

2010 Thayer's Bass Marauders OPEN TEAM Trail Tournament Application

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ENTRY FEE For Each Boat/Team - \$130.00 Per Event Includes Lunker Pool

80% payout & 20% to TBM, based on 40 boats

Angler _____ Co-Angler _____
TYPE OR PRINT TYPE OR PRINT

ADDRESS _____ / _____
STREET/P.O. BOX

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE () _____ CELL PHONE () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ANGLER BOATING CERTIFICATE # _____ (Provide Copy)

BOAT _____ MOTOR SIZE _____ H.P. RATING _____
MAKE & MODEL

BOAT REGISTRATION STATE _____ NUMBER _____

BOAT INSURANCE EXP DATE _____ LIABILITY LIMIT _____ (Provide Copy)
(\$300,000.00 MINIMUM)

I have read & understand the T.B.M. OPEN TEAM TRAIL tournament rules & regulations. My Team agrees to abide by them during the tournament. I (Boater), For my Team, have enclosed a copy of my boat insurance policy (declaration page with effective & expiration dates) and a copy of my Safe Boating Certificate.

Furthermore, I the undersigned, hereby release the Thayer's Bass Marauders, its officers, members and Tournament Officials from any and all claims resulting from competition and/or involvement in the Thayer's Marine – Thayer's Bass Marauders Open Team Trail.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2010 TOURNAMENT OPEN TEAM TRAIL DATES

TOURNAMENT	DATE	LOCATION	LAUNCH	TIME
Event #1	Sunday, May 2	Candlewood Lake	Squantz Park	8:00 AM To 4:00 PM
Event #2	Sunday, June 27	CT River	Haddam Meadows	8:00 AM To 4:00 PM
Event #3	Sunday, July 25	Candlewood Lake	Squantz Park	8:00 AM To 4:00 PM
Event #4	Sunday, Aug 1	Lake Lillinonah	Steel Bridge	8:00 AM To 4:00 PM
Event #5	Sunday, Sept 19	Candlewood Lake	Squantz Park	8:00 AM To 4:00 PM

All 5 Events Note – if you cannot mail it by the deadline date. You will need to bring your copies of Information and application Plus an extra \$25.00 to entry fee the day of the tournament, Applications will be accepted then.
Allow for one week for mailing prior to the event to allow sufficient time to receive & process application!

Mail application with a check payable to “Thayer's Bass Marauders.” & appropriate copies of information to:
THAYER'S BASS MARAUDERS, 14 Falls Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360
 E-mail: marvinburkhalter@comcast.net Phone: 860-460-5739

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Date Received: _____ Application Fee Amount: _____ Check # _____

