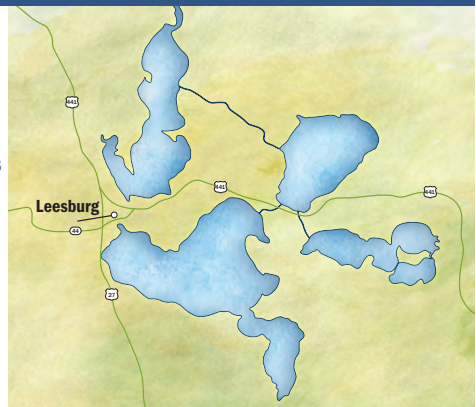
Fishery: **Harris Chain of Lakes**

Location: **Leesburg, Fla.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **18**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Buddy Gross (77-11)**, SiteOne Bassmaster Elite at Harris Chain, Feb. 17-20, 2022

Host: **Visit Lake, City of Leesburg & Greater Orlando Sports Commission**



Division 2 No. 1

Competition Days: **April 13-15**

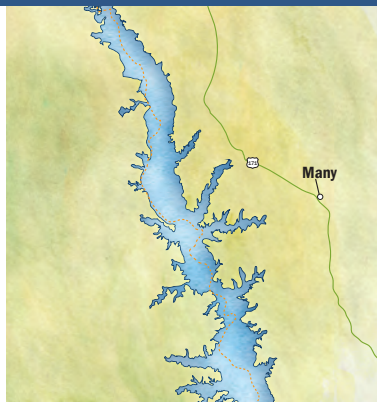
Fishery: **Toledo Bend**

Location: **Many, La.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **18**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Darold Gleason (40-2)**, Central Open No. 1, Feb. 20-22, 2019

Host: **Sabine Parish Tourist & Recreational Commission**



Division 2 No. 2

Competition Days: **June 15-17**

Fishery: **Lake Eufaula**

Location: **Eufaula, Okla.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **3**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Leo Osborne (50-0)**, Oklahoma Invitational, April 29-May 1, 1999

Host: **Eufaula Conservation & Fishing Association**



Division 2 No. 3

Competition Days: **Sept. 22-24**

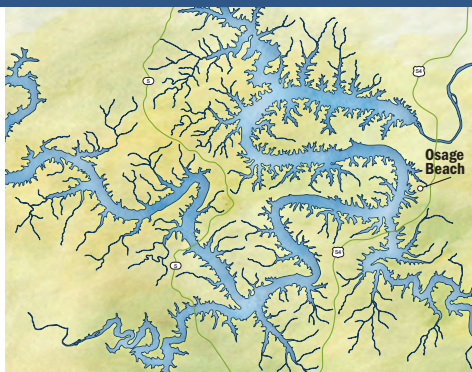
Fishery: **Lake of the Ozarks**

Location: **Osage Beach, Mo.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **11**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Jackie Davis (26-0)**, Missouri Central Open, Nov. 8-10, 2001

Host: **Central Missouri's Tri-County Lodging Association**



Opens Division 3



Division 3 No. 1

Competition Days: **May 3-5**

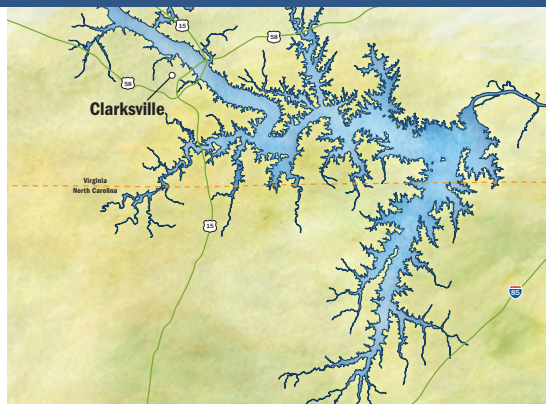
Fishery: **Buggs Island Reservoir**

Location: **Clarksville, Va.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **11**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **George Cochran (41-6)**, Virginia Invitational, Oct. 1-3, 1998

Host: **Mecklenburg County Tourism**



Division 3 No. 2

Competition Days: **July 20-22**

Fishery: **St. Lawrence River**

Location: **Waddington, N.Y.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **23**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Jay Przekurat (102-9)**, Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River, July 14-17, 2022

Host: **St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce**



Division 3 No. 3

Competition Days: **Sept. 14-16**

Fishery: **Watts Bar Reservoir**

Location: **Kingston, Tenn.**

B.A.S.S. Events: **3**

Most recent B.A.S.S. winner: **Al Linder (42-14)**, Tennessee Invitational, May 1-3, 1974

Host: **City of Kingston**



Angler Bonus And Contingency Programs

Standard payouts based on how well an angler finishes in an event are not the only means by which fishermen earn money. Many B.A.S.S. sponsors offer monetary awards that are contingent on participation or use of a specific product.

Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Toyota

- ✦ The Mercury Big Bass Award of \$2,500 will be presented to the angler who weighs the overall biggest bass of the event.
- ✦ Rapala's Monster Bag prize pays \$7,000 to the angler with the heaviest single-day bag during the Classic.
- ✦ Toyota Bonus Bucks pays \$7,500 to the highest-placing eligible angler and \$2,500 to the second-highest-placing eligible angler.
- ✦ Yamaha Power Pay awards \$20,000 to the highest-placing eligible entrant.

Bassmaster Elite Series

- ✦ The Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year winner will receive a \$100,000 prize.
- ✦ The Bassmaster Rookie of the Year title awards \$10,000 to the highest-placing rookie in the Elite Series Angler of the Year race.



- ✦ Toyota Bonus Bucks presents \$3,000 to the highest-placing eligible entrant. The second-highest-placing eligible angler gets \$2,000.
- ✦ The VMC Monster Bag prize pays \$2,000 to the angler with the heaviest single-day bag.
- ✦ The Phoenix Boats Big Bass Award of \$1,000 will be presented to the angler who weighs the biggest bass each day as well as \$1,000 for the overall biggest bass of the event.
- ✦ Yamaha Power Pay awards \$4,000 to an eligible angler if they win an Elite Series event, or \$2,500 to the highest-placing eligible entrant if they do not win. The second-highest-finishing eligible entrant is awarded \$1,500.
- ✦ The BassTrakk Contingency Prize awards \$1,000 to the angler whose BassTrakk estimates are closest to their official weight for Days 1 & 2.

St. Croix Rods Bassmaster Opens

- ✦ The St. Croix Rods Rewards program pays \$1,000 to a qualifying angler who wins an Open or \$500 to the highest-finishing Top 10 angler fishing St. Croix Rods. The highest-finishing eligible co-angler earns \$250.
- ✦ The Phoenix Boats Big Bass Award of \$750 will be presented to the angler who weighs the event's biggest bass in the pro division, and \$250 will be awarded to the co-angler who weighs the overall biggest bass.
- ✦ Toyota Bonus Bucks pays \$1,500 to the highest-placing eligible pro and \$1,000 to the second-highest-placing eligible pro. The top eligible co-angler receives \$300, and the co-angler who places next-highest gets \$150.
- ✦ Yamaha Power Pay awards \$1,500 to the highest-placing eligible entrant and \$750 to the second-highest-finishing eligible entrant.
- ✦ The pro angler with the heaviest weight using Garmin electronics will earn \$500.

Yamaha Rightwaters Bassmaster Kayak Series powered by TourneyX

- ✦ The Dakota Lithium Bassmaster Kayak Series Angler of the Year title awards a \$5,000 cash payout.

The B.A.S.S. Record Book



Bassmaster Classic Champions

2022 **Jason Christie** (1)
Lake Hartwell, Greenville, S.C.
54-00

2021 **Hank Cherry** (2)
Lake Ray Roberts, Fort Worth,
Texas 50-15

2020 **Hank Cherry** (2)
Lake Guntersville, Birmingham, Ala.
65-05

2019 **Ott DeFoe** (1)
Tennessee River, Knoxville, Tenn.
49-03

2018 **Jordan Lee** (2)
Lake Hartwell, Greenville, S.C.
47-01

2017 **Jordan Lee** (2)
Lake Conroe, Houston, Texas
56-10

2016 **Edwin Evers** (1)
Grand Lake O' the Cherokees,
Tulsa, Okla. 60-07

2015 **Casey Ashley** (1)
Lake Hartwell, Greenville, S.C. 50-01

2014 **Randy Howell** (1)
Lake Guntersville, Birmingham, Ala.
67-08

2013 **Cliff Pace** (1)
Grand Lake O' the Cherokees,
Tulsa, Okla. 54-12

2012 **Chris Lane** (1)
Red River, Shreveport-Bossier City,
La. 51-06

2011 **Kevin VanDam** (4)
Louisiana Delta, New Orleans, La.
69-11

2010 **Kevin VanDam** (4)
Lay Lake, Birmingham, Ala. 51-06

2009 **Skeet Reese** (1)
Red River, Shreveport-Bossier City,
La. 54-13

2008 **Alton Jones** (1)
Lake Hartwell, Greenville, S.C.
49-07

2007 **Boyd Duckett** (1)
Lay Lake, Birmingham, Ala. 48-10

2006 **Luke Clausen** (1)
Lake Tohopekaliga, Kissimmee, Fla.
56-02

2005 **Kevin VanDam** (4)
Three Rivers, Pittsburgh, Pa. 12-15

2004 **Takahiro Omori** (1)
Lake Wylie, Charlotte, N.C. 39-02

2003 **Mike Iaconelli** (1)
Louisiana Delta, New Orleans, La.
37-14

2002 **Jay Yelas** (1)
Lay Lake, Birmingham, Ala. 45-13

2001 **Kevin VanDam** (4)
Louisiana Delta, New Orleans, La.
32-05

2000 **Woo Daves** (1)
Lake Michigan, Chicago, Ill. 27-13

1999 **Davy Hite** (1)
Louisiana Delta, New Orleans, La.
55-10

1998 **Denny Brauer** (1)
High Rock Lake, Greensboro, N.C.
46-03

1997 **Dion Hibdon** (1)
Logan Martin Lake, Birmingham,
Ala. 34-13

1996 **George Cochran** (2)
Lay Lake, Birmingham, Ala. 31-14

1995 **Mark Davis** (1)
High Rock Lake, Greensboro, N.C.
47-14

1994 **Bryan Kerchal** (1)
High Rock Lake, Greensboro, N.C.
36-07

1993 **David Fritts** (1)
Logan Martin Lake, Birmingham,
Ala. 48-06

1992 **Robert Hamilton Jr.** (1)
Logan Martin Lake, Birmingham, Ala.
59-06

1991 **Ken Cook** (1)
Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore, Md. 33-02

1990 **Rick Clunn** (4)
James River, Richmond, Va. 34-05

1989 **Hank Parker** (2)
James River, Richmond, Va. 31-06

1988 **Guido Hibdon** (1)
James River, Richmond, Va. 28-08

1987 **George Cochran** (2)
Ohio River, Louisville, Ky. 15-05

1986 **Charlie Reed** (1)
Tennessee River, Chattanooga,
Tenn. 23-09

1985 **Jack Chancellor** (1)
Arkansas River, Pine Bluff, Ark. 45-00

1984 **Rick Clunn** (4)
Arkansas River, Pine Bluff, Ark. 75-09

1983 **Larry Nixon** (1)
Ohio River, Cincinnati, Ohio 18-01

1982 **Paul Elias** (1)
Alabama River, Montgomery, Ala.
32-08

1981 **Stanley Mitchell** (1)
Alabama River, Montgomery, Ala.
35-02

1980 **Bo Dowden** (1)
St. Lawrence River, Alexandria Bay,
N.Y. 54-10

1979 **Hank Parker** (2)
Lake Texoma, Pottsboro, Texas 31-00

1978 **Bobby Murray** (2)
Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson,
Miss. 37-09

1977 **Rick Clunn** (4)
Lake Tohopekaliga, Kissimmee, Fla.
27-07

1976 **Rick Clunn** (4)
Lake Guntersville, Guntersville, Ala.
59-15

1975 **Jack Hains** (1)
Currituck Sound, Nags Head, N.C.
45-04

1974 **Tommy Martin** (1)
Wheeler Lake, Rogersville, Ala. 33-07

1973 **Rayo Breckenridge** (1)
Clarks Hill Reservoir, McCormick,
S.C. 52-08

1972 **Don Butler** (1)
Percy Priest Reservoir, Nashville,
Tenn. 38-11

1971 **Bobby Murray** (2)
Lake Mead, Las Vegas, Nev. 43-11

MOST APPEARANCES

32

Rick Clunn

30

Gary Klein

28

Kevin VanDam

25

Roland Martin

Larry Nixon

MOST CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES

28

Rick Clunn

1974-2001

Classic Records

HEAVIEST WINNING CATCH 75-9 Rick Clunn 1984

HEAVIEST WINNING CATCH (FIVE-BASS LIMIT)

Weight	Angler	Year
69-11	Kevin VanDam	2011
67-8	Randy Howell	2014
65-5	Hank Cherry	2020
60-7	Edwin Evers	2016
59-6	Robert Hamilton	1992

LIGHTEST WINNING CATCH

Weight	Angler	Year
12-15	Kevin VanDam	2005
15-5	George Cochran	1987
18-1	Larry Nixon	1983
23-9	Charlie Reed	1986
27-7	Rick Clunn	1977

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

Margin	Champion/Second Place	Year, Venue
25-8	Rick Clunn/Greg South	1984, Arkansas River, Ark.
13-7	Don Butler/Ricky Green	1972, Percy Priest Rsvr., Tenn.
10-11	Kevin VanDam/Aaron Martens	2011, Louisiana Delta, La.
10-9	Bo Dowden/Roland Martin	1980, St. Lawrence River, N.Y.

SMALLEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

Margin	Champion/Second Place	Year, Venue
0-1	Dion Hibdon/Dalton Bobo	1997, Lake Logan Martin, Ala.
0-2	Hank Parker/Jim Bitter	1989, James River, Va.
0-3	Ken Cook/Randall Romig	1991, Chesapeake Bay, Md.
0-4	Bryan Kerchal/Tommy Biffle	1994, High Rock Lake, N.C.

