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Union Springs NY - The New York BASS Chapter Federation held its final event of the 2009 season with a tournament field of 65 boaters and non-boaters launching out of the Union Springs town ramp on Cayuga Lake on Sunday. Many anticipated quality catches due to several reports of 20 lb. limits winning local club events the previous month, but September in the North Country is a month of transition and this event proved that yet again. During the official practice anglers reported catching their fish in water shallower than two feet and others caught their fish in water as deep 20 feet. Tournament morning started with calm overcast skies and waters temperatures ranged from 69-72 degrees. The day progressed to bright sunny skies, a windy midday, and by the 2:45 p.m. weigh-in it was overcast again.

Boater Division

Winning the boater division with a weight of 15.00 lbs. was Ken Bracy of Mexico NY (Port City Bassmasters.) Bracy stayed in the north end of the lake and targeted off shore fish in 17 ft. with a green pumpkin Senko, Texas Rigged on a 3/8 oz weight. His special area was a small isolated 15 foot rock hump that came off the bottom and that two foot rise was just enough to hold a good group of quality fish. Not only did this area produce the winning limit, but it also produced the BASS Pro Shops tournament lunker weighing 5.31 lbs. When Bracy found the spot in practice he knew he had something special and his honey hole was very good to him as he walked away with \$1,640 for 1st place, \$551 for Lunker, and another \$1,000 in Triton Gold contingency money.

Matt Martin of Chittenango NY, (Salt City Bassmasters) earned second place with a weight of 14.13 lbs. Martin found the slick morning overcast conditions to his liking as he worked shallow isolated weeds clumps in 2- 4 ft. with a topwater and then moved in tight to flip & pitch boat docks with his Nereus Rod presenting Black & Blue Fleck Berkley Chigger Craws. Once he closed out his limit he moved to offshore weed lines looking for bigger fish. As the wind picked up, he decided to move back shallow and try to expand his dock pattern. Martin continued pitching the boat docks with Chigger Craws and reports dropping two fish boat side that would have put him in the winners circle. Thinking he needed at least 16 lbs. or better to show Martin says he's satisfied he fished a good event to close out the season.

Third place went to Randy Lamanche of Marcellus NY, (Salt City Bassmasters) with a limit weighing 13.04 lbs. Lamanche found his fish early on working shallow shoreline rock pitching a green pumpkin Senko to roaming fish. Lamanche left his shallow water pattern when the wind picked up around 11 a.m. and he went crank baiting along the northern weed edges in 12-17 feet of water using a Bomber Fat Free Shad in Tennessee Shad. Lamanche credits his

success to fishing clean, if a bass bit he landed it, and reports catching over 20 fish during the day. He also recognizes his sponsors Keitech baits and KL Consulting.

Rounding out the top five were Todd Covert (Crown City Bassmasters) with a weight of 12.76 lbs. and Chris Gore (Westchester Rod & Reel) with a weight of 12.70 lbs.

Non- Boater Division

Jon Bush of Ossining NY, (Westchester Rod & Reel) made his way to the winner's circle with a weight of 12.67 lbs. Bush reports fishing offshore weeds in 17 feet of water with a drop shot rig to present a Yamamoto Shad Shape Worm in green pumpkin color. He also used the Senko in various colors as his back up bait. Bush recognizes his foremost sponsor as his wife Jacqueline.

Second place with a weight of 12.33 lbs. was Leonard Potts, Syracuse NY (Salt City Bassmasters.) Potts reports fishing the south end of the lake in weeds as deep as 6-10 feet. Potts used no-named soft plastics on both a Texas rig and a drop shot, but did report black as the color of choice.

Andrew Slegona of Pine Bush NY, (Constantia Cove Bassmasters) captured third place with a weight of 11.42 lbs. Slegona also reports fishing south along open water weed edges in 17-18 ft. with a crankbait. Slegona recognizes his sponsors BEARPAW baits and Gamma Line.

Chuck Matt (Crown City Bassmasters) with a weight of 10.09 lbs. anchored by the Non-boater Bass Pro Shops lunker weighing 4.83 lbs. tied for fourth place with and David Canastrare (Salt City Bassmasters) who also brought in a weight of 10.09 lbs.

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