



## **1st Annual**

# **BATTLE of the BASStards**

**Date:** Sunday, June 27th, 2010

**Time:** 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Location:** Lake Wampanoag, Gardner, MA

### **Eligibility & Entry Fee**

The BASStard Fishing Tournament is open to all Anglers from boat or shore. The Entry Fee will be \$10 per Angler. All Anglers must be at least 18 yrs of age to compete. Entry Fees are non-refundable.

### **Registration**

All individual Anglers or Teams must register with the Judges of BASStardFishing.com at the location of the tournament prior to competing. The Tournament will begin promptly at 8:00am but Registration will begin at 7:15am. No Team shall have more than 4 Anglers. All Anglers will receive Official Tournament Cards to record the Bass eligible for prizes with payment of the Entry Fee.

### **Official Rules & Regulations**

All Anglers must comply with Massachusetts State Laws. All Anglers must have a valid Massachusetts Fishing License.

Watercraft and Boat Restrictions are limited to and controlled by the location of the Tournament. The operation of electric trolling motors is permitted.

THIS IS A CATCH AND RELEASE EVENT.

All Bass eligible for submission must be at least 12" in length. All Anglers will need to document each Bass with digital photographic evidence of its recorded length and weight, and complete the Official Tournament Cards (provided at Registration) for each entry.

All entries will be dependent on the honor system, so please comply with the rules.

### **Fishing Hours**

The Tournament will start at 8:00am on Sunday, June 27, 2010. All Anglers must be registered before competing in the Tournament. No Angler will be allowed to fish before the official start time of 8:00am. Registration begins at 7:15am. Please arrive early so the event may start punctually.

### **Boundaries**

Any Bass caught in the designated location of the Tournament event is eligible for Prizes.

### **Tackle & Equipment**

ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES ARE PERMITTED. The use of live or dead bait is prohibited. All fish must be caught on rod, reel, and line. Snatching fish with multiple hooks, the use of explosives, and being a jackass is prohibited and calls for immediate disqualification.

## **Required Equipment**

Each Boat or Shore-line Angler must have access to the following equipment to be eligible for Prizes:

- 1) Digital camera (camera phones will need to be approved during Registration)
- 2) Standard measuring tape
- 3) Digital weigh-scale
- 4) Official Tournament Card (supplied at Registration with payment of Entry Fee)

## **Weigh-In**

Anglers wishing to enter eligible catches will need to provide the following information:

- 1) A Digital photograph of the Angler holding the Bass
- 2) A Digital photograph of the Bass with its recorded weight
- 3) A Digital photograph of the Bass and its recorded length
- 4) Recorded time of catch

Fishing Hours close at 2:00pm. The official Weigh-In will begin promptly at 2:30pm. At this time the Judges of BASStardFishing.com will review all eligible submissions and select the winners. Any Anglers that do not make the Weigh-In will not qualify for prizes.

## **Prizes**

This is a one-day Bass Fishing Tournament. Only Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass will qualify for the tournament standings.

The Judges of BASStardFishing.com will select the winners of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the following categories:

First Prize: Angler with Heaviest Bass

Second Prize: Members of Team with heaviest 5-Bass-Total

In the event of a tie, the length and time of the catch will be taken into account. As a last resort the Anglers will need to compete in a casting accuracy challenge to be determined at the event.

## **Weather**

BASStardFishing.com retains the right to cancel or postpone the Tournament as a result of poor weather. Be sure to check our homepage in advance to see if the tournament is still scheduled. (Make sure your cache is cleared for the most recent updates!)

## **Disqualification**

The Judges of BASStardFishing.com retain the right to disqualify any Angler for violation of applicable laws, tournament rules, or safety.

## **Safety**

BASStardFishing.com does not assume any liability for the safety of the anglers during the tournament. Personal Flotation Devices and sea-worthy equipment are the responsibility of the Angler. Each Angler will compete at their own risk and be responsible for their personal safety and well-being, so be safe!

## **Tournament Reception**

After the Tournament all Anglers are encouraged to stick around. The Reception will begin at 3:00pm and be based on a "Bring your own food, drinks, and grill" policy.

See you on the water!