HEAVIEST DAILY CATCH – FIVE-BASS LIMIT

Weight	Angler	Venue	Year (Day)
32-3	Paul Mueller	Lake Guntersville, Ala.	2014 (2)
29-6	Luke Clausen	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2006 (1)
29-3	Hank Cherry	Lake Guntersville, Ala.	2020 (1)
29-3	Edwin Evers	Grand Lake, Okla.	2016 (3)
29-2	Randy Howell	Lake Guntersville, Ala.	2014 (3)

HEAVIEST BASS

Weight	Angler	Venue	Year (Day)
11-10	Preston Clark	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2006 (1)
10-10	Rick Clunn	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2006 (1)
9-12	Brent Ehrler	Lake Conroe, Texas	2017 (1)
9-12	Mark Tucker	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2006 (1)
9-9	Ott DeFoe	Lake Conroe, Texas	2017 (3)

MOST WINS

4

Rick Clunn
1976, 1977, 1984, 1990
Kevin VanDam
2001, 2005, 2010, 2011

2

George Cochran
1987, 1996
Bobby Murray
1971, 1978
Hank Parker
1979, 1989
Jordan Lee
2017, 2018
Hank Cherry
2020, 2021

Bassmaster Century Belts

2022 Jay Przekurat (102-9)
2022 Cory Johnston (100-5)
2022 Drew Cook (105-5)
2022 Caleb Kuphall (103-1)
2022 Lee Livesay (113-11)
2022 Brandon Palaniuk (102-2)
2022 Gerald Swindle (102-2)
2022 Shane LeHew (100-9)
2021 Lee Livesay (112-5)
2021 Patrick Walters (102-5)
2021 Patrick Walters (104-12)
2019 Brandon Cobb (114-0)
2019 Garrett Paquette (101-15)
2013 Keith Combs (111-5)
2013 Rick Clunn (105-6)
2013 John Crews (103-13)
2012 Ish Monroe (108-5)
2009 Aaron Martens (107-8)
2009 Skeet Reese (104-4)
2009 Kevin Wirth (102-3)
2009 Mike Iaconelli (101-1)
2008 Paul Elias (132-8)
2008 Terry Scroggins (132-4)
2008 Byron Velvick (131-15)
2008 Aaron Martens (129-7)
2008 Mark Davis (128-15)
2008 Scott Rook (125-10)
2008 Scott Campbell (120-1)
2008 Jason Williamson (118-2)
2008 Ben Matsubu (114-13)
2008 Casey Ashley (113-3)
2008 Mike Iaconelli (112-6)
2008 Rick Morris (108-7)
2007 Derek Remitz (111-7)
2007 Mike Iaconelli (103-11)
2007 Steve Kennedy (101-10)
2007 Todd Faircloth (100-5)
2007 Steve Kennedy (122-14)
2007 Skeet Reese (117-6)
2007 Greg Gutierrez (108-1)
2007 Gerald Swindle (105-8)
2007 John Murray (103-1)
2007 Kelly Jordon (102-10)
2007 Paul Elias (101-15)
2006 Preston Clark (115-15)
2006 Aaron Martens (108-4)
2006 Skeet Reese (108-0)
2006 Steve Kennedy (104-2)
2006 Kelly Jordon (103-3)
2006 Dean Rojas (102-10)
2006 Ish Monroe (104-8)
2006 Fred Roumbanis (101-13)
2001 Dean Rojas (108-12)

B.A.S.S. Tournament Records



On the first day of the 2001 Florida Top 150 on Lake Tohopekaliga, Dean Rojas brought in the heaviest five-bass limit in B.A.S.S. history. It weighed 45 pounds, 2 ounces.

Heaviest Single-Day Catch (Five-Bass Limit)

Weight	Angler	Date	Lake
45-2	Dean Rojas	Jan. 17, 2001	Lake Tohopekaliga, Fla.
44-4	Terry Scroggins	April 6, 2008	Falcon Lake, Texas
42-3	Lee Livesay	April 25, 2021	Lake Fork, Texas
42-0	Aaron Martens	April 6, 2008	Falcon Lake, Texas
41-11	Byron Velvick	April 6, 2008	Falcon Lake, Texas

Top 10 Heaviest Bass in B.A.S.S. Competition

1.	Mark Tyler	14-9	California Delta, Calif.	1999
2.	Mark Menendez	13-9	Richland Chambers, Texas	1997
3.	Scott Campbell	13-2	Falcon Lake, Texas	2008
4.	Mike Iaconelli	12-13	Lake Amistad, Texas	2009
4.	Bob Tyndall	12-13	St. Johns River, Fla.	1973
6.	Jeff Reynolds	12-11	Clear Lake, Calif.	2007
7.	John Sappington	12-8	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2001
8.	Scott Campbell	12-7	Lake Amistad, Texas	2007
9.	Bill Bailey	12-3	St. Johns River, Fla.	1973
10.	David Walker	12-1	Kissimmee Chain, Fla.	2001
10.	Tim Horton	12-1	Clear Lake, Calif.	2007



At the 2020 Toyota Bassmaster Texas Fest benefiting Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, winner Patrick Walters not only earned a coveted century belt for breaking the 100-pound mark in a four-day tournament (104 pounds, 12 ounces), he set a Bassmaster record for largest margin of victory by finishing 29 pounds, 10 ounces ahead of the second-place angler.

Top 5 Bassmaster Pro Events Tournament States

114
Alabama
87
Florida
71
Texas
66
New York
50
Tennessee

Cumulative Weight For Career

13,274-4
Rick Clunn

11,827-9
Kevin VanDam

11,554-9
Gary Klein

Most B.A.S.S. Events By Lake

**Sam Rayburn
Reservoir**
35

Lake Guntersville
26

St. Johns River
24

St. Lawrence River
23

Lake Okeechobee
22

Harris Chain
18

Lake Toho
18

Toledo Bend
18

B.A.S.S. Tournament Records



Jay Przekurat weighed in 102 pounds, 9 ounces of small-mouth en route to becoming the youngest champion in Elite Series history.

Top 10 Heaviest Total Weights (Five-Bass Limit)

132-8

Paul Elias

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

132-4

Terry Scroggins

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

131-15

Byron Velvick

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

129-7

Aaron Martens

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

128-15

Mark Davis

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

125-10

Scott Rook

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

122-14

Steve Kennedy

2007, Clear Lake, Calif.

120-1

Scott Campbell

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

118-2

Jason Williamson

2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

117-6

Skeet Reese

2007, Clear Lake, Calif.

Youngest Bassmaster Elite Series Winners

Age (Y-M-D)	Angler	Tournament
23-00-26	Jay Przekurat	2022, St. Lawrence River, N.Y.
23-04-09	Casey Ashley	2007, Smith Mountain Lake, Va.
23-09-18	Jacob Wheeler	2014, Chickamauga Lake, Tenn.
24-08-11	Derek Remitz	2007, Lake Amistad, Texas

Oldest Bassmaster Elite Series Winners

Age (Y-M-D)	Angler	Tournament
72-07-14	Rick Clunn	2019, St. Johns River, Fla.
69-08-20	Rick Clunn	2016, St. Johns River, Fla.
62-04-09	Denny Brauer	2011, Arkansas River, Ark.
57-05-13	Denny Brauer	2006, Lake Champlain, N.Y.
56-10-18	Paul Elias	2008, Falcon Lake, Texas

Bassmaster Anglers of the Year

2022 Brandon Palaniuk (2)
 2021 Seth Feider (1)
 2020 Clark Wendlandt (1)
 2019 Scott Canterbury (1)
 2018 Justin Lucas (1)
 2017 Brandon Palaniuk (2)
 2016 Gerald Swindle (2)
 2015 Aaron Martens (3)
 2014 Greg Hackney (1)
 2013 Aaron Martens (3)
 2012 Brent Chapman (1)
 2011 Kevin VanDam (7)
 2010 Kevin VanDam (7)
 2009 Kevin VanDam (7)
 2008 Kevin VanDam (7)
 2007 Skeet Reese (1)
 2006 Mike Iaconelli (1)
 2005 Aaron Martens (3)
 2004 Gerald Swindle (2)
 2003 Jay Yelas (1)
 2002 Davy Hite (2)
 2001 Mark Davis (3)
 2000 Tim Horton (1)
 1999 Kevin VanDam (7)
 1998 Mark Davis (3)
 1997 Davy Hite (2)
 1996 Kevin VanDam (7)
 1995 Mark Davis (3)
 1994 David Fritts (1)
 1993 Gary Klein (2)
 1992 Kevin VanDam (7)
 1991 Guido Hibdon (2)
 1990 Guido Hibdon (2)
 1989 Gary Klein (2)
 1988 Rick Clunn (1)
 1987 Denny Brauer (1)
 1986 Jimmy Houston (2)
 1985 Roland Martin (9)
 1984 Roland Martin (9)
 1983 Hank Parker (1)
 1982 Larry Nixon (2)
 1981 Roland Martin (9)
 1980 Larry Nixon (2)
 1979 Roland Martin (9)
 1978 Roland Martin (9)
 1977 Bill Dance (3)
 1976 Jimmy Houston (2)
 1975 Roland Martin (9)
 1974 Bill Dance (3)
 1973 Roland Martin (9)
 1972 Roland Martin (9)
 1971 Roland Martin (9)
 1970 Bill Dance (3)

The Opens Records



Whitney Stephens of Waverly, Ohio, broke the record for heaviest one-day bag with 32 pounds, 12 ounces, on the Harris Chain of Lakes in 2019.

Top 5 Heaviest Daily Big Bass (Boater)

Angler	Day	Weight	Year	Fishery
Kyle Fox	1	12-5	2007	Kissimmee Chain of Lakes
Jared Miller	2	11-10	2012	Harris Chain of Lakes
Garrett Rocamora	1	11-9	2015	Lake Toho
Bobby Lane	1	11-8	2011	Lake Toho
Darrell Davis	2	11-5	2017	Lake Chickamauga

Top 5 Heaviest One-Day Bags (Boater)

Angler	Day	Weight	Fish	Year	Fishery
Whitney Stephens	1	32-12	5	2019	Harris Chain of Lakes
Will Evans	2	31-15	5	2011	Lake Toho
AJ Slegona Jr.	1	31-2	5	2015	Lake Toho
Brandon Card	2	30-15	5	2011	Lake Toho
Bryan Hudgins	2	30-15	5	2009	Harris Chain of Lakes

Top 5 Heaviest Winning Catches (Boater)

Gerald Swindle

80-13

2011 Lake Toho

Cory Johnston

78-00

2021 1000 Islands

Chris Lane

72-11

2012 Harris Chain of
Lakes

Craig Schuff

68-9

2010 Lake Amistad

Bryan Hudgins

68-6

2009 Harris Chain of
Lakes

Top 5 Opens With Heaviest Total Catch (Boater)

6,275-4

2002

Toledo Bend Reservoir

5,943-13

2010

Lake Amistad

5,831-00

2021

1000 Islands

5,499-13

2018

Lake Champlain

5,267-13

2023

Oneida Lake

Most Bass Weighed In

2,686

2019 Eastern Open

Top 5 Heaviest Winning Catches (Nonboater)

Jim Tedesco

48-7

2003 Lake Erie

Christopher Hall

48-4

2009 Lake Champlain

Sam Koebecke

46-9

2010 Lake Amistad

Guyowen Hall

45-14

2004 Lake Erie/Niagara
River Tributaries

Douglas Wilson

45-8

2005 Lake Champlain

All-Time Tournament Records

No.	Tournament	Date	Year	Fishery	St	Winner	Wt
796	Central Open	Oct 20-22	2022	Sam Rayburn	TX	Keith Combs	46-05
795	Southern Open	Oct 6-8	2022	Lake Hartwell	SC	Tristan McCormick	45-00
794	Central Open	Sept 22-24	2022	Red River	LA	Keith Poche	37-12
793	Northern Open	Sept 8-10	2022	Upper Chesapeake Bay	MD	JT Thompkins	39-12
792	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 26-29	2022	Mississippi River	WI	Bryan Schmitt	63-04
791	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 18-21	2022	Lake Oahe	SD	Austin Felix	71-09
790	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 14-17	2022	St. Lawrence River	NY	Jay Przekurat	102-09
789	Northern Open	July 7-9	2022	Oneida Lake	NY	Casey Smith	55-13
788	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 2-5	2022	Pickwick Lake	TN	Brandon Lester	86-01
787	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 19-22	2022	Lake Fork	TX	Lee Livesay	113-11
786	Central Open	April 28-30	2022	Ross Barnett Reservoir	MS	Lee Livesay	48-11
785	Northern Open	April 14-16	2022	James River	VA	Kenta Kimura	65-00
784	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 7-10	2022	Chickamauga Lake	TN	Jason Christie	73-07
783	Southern Open	April 1-2	2022	Cherokee Lake	TN	Cooper Gallant	36-01
782	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 17-21	2022	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Drew Cook	105-05
781	Bassmaster Classic	March 4-6	2022	Lake Hartwell	SC	Jason Christie	54-00
780	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 17-20	2022	Harris Chain	FL	Buddy Gross	77-11
779	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 10-13	2022	St. Johns River	FL	John Crews	75-04
778	Southern Open	Feb 3-5	2022	Kissimmee Chain	FL	Brandon Lester	51-02
777	Central Open	Oct 21-23	2021	Grand Lake	OK	Nick LeBrun	50-02
776	Central Open	Oct 7-9	2021	Lewis Smith Lake	AL	Jacob Powroznik	37-09
775	Southern Open	Sept 23-25	2021	Lake Norman	NC	Cody Hoyle	40-04
774	Northern Open	Sept 9-11	2021	St. Lawrence River	NY	Cory Johnston	78-00
773	Northern Open	July 29-31	2021	Oneida Lake	NY	Bill Perkins	52-03
772	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 15-18	2021	St. Lawrence River	NY	Taku Ito	90-00
771	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 8-11	2021	Lake Champlain	NY	Bryan Schmitt	78-05
770	Bassmaster Classic	June 11-13	2021	Lake Ray Roberts	TX	Hank Cherry	50-15
769	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 20-23	2021	Lake Guntersville	AL	Caleb Kuphall	85-14
768	Northern Open	May 13-15	2021	James River	VA	Brandon Palaniuk	53-12
767	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 7-10	2021	Neely Henry	AL	Wes Logan	57-09
766	Central Open	April 29-May 1	2021	Pickwick Lake	TN	Joey Nania	58-02
765	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 22-25	2021	Lake Fork	TX	Lee Livesay	112-05
764	Southern Open	April 15-17	2021	Douglas Lake	TN	Daisuke Aoki	43-13
763	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 8-11	2021	Sabine River	TX	Jason Christie	43-15
762	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 20-23	2021	Pickwick Lake	AL	Bill Lowen	83-05
761	Southern Open	March 4-6	2021	Harris Chain	FL	Keith Tuma	58-13
760	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 25-28	2021	Tennessee River	TN	Jeff Gustafson	63-00
759	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 11-14	2021	St. Johns River	FL	Bryan New	79-07
758	Eastern Open	Dec 3-5	2020	Lay Lake	AL	Keith Carson	47-01
757	Central Open	Nov 19-21	2020	Lewisville Lake	TX	Tommy Williams	41-15
756	Bassmaster Elite Series	Nov 5-8	2020	Lake Fork	TX	Patrick Walters	104-12
755	Eastern Open	Oct 29-31	2020	Cherokee Lake	TN	Matthew Robertson	40-12
754	Central Open	Oct 22-24	2020	Neely Henry Lake	AL	Cody Bird	34-01

