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## NEW YORK BASS NATION ANNOUNCES 2016 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**Jamestown, New York---**As has become the tradition in recent years, the New York BASS Nation is today announcing the 2016 Tournament Schedule in association with our first tournament of the season. This year, because of changes in the BASS Nation Championship format, alternate dates are provided in case there is a conflict with either the Eastern Regional or the National Championship dates. Finalized dates will be established once the championship dates are known. All of these sites approached New York BASS Nation to return to their cities, some as early as August of 2014. They have worked with us in making a flexible schedule and they are all excited to have our organization visiting their communities.

Starting out the schedule will be the Eighth Annual Take a Soldier Fishing Day on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by the second annual Honor and Remember fundraiser tournament on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Both of these events will be held at Oneida Shores Park.

On Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our first annual Youth and High School fundraiser tournament on Lake Erie. This will be a team event with non-boater draw to maintain honesty and will use MLF style scales with a five fish limit. Best five fish between the two team members will count.

On Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our 2016 New York Junior Bassmaster State Championship on Cayuga Lake at Union Springs. And on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our 2016 New York High School State Championship also on Cayuga Lake at Union Springs.

Our Susan Johnson Opening Points Tournament will be held on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 on Lake Champlain at Ticonderoga, New York. This event is sponsored by the Town of Ticonderoga and the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce.

In July, we will return to Ogdensburg, New York and the St. Lawrence River for our second points event of the year. The scheduled date is July 17<sup>th</sup> with an alternate date of July 10<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce and the City of Ogdensburg.

The Club Team Championship will return to Cayuga Lake in August going out of Union Springs. Bass Pro Shops Auburn will host this event. The date pending final approval is set for August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with alternate date of August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

And finally we will close the season returning to the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario at Henderson Harbor New York. We have tentatively scheduled this for Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with an alternate date of September 11<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the town of Henderson and the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association.

We look forward to visiting these sites which are listed in the 2015 Top 100 bass fishing lakes in the world. New York is fortunate to have these wonderful fisheries and to have host communities that are willing to work with us to hold events year after year.

**About the NYBN...**The New York B.A.S.S. Nation (NYBN) has been operating for over 40 years and its 50 plus B.A.S.S. sanctioned bass chapter clubs, represent more than just tournament fishing. We strive to promote and protect the sport of bass fishing by organizing award winning programs in youth, conservation and community service. Associated with Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society, the NYBN is the New York region's foremost advocate for bass fishing and fisherman's rights. The organization offers a competitive annual tournament tour and extensive youth and conservation projects. Some of our members have proudly advanced into the professional ranks and competed in national level competitions.