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(Ogdensburg NY - July 12): The New York BASS Chapter Federation held its second event of the season with a tournament field of 70 boaters and co-anglers launching out of the Green Belt Ramp and Visitor's Center on the St. Lawrence River. The week leading up to the event saw two cold fronts, with a major thunder storm blowing through the area the night before. Water temperatures ranged from 63-66 degrees on the main river to as high as 70 degrees in the back of some of the larger shallow bays.

Boater Division

Winning the boater division with a weight of 18.66 lbs. was Dean Meckes of Clayton NY. Meckes reports piloting his Ranger Boat from Hanafin Marine to the west for a 25 minute ride to reach the winning fish. During official practice Meckes located bedding fish holding in the ten foot range with spinnerbaits and tubes, but upon reaching his primary area the fish refused to hit any horizontal presentations. Meckes quickly turned to a drop shot rig to coax these post frontal fish and reports catching fish all day long.

Ted Barth of Bolivar NY gave Meckes a run for the title but came up just shy with a weight of 18.65 lbs., but good enough for second place. Barth fished in and around the Chippewa Bay area focusing his efforts in 20-35 ft. dragging a tube rigged on a 1/4 oz. lead head.

Third place went to Eric Sertl of Pittsford NY with a limit weighing 18.49 lbs. Sertl reports having four primary areas consisting of ledges and drop offs in 20-40 ft that he rotated through with a green tube and drop shot rig.

Fourth place went to Chris Flint of Potsdam NY with solid 17.43 lb. limit. Flint reports fishing east all the way up toward Massena. Flint employed a 1 oz. spinnerbait and Senkos to catch his fish in one-six feet of water. He also recognized his sponsors, Colonial House Gift Shop and Stewarts Trucking in Pyrites NY.

Rounding out the top five was Mike Mapes of Predator Bassmasters with a weight of 16.16 lbs.

The Bass Pro Shops lunger award in the boater division went to Dave Kern of Port City Bassmasters with a 4.82 lb. entry.

Co-Angler Division

Jarrod Hughes of Jordan NY made his first trip to the winner's circle with a weight of 17.04 lbs. that he anchored with co-angler Bass Pro Shops lunger weighing 4.50 lbs. Hughes reports

fishing humps and shoals in 20-35 ft with a drop shot rig to present a goby bait. While Hughes was certainly stoked over his win he was very reluctant to reveal the winning color of his bait.

Ray Conley of Albany NY took second place honors with a weight of 15.35 lbs. Conley used a green pumpkin tube in 15-40 ft. and reports catching fish all day long.

Andru Hooks captured third place with a weight of 15.51 lbs., but was unavailable for comment. Rounding out the top five were Charles Roach on Northern NY Bassmasters with 15.16 lbs. and Bruce Nethercott of Watershed Bassmasters with a weight of 15.08 lbs.

The next NY BASS Chapter Federation tournament is the Six-Man Club Team Championship scheduled for Aug 22 and 23 on Oneida Lake launching out of Oneida Shores Park in Brewerton, NY. For additional information contact Tournament Director Jeff Edgerton (315) 662-7925 or tournaments@nybassfed.com

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