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753	Bassmaster Elite Series	Oct 16-19	2020	Chickamauga Lake	TN	Lee Livesay	58-02
752	Bassmaster Elite Series	Oct 8-11	2020	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Brandon Palaniuk	72-02
751	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 30-Oct 3	2020	Lake Guntersville	AL	Frank Talley	64-03
750	Eastern Open	Sept 23-25	2020	Lake Hartwell	SC	Patrick Walters	44-05
749	Central Open	Sept 10-12	2020	Sam Rayburn Reservoir	TX	Masayuki Matsushita	60-14
748	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 20-23	2020	Lake St. Clair	MI	Bill Weidler	86-07
747	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 30-Aug 2	2020	Lake Champlain	NY	Brandon Palaniuk	80-01
746	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 23-26	2020	St. Lawrence River	NY	Chris Johnston	97-08
745	Central Open	June 18-20	2020	Arkansas River	OK	Chris Jones	42-13
744	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 10-13	2020	Lake Eufaula	AL	Buddy Gross	84-08
743	Bassmaster Classic	March 6-8	2020	Lake Guntersville	AL	Hank Cherry	65-05
742	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 8-10	2020	St. Johns River	FL	Paul Mueller	47-06
741	Eastern Open	Jan 15-17	2020	Kissimmee Chain	FL	Bryan New	49-08
740	AOY Championship	Sept 29-Oct 1	2019	Lake St. Clair	MI	Seth Feider	77-15
739	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 19-22	2019	Lake Tenkiller	OK	Carl Jocusmen	54-15
738	Central Open	Sept 12-14	2019	Grand Lake	OK	Bob Downey	48-09
737	Eastern Open	Sept 5-7	2019	Oneida Lake	NY	Grae Buck	50-10
736	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 22-25	2019	Cayuga Lake	NY	Jamie Hartman	80-13
735	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 15-18	2019	St. Lawrence River	NY	Micah Frazier	87-04
734	Central Open	Aug 1-3	2019	Mississippi River	WI	Devin Teigen	43-03
733	Eastern Open	July 25-27	2019	James River	VA	Michael Iaconelli	44-00
732	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 21-24	2019	Lake Guntersville	AL	Jamie Hartman	79-10
731	Eastern Open	May 23-25	2019	Lake Chickamuga	TN	John Cox	66-05
730	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 2-6	2019	Lake Fork	TX	Brandon Cobb	114-00
729	Central Open	April 25-27	2019	Smith Lake	AL	Caleb Kuphall	43-02
728	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 11-14	2019	Winyah Bay	SC	Stetson Blaylock	50-15
727	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 4-7	2019	Lake Hartwell	SC	Brandon Cobb	72-04
726	Bassmaster Classic	March 15-17	2019	Tennessee River	TN	Ott DeFoe	49-03
725	Central Open	Feb 20-22	2019	Toledo Bend Reservoir	LA	Darold Gleason	40-02
724	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 14-17	2019	Lake Lanier	GA	Paul Mueller	69-00
723	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 7-10	2019	St. John's River	FL	Rick Clunn	98-14
722	Eastern Open	Jan 24-26	2019	Harris Chain	FL	Whitney Stephens	57-08
721	Opens Championship	Oct 18-20	2018	Table Rock Lake	MO	Jared Lintner	37-00
720	AOY Championship	Sept 20-23	2018	Lake Chatuge	GA	James Elam	48-08
719	Eastern Open	Sept 13-15	2018	Douglas Lake	TN	Ott DeFoe	44-09
718	Central Open	Sept 6-8	2018	Logan Martin Lake	AL	Justin Atkins	38-03
717	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 23-26	2018	St. Lawrence River	NY	Josh Bertrand	95-03
716	Eastern Open	Aug 2-4	2018	Lake Champlain	NY	Bryan Labelle	58-10
715	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 29-July 2	2018	Lake Oahe	SD	Mark Daniels Jr.	69-09
714	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 21-24	2018	Mississippi River	WI	Ish Monroe	65-07
713	Central Open	June 14-16	2018	Red River	LA	Patrick Walters	30-15
712	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 7-10	2018	Sabine River	TX	Greg Hackney	48-05
711	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 17-20	2018	Lake Travis	TX	Drew Benton	67-15

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710	Eastern Open	May 10-12	2018	Lake Norman	NC	Wesley Strader	40-00
709	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 4-7	2018	Kentucky Lake	TN	Wesley Strader	80-04
708	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 26-29	2018	Grand Lake	OK	Kevin VanDam	83-04
707	Central Open	April 19-21	2018	Arkansas River	OK	Harvey Horne	52-07
706	Bassmaster Classic	March 16-18	2018	Lake Hartwell	SC	Jordan Lee	47-01
705	Central Open	March 1-3	2018	Ross Barnett Reservoir	MS	Stephen Browning	44-00
704	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 8-11	2018	Lake Martin	AL	Takahiro Omori	59-08
703	Eastern Open	Feb 1-3	2018	Lake Toho	FL	Bobby Lane	60-00
702	Central Open	Oct 5-7	2017	Grand Lake	OK	James Elam	36-14
701	Southern Open	Sept 28-30	2017	Smith Lake	AL	Jesse Wiggins	39-15
700	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 19-22	2017	Pokegama Lake	MN	Jacob Powroznik	56-06
699	AOY Championship	Sept 14-17	2017	Mille Lacs Lake	MN	Keith Combs	72-05
698	Northern Open	Sept 7-9	2017	Douglas Lake	TN	Ott DeFoe	50-03
697	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 24-27	2017	Lake St. Clair	MI	Jason Christie	88-08
696	Northern Open	Aug 3-5	2017	James River	VA	Rick Morris	43-15
695	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 27-30	2017	Lake Champlain	NY	Aaron Martens	58-12
694	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 20-23	2017	St. Lawrence River	NY	Kevin VanDam	90-03
693	Northern Open	June 29-July 1	2017	Oneida Lake	NY	Stanley Sypeck Jr.	55-08
692	Central Open	June 15-17	2017	Sabine River System	TX	Carl Svebek III	36-12
691	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 2-5	2017	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Steve Kennedy	63-12
690	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 17-21	2017	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Brandon Palaniuk	93-12
689	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 27-30	2017	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Dustin Connell	64-13
688	Southern Open	April 20-22	2017	Chickamauga Lake	TN	John Cox	68-03
687	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 6-9	2017	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	John Murray	77-10
686	Bassmaster Classic	March 24-26	2017	Lake Conroe	TX	Jordan Lee	56-10
685	Central Open	March 2-4	2017	Table Rock Lake	MO	Mike McClelland	44-04
684	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 23-26	2017	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Timmy Horton	83-05
683	Bassmaster Elite Series	Feb 9-12	2017	Cherokee Lake	TN	Jacob Wheeler	69-13
682	Southern Open	Jan 19-21	2017	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Jesse Wiggins	59-04
681	Central Open	Oct 27-29	2016	Atchafalaya River Basin	LA	Cliff Crochet	46-06
680	Central Open	Sept 29-Oct 1	2016	Red River	LA	Alton Jones Jr.	35-14
679	Northern Open	Sept 21-23	2016	Lake Champlain	NY	Bryan Schmitt	59-13
678	AOY Championship	Sept 15-18	2016	Mille Lacs Lake	MN	Seth Feider	76-05
677	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 8-11	2016	Mississippi River	WI	Ott DeFoe	63-10
676	Northern Open	Aug 18-20	2016	James River	VA	Charlie Hartley	41-13
675	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 11-14	2016	Potomac River	MD	Justin Lucas	72-14
674	Bassmaster Classic Bracket	July 19-22	2016	Niagara River	NY	Kevin VanDam	51-11
673	Northern Open	June 30-July 2	2016	Oneida Lake	NY	Wil Hardy	53-13
672	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 23-26	2016	Cayuga Lake	NY	Kevin VanDam	71-13
671	Bassmaster BASSfest	June 8-12	2016	Lake Texoma	OK	Greg Hackney	66-02
670	Central Open	June 2-4	2016	Arkansas River	OK	Skylar Hamilton	45-06
669	Southern Open	May 19-21	2016	Douglas Lake	TN	David Mullins	62-12
668	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 12-15	2016	Toldeo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Kevin VanDam	96-02

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667	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 28-May 1	2016	Wheeler Lake	AL	Takahiro Omori	81-06
666	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 21-24	2016	Bull Shoals/ Norfolk	AR	Randall Tharp	61-10
665	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 7-10	2016	Winyah Bay	SC	Britt Myers	56-03
664	Southern Open	March 31-Apr 2	2016	Smith Lake	AL	Jesse Wiggins	34-02
663	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 17-20	2016	St. Johns River	FL	Rick Clunn	81-15
662	Bassmaster Classic	March 4-6	2016	Grand Lake	OK	Edwin Evers	60-07
661	Southern Open	Jan 28-30	2016	Kissimmee Chain	FL	Wesley Strader	50-05
660	Southern Open	Oct 22-24	2015	Lake Seminole	GA	Brandon McMillan	49-05
659	Central Open	Oct 1-3	2015	Table Rock Lake	MO	James Watson	46-04
658	Northern Open	Sept 24-26	2015	Lake Erie	OH	Whitney Stephens	65-01
657	AOY Championship	Sept 17-20	2015	Sturgeon Bay	WI	Chris Zaldain	53-04
656	Central Open	Sept 10-12	2015	Fort Gibson Lake	OK	James Elam	46-03
655	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 27-30	2015	Lake St. Clair	MI	Todd Faircloth	84-07
654	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 13-16	2015	Chesapeake Bay	MD	Aaron Martens	70-02
653	Northern Open	Aug 6-8	2015	Oneida Lake	NY	Randy Howell	49-02
652	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 30-Aug 2	2015	St. Lawrence River	NY	Edwin Evers	77-10
651	Northern Open	July 9-11	2015	James River	VA	Chris Dillow	50-12
650	Bassmaster BASSfest	June 3-7	2015	Kentucky Lake	TN	Edwin Evers	97-04
649	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 7-10	2015	Lake Havasu	AZ	Aaron Martens	68-09
648	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 30-May 3	2015	Sacramento River	CA	Justin Lucas	82-14
647	Southern Open	April 16-18	2015	Alabama River	AL	Dustin Connell	55-01
646	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 9-12	2015	Lake Guntersville	AL	Skeet Reese	92-11
645	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 19-22	2015	Sabine River System	TX	Chris Lane	50-00
644	Central Open	March 12-14	2015	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	GA	Gene Bishop	55-14
643	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 20-22	2015	Lake Hartwell	SC	Casey Ashley	50-01
642	Southern Open	Jan 15-17	2015	Lake Toho	FL	Chad Morgenthaler	52-07
641	Southern Open	Oct 2-4	2014	Lake Norman	NC	Andy Montgomery	37-10
640	AOY Championship	Sep 18-22	2014	Bays de Noc	MI	Jacob Powroznik	47-06
639	Central Open	Sep 11-13	2014	Arkansas River	OK	Mark Tyler	42-14
638	Northern Open	Sep 4-6	2014	Lake St. Clair	MI	Chad Pipkens	67-04
637	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 21-24	2014	Cayuga Lake	NY	Greg Hackney	85-00
636	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 7-10	2014	Delaware River	NJ	Michael Iaconelli	47-14
635	Northern Open	July 31-Aug 2	2014	Lake Champlain	NY	Shinichi Fukae	56-13
634	Bassmaster BASSfest	June 11-15	2014	Chickamauga Lake	TN	Jacob Wheeler	90-06
633	Northern Open	May 29-31	2014	Douglas Lake	TN	Ott DeFoe	62-05
632	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 15-18	2014	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Jason Christie	72-03
631	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 1-4	2014	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Jacob Powroznik	79-12
630	Northern Open	April 24-26	2014	Red River	LA	Stephen Browning	44-03
629	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 3-6	2014	Table Rock Lake	MO	Mike McClelland	61-15
628	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 20-23	2014	St. Johns River	FL	Chris Lane	90-13
627	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 13-16	2014	Lake Seminole	GA	Brett Hite	97-10
626	Southern Open	March 6-8	2014	Smith Lake	AL	David Kilgore	54-11
625	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 21-23	2014	Lake Guntersville	AL	Randy Howell	67-08