Boat Insurance: _____ CT Boat Certificate: _____
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2010 THAYER'S BASS MARAUDERS
"OPEN TEAM"
TOURNAMENT TRAIL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **RULE CHANGES:** Rule changes are applicable to all T.B.M. Tournaments. Changes may be implemented by a majority vote of the T.B.M. Tournament Committee and subsequent approval by the T.B.M. Board of Directors. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Acting Tournament Director and committee members. Their decision shall be final in all matters unless specifically noted otherwise. .
2. **MEDIA COMMENTS & PUBLIC ATTACKS:** The favorable public reputation of B.A.S.S. as a sanctioning organization in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for B.A.S.S. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow anglers or the B.A.S.S. organization. Competitors are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with T.B.M. (B.A.S.S. - sanction chapter) policies are encouraged as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules officials. However, public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of B.A.S.S./T.B.M. officials or sponsors, shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and will result in disciplinary action.
3. **REGISTRATION, PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in T.B.M. OPEN TEAM Tournament Trail events is open to Anglers 16 years of age or older. We recommend that you are a member in good standing with the B.A.S.S. You must all also have a CT Fishing License at each 2010 T.B.M. OPEN Tournament Trail Event.
 - (a) For all events, a properly completed and signed official application form along with the entry fee must be postmarked to the mailing deadline date prior to tournament date as indicated on the tournament form. **Any application postmarked after the mailing deadline date cutoff will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. All applications post marked after the cut-off date must be followed up with a phone call to the Tournament Director. It is your responsibility to get your application and fees to the Tournament Director prior to the Deadline.** Applications will be accepted the day of the tournament up to 7:00 AM Morning Check-In. Any applications received after the Boaters Meeting will not be accepted. **All late fees must be paid prior to 7:00 AM Check-In. NO EXCEPTIONS.** All late fees will go towards T.B.M. hosting the event.
 - (b) When entering the first T.B.M. tournament of the season; If you are competing as a Team, you must **submit a copy** of your **boat insurance policy** (declaration page, showing effective & expiration dates with a minimum of \$100,000 liability) and a copy of your **Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate**. These must be kept current and on file with the TD. If there are any changes to this prior next event, IE different boat, Insurance, partner, new application must be submitted, followed by a phone call to the Tournament Director.
4. **REFUNDS:** Refunds will be granted if the Tournament Director is notified at least **72 hours** prior to the start of the tournament (less any late fees). In case of an emergency, refunds will be handled at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
5. **SAFETY:**
 - (a) Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. Caution and safety on the morning starts must be observed. **Each competitor must supply and wear a life vest** (Coast Guard Approved wearable PFD) properly zipped, buckled, or snapped at all times when the craft's gasoline engine is in operation. Tournament boats may not be powered by an engine which has a horsepower rating in excess of the boat's Coast Guard rating. The boat's "Kill Switch" must be properly affixed to the driver at all times when the gasoline engine is running.
 - (b) Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of the event because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather.
 - (c) **In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first and then notify tournament officials.**
6. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors in all T.B.M. Tournaments are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Any infraction of the state rules and regulations may be deemed as cause for disqualification. (observe all "No Wake" Zones) Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament or at the weigh-in will not be tolerated and shall be cause for immediate disqualification from this and all future tournaments. The use of illegal drugs or alcohol during the tournament (between "check in" in the morning and the closing of the scales in the afternoon) shall be considered cause for disqualification. **Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.** Any act of a participant, which reflects unfavorably upon the T.B.M.'s effort to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reason for immediate disqualification.

7. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. are permissible. Rods over 8 feet long are prohibited. Only one spinning, spin casting, or casting rod and reel may be in use at one time. All others are prohibited. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use; however, only one wet line is allowed at any time. All bass must be caught in a conventional sporting manner. Trolling (the movement of bait caused by the use of a gas or electric motor) is not allowed.
8. **BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT:** Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. Each boat must have a working engine kill switch and a mechanically aerated live well in good working condition. All tournament boats must be adequately equipped, including a fishing seat for a Co-Angler (non-boating partner), and provide sufficient room for two fishermen, their equipment, and two limits of fish. The boat must be deemed adequate for the body of water being fished at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
9. **BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat will be given, prior to start a numbered Frisbee, which must remain with your boat until, turned in at the weigh-in. This Frisbee must be displayed upon the request of tournament officials (check-in boat) and turned in at the weigh-in (**refer to Rule 11**). Please note these events may have Identifiers on all Team Boats for ID on Tournament Selected Waters. This will allow Teams to identified each other on the water.
10. **BOAT OPERATION:**
The Angler (boater) is responsible for the entire operation of running the boat with the Angler and Co-Angler Team format. It is recommended that your Co-Angler is experienced in operating a boat in an emergency.
11. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** During the tournament, fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of another competitor's boat, which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position with trolling motor out of the water. All such boats are required to advise any other Team when such boat believes the competitor is close to being within the 50-yard radius. No such boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50-yard circle claimed by him/her to the exclusion of any other competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Competitors wishing to change the habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations. Contestants must not depart the boat to land a fish. Boats must remain in tournament waters during the tournament day. Contestants must depart from and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both contestants must remain in the boat at all times except in the event of a dire emergency. In the event of an emergency and at all other times, partners must remain together, in sight of each other under the conditions cited above in order for their catch to be scored in the tournament.
12. **OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one or two official location(s) for the morning check-out and afternoon check-in.
 - (a) The morning check-out: All anglers and any new last minute applications shall check-in with the check-in table prior to 6:00 a.m. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with the rules set forth in these tournament regulations. **Boats must be in the water prior to 7:30 a.m. to allow sufficient time for the tournament committee to launch.**
 - (b) Afternoon check-in: All boats shall identify themselves by means of the numbered Frisbee to the "Check-in Boat (s)" and then proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area.

