



2008 DETROIT RIVER OPEN



Saturday, June 21, 2008

Detroit River, Detroit Michigan
Registration and Take Off at St Jeans (Reeds Ramp)



- Pre registration Friday, June 20th, 5 – 7 pm at St Jeans Ramp
- Registration begins again Saturday June 21st, at 5:30 am at St Jeans Ramp
- Take off - First Flight at St Jeans at approximately 7:00 am
- Take off – Second Flight ½ hour after first flight
- Check in - St Jeans for first flight 3:00 pm
- Check in - St Jeans for second flight 3:30 pm
- Weigh in at Detroit River Days Festival starting at 3:30 pm – Awards/Prizes to follow

SIGN UP TODAY – 150 BOAT LIMITED FIELD

GUARANTEED 1st PLACE!!!
A Tracker PT 190 w/Mercury 115 hp OptiMax!!!



*A special Wild Card drawing – Two free entries for a co-angler slot in the Lake St Clair BFL event will be raffled off.

BFL - August 9th on Lake St Clair

*Must be present at weigh in to win.

Additional Cash Prizes based on number of entries.



Top finishers 2007

1st Mike Trombly & Dave Hayward

2nd Don McCulla & Mark Modrak

3rd Michael Nolan & Will Rekulc

Check www.nbaa-bass.com for the latest details

Entries must be received by June 1st to qualify for early boat number draw. Entries must include payment. Entries received after June 1st will take off in order they are received.

Boat Owner:

Name _____
Address _____
City/ST/Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
SS# _____

Partner:

Name _____
Address _____
City/ST/Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
SS# _____

Make/Model/YR of Boat _____
Make/Model/YR of Motor _____

Entry Fee \$150.00/Team - Includes Big Bass

Payment should be made by check or money order.
Make payable to – NBAA

I have read and understand the *Rules and waiver of liability.
Rules available online at www.nbaa-bass.com

Signatures:
Boat Owner _____
Partner _____

*Detroit River Open Tournament Rules & Waiver on reverse side must also be signed.

Send to: NBAA, 2532 Barber Rd – Hastings, MI 49058

Questions – call (269) 945-9484



~ Detroit River Open Tournament Rules & Waiver ~

- RULE CHANGES:** These rules shall remain in effect and unchanged throughout the current tournament year unless specifically superseded by state or local law. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director.
- PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY:** At least one team member must be 18 years of age or older to participate, however, if both members of a team are under the age of eighteen, then they must present written permission from a parent or legal guardian. The NBAA reserves the right to deny participation to anyone at any time
- ALCOHOL/DRUGS:** Participants will refrain from the use of alcohol and or drugs during the course of the tournament event. This prohibition does not extend to the use of prescribed medications for ongoing medical issues.
- BOATS AND MOTORS:** Motors may not exceed the horsepower rating on the BIA plate for those boats meeting BIA standards, nor any manufacturer's plate affixed in lieu of BIA ratings. All boats used in NBAA events must be equipped with a functioning kill switch as well as aerated livewells capable of sustaining a full tournament limit during the course of the event.
- SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times while engaged in NBAA sanctioned events and all boats must have a full compliment of safety gear as required by USCG regulation. Any time the internal combustion motor is on both participants must have a USCG approved PFD on and securely fastened. Operators must have the kill switch armed with lanyard firmly secured to the operator. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors. The decision to shorten or cancel tournament days will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner using one rod which may not exceed eight (8) foot in length (measured butt to tip). Intentionally snagging fish is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used, live and or prepared bait is not allowed, the only exception being "pork rinds" or its equivalent. Trolling with the aid of the internal combustion or electric trolling motor is not permitted. Communication devices such as cell phones, marine radios or CB's may be used for emergency purposes only. At the weigh-in, a courtesy board will be provided which will be the same as the official board used for the event.
- PROTESTS/DISQUALIFICATION:** Directors must be notified of all protest before close of scales. Protests also, must be submitted in writing within 10 minutes of the closing of the scales. A "protest committee" consisting of three (3) fellow anglers, randomly drawn by the tournament director will address all protests. Teams disqualified from individual events will still receive show-up points.
- SCORING:** Teams must cull down to their limit of 5 fish before returning to the official ramp site. The 5 fish must measure a minimum of 14 inches*, mouth closed, tail compressed (*local/state limit applies). Teams presenting more than a tournament limit shall be disqualified. Dead fish presented for weight will receive a 4-ounce (0.25) deduction from total weight. If it's the big bass, then the penalty shall be assessed against that fish. Tournament standings will be determined by total weight of all competition days. Only largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass will be scored. Teams presenting fish for weight, and which are subsequently determined to be "short", shall be penalized the weight of the short fish PLUS the big fish of the sack.
- Official Checkpoints:** Teams must depart and return from a specified point by boat unless other wise noted. Teams arriving late will be disqualified. In case of an emergency (I.E. Motor Failed) a team may bring their fish back in a competitor's boat but there must be at least one member from each team present when checking in. All fishing must cease upon checking in, disqualification will result in fishing after checking in.
- PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** All angling activities must be done from a previously inspected boat. No fishing will be allowed within 50-yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored or tied, with its trolling motor stowed out of the water, without the anchored boats permission. Hole sitting will not be tolerated. Competitors may not exit their boat in order to facilitate access to "other" waters. Tournament directors will determine, and announce, all off-limit areas.
- SPORTSMANSHIP:** Participants in NBAA events are expected to follow the highest standards of courtesy, safety, angling etiquette and a strict adherence to game and fish laws.
- NO-WAKE:** Boats will not pass another's competitors boat in any no-wake zones at any time during tournament hours except for boats that may be changing course within the zone, boats which have stopped or are engaged in fishing activities.
- TIES:** In the event of a tie at the event, big bass will be the deciding factor. In cases of a big bass tie, then the money will be split. In the event that big bass and total weight are the same for two or more teams then both (all) tied teams shall be awarded the same amount of points.
- OFF-LIMITS:** Tournament waters are off limits the day of the event with pre-fishing allowed on all bodies of water until 11:59 p.m. the day prior to any tournament.

Participant Agreement, Release and Acknowledgement of Risk.

- I have read and understand the description of the tournament and the official rules and understand that any violation whether intentional or unintentional on my part will justify penalties, including forfeiture of my entry and or membership fees, disqualification, either from a single event or permanent disqualification from any current or future NBAA events. I also understand that tournament officials may reject my application for any reason and in that event will refund my entry fee.
- I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and unidentified and all risk of injury, or death or damage to myself, or my property or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament.
- I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and indemnify NBAA Tournaments, Inc., the Detroit International Riverfront Festival Foundation, the event sponsors and tournament officials and their respective shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament ("Indemnified Parties") from any and all liability claims, demands, actions or rights which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of the Indemnified Parties, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against any of the Indemnified Parties, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.
- I have a minimum of \$100,000 of liability insurance on any boat I might use during an NBAA Tournament Event. Failure to do so or reporting of false information will result in disqualification. Anglers must provide proof of insurance upon request.
- I have no past or present medical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to myself or others.
- I give NBAA permission to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes. I agree to submit to and accept the results of the polygraph test given at this event.

My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. References herein to "I" "my", "myself" and other first-person references shall include any spouse, child or ward for which I sign.

Boat Owner _____

For more information and rules go to www.nbaa-bass.com

Partner _____
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