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624	Central Open	Feb 6-8	2014	Lake Amistad	TX	Andrew Young	39-06
623	Southern Open	Jan 23-24	2014	Lake Toho	FL	Van Soles	50-15
622	Bassmaster Wild Card	Dec 5-7	2013	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Chad Morgenthauer	63-13
621	Central Open	Oct 17-19	2013	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Randall Tharp	41-15
620	All Star Final	Sept 27-29	2013	Muskegon Lake	MI	Hank Cherry	47-13
619	Central Open	Sept 19-21	2013	Arkansas River	OK	Chris Jones	40-01
618	Northern Open	Sept 12-14	2013	Lake Erie	OH	Michael Iaconelli	48-08
617	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 22-25	2013	Detroit River	MI	Chris Lane	82-04
616	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 8-11	2013	St. Lawrence River	NY	Brandon Palaniuk	88-12
615	Northern Open	Aug 1-3	2013	Oneida Lake	NY	James Bianchi	52-07
614	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 20-23	2013	Mississippi River	WI	Tommy Biffle	64-02
613	Northern Open	June 13-15	2013	James River	VA	Randy Howell	47-11
612	Southern Open	May 16-18	2013	Logan Martin Lake	AL	David Kilgore	46-08
611	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 9-12	2013	Alabama River	AL	Edwin Evers	75-13
610	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 2-5	2013	West Point Lake	GA	Skeet Reese	46-06
609	Central Open	April 25-27	2013	Red River	LA	Stephen Browning	40-10
608	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 18-21	2013	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Jason Christie	56-08
607	Southern Open	April 4-6	2013	Douglas Lake	TN	Patrick Bone	65-04
606	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 21-24	2013	Falcon Lake	TX	Keith Combs	111-05
605	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 14-17	2013	Sabine River System	TX	Todd Faircloth	49-06
604	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 22-24	2013	Grand Lake	OK	Cliff Pace	54-12
603	Southern Open	Jan 31-Feb 2	2013	Lake Toho	FL	Richard Howes	47-02
602	Southern Open	Oct 4-6	2012	Smith Lake	AL	Hank Cherry	38-13
601	All Star Final	Sept 22-23	2012	Lake Decatur	IL	Aaron Martens	22-05
600	All Star Semifinal	Sept 20-21	2012	Lake Shelbyville	IL	Edwin Evers	23-01
599	Central Open	Sept 6-8	2012	Fort Gibson Lake	OK	Jason Christie	40-15
598	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 23-26	2012	Oneida Lake	NY	Boyd Duckett	62-06
597	Northern Open	Aug 16-18	2012	Cayuga Lake	NY	Pete Gluszek	56-01
596	Northern Open	July 19-21	2012	Detroit River	MI	Jason Christie	67-04
595	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 28-Jul 1	2012	Lake Michigan	WI	Jonathon VanDam	79-02
594	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 21-24	2012	Mississippi River	WI	Todd Faircloth	62-04
593	Northern Open	June 14-16	2012	James River	VA	Joshua Wagy	39-04
592	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 7-10	2012	Toldeo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Brent Chapman	83-09
591	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 3-6	2012	Douglas Lake	TN	Jeremy Starks	81-02
590	Central Open	April 26-28	2012	Table Rock Lake	MO	Casey Scanlon	49-04
589	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 19-22	2012	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Brandon Palaniuk	78-06
588	Southern Open	April 5-7	2012	Lake Norman	NC	Tracy Adams	45-06
587	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 22-25	2012	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Ish Monroe	108-05
586	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 15-18	2012	St. Johns River	FL	Alton Jones	75-09
585	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 24-26	2012	Red River	LA	Chris Lane	51-06
584	Central Open	Feb 9-11	2012	Lewisville Lake	TX	Brent Chapman	20-09
583	Southern Open	Jan 19-21	2012	Harris Chain	FL	Chris Lane	72-11
582	Central Open	Oct 20-22	2011	Table Rock Lake	MO	Kevin Short	33-08

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581	Northern Open	Sept 22-24	2011	Oneida Lake	NY	Ish Monroe	51-02
580	Central Open	Sept 8-10	2011	Arkansas River	OK	Tommy Biffle	45-13
579	Northern Open	Aug 25-27	2011	Lake Erie	OH	Nate Wellman	63-11
578	All Star Final	July 29-31	2011	Alabama River	AL	Ott DeFoe	33-04
577	All Star Semifinal	July 23-24	2011	Lake Jordan	AL	Casey Ashley	25-08
576	Northern Open	July 7-9	2011	James River	VA	Kelly Pratt	42-06
575	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 16-19	2011	Wheeler Lake	AL	David Walker	63-10
574	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 9-12	2011	Arkansas River	AR	Denny Brauer	52-02
573	Southern Open	June 2-4	2011	Douglas Lake	TN	Bobby Ferguson	61-09
572	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 12-15	2011	Lake Murray	SC	Casey Ashley	61-03
571	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 5-8	2011	West Point Lake	GA	Steve Kennedy	64-14
570	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 14-17	2011	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Dean Rojas	70-15
569	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 6-9	2011	Pickwick Lake	AL	Davy Hite	84-09
568	Southern Open	March 24-26	2011	Lake Norman	NC	Fletcher Shryock	49-09
567	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 17-20	2011	St. Johns River	FL	Edwin Evers	77-01
566	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 10-13	2011	Harris Chain	FL	Shaw Grigsby	75-04
565	Central Open	Feb 24-26	2011	Lewisville Lake	TX	Mark Tucker	45-15
564	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 18-20	2011	Louisiana Delta	LA	Kevin VanDam	69-11
563	Southern Open	Jan 20-22	2011	Lake Toho	FL	Gerald Swindle	80-13
562	Central Open	Oct 21-23	2010	Lake Texoma	TX	Mike Pharr	27-04
561	Southern Open	Oct 7-9	2010	Lake Seminole	GA	Trevor Fitzgerald	44-02
560	Northern Open	Sept 16-18	2010	Chesapeake Bay	MD	Nate Wellman	53-01
559	Northern Open	Aug 19-20	2010	Detroit River	MI	Todd Schmidt	61-00
558	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 30-31	2010	Alabama River	AL	Kevin VanDam	26-00
557	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 24-25	2010	Lake Jordan	AL	Russ Lane	32-03
556	Northern Open	July 22-24	2010	Lake Champlain	NY	Dave Wolak	54-01
555	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 17-20	2010	Fort Gibson Lake	OK	Tommy Biffle	73-11
554	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 9-12	2010	Kentucky Lake	TN	Kevin VanDam	92-05
553	Central Open	June 3-5	2010	Red River	LA	Chad Brauer	56-14
552	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 20-23	2010	Clarks Hill	GA	Jason Williamson	53-06
551	Southern Open	May 13-15	2010	Smith Lake	AL	Andy Montgomery	34-09
550	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 6-9	2010	Lake Guntersville	AL	Skeet Reese	100-13
549	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 29 -May 2	2010	Pickwick Lake	AL	Kevin Short	75-01
548	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 15-18	2010	Smith Mountain Lake	VA	Skeet Reese	78-01
547	Central Open	April 8-10	2010	Lake Amistad	TX	Craig Schuff	68-09
546	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 18-21	2010	Clear Lake	CA	Byron Velvick	98-06
545	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 11-14	2010	California Delta	CA	John Crews	72-06
544	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 19-21	2010	Lay Lake	AL	Kevin VanDam	51-06
543	Southern Open	Jan 14-16	2010	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Chris Lane	41-02
542	Central Open	Nov 5-7	2009	Atchafalaya River Basin	LA	Edwin Evers	35-09
541	Southern Open	Oct 22-24	2009	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Allan Glasgow	38-06
540	Northern Open	Sept 24-26	2009	Lake Erie	OH	Jonathon VanDam	44-14
539	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 17-18	2009	Alabama River	AL	Kevin VanDam	30-06

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538	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 12-13	2009	Lake Jordan	AL	Michael Iaconelli	28-15
537	Central Open	Sept 3-5	2009	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Stephen Johnston	57-05
536	Northern Open	Aug 20-22	2009	Lake Champlain	NY	Jason Knapp	56-03
535	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 13-16	2009	Oneida Lake	NY	Chad Griffin	65-10
534	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 11-14	2009	Mississippi River	IA	Kevin Short	43-03
533	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 3-6	2009	Kentucky Lake	TN	Bobby Lane	97-09
532	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 7-10	2009	Lake Guntersville	AL	Aaron Martens	107-08
531	Southern Open	April 30-May 2	2009	Lake Wheeler	AL	Chris Payne	45-08
530	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 23-26	2009	Smith Mountain Lake	VA	Kevin VanDam	61-13
529	Northern Open	April 16-18	2009	Chesapeake Bay	MD	Dave Mansue	47-06
528	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 2-5	2009	Wheeler Lake	AL	Tommy Biffle	50-13
527	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 26-29	2009	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Mark Menendez	55-07
526	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 12-15	2009	Lake Amistad	TX	Jason Williamson	96-06
525	Central Open	March 5-7	2009	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	James Niggemeyer	37-14
524	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 20-22	2009	Red River	LA	Skeet Reese	54-13
523	Southern Open	Jan 29-31	2009	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Bryan Hudgins	68-06
522	Central Open	Oct 30-Nov 1	2008	Lake Texoma	TX	Terry Butcher	46-08
521	Southern Open	Oct 16-18	2008	Lake Guntersville	AL	Randall Tharp	66-12
520	Central Open	Sept 25-27	2008	Kentucky Lake	TN	Aaron Johnson	47-14
519	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 7-10	2008	Oneida Lake	NY	Dean Rojas	65-02
518	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 31-Aug 3	2008	Lake Erie/ Niagara River	NY	Kotaro Kiriya	93-06
517	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 26-29	2008	Old Hickory Lake	TN	Kevin Wirth	55-10
516	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 12-15	2008	Kentucky Lake	TN	Kevin VanDam	84-13
515	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 5-8	2008	Wheeler Lake	AL	Jeremy Starks	78-10
514	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 15-18	2008	Lake Murray	SC	Fred Roumbanis	66-13
513	Southern Open	May 8-10	2008	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Randall Tharp	44-10
512	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 1-4	2008	Clarks Hill Lake	GA	Kenyon Hill	68-00
511	Central Open	April 24-26	2008	Red River	LA	Billy McCaghren	54-00
510	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 11-13	2008	Lake Amistad	TX	Todd Faircloth	76-15
509	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 3-6	2008	Falcon Lake	TX	Paul Elias	132-08
508	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 13-16	2008	Kissimmee Chain	FL	Kevin VanDam	59-07
507	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 6-9	2008	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Mike McClelland	59-02
506	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 22-24	2008	Lake Hartwell	SC	Alton Jones	49-07
505	Southern Open	Jan 17-19	2008	St. Johns River	FL	Peter Thliveros	55-03
504	Wild Card Qualifier	Nov 29-Dec 1	2007	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Byron Velvick	40-08
503	Southern Open	Oct 18-20	2007	Wheeler Lake	AL	Frank Ippoliti	38-01
502	Central Open	Sept 27-29	2007	Lake Amistad	TX	Trent Huckaby	53-12
501	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 13-16	2007	Lake Tohopekaliga	FL	Ben Matsubu	66-08
500	Bassmaster Legends Major	Aug 23-26	2007	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Boyd Duckett	55-09
499	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 9-12	2007	Potomac River	MD	Skeet Reese	66-00
498	Bassmaster Memorial Major	July 26-29	2007	Oneida Lake	NY	Peter Thliveros	68-07
497	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 19-22	2007	Lake Erie/ Niagara River	NY	Edwin Evers	65-07
496	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 12-15	2007	Lake Champlain	NY	Timmy Horton	83-10

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495	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 21-24	2007	Grand Lake	OK	Kevin VanDam	78-02
494	Central Open	June 14-16	2007	Red River	LA	Danny Smith	42-06
493	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 7-10	2007	Smith Mountain Lake	VA	Casey Ashley	57-03
492	Bassmaster American Major	May 17-20	2007	High Rock Lake	NC	Fred Roumbanis	50-02
491	Southern Open	May 3-5	2007	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Terry Scroggins	50-11
490	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 27-29	2007	Lake Guntersville	AL	Kevin VanDam	66-03
489	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 19-22	2007	Clarks Hill Lake	GA	Mike McClelland	70-07
488	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 29-Apr 1	2007	Clear Lake	CA	Steve Kennedy	122-14
487	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 22-25	2007	California Delta	CA	Aaron Martens	85-12
486	Central Open	March 15-17	2007	Lake Texoma	TX	Brian Clark	40-03
485	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 8-11	2007	Lake Amistad	TX	Derek Remitz	111-07
484	Southern Open	March 1-3	2007	Kissimmee Chain	FL	Terry Scroggins	53-10
483	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 23-25	2007	Lay Lake	AL	Boyd Duckett	48-10
482	Wild Card Qualifier	Nov 16-18	2006	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Ben Matsubu	40-15
481	Northern Open	Oct 26-28	2006	Smith Mountain Lake	VA	Robert Hoyt Jr.	36-14
480	Northern Open	Oct 5-7	2006	Lake Erie/ Sandusky Bay	OH	Joe Balog	41-00
479	Bassmaster Elite Series	Sept 14-17	2006	Table Rock Lake	MO	Todd Faircloth	50-09
478	Southern Open	Sept 7-9	2006	Lake Lanier	GA	Ryan Coleman	36-10
477	Bassmaster Legends Major	Aug 24-27	2006	Arkansas River	AR	Scott Rook	34-09
476	Northern Open	Aug 17-19	2006	Lake Champlain	NY	Rodney Sorrell	53-02
475	Bassmaster Elite Series	Aug 10-13	2006	Potomac River	MD	Kelly Jordon	60-09
474	Bassmaster American Major	July 27-30	2006	Lake Wylie	NC	Dave Wolak	46-01
473	Northern Open	July 20-22	2006	Mississippi River	IA	Darrin Schwenkbeck	42-12
472	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 13-16	2006	Lake Champlain	NY	Denny Brauer	80-03
471	Bassmaster Elite Series	July 6-9	2006	Lake Oneida	NY	Tommy Biffle	63-10
470	Northern Open	June 22-24	2006	Kentucky Lake	TN	Jason Sain	49-09
469	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 15-18	2006	Kentucky Lake	TN	Morizo Shimizu	66-09
468	Bassmaster Elite Series	June 1-4	2006	Grand Lake	OK	Mike McClelland	79-07
467	Bassmaster Memorial Major	May 18-21	2006	Eagle Mountain Lake	TX	Peter Thliveros	47-07
466	Southern Open	May 11-13	2006	Lake Eufaula	AL	Ryan Ingram	41-08
465	Bassmaster Elite Series	May 4-7	2006	Clarks Hill Rsvr.	GA	Davy Hite	71-12
464	Bassmaster Elite Series	April 20-23	2006	Lake Guntersville	AL	Michael Iaconelli	71-13
463	Southern Open	April 6-8	2006	Santee Cooper	SC	James Niggemeyer	64-05
462	Bassmaster Elite Series	Mar 30-April 2	2006	Santee Cooper Rsvr.	SC	Preston Clark	115-15
461	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 16-19	2006	Lake Sam Rayburn	TX	Greg Hackney	79-10
460	Bassmaster Elite Series	March 9-12	2006	Lake Amistad	TX	Ish Monroe	104-08
459	Southern Open	March 2-4	2006	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Eric Nethery	67-14
458	Bassmaster Classic	Feb 24-26	2006	Lake Toho	FL	Luke Clausen	56-02
457	Southern Open	Jan 26-28	2006	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Chris Lane	54-12
456	Open Championship	Dec 1-4	2005	Alabama River	AL	Mike McClelland	46-09
455	Southern Open	Nov 17-19	2005	Toho/ Kissimmee	FL	Terry Scroggins	39-09
454	Western Open	Nov 17-19	2005	Lake Shasta	CA	Howard Hughes	31-06
453	Central Open	Nov 10-12	2005	Red River	LA	Sean Hoernke	36-02

