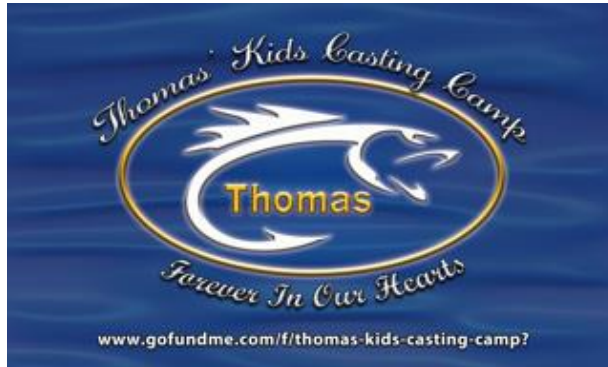


31st Annual Androscoggin Bassmasters

Gulf Island Pond Open

Benefit Open for The Thomas Behen Casting Camp

\$15 from each team goes to the Thomas Behan Casting Camp!



Sunday, August 18th, 2024

Androscoggin River – Gulf Island Pond

Boat Launch Center on Bridge Road in Turner, ME

\$140 Entry fee includes split luncheon

Tournament Hours: 8am – 4pm (no cut off period)

Limit: 7 fish, 12" limit

Payback: 1 place for every 5 boats (up to 10 places)

GIP Registration Form - Please read carefully before signing. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damage incurred in conjunction with this tournament. We understand and agree that the Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to return submitted entry fees if it shall elect for any reason to reject this application. We have read the tournament rules and agree to abide by the terms outlined in them and have proof of the registered boat Insurance. The above facts are true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Boater:

Cell Phone:

Boat Make:

Reg #:

Min \$300,000 Liability Ins?

YES NO

Boater Signature:

Co-Angler:

Cell Phone:

Co-Angler Signature:

1. RULES & REGULATIONS: The tournament committee members are designated judges and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the tournament rules. THEIR DECISIONS ARE FINAL. The judges are eligible to compete for all prizes.

2. LAUNCHING and REMOVING BOATS: All boats must go through an inspection to include a live well check and weed check prior to entering the tournament lake and after the event has completed. Boat owners are in violation if they pull a boat from tournament waters with fish in their live wells. No boat owners are allowed under any circumstances to pull boats from tournament waters with fish in the live wells.

3. INSURANCE: It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering them and passengers. All boat owners must carry boat insurance liability with a minimum of \$300,000 for the boat you are using. Tournament staff has the right to ask for proof of insurance at any time and all teams will be required to present their insurance information when they initially register. All contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving the tournament organizers, tournament sponsors, cosponsors and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities. Contestants are required to have in their possession and provide proof of insurance on demand by the tournament director. All participants agree to hold harmless Androscoggin Bassmasters, officers, directors and agents.

4. PROTEST: Protests must be filed in writing before the first fish is weighed.

5. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION: Starting positions will be determined by random draw at morning briefing.

Registrations may be done the tournament day between 530-7am. All teams must be signed in at the tournament headquarters no later than 7am the day of the tournament. Only two contestants allowed per boat. Contestants under the age of 16 must be teamed with a parent or guardian.

6. REFUNDS: There will be no refunds.

7. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There will be only one designated check point at the close of the tournament. Any contestant late for the weigh in will be penalized one pound per minute up to fifteen minutes, at which time the contestant will be disqualified.

8. SAFETY: Safe boating must always be observed. Life vest must be worn and fastened any time the combustion engine is in gear. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. All boats must have approved coast guard equipment on board including fire extinguisher and kill switch.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP: All participants are required to comply with all Fish and Wildlife regulations of the State of Maine and this tournament. Any team ticketed will result in disqualification. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN A TOURNAMENT BOAT, AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH – IN, OR THE AWARDS CEREMONY. Violators of this rule will be disqualified. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.

10. TACKLE PERMITTED: Only spinning, casting, or spin casting rods will be approved for this tournament. All bass must be caught on artificial lures in a sportsman like manner. No live or prepared baits except for pork rinds, etc. are allowed. A contestant may fish with only one rod at a time. However, he or she may have other rods prepared.

11. BOATS AND MOTORS: Electric motors and small gasoline engines may be used to maneuver a boat while fishing. TROLLING is NOT permitted. Combustion engines shall not exceed 250 H.P.

12. FISHING TIME: The tournament will start at or before 8:00 am and end at 4:00pm, weather permitting.

13. SCORING: Only smallmouth and largemouth bass caught on tournament waters on tournament day will be scored. The minimum length limit shall be 12 inches, mouth closed. There is a 7 fish limit per boat with no weight restrictions. An 8oz (.50). Penalty will be imposed for the weighing of a dead fish and a one-pound penalty for a short fish with the weight of the short fish not counting. To qualify as lunker, a fish must be weighed alive and released alive at the weigh-in site. Competitors are expected to weigh any bass they caught before they weigh them in.

14. TIES: In case of a tie, the contestants with the largest live weighed fish shall be declared the winner. The second tiebreaker will be the most live fish weighed. Third most fish weighed. Final tiebreaker is a coin toss.

15. LIVEWELLS: All fish must be kept in a continuous flowing aerated livewell, pumping fresh water in, except that you may put your livewell in recirculation mode when the outboard is in gear. OUR GOAL IS A 100% LIVE RELEASE.

16. FISHING LOCATION: Fishing is allowed on the Androscoggin River from the Route 219 BRIDGE and to the southern boundary at the SAFETY ROPES just before the dam downstream (NO GOING PAST OR FISHING PAST THE ROPES). No contestant shall fish within 50 yards of another contestant whose boat is anchored, trolling motor in stowed position. All fishing shall be conducted from the contestant's boat. No person shall leave the boat except for emergencies.

17. AWARDS AND PRIZES: Contestants must get winnings at the event. Lunker pool will be divided evenly between largest largemouth and largest smallmouth (The amount to be determined by the number of contestants in the pool). Ties will split the pool money evenly in each category.

18. RAFFLES: Winners must be in attendance.

19. TAXES & TOURNAMENT WINNINGS: All taxes of tournament winnings are the responsibility of the winning anglers and not Androscoggin Bassmasters.

Thank You!