

BENEFIT OPEN TOURNAMENT

27 July 2024 - CHICKAHOMINY RIVER

This event is to benefit Lynn Hoeffler (long time member and avid bass angler who competed in several tournament trails) who is recovering from a hemorrhagic stroke. The entry fee this year is \$100 and we will be conducting a 50/50 drawing and other activities for additional contributions.

All proceeds from this event will go to help with Lynn's recovery efforts.



Virginia Bass Chapter Federation
Region 8



ENTRY FEE \$100/BOAT – INCLUDES BIG BASS

**** PAYOUT will be 1 Position for every 5 Boats ****

**** **\$1000 First Place Guaranteed (with 40 boat minimum)** ****

**** \$100 Youth Award (ages 16 and younger) ****

BOAT NUMBERS ASSIGNED IN ORDER OF ENTRY FORMS & ENTRY FEE ARE RECEIVED –REGISTRATION ALSO THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION AT RIVERFRONT PARK (RTE 5) OPENS 3:30 AM
REGISTRATION CUTOFF 5:15 AM.

\$8 Ramp fees will be collected at tournament check-in (correct change please)

REGISTER at Check in

Also you may contact John @757-635-6296 or email at: rgn8treas@verizon.net for tournament information.

TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT

5 Fish Limit per TeamCHICKAHOMINY LAKE WILL BE OFF LIMITS***

REGISTRATION

Boater: _____ **Phone:** _____

Co-Angler: _____ **Phone:** _____

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in any event(s), and/or related activities conducted by any Federation Angler affiliated groups including but not limited to: THE STATE OF VIRGINIA BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION, Region 8, The Bass Federation(TBF) , Student Angler Federation (SAF), National Bass Anglers Association (NBAA), The Walleye Federation (TWF) and all other affiliated events and/or MLF, either jointly or separately, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: **The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist;** AND, I have been advised by event

organizers and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; **AND**, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE OF THE ORGANIZERS and/or their officers, officials, directors, shareholders, agents, and/or employees, other participants, and sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, their parent affiliate companies and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises and property used to conduct the event OR any others connected to the event (collectively "RELEASEES"), AND HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; **AND**, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; **AND**, I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS "RELEASEES", WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

I agree to submit, by signature on this document, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination. Hereinafter known as a truth verification test, and abide by its conclusion. Truth verification test(s) will be used at the organizers sole discretion, and administered by its agents. I understand that failure to pass the examination as determined by the event organizers will result in disqualification.

Having fully acquainted myself with the tournament rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry. In signing this application, and by my presence at the event, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules, participant release of liability and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament. If I am using a boat during the official practice or during the event, I certify that I now have, or will obtain prior to the event, property damage\ watercraft liability insurance having a reasonable limit. Said insurance must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with the event. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said insurance. I certify that training compliant with the Youth Safe Sports Act of 2017 has been made available to me this year if I am participating in a youth event. I hereby wave my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video\audio productions and\or articles and press releases by the event organizers, their parent or affiliate companies, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason whatsoever. **AND**, I understand that event organizers have the right to reschedule or cancel the event in the event of severe weather, lack of sufficient participation, or unforeseen circumstances that would preclude them from conducting the tournament at the planned location or in a safe manner. I further understand/agree to follow all tournament rules, Virginia Watercraft Operator Laws and Fishing regulations.

The Participant signifies by their signature below that they have read and understands the foregoing provisions.

Boater Signature

Co-Angler Signature

TOURNAMENT RULES

Open Tournament On the Chickahominy River

Tournament launch will take place at the fishing pier near the Rte 5 bridge. Launch will be in a single file by launch order. You must pass by the end of the dock with live wells open, life jackets on and zipped with kill switch attached and lights must be on. If any of these situations are not correct when passing the Tournament Director on the end of the dock you will be sent to the back of the line of that flight. The First Flight (boats 1-25) leaves at 6:00 AM (or safe light) and returns at 3:00 PM. Each 25 boat flight will return 15 minutes after the previous flight (for example 2nd flight weigh-in will be at 3:15 PM, 3rd flight will weigh-in at 3:30 PM, etc.).

The **WEIGH-IN** will be conducted at the Riverfront Park designated Tournament Weigh-in Area.

The area will be well marked. Prior to weigh-in, anglers **must** check in with a Tournament Official, who will be located in Gordon's Creek near the fish release pipe. Boats will be trailered prior weigh-in of your fish. Please hold your fish until the Tournament Director has opened the scales. **IN AN EFFORT REDUCE THE STRESS ON THE FISH BY EXTENDED WAITING IN LINE**

PLEASE USE ONLY THE REGION 8 BAGS PROVIDED FOR WEIGH-IN!! Tournament

awards/payout will be conducted at the weigh-in site.

1. Boats must be at least 14 feet or more in length and powered by at least a 9.9 HP engine. An operating live well is required. Co-Angler will verify the ignition kill switch is operating properly prior to blast off.
2. Live-wells will be open and inspected by Tournament Officials when they pass by the dock at Blast off.
3. **OFF LIMITS AREAS** – any water or areas designated by the tournament officials or posted as Off Limits, No Fishing, or No Boats by Local, State or Federal agencies is Off Limits. Chickahominy Lake is Off Limits. No boats are allowed within 100 feet above or below Walkers Dam.
4. Life Jackets must be worn and zipped anytime the gasoline engine is in gear. Results for not following This rule will be disqualification from the tournament.
5. Kill switch must be attached to the boat operator anytime the gasoline engine is in gear. Co-Angler **MUST** verify proper operation of the engine kill switch prior to tournament launch.
6. Running lights on your boat must be in place and on in the morning.
7. Creel and length will be 5 bass per boat. All fish at least 12 inches in length.
8. Dead fish penalty will be 4 oz (.25lb) per dead fish.
9. Short fish penalty: Short fish will not be weighed plus a 1 Lbs penalty.
10. Bringing more than 5 fish to the dock will result in a disqualification, i.e., no culling or measuring of fish is permitted at the dock. No fishing after you have checked in.
11. You cannot cull dead fish large enough for scoring.
12. Alcohol will not be permitted in your boat at any time or at the weigh in site.
13. You cannot fish within 50 yards of an anchored boat and when the trolling motor is out of the water.
14. Live or natural baits are prohibited. Trolling is not allowed.
15. You cannot leave your boat or come in contact with another boat unless it is an emergency or a breakdown. Bathroom breaks are allowed.
16. Every boat must check in at the check in site even if you will not weigh in fish.
17. If you check in late, a 1 lb per minute penalty will be assessed for the first 15 minutes. After 15 minutes there will be no weight posted. The Check-in Official will let you know if you are late.
18. Communication devices may not be used for the purpose of locating or catching fish.
19. If for any reason you choose to leave the tournament and return home, please notify a tournament official first.
20. If a tie exists, payout for tied weights will be computed by adding payout values for tied positions then divided equally between tied anglers/teams.
21. Protests can be made at any time during the tournament to the Tournament Committee/Official or within 15 minutes after arrival at the check in site, followed by a written protest within 10 minutes after closing the scales. The Tournament Director's decision is final.
22. Polygraph examinations may be made if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary. Participation in the Tournament implies consent and agreement to a polygraph examination.
23. Any participant issued a citation by a law enforcement officer will be disqualified.
24. Emergencies or breakdowns: Every boat must be checked in and accounted for at the end of the tournament. Contact a tournament official by phone.

Emergency Cell Phone Numbers:

Tournament Director: Lee 757-274-8340, **Region 8 Director:** John: 757-635-6296