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452	Central Open	Oct 13-15	2005	Lake Norfork	AR	Takahiro Omori	27-05
451	Western Open	Oct 13-15	2005	Clear Lake	CA	Jared Lintner	49-15
450	Southern Open	Sept 22-24	2005	Lake Guntersville	AL	Andy Morgan	56-06
449	Northern Open	Sept 15-17	2005	Oneida Lake	NY	Joey Rodrigues	44-14
448	Northern Open	Aug 11-13	2005	Lake Champlain	NY	Joe Lucarelli	56-07
447	Bassmaster Classic	July 29-31	2005	Three Rivers	PA	Kevin VanDam	12-15
446	Northern Open	July 14-16	2005	Sandusky Bay/ Lake Erie	OH	Paul Hirosky	55-06
445	Southern Open	June 23-25	2005	West Point Lake	GA	Mark Menendez	36-14
444	Wisconsin Bassmaster Elite 50	June 15-18	2005	Lake Wissota	WI	Kevin VanDam	24-00
443	Texas Bassmaster Elite 50	June 1-4	2005	Lewisville Lake	TX	Kevin VanDam	58-12
442	Western Open	May 26-28	2005	California Delta Waterway	CA	Russ Meyer	56-12
441	Arkansas Bassmaster Elite 50	May 18-21	2005	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Davy Hite	58-09
440	Central Open	May 5-7	2005	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Terry Butcher	47-01
439	Alabama Bassmaster Elite 50	April 20-23	2005	Smith Lake	AL	Mark Davis	53-11
438	Missouri Bassmaster Tour	Mar 31-April 3	2005	Table Rock Lake	MO	Greg Hackney	57-09
437	North Carolina Bassmaster Tour	March 17-20	2005	Lake Norman	NC	Edwin Evers	46-06
436	Georgia Bassmaster Tour	March 3-6	2005	Clarks Hill/ Strom Thurmond Rsvr.	GA	Mike Reynolds	52-11
435	Alabama Bassmaster Tour	Feb 24-27	2005	Lake Guntersville	AL	Zell Rowland	87-00
434	Florida Bassmaster Tour	Feb 3-6	2005	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Peter Thliveros	69-05
433	Florida Bassmaster Tour	Jan 27-30	2005	Toho/ Kissimmee	FL	Takahiro Omori	50-11
432	Bassmaster Open Championship	Dec 2-5	2004	Ouachita River	LA	Bradley Stringer	45-15
431	Florida Bassmaster Open	Nov 18-20	2004	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Timmy Horton	65-14
430	California Bassmaster Open	Nov 18-20	2004	Clear Lake	CA	Zachary Thompson	48-14
429	Alabama Bassmaster Open	Oct 28-30	2004	Lake Eufaula	AL	Pete Ponds	41-07
428	Louisiana Bassmaster Open	Oct 21-23	2004	Atchafalaya River Basin	LA	Cliff Pace	29-02
427	California Bassmaster Open	Oct 21-23	2004	Lake Shasta	CA	Greg Gutierrez	32-14
426	Virginia Bassmaster Open	Oct 14-16	2004	Smith Mountain Lake	VA	David Dudley	33-14
425	Mississippi Bassmaster Open	Oct 14-16	2004	Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway	MS	Paul Elias	34-03
424	Texas Bassmaster Open	Sept 16-18	2004	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Edwin Evers	52-07
423	New York Bassmaster Open	Aug 12-14	2004	Hudson River	NY	Woo Daves	31-10
422	Kentucky Bassmaster Open	Aug 12-14	2004	Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers	KY	Matt Reed	30-06
421	Bassmaster Classic	July 30-Aug 1	2004	Lake Wylie	NC	Takahiro Omori	39-02
420	New York Bassmaster Open	June 24-26	2004	Lake Erie/ Niagara River	NY	Frank Scalish	55-04
419	Kentucky Bassmaster Elite 50	June 16-19	2004	Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers	KY	Alton Jones	43-04
418	Alabama Bassmaster Elite 50	June 2-5	2004	Alabama River	AL	Mark Davis	43-10
417	Bassmaster Western Open	May 27-29	2004	California Delta Waterway	CA	Clint Johanson	50-01
416	Mississippi Bassmaster Elite 50	May 19-22	2004	Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway	MS	Mark Davis	62-04
415	Arkansas Bassmaster Elite 50	April 14-17	2004	Lake Dardanelle	AR	Randy Howell	56-13
414	South Carolina Bassmaster Tour	March 25-28	2004	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Kelly Jordon	93-13

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413	Alabama Bassmaster Tour	March 18-21	2004	Lake Eufaula	AL	Denny Brauer	76-14
412	Missouri Bassmaster Tour	March 4-7	2004	Table Rock Lake	MO	Mark Davis	67-02
411	Alabama Bassmaster Tour	Feb 26-29	2004	Lake Guntersville	AL	George Cochran	99-10
410	Alabama Bassmaster Tour	Feb 5-8	2004	Smith Lake	AL	Charlie Weyer	32-10
409	Florida Bassmaster Tour	Jan 29-Feb 01	2004	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Marty Stone	61-12
408	Open Championship	Dec 4-7	2003	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	John Murray	64-09
407	Arizona Western Open	Nov 20-22	2003	Lake Havasu	AZ	Jack Gadlage	22-10
406	Louisiana Central Open	Nov 13-15	2003	Ouachita River	LA	Harold Allen	38-04
405	Alabama Southern Open	Nov 6-8	2003	Lake Eufaula	AL	Shane Voyles	36-05
404	California Western Open	Oct 23-25	2003	Clear Lake	CA	Mark Tyler	48-14
403	Florida Southern Open	Oct 16-18	2003	Lake Okeechobee	FL	J.T. Kenney	61-12
402	Texas Central Open	Oct 9-11	2003	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Cliff Pace	46-01
401	New York Northern Open	Oct 2-4	2003	Oneida Lake	NY	Art Ferguson	32-09
400	Alabama Southern Open	Sept 25-27	2003	Lake Wheeler	AL	Denny Brauer	32-10
399	Washington Western Open	Sept 18-20	2003	Columbia River	WA	Chris Lambert	42-09
398	New York Northern Open	Sept 11-13	2003	Lake Erie	OH	Mike Desforges	53-02
397	Mississippi Central Open	Aug 21-23	2003	Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway	MS	Kevin Short	39-04
396	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 1-3	2003	Louisiana Delta	LA	Michael Iaconelli	37-14
395	Maryland Northern Open	July 17-19	2003	Potomac River	MD	Ernie Freeman	52-13
394	Alabama Tour	May 22-25	2003	Alabama River	AL	Kenyon Hill	51-06
393	Arkansas Tour	May 1-4	2003	Lake Hamilton	AR	Ron Shuffield	44-12
392	California Tour	April 10-13	2003	California Delta Waterway	CA	Robert Lee	86-08
391	California Tour	April 3-6	2003	Clear Lake	CA	Alton Jones	49-11
390	South Carolina Tour	March 20-23	2003	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Zell Rowland	98-09
389	Alabama Tour	March 6-9	2003	Lake Eufaula	AL	Edwin Evers	73-05
388	Louisiana Tour	Feb 20-23	2003	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	David Wharton	62-01
387	Georgia Tour	Feb 6-9	2003	Lake Seminole	GA	Gary Klein	69-15
386	Florida Tour	Jan 16-19	2003	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Terry Scroggins	62-02
385	Florida Tour	Jan 9-12	2003	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Skeet Reese	36-12
384	Alabama Southern Open	Nov 21-23	2002	Lake Martin	AL	Coby Carden	36-07
383	Texas Central Open	Oct 31-Nov 2	2002	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Rick Clunn	43-06
382	Alabama Southern Open	Oct 24-26	2002	Pickwick and Wilson Lakes	AL	Boyd Duckett	33-08
381	New York Northern Open	Oct 3-5	2002	Hudson River	NY	Woo Daves	32-05
380	Arkansas Central Open	Sept 26-28	2002	Lake Ouachita	AR	Greg Hackney	28-01
379	South Carolina Southern Open	Sept 19-21	2002	Lake Murray	SC	Dan Welch	33-02
378	New York Northern Open	Sept 12-14	2002	St. Lawrence River	NY	Koby Kreiger	52-00
377	Louisiana Central Open	Aug 22-24	2002	Red River	LA	Homer Humphreys	42-03
376	Maryland Northern Open	Aug 8-10	2002	Potomac River	MD	David Hall	42-06
375	Bassmaster Classic	July 25-27	2002	Lay Lake	AL	Jay Yelas	45-13
374	Alabama Tour	May 8-11	2002	Lake Eufaula	AL	Denny Brauer	55-13
373	Maryland Eastern Open	Apr 25-27	2002	Potomac River	MD	Chad Baker	45-12
372	California Western Open	Apr 25-27	2002	Clear Lake	CA	Aaron Martens	67-15
371	Alabama Tour	April 10-13	2002	Lake Guntersville	AL	Kelly Jordon	83-11

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370	Louisiana Central Open	March 21-23	2002	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Stacey King	63-03
369	Nevada Western Open	March 14-16	2002	Lake Mead	NV	Rob Vanderkooi	29-14
368	Alabama Eastern Open	March 7-9	2002	Lake Martin	AL	Danny Correia	29-15
367	Texas Central Open	Feb 21-23	2002	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Jason Barber	46-10
366	Georgia Tour	Feb 6-9	2002	Lake Seminole	GA	Michael Iaconelli	55-02
365	Florida Tour	Dec 12-15	2001	Lake Toho	FL	Timmy Horton	61-04
364	Florida Eastern Open	Dec 6-8	2001	St. Johns River	FL	Terry Scroggins	40-15
363	California Western Open	Nov 15-17	2001	Lake Oroville	CA	Gene Batey	26-02
362	Missouri Central Open	Nov 8-10	2001	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Jackie Davis	26-00
361	Louisiana Tour	Oct 31-Nov 3	2001	Red River	LA	Davy Hite	41-08
360	Oklahoma Central Open	Oct 11-13	2001	Lake Ft. Gibson	OK	Homer Humphreys	22-03
359	Washington Western Open	Oct 11-13	2001	Columbia River	WA	Michael Gibney	44-01
358	Michigan Tour	Aug 22-25	2001	Lake St. Clair	MI	Davy Hite	68-01
357	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 2-4	2001	Louisiana Delta	LA	Kevin VanDam	32-05
356	Bassmaster Megabucks	May 8-13	2001	Douglas Lake	TN	Rick Clunn	53-12
355	Missouri Invitational	April 19-21	2001	Table Rock Lake	MO	Jay Yelas	43-13
354	California Invitational	April 19-21	2001	California Delta	CA	Robert Lee	71-02
353	Alabama Top 150	March 28-31	2001	Lake Wheeler	AL	Kelly Jordon	59-01
352	Alabama Invitational	March 15-17	2001	Pickwick/Wilson Lakes	AL	Leon Tidwell	55-02
351	Nevada Invitational	March 15-17	2001	Lake Mead	NV	Jack Gadlage	43-12
350	Texas Invitational	March 1-3	2001	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Takahiro Omori	55-12
349	Louisiana Top 150	Feb 21-24	2001	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Dean Rojas	55-08
348	Florida Top 150	Jan 17-20	2001	Lake Toho	FL	Dean Rojas	108-12
347	Florida Invitational	Jan 11-13	2001	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Gregory Maclean	44-04
346	Alabama Invitational	Dec 7-9	2000	Lake Martin	AL	Jimmy Millsaps	24-00
345	Missouri Invitational	Nov 9-11	2000	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Curt Lytle	42-15
344	California Invitational	Nov 2-4	2000	Lake Shasta	CA	Aaron Martens	32-05
343	Alabama Top 150	Oct 18-21	2000	Mobile Delta	AL	Randy Blaukat	35-04
342	Louisiana Invitational	Oct 12-14	2000	Red River	LA	O.T. Fears	31-15
341	Washington Invitational	Oct 5-7	2000	Columbia River	WA	Ron Wiseman	46-00
340	Louisiana Top 150	Sept 20-23	2000	Louisiana Delta	LA	Chet Douthit	43-09
339	Tennessee Invitational	Sept 14-16	2000	Old Hickory Lake	TN	Cary Bever	24-07
338	Maryland Top 150	Aug 23-26	2000	Potomac River	MD	Carl Maxfield	64-03
337	Bassmaster Classic	July 20-22	2000	Lake Michigan	IL	Woo Daves	27-13
336	Louisiana Invitational	May 18-20	2000	Red River	LA	Brent Chapman	50-03
335	Alabama Top 150	May 10-13	2000	Lake Wheeler	AL	Art Ferguson	53-05
334	California Invitational	April 13-15	2000	Clear Lake	CA	Byron Velvick	83-05
333	Missouri Invitational	April 6-8	2000	Table Rock Lake	MO	Jim Dopp	39-05
332	Bassmaster Megabucks	March 21-26	2000	Lake Murray	SC	Alton Jones	84-14
331	Alabama Invitational	March 9-11	2000	Pickwick and Wilson Lakes	AL	Shane Meers	36-03
330	Arizona Invitational	March 9-11	2000	Lake Powell	AZ	Skeet Reese	25-08
329	Georgia Top 150	Feb 23-26	2000	Lake Seminole	GA	Shaw Grigsby	73-14
328	Texas Invitational	Feb 10-12	2000	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Bud Pruitt	54-12

