

The Bassmasters of Gator Country

Presents the

32nd Annual Gator Open, Bass Tournament

St. Johns River @ the Palatka City Dock Ramp

Saturday – March 29th, 2008

Safe light - 3 PM

\$85.00 Entry Fee per Boat

100% Big Fish Payback

Don't miss your chance at all the Big Bass Cash – It will only take one cast!

****Prize Payout****

1st Place \$ 1,000

2nd Place \$ 550

3rd Place \$ 450

4th Place \$ 350

5th Place \$ 250

6th Place \$ 200

7th Place \$ 150

1 place will be awarded for every 7 entries

Payout based on 50 boats

1st Place and Big Bass will also receive plaques

Official Entry Form for the 32nd Annual Gator Open

Saturday March 29th at the St. John's River, Palatka City Dock - Safe-Light till 3:00 PM.

\$10 for Big Bass is included in the ENTRY FEE: \$85.00 per boat

Boater: _____

Partner: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

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In signing this application, I agree to be bound by and comply with all the tournament rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament and I hereby release the Bassmasters of Gator Country, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims or injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject my application for any reason.

Your boat position will be determined by the date your entry forms are received

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Bassmasters of Gator Country

Mail a COPY OF YOUR CURRENT BOAT INSURANCE & Your signed Entry Form to Tournament Director:

Ryan Gleason, 21825 NW 154 Place, High Springs, FL, 32643

Tournament Rules

Interpretation of the tournament rules shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

1. **SAFETY:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operating.
2. **BOATS:** All boats must be equipped with some type of ignition kill switch. It must be attached to the driver's body any time the engine is operating. All boats must be 14 feet or more in length and judged to be seaworthy by the tournament officials. No airboats or canoes will be permitted. Each boat must have a functional livewell. All boats must have all the required U.S. Coast Guard equipment.
3. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation is expected from each contestant. Any infraction of the fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. No alcohol or illegal drugs will be permitted in the boat during tournament hours. Any protest must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of last person to weigh in. Tournament officials will judge the protest and their decision will be final.
4. **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only one rod 8 feet or less may be used at any time. Only artificial lures may be used.
5. **LEGAL FISH:** All bass must be caught in a sporting manner and kept in an aerated livewell. All fish brought to the weigh in site become the sole property of BMGC to be released back into the tournament waters. There is a **6** fish (3 per Angler) limit. All fish must be 14 inches minimum in length. Only live fish will be weighed in for Big Bass Pot.
6. **DEAD FISH/SHORT FISH PENALTY** of .50 lbs will be assessed for each dead fish. If a fish not meeting the 14 inch minimum is brought to the scales, the penalty will be loss of the fish and the loss of the largest fish in the creel limit. Dead fish will not be weighed in for the Big Bass Pot.
7. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** There will be no fishing allowed within 50 yards of a marina gas dock or 50 yards from another contestant's anchored boat. The trolling motor must be up and stowed in the boat to be considered as anchored.
8. **CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN THE BOAT:** A contestant may not leave his/her boat to land a fish.
9. **LATE PENALTY:** Contestants will be penalized 1 pound per minute for being late, after 15 minutes contestant will be disqualified, no exceptions.
10. **AGE:** Participants under the age of 18, the adult partner must assume full liability in all matters.
11. **TOURNAMENT HOURS:** Safe-Light till **3:00** PM. Saturday, March 29th 2008.
12. **BOAT POSITION:** Boat numbers are assigned in the order the entries are received.
13. **NO OFF LIMITS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT DAY.**
14. **ALL contestants must have a valid Florida Fishing License, Insurance and current boat registration.**

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For More information please Contact: **Ryan Gleason** @ **352-339 -4339** or E-mail

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