Partners must stay together until their catch is weighed and verified. The Co-Angler (non-boater) is required to stay with the Angler (boater) until the boat is secured on the trailer. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. All fish must be brought to the scales in official weigh-in bags, which will be provided by tournament officials. All competitors are required to check-in and turn in their numbered Frisbee regardless of whether or not they have caught fish. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
13. **SCORING:** Tournament winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each Team's catch during the tournament. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed. The limit shall be Six of the above species. All Teams are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the state. At no time shall a Team have in their possession more than the limits described above and Tournament officials will conduct checks for violations of this provision. In the event a competitor is found to have more than the above-described limits in their possession, then they shall cull the largest bass first, down to the limit prescribed. Only bass as noted above which measure (twelve) 12 inches or more in length on the longest straight line should be presented for weigh-in. However, a courtesy measurement is available upon request by the contestant before he/she presents fish for weigh-in. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure 12 inches, shall disqualify the competitor. Any bass, which appears to be mangled, mashed or otherwise altered, will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. After the Team has delivered their catch to the weigh-master, they may not touch said catch until the weigh-in is completed. Bass may not be stringered at any time during the tournament or weigh-in.
14. **PENALTY POINTS:** No bonus points or ounces will be given for any catches. For each dead fish brought to the scales there will be an eight (8) ounce penalty.

15. **LATE PENALTY:** Teams who are not in the official checkpoint area as described in **Rule 11** at the appointed time shall be penalized eight (8) ounces of the total weight of their catch. This will include any weight to be counted toward a "Lunker award" for each one minute that they are late. Any Team more than fifteen minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case, shall a Team be allowed to make up "lost time". After proper recognition at the checkpoint, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site; however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. After commencement of a tournament, fishing is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check-in times will be announced.
16. **TIES:** Ties will be broken in the following manner:
1. By weight of the largest fish.
 2. By total number of fish.
 3. By a flip of a coin.
17. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** Protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director or their designated representative prior to completion of the weigh-in on the tournament day. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Committee may impose such sanctions, as it deems appropriate.
18. **BOAT LAUNCHING:** All boats shall be in the water and ready to leave one-half hour prior to the start time of the tournament. Boats not in the water by the specified time will not be allowed to launch until the last boat has taken off. Official time and special rules (if any) will be at the check-in table. Tournament departure will be by boat number.
19. **TOURNAMENT TRAIL FORMAT:** The tournament trail will be a Angler/Co-Angler TEAM format. The Angler position (boater) and the Co-Angler position (non-boater) will pay a \$130.00 team entry fee, which includes the \$10.00 Lunker Pool per Team.
20. **PAYOUTS:** After the Lunker fees and 20% for the field are deducted, the remaining of the monies will be determine by a payout scale table. Monies will be awarded to the winners.
21. **COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** No electronic communication devices will be permitted except for an emergency. During the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a VHF marine band-radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. If so equipped, competitors may listen to the marine-band weather information.

Payout for each event as follows:

1st Place – Up to \$1,600*

2nd Place – Up to \$1,200*

3rd Place – Up to \$600*

4th Place – Up to \$400*

5th Place – Up to \$200*

***based on 40 boats – 41 or more will have 6th Place Payout**