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327	Florida Invitational	Jan 20-22	2000	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Randy Yager	37-11
326	Florida Top 150	Jan 12-15	2000	Lake Toho	FL	Shaw Grigsby	53-11
325	Alabama Invitational	Dec 2-4	2000	Lake Martin	AL	Rufus Johnson	28-14
324	California Invitational	Nov 11-13	1999	Lake Oroville	CA	Aaron Martens	32-12
323	Missouri Invitational	Nov 4-6	1999	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Randy Jackson	34-13
322	Maryland Top 150	Oct 13-16	1999	Potomac River	MD	Timmy Horton	77-08
321	New Mexico Invitational	Sept 30-Oct 2	1999	Elephant Butte Rsvr.	NM	Art Berry	26-06
320	New York Invitational	Sept 23-25	1999	St. Lawrence River	NY	Kevin VanDam	51-04
319	Vermont Top 150	Sept 15-18	1999	Lake Champlain	NY	Michael Iaconelli	61-03
318	Michigan Top 150	Aug 25-28	1999	Lake St. Clair	MI	Larry Nixon	73-09
317	Bassmaster Classic	July 29-31	1999	Louisiana Delta	LA	Davy Hite	55-10
316	Bassmaster Megabucks	May 11-16	1999	Old Hickory Lake	TN	Ron Shuffield	39-14
315	Oklahoma Invitational	April 29-May 1	1999	Lake Eufaula	OK	Leo Osborne	50-00
314	California Invitational	April 15-17	1999	California Delta Waterway	CA	Robert Lee	78-03
313	Nevada Top 150	April 7-10	1999	Lake Mead	NV	Zell Rowland	36-04
312	Missouri Invitational	March 25-27	1999	Table Rock Lake	MO	Wayne Crumpton	58-13
311	Arizona Invitational	March 18-20	1999	Lake Powell	AZ	Buck Bauernfeind	37-14
310	Alabama Top 150	March 3-6	1999	Lake Wheeler	AL	Marty Stone	41-06
309	Texas Invitational	Feb 18-20	1999	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Kevin VanDam	48-12
308	Alabama Invitational	Feb 11-13	1999	Lake Martin	AL	Pete Gluszek	41-11
307	Florida Invitational	Jan 21-23	1999	St. Johns River	FL	Shaw Grigsby	39-01
306	Florida Top 150	Jan 13-16	1999	Lake Toho	FL	Danny Kirk	41-00
305	Florida Invitational	Dec 3-5	1998	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Buck Durrance	55-10
304	California Invitational	Nov 19-21	1998	Lake Shasta	CA	Gary Dobyns	27-02
303	Missouri Invitational	Nov 5-7	1998	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Dan Morehead	60-10
302	Alabama Top 150	Oct 21-24	1998	Logan Martin Lake	AL	Stephen Browning	55-01
301	Louisiana Top 150	Oct 14-17	1998	Louisiana Delta	LA	Kenyon Hill	61-05
300	Virginia Invitational	Oct 1-3	1998	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	George Cochran	41-06
299	Washington Invitational	Oct 1-3	1998	Columbia River	WA	Levell Sneed	40-13
298	Maryland Top 150	Aug 26-29	1998	Potomac River	MD	Denny Brauer	58-11
297	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 6-8	1998	High Rock Lake	NC	Denny Brauer	46-03
296	Georgia Invitational	May 14-16	1998	Lake Hartwell	SC	Tony Couch	42-13
295	Bassmaster Megabucks	April 27-May 3	1998	Old Hickory Lake	TN	Doug Garrett	69-12
294	North Carolina Top 100	April 16-18	1998	Neuse and Trent Rivers	NC	Denny Brauer	38-08
293	Georgia Top 100	April 9-11	1998	Richard B. Russell Lake	GA	Denny Brauer	53-04
292	New Mexico Invitational	April 2-4	1998	Elephant Butte Rsvr.	NM	Dennis Hoy	28-03
291	Alabama Top 100	March 19-21	1998	Pickwick/Wilson Lakes	AL	Mark Menendez	60-03
290	Oklahoma Invitational	March 12-14	1998	Lake Texoma	TX	Jeff Kriet	36-15
289	South Carolina Invitational	Feb 19-21	1998	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Scott Martin	39-02
288	Mississippi Invitational	Feb 12-14	1998	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Peter Daniels	25-11
287	Arizona Invitational	Jan 15-17	1998	Lake Havasu	AZ	Mike Baldwin	22-11
286	Texas Invitational	Dec 4-6	1997	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Mike Metzler	48-04
285	Arizona Invitational	Nov 20-22	1997	Lake Powell	AZ	William Siemantel	44-14

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284	Missouri Invitational	Nov 13-15	1997	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Jay Yelas	41-04
283	Virginia Invitational	Oct 23-25	1997	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Kevin VanDam	41-15
282	Virginia Top 100	Oct 16-18	1997	Lake Gaston	VA	Peter Thliveros	39-01
281	California Invitational	Oct 2-4	1997	California Delta Waterway	CA	Robert Lee	51-00
280	New York Invitational	Sept 18-20	1997	St. Lawrence River	NY	Rick Lillegard	45-00
279	Vermont Top 100	Sept 11-13	1997	Lake Champlain	NY	Roland Martin	56-15
278	Maryland Top 100	Aug 21-23	1997	Potomac River	MD	Kevin VanDam	51-05
277	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 7-9	1997	Logan Martin Lake	AL	Dion Hibdon	34-13
276	Alabama Top 100	May 15-17	1997	Lake Neely Henry	AL	Alton Jones	43-11
275	Alabama Invitational	May 8-10	1997	Lake Guntersville	AL	Chris Baumgardner	52-06
274	Missouri Invitational	April 24-26	1997	Table Rock Lake	MO	Lee Bailey	47-15
273	South Carolina Invitational	April 10-12	1997	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Julian Reitzel	61-13
272	Megabucks	March 17-23	1997	Richland Chambers Rsvr.	VA	Doug Garrett	83-01
271	Georgia Top 100	March 6-8	1997	Lake Sinclair	GA	Shaw Grigsby	35-15
270	Texas Invitational	Feb 20-22	1997	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Lonnie Stanley	51-02
269	Mississippi Invitational	Dec 5-7	1996	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Mike McClelland	22-04
268	Georgia Invitational	Nov 21-23	1996	Lake Hartwell	SC	Larry Laymon	50-06
267	Georgia Top 100	Nov 14-16	1996	Richard B. Russell Lake	GA	Mike Wurm	31-03
266	Arkansas Invitational	Oct 24-26	1996	Arkansas River	AR	Mike McClelland	25-02
265	Tennessee Top 100	Oct 17-19	1996	Old Hickory Lake	TN	Chad Brauer	47-07
264	Maryland Top 100	Sept 26-28	1996	Potomac River	MD	Dan Morehead	54-11
263	Virginia Invitational	Sept 19-21	1996	Lake Gaston	VA	David Ashcraft	37-02
262	Minnesota Top 100	Aug 22-24	1996	Lake Minnetonka	MN	David Fritts	54-14
261	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 8-10	1996	Lay Lake	AL	George Cochran	31-14
260	Alabama Invitational	May 16-18	1996	Lake Eufaula	AL	Robert Padgett	77-09
259	Alabama Top 100	May 8-11	1996	Lake Neely Henry	AL	Davy Hite	55-00
258	Missouri Invitational	April 25-27	1996	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Takahiro Omori	47-01
257	Missouri Invitational	April 4-6	1996	Table Rock Lake	MO	Gary Klein	41-01
256	South Carolina Top 100	March 20-23	1996	Lake Murray	SC	Stacey King	45-06
255	Bassmaster Megabucks	March 4-10	1996	Richland Chambers Rsvr.	TX	Jeff Magee	58-06
254	Texas Invitational	Feb 15-17	1996	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Bud Pruitt	53-03
253	Georgia Top 100	Dec 6-9	1995	Lake Seminole	GA	Ray Sedgwick	32-06
252	Georgia Invitational	Nov 30-Dec 2	1995	Lake Lanier	GA	O.T. Fears	35-11
251	Arkansas Invitational	Nov 2-4	1995	Arkansas River	AR	Ron Shuffield	42-07
250	Virginia Top 100	Oct 18-21	1995	James River	VA	David Dudley	44-09
249	Maryland Invitational	Oct 12-14	1995	Potomac River	MD	Rick Lillegard	52-12
248	New York Top 100	Sept 20-23	1995	Hudson River	NY	Jim Bitter	43-11
247	New York Invitational	Sept 14-16	1995	St. Lawrence River	NY	Kevin VanDam	41-14
246	Minnesota Top 100	Aug 23-26	1995	Lake Minnetonka	MN	Jim Bitter	79-03
245	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 3-5	1995	High Rock Lake	NC	Mark Davis	47-14
244	Bassmaster Superstars	June 8-10	1995	Illinois River	IL	Jay Yelas	30-04
243	Illinois Top 100	May 17-20	1995	Mississippi River	IL	Tommy Biffle	48-08
242	Missouri Invitational	May 11-13	1995	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	George Cochran	46-01

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241	Virginia Invitational	April 27-29	1995	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Tom Burns	44-01
240	Oklahoma Invitational	April 6-8	1995	Grand Lake	OK	Tommy Martin	52-06
239	Bassmaster Megabucks	March 20-25	1995	Lake Murray	SC	Claude Fishburne	93-04
238	Alabama Top 100	March 8-11	1995	Lake Wheeler	AL	Bud Pruitt	63-01
237	Georgia Top 100	Feb 22-25	1995	Lake Seminole	GA	Claude Fishburne	59-02
236	Texas Invitational	Feb 16-18	1995	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Jim Bitter	45-06
235	Georgia Invitational	Dec 1-3	1994	Lake Lanier	GA	Mickey Bruce	30-01
234	Texas Invitational	Nov 3-5	1994	Lake Livingston	TX	Rick Clunn	37-15
233	North Carolina Top 100	Oct 19-22	1994	Lake Norman	NC	Peter Thliveros	23-04
232	South Carolina Invitational	Oct 13-15	1994	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Kevin Wirth	39-15
231	Connecticut Top 100	Sept 21-24	1994	Connecticut River	CT	Roland Martin	49-11
230	Maryland Invitational	Sept 15-17	1994	Potomac River	MD	Larry Lazoen	45-15
229	Bassmaster Top 100	Aug 24-27	1994	Lake St. Clair	GA	Kim Stricker	61-15
228	Bassmaster Classic	July 28-30	1994	High Rock Lake	NC	Bryan Kerchal	36-07
227	Bassmaster Superstars	June 9-11	1994	Illinois River	IL	O.T. Fears	31-09
226	North Carolina Top 100	May 11-14	1994	Lake Norman	NC	Mike Bingham	39-05
225	South Carolina Invitational	May 4-6	1994	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	O.T. Fears	77-04
224	Missouri Invitational	April 13-15	1994	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Allen Armour	34-07
223	Georgia Top 100	March 23-26	1994	Lake Seminole	GA	David Fritts	91-03
222	Alabama Invitational	March 16-18	1994	Lake Eufaula	AL	Davy Hite	67-05
221	Texas Invitational	Feb 23-25	1994	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Guy Eaker	49-00
220	Alabama Top 100	Dec 1-4	1993	Lake Martin	AL	Mike Terry	50-09
219	Oklahoma Invitational	Nov 10-12	1993	Lake Texoma	TX	George Cochran	25-09
218	Bassmaster Megabucks	Oct 11-16	1993	Lake Murray	SC	Tommy Biffle	73-12
217	Maryland Top 100	Sept 22-25	1993	Potomac River	MD	Jay Yelas	54-11
216	Virginia Invitational	Sept 15-17	1993	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	David Fritts	44-14
215	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 12-14	1993	Logan Martin Lake	AL	David Fritts	48-06
214	Bassmaster Superstars	June 10-12	1993	Illinois River	IL	Denny Brauer	28-14
213	South Carolina Top 100	May 12-15	1993	Lake Murray	SC	David Wharton	87-09
212	Virginia Invitational	May 5-7	1993	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Denny Brauer	48-04
211	Kentucky Invitational	April 7-9	1993	Kentucky Lake	TN	Norio Tanabe	43-06
210	Texas Invitational	March 17-19	1993	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Randy Dearman	67-13
209	Georgia Top 100	Feb 24-27	1993	Lake Seminole	GA	Shaw Grigsby	64-13
208	Alabama Invitational	Feb 17-19	1993	Lake Eufaula	AL	Gary Klein	38-14
207	Georgia Top 100	Dec 2-5	1992	Lake Lanier	GA	Tom Mann Jr	52-09
206	Oklahoma Invitational	Nov 4-6	1992	Grand Lake	OK	Jim Morton	43-15
205	Bassmaster Megabucks	Oct 12-17	1992	Lake Guntersville	AL	Denny Brauer	79-11
204	Maryland Top 100	Sept 23-26	1992	Potomac River	MD	Jim Bitter	68-15
203	New York Invitational	Sept 16-18	1992	St. Lawrence River	NY	Rick Clunn	44-02
202	Bassmaster Classic	July 30-Aug 1	1992	Logan Martin Lake	AL	Robert Hamilton Jr.	59-06
201	25th Anniversary Tournament	June 10-12	1992	Beaver Lake	AR	Larry Nixon	36-08
200	North Carolina Top 100	May 13-16	1992	Lake Norman	NC	Stanley Mitchell	46-00
199	Virginia Invitational	May 6-8	1992	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Jack Hains	57-04

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198	Alabama Invitational	April 15-17	1992	Lake Guntersville	AL	George Cochran	55-01
197	Texas Invitational	March 18-20	1992	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Shaw Grigsby	62-08
196	Florida Top 100	Feb 19-22	1992	St. Johns River	FL	Peter Thliveros	69-07
195	Florida Invitational	Jan 22-24	1992	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Mike Folkestad	14-10
194	Georgia Top 100	Dec 4-7	1991	Lake Lanier	GA	Kevin VanDam	61-13
193	Oklahoma Invitational	Nov 6-8	1991	Grand Lake	OK	Ron Shuffield	49-01
192	South Carolina Top 100	Oct 16-19	1991	Lake Murray	SC	David Wharton	48-12
191	Bassmaster Megabucks	Oct 7-12	1991	Lake Chickamauga	TN	Larry Nixon	50-00
190	Illinois Invitational	Sept 18-20	1991	Illinois/Mississippi Rivers	IL	Woo Daves	18-13
189	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 22-24	1991	Chesapeake Bay	MD	Ken Cook	33-02
188	Arkansas Top 100	May 8-11	1991	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Ron Shuffield	57-08
187	Missouri Invitational	May 1-3	1991	Truman Rsvr.	MO	Rick Clunn	55-03
186	Alabama Invitational	April 10-12	1991	Lake Guntersville	AL	Zell Rowland	55-10
185	Texas Top 100	March 13-16	1991	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Jim Nolan	86-00
184	Florida Invitational	Feb 20-22	1991	St. Johns River	FL	Guido Hibdon	43-00
183	Florida Invitational	Jan 16-18	1991	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Roland Martin	37-05
182	Alabama Top 100	Dec 5-8	1990	Lake Martin	AL	Charlie Ingram	50-07
181	Bassmaster Megabucks	Nov 5-10	1990	Lake Guntersville	AL	Larry Nixon	92-02
180	Virginia Top 100	Oct 17-20	1990	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	David Fritts	40-03
179	Maryland Invitational	Oct 10-12	1990	Potomac River	MD	Don Leach	37-01
178	New York Invitational	Sept 12-14	1990	St. Lawrence River	NY	Kenneth Pine	45-12
177	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 23-25	1990	James River	VA	Rick Clunn	34-05
176	Tennessee Top 100	May 9-12	1990	Lake Chickamauga	TN	Denny Brauer	72-11
175	Alabama Invitational	May 2-04	1990	Lake Guntersville	AL	Edward Gettys	71-00
174	Arizona Invitational	April 11-13	1990	Lake Powell	AZ	Fred Ward	37-06
173	Texas Invitational	Mar 14-16	1990	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Shaw Grigsby	47-13
172	Bassmaster Megabucks	Feb 12-17	1990	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Larry Nixon	84-05
171	Florida Invitational	Jan 24-26	1990	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Gary Klein	53-05
170	Alabama Top 100	Dec 6-9	1989	Lake Martin	AL	Robert Tucker	53-11
169	Arizona Invitational	Nov 15-17	1989	Lake Havasu	AZ	Ted Miller	23-13
168	Virginia Top 100	Oct 11-14	1989	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Randy Blaukat	63-07
167	Maryland Top 100	Sept 20-23	1989	Potomac River	MD	Guido Hibdon	43-13
166	New York Invitational	Sept 13-15	1989	St. Lawrence River	NY	Mickey Bruce	47-02
165	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 13-19	1989	James River	VA	Hank Parker	31-06
164	Texas Top 100	June 7-10	1989	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Ron Shuffield	53-01
163	Alabama Invitational	May 10-12	1989	Lake Guntersville	AL	Robert Byrd	60-07
162	Nevada Invitational	April 12-14	1989	Lake Mead	NV	Jim Jared	30-00
161	Texas Invitational	March 15-17	1989	Lake Livingston	TX	Gary Klein	35-07
160	Bassmaster Megabucks	Feb 20-25	1989	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Jim Bitter	58-08
159	Florida Top 100	Dec 7-10	1988	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Paul Elias	53-06
158	Tennessee Invitational	Nov 9-11	1988	Kentucky Lake	TN	Jim Kirkpatrick	43-15
157	Arkansas Invitational	Oct 12-14	1988	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Gary Klein	30-00
156	Missouri Invitational	Sept 21-23	1988	Truman Rsvr.	MO	Hank Parker	40-14

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155	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 21-27	1988	James River	VA	Guido Hibdon	28-08
154	Alabama Invitational	May 25-27	1988	Lake Guntersville	AL	Don Snider	47-05
153	Arkansas Invitational	April 13-15	1988	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Rick Clunn	43-01
152	Texas Invitational	March 16-18	1988	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Shaw Grigsby	35-13
151	Bassmaster Megabucks	Feb 15-20	1988	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Larry Nixon	88-05
150	Florida Top 100	Nov 4-7	1987	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Ron Shuffield	60-09
149	Georgia Invitational	Oct 14-16	1987	West Point Lake	GA	Tom Mann Jr.	43-11
148	New York Invitational	Sept 23-25	1987	St. Lawrence River	NY	Ken Cook	44-06
147	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 13-15	1987	Ohio River	KY	George Cochran	15-05
146	Team Championship	June 22-27	1987	St. Lawrence River	NY	Chet Douthit, Larry Nixon, Kenneth Pine, Stanley Mitchell	56-01, 64-09, 51-09, 54-13
145	Super Invitational	May 27-30	1987	Kentucky Lake	TN	Denny Brauer	61-12
144	Alabama Invitational	April 29-May 1	1987	Lake Guntersville	AL	Rick Clunn	42-06
143	Texas Invitational	March 25-27	1987	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	David Wharton	37-02
142	Bassmaster Megabucks	Feb 23-28	1987	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Lonnie Stanley	62-04
141	Georgia Invitational	Dec 10-12	1986	West Point Lake	GA	Randy Behringer	46-06
140	Florida Invitational	Oct 29-31	1986	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Charles B. Murphy	45-08
139	New York Invitational	Oct 1-3	1986	Hudson River	NY	David Fenton	49-02
138	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 14-16	1986	Tennessee River	TN	Charlie Reed	23-09
137	Super Invitational	June 4-7	1986	Tennessee River	TN	Zell Rowland	39-06
136	Missouri Invitational	April 30-May 2	1986	Truman Rsvr.	MO	Larry Nixon	46-00
135	Bassmaster Megabucks	April 7-10	1986	Harris Chain of Lakes	FL	Roger Farmer	68-00
134	Texas Invitational	March 19-21	1986	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Denny Brauer	44-10
133	Florida Invitational	Feb 19-21	1986	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Russ Bringger	50-03
132	Georgia Invitational	Dec 11-13	1985	Lake Lanier	GA	Gary Klein	23-13
131	New York Invitational	Sept 25-27	1985	St. Lawrence River	NY	Jimmy Houston	43-09
130	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 15-17	1985	Arkansas River	AR	Jack Chancellor	45-00
129	Florida Invitational	May 29-31	1985	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Rick Clunn	57-01
128	Tennessee Invitational	May 1-3	1985	Tennessee River	TN	Denny Brauer	35-02
127	Super B.A.S.S. Tournament	April 3-6	1985	St. Johns River	FL	Hank Parker	68-09
126	Texas Invitational	Feb 27-March 1	1985	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Ron Shearer	54-01
125	Florida Invitational	Nov 7-9	1984	St. Johns River	FL	Kim Carver	27-14
124	Missouri Invitational	Oct 17-19	1984	Truman Rsvr.	MO	Charlie Ingram	31-15
123	New York Invitational	Sept 27-29	1984	Hudson River	NY	Roland Martin	50-02
122	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 16-18	1984	Arkansas River	AR	Rick Clunn	75-09
121	Wisconsin Invitational	May 30-Jun 1	1984	Mississippi River	WI	Charlie Ingram	29-04
120	Florida Invitational	May 3-5	1984	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Charlie Ingram	56-09
119	Super B.A.S.S. Tournament	April 25-28	1984	St. Johns River	FL	Doug Gilley	53-11
118	Georgia Invitational	March 28-30	1984	Lake Lanier	GA	Roland Martin	50-14
117	Texas Invitational	Feb 29-Mar 2	1984	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Denny Brauer	55-11
116	Super B.A.S.S. Tournament	Nov 30-Dec 3	1983	Lake Lanier	GA	Mickey Bruce	42-10
115	Missouri Invitational	Oct 5-7	1983	Truman Rsvr.	MO	Ken Cook	43-15

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114	New York Invitational	Sept 14-16	1983	Seneca Lake	NY	Paul Elias	32-00
113	Bassmaster Classic	Aug 4-6	1983	Ohio River	OH	Larry Nixon	18-01
112	Wisconsin Invitational	May 25-27	1983	Mississippi River	WI	Rick Clunn	22-11
111	Virginia Invitational	April 20-22	1983	James River	VA	Hank Parker	42-14
110	Super B.A.S.S. Tournament	March 23-26	1983	St. Johns River	FL	Ken Cook	41-14
109	Texas Invitational	Feb 23-25	1983	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Tommy Martin	63-08
108	Florida Invitational	Dec 1-3	1983	Lake Toho	FL	Ken Cook	30-01
107	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 14-16	1982	Alabama River	AL	Paul Elias	32-08
106	B.A.S.S. Champs	July 21-23	1982	Ohio River	OH	Larry Nixon	16-05
105	Alabama Invitational	June 16-18	1982	Lake Eufaula	AL	Cliff Craft	68-08
104	South Carolina Invitational	May 26-28	1982	Lake Wylie	SC	Billy Noah	54-02
103	Missouri Invitational	April 21-23	1982	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Randy Behringer	41-09
102	Florida Invitational	March 24-26	1982	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Ron Shearer	57-00
101	Louisiana Invitational	Feb 17-19	1982	Lake Bistineau	LA	Larry Nixon	47-01
100	Texas Invitational	Nov 18-20	1982	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Tommy Martin	81-10
99	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 15-17	1981	Alabama River	AL	Stanley Mitchell	35-02
98	B.A.S.S. Champs	July 22-24	1981	Cherokee Lake	TN	Jerry Knicely	20-14
97	North Carolina Invitational	June 24-26	1981	Albemarle	NC	Basil E. Bacon	46-12
96	Arkansas Invitational	May 20-22	1981	Lake Ouachita	AR	Jerry Rhyne	34-15
95	Missouri Invitational	April 15-17	1981	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Guido Hibdon	51-02
94	Alabama Invitational	March 18-20	1981	Lake Eufaula	AL	Roland Martin	43-11
93	Louisiana Invitational	Feb 18-20	1981	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Roland Martin	84-11
92	Florida Invitational	Nov 19-21	1980	Lake Okeechobee	FL	Roland Martin	48-02
91	Bassmaster Classic	Sept 24-26	1980	St. Lawrence River	NY	Villis P. (Bo) Dowden	54-10
90	B.A.S.S. Champs	July 23-25	1980	Lake Guntersville	AL	Basil E. Bacon	53-10
89	Texas Invitational	June 25-27	1980	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Larry Nixon	60-09
88	North Carolina Invitational	May 21-23	1980	Albemarle Sound	NC	Tommy Chapman	60-10
87	Missouri Invitational	April 23-25	1980	Lake of the Ozarks	MO	Guido Hibdon	56-04
86	Mississippi Invitational	March 26-28	1980	Sardis Lake	MS	Roland Martin	29-03
85	Florida Invitational	Feb 27-29	1980	Lake Toho	FL	Horace Phipps	33-11
84	Alabama Invitational	Nov 14-16	1979	Lake Eufaula	AL	John Rogers	29-08
83	Bassmaster Classic	Sept 26-28	1979	Lake Texoma	TX	Hank Parker	31-00
82	Arkansas Invitational	July 18-20	1979	Millwood Rsvr.	AR	Larry Nixon	44-00
81	New York Invitational	June 20-22	1979	St. Lawrence River	NY	Forrest Wood	47-03
80	Kentucky Invitational	May 23-25	1979	Kentucky Lake	TN/ KY	Gregory Ward	31-08
79	Virginia Invitational	April 25-27	1979	Lake Gaston	VA	Paul Elias	46-12
78	Arizona Invitational	March 21-23	1979	Lake Powell	AZ	Gary Klein	58-00
77	Florida Invitational	Feb 21-23	1979	St. Johns River	FL	Gary Alverson	45-04
76	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 25-27	1978	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Bobby Murray	37-09
75	Alabama Invitational	Sept 20-22	1978	West Point Lake	AL	Randy Fite	69-11
74	New York Invitational	June 21-23	1978	St. Lawrence River	NY	Roland Martin	59-13
73	Kentucky Invitational	May 31-June 2	1978	Kentucky Lake	TN	Shorty Evans	56-13

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72	B.A.S.S. Champs	April 26-28	1978	Atchafalaya River Basin	LA	Larry Nixon	22-13
71	Virginia Invitational	March 22-24	1978	Lake Gaston	VA	Hurley Board	38-11
70	Florida Invitational	Feb 22-24	1978	St. Johns River	FL	Jack Wade	33-14
69	Florida Invitational	Jan 25-27	1978	Lake Toho	FL	David Gliebe	39-12
68	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 26-28	1977	Lake Toho	FL	Rick Clunn	27-07
67	New York Invitational	Sept 21-23	1977	St. Lawrence River	NY	Jim Rogers	56-02
66	Alabama Invitational	June 15-17	1977	West Point Lake	AL	Roland Martin	59-00
65	Arkansas Invitational	May 11-13	1977	Greers Ferry Rsvr.	AR	Billy Westmorland	34-04
64	B.A.S.S. Champs	April 13-15	1977	Percy Priest Rsvr.	TN	Rick Clunn	47-02
63	Virginia Invitational	March 16-18	1977	Lake Gaston	VA	Al Lindner	53-01
62	Louisiana Invitational	Feb 16-18	1977	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	David Gliebe	83-02
61	Florida Invitational	Jan 19-21	1977	St. Johns River	FL	Stephen Goodwin	45-03
60	Bassmaster Classic	Nov 3-5	1976	Lake Guntersville	AL	Rick Clunn	59-15
59	All-American	Sept 22-24	1976	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Rick Garlough	32-09
58	Tennessee Invitational	July 21-23	1976	Cordell Hull Rsvr.	TN	Wade Reed	23-13
57	Virginia Invitational	June 9-11	1976	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Jim Hawkins	50-08
56	South Carolina Invitational	May 12-14	1976	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Jimmy Houston	67-05
55	Louisiana Invitational	Feb 25-27	1976	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Jim Mckay	78-09
54	Florida Invitational	Jan 28-30	1976	St. Johns River	FL	Manuel Spencer	51-14
53	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 29-31	1975	Currituck Sound	NC	Jack Hains	45-04
52	All-American	Sept 24-26	1975	Lake Texoma	TX	John Pryor	66-04
51	South Carolina Invitational	June 4-6	1975	Santee Cooper Lakes	SC	Roland Martin	64-00
50	Virginia Invitational	May 7-9	1975	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Woo Daves	63-12
49	Arkansas Invitational	April 2-4	1975	Bull Shoals Lake	AR	Dee Thomas	35-06
48	Louisiana Invitational	March 5-7	1975	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Marvin Baker	61-06
47	Florida Invitational	Jan 29-31	1975	St. Johns River	FL	Billy Westmorland	59-08
46	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 30-Nov 1	1974	Lake Wheeler	AL	Tommy Martin	33-07
45	All-American	Sept 25-27	1974	Clarks Hill Rsvr.	GA	John Farr	41-10
44	Virginia Invitational	June 5-7	1974	Buggs Island Rsvr.	VA	Don Shealy	63-03
43	Tennessee Invitational	May 1-3	1974	Watts Bar Rsvr.	TN	Al Lindner	42-14
42	Arkansas Invitational	April 3-5	1974	Beaver Lake	AR	Tommy Martin	48-05
41	Texas Invitational	March 6-8	1974	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Ricky Green	59-13
40	Florida Invitational	Feb 6-8	1974	St. Johns River	FL	Billy Westmorland	49-02
39	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 24-26	1973	Clarks Hill Rsvr.	GA	Rayo Breckenridge	52-08
38	All-American	Sept 26-28	1973	Watts Bar Rsvr.	TN	Roland Martin	21-06
37	South Carolina Invitational	May 30-June 1	1973	Lake Keowee	SC	J.L. Collis	23-15
36	Seminole Lunker	May 2-4	1973	Lake Seminole	GA	Roland Martin	54-14
35	Mississippi Invitational	April 4-6	1973	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Roland Martin	72-07
34	Arkansas Invitational	March 7-9	1973	Beaver Lake	AR	Don Butler	56-14
33	Florida Invitational	Feb 7-9	1973	St. Johns River	FL	Larry Hill	108-02
32	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 25-27	1972	Percy Priest Rsvr.	TN	Don Butler	38-11
31	All-American	Sept 28-30	1972	Lake Eufaula	AL	Roland Martin	62-13
30	Mississippi Invitational	Aug 24-26	1972	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Ricky Green	44-03

No.	Tournament	Date	Year	Fishery	St	Winner	Wt
29	Tennessee National	June 22-24	1972	Watts Bar Rsvr.	TN	Roland Martin	37-06
28	Arkansas National	May 18-20	1972	Lake Ouachita	AR	Bobby Murray	48-06
27	South Carolina Invitational	April 13-15	1972	Lake Keowee	SC	Glin Wells	28-10
26	Florida National	March 9-11	1972	Lake Kissimmee	FL	Tom Mann	47-15
25	Bassmaster Classic	Oct 20-22	1971	Lake Mead	NV	Bobby Murray	43-11
24	All-American	Sept 30-Oct 2	1971	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Roland Martin	54-13
23	Texas National	June 17-19	1971	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	John Powell	61-06
22	Missouri National	April 29-May 1	1971	Table Rock Lake	MO	John Powell	59-13
21	Seminole Lunker	March 18-20	1971	Lake Seminole	GA	Tom Mann	62-14
20	All-American	Nov 12-14	1970	Table Rock Lake	MO	Bill Dance	52-06
19	Texas National	Sept 24-26	1970	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Bill Dance	62-06
18	Oklahoma National	Aug 5-7	1970	Lake Eufaula	OK	John Hadad III	82-15
17	Henshall Memorial	June 11-13	1970	Lake Eufaula	AL	Bill Adair	116-06
16	Rebel Invitational	April 30-May 2	1970	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Bill Dance	75-12
15	Seminole Lunker	March 19-21	1970	Lake Seminole	GA	Roland Martin	53-14
14	Toledo Bend Invitational	Jan 29-31	1970	Toledo Bend Rsvr.	LA	Mike D. Bono	94-04
13	Eufaula Team	Nov 13-15	1969	Lake Eufaula	AL	Bill Dance, Bobby Murray, Bob Ponds, Forrest Wood	120-06
12	All-American	Sept 25-27	1969	Lake Ouachita	AR	Bill Dance	36-04
11	Alabama National	July 10-12	1969	Lake Eufaula	AL	Blake Honeycutt	138-06
10	Rebel Invitational	May 22-24	1969	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Pete Henson	124-03
9	Texas National	April 10-12	1969	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Harold Hays	105-04
8	Seminole Lunker	Feb 20-22	1969	Lake Seminole	GA	Joe Verbeck	62-09
7	Dixie Invitational	Nov 14-16	1968	Smith Lake	AL	Bill Dance	48-03
6	All-American	Oct 3-05	1968	Sam Rayburn Rsvr.	TX	Bill Dance	72-13
5	Eufaula National	June 20-22	1968	Lake Eufaula	AL	John Powell	132-00
4	Rebel Invitational	April 18-20	1968	Ross Barnett Rsvr.	MS	Bill Dance	72-01
3	Seminole Lunker	Feb 22-24	1968	Lake Seminole	GA	Carl Dyess	39-01
2	Dixie Invitational	Oct 20-22	1967	Smith Lake	AL	Gerald Blanchard	42-00
1	All-American	June 5-7	1967	Beaver Lake	AR	Stan Sloan	37-08

Protecting Fisheries And Angler Access

From the founding of B.A.S.S. in 1968, conservation has been a cornerstone of the organization's mission. Early campaigns against water pollution were credited with helping clean up America's waterways, and the launch of the "Don't Kill Your Catch" program in 1972 led to the widespread adoption of the catch-and-release ethic.

Today, B.A.S.S. Conservation's mission is to preserve and enhance aquatic resources and the sport of bass fishing, advocate at the local, state and national level for sustainable water policy and sound fisheries management, work to preserve and enhance fish habitat, including the responsible management of aquatic vegetation, prevent and control invasive species, ensure fishing access and promote the highest ethics in angling and tournament fish-care practices.

B.A.S.S. National Conservation Director

Gene Gilliland, a highly regarded bass biologist and conservation advocate from Oklahoma, serves as B.A.S.S. National Conservation Director. Gilliland is the former assistant chief of the Fisheries Division of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. In addition to serving on national councils and advisory boards, he represents bass anglers as a respected spokesman and authority on conservation and fisheries management issues.

B.A.S.S. Conservation Highlights

- ✦ B.A.S.S. Conservation is the driving force behind progressive, positive change on issues related to fisheries management, angling and boating access, fish habitat, invasive species and tournament ethics.
- ✦ Conservation directors in each B.A.S.S. Nation chapter work closely with state fisheries agencies to protect aquatic resources and sportfishing.
- ✦ B.A.S.S. partners with sponsors like AFTCO, Yamaha and the Aquatic Plant Management Society to fund conservation initiatives and projects to enhance natural resources and fish habitats. Grant programs funded by these conservation partners help B.A.S.S. Nation clubs and high school fishing teams conduct a variety of projects.
- ✦ Learn more about B.A.S.S. Conservation projects at Bassmaster.com/conservation-news and on Facebook.com/groups/bassconservation.



Keeping Bass Alive

Keeping Bass Alive was published by B.A.S.S. with the goal of helping anglers and other tournament organizers achieve maximum survival of fish. Read *Keeping Bass Alive* at Bassmaster.com/sites/default/files/keepingbas-alive_guidebook_comp.pdf.

Written by Gilliland and Dr. Hal Schramm, the book includes topics such as:

- > the least stressful ways to handle bass
- > livewell management, including state-of-the-art techniques for aeration, temperature control and water quality maintenance
- > weigh-in procedures
- > responsible release strategies

Behind The Scenes At Bassmaster Tournaments: At The Tanks

B.A.S.S.'s tournament fish-care system has an enviable track record. Live release rates are typically over 90%, with many events approaching a 100% live release rate.

At the 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic, B.A.S.S. worked alongside the South Carolina DNR to return the bass brought to Greenville from Lake Hartwell back to the lake. The efforts of anglers, SCDNR staff and B.A.S.S. Nation Conservation volunteers resulted in a 98.3% live release rate. That's 98.3% of tournament bass returned to the water to be caught again by other passionate bass anglers.

A large reason for the fantastic release rates that are the hallmark of B.A.S.S. tournaments is the scientifically tested and proven fish-care system that we employ "backstage" across all B.A.S.S. tournament trails.

At weigh-in, anglers transfer fish from their livewell into solid vinyl, water-filled bags with an inner mesh liner. When the angler gets to the waiting line backstage, they pull the mesh bag containing their fish out and place it in a series of aerated and temperature-controlled tanks. The mesh bag allows complete water exchange. Tournament staff constantly monitor the water temperature and oxygen levels. The system is designed to speed the fish through the weigh-in process and keep them in water.

After each angler weighs their fish, their bag is taken to the Yamaha/AFTCO B.A.S.S. Live Release boat equipped with a 600-gallon oxygenated tank and powered by a 115-horsepower Yamaha outboard motor. The total weight of bass loaded onto each boat is monitored, and when the capacity is reached, it leaves the dock while a second boat moves into place and starts receiving more bass.

The boats typically travel several miles in different directions to help redistribute the tournament bass away from the weigh-in site.



Anglers keep their catches in carefully monitored tanks before weigh-ins.



Sixty-six volunteers gathered before the 2022 Whataburger Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake as part of the Lake Clean-Up Challenge sponsored by AFTCO and Yamaha Rightwaters. In total, the volunteers collected 4,476 pounds of garbage.

Bass Fishing Terms

blastoff — the beginning of a fishing tournament at which competitors are permitted to drive away from the starting area in their boats; also called takeoff

brushpile — a man-made assembly of brush and woody cover placed in a body of water to attract gamefish

community hole — a well-known and frequently fished area

culling — the practice of releasing a smaller fish from one's limit and replacing it with a heavier one; often accomplished with the use of a culling beam

electronics — the generic term for sonar, or fish-finding, units. These have a screen that shows depth, water temperature, fish and obstructions under the water. These units also have GPS navigation in conjunction with very detailed digital maps that show the underwater contours of fisheries

finesse fishing — a technique by which small lures and line are used to generate strikes from wary or lethargic fish; commonly regarded as the opposite of power fishing

forward-facing sonar (FFS) — a transducer that shoots a sonar beam in a forward or downward direction in order to create a picture of the structure and fish that are in the direction it is pointed

hole jumping — the practice of knowingly fishing a location that was previously discovered to be productive by someone else — usually another competitor in a tournament. It is generally considered to be unethical, although it is not against the rules

junk fishing — a style of bass fishing in which no one particular lure or technique is particularly effective and the angler must use a variety of baits and methods to catch fish

managing fish — deciding how many bass to remove from a school without hurting one's chances of catching more in the same spot on subsequent tournament days

pattern — the exact set of water conditions, such as depth, cover, structure, temperature, clarity, current, etc., that attract fish to a specific location and to other similar locations all over the same body of water; first defined by legendary pro Roland Martin in 1969

postspawn — period immediately after the spawn when female bass frequently are exhausted from laying eggs and protecting their beds; the period leading into the summer season

power fishing — a technique by which large and/or fast-moving lures are used to create reaction strikes from bass; commonly regarded as the opposite of finesse fishing

pre-fishing — practicing for a tournament

prespawn — period shortly before spawning begins when bass typically invade shallow water and feed aggressively in preparation for the mating season

shallow-water anchor — vertical, battery-operated device on the back of a boat that allows an angler to quickly and easily anchor in relatively shallow water. Power-Pole and Minn Kota Talons are two examples

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Species

Although there are nine different species of black bass, only three typically grace the Bassmaster weigh-in stage. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass are the dominant family members of the black bass genus throughout the U.S. Depending on what body of water a competition is held on, one species may be more prevalent in tournament limits.

Largemouth Bass

The largemouth bass, which grows to be the largest and heaviest of the three species, is easily identified by the size of its mouth. When closed, the line of the mouth extends past the eye of the fish.

Largemouth are green on top, with silvery green to yellow-green flanks. The fish have a belly that is usually white to yellowish, and have a dark, irregular stripe along their sides. The dorsal fin contains spiny and soft portions that are separated by a notch. Largemouth can be found in every state in the U.S., except for Alaska.



Smallmouth Bass

The smallmouth bass is distinguishable from its larger cousin, the largemouth, by the smaller size of its mouth. When its mouth is closed, the mouth line does not extend past the fish's eyes.

Commonly referred to as “smallies” by anglers, smallmouth bass are known for their strength and fighting ability. Though smallies can be found as far south as Texas and as far west as California, they are very common in fisheries in the Northern states. Smallmouth bass have a golden or brown hue and typically have vertical bars along their sides.



Spotted Bass

Also known as Kentucky bass, spotted bass are commonly found throughout the U.S. Similar in appearance to the largemouth bass but with a smaller mouth, the spotted bass has a green to olive hue, a white, mottled belly and a broad stripe of broken blotches along the midline of the body. The spotted bass' first and second dorsal fins are more noticeably connected, with a shallower notch than the largemouth.

Spotted bass grow more slowly than largemouth bass and are generally smaller.



B.A.S.S. Membership

With more than 500,000 members and 2.2 million readers, B.A.S.S. is the worldwide authority on bass fishing. B.A.S.S. members comprise a network of anglers who are fishing enthusiasts and stewards of conservation interested in learning how to catch more fish.

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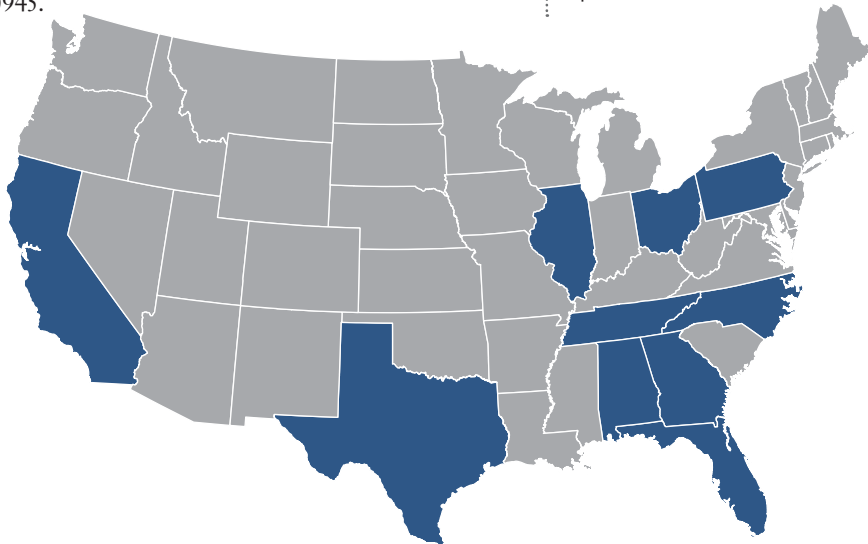


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3. California
4. Tennessee
5. Illinois
6. Georgia
7. North Carolina
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10. Pennsylvania

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