



2013 Bowling Green Firefighters Association

Open Bass Tournament

**Barren River Lake, Saturday, September 28, 2013 - Port Oliver
Boat Ramp 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

3 Fish Tournament \$40.00 Per Person with 50% pay back (1 place per 20 entries) Total weight of 3 bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth or KY Bass) per boat 15" or larger



Wendy's Big Bass Award \$500.00 for the Single Largest Black Bass



Renegade Marine Bonus Money \$500.00 if the winner purchased boat retail from Renegade Marine. OR \$250.00 to highest top 10 finisher that purchased boat retail from Renegade Marine



Free Lunch During weigh-in lunch will be provided by SERVPRO of Warren County

Door Prizes Prizes will be given away at the weigh-in. You must be present to win.

All proceeds benefit **Shop With A Firefighter** (a program that allows underprivileged children to Christmas shop with firefighters at no cost to them)

Early entries will be accepted by mail until Sept. 21, 2013 or register in person at The Landing At Port Oliver. All other entries will be accepted the morning of the tournament at Port Oliver Boat Ramp.

Official Tournament Rules

1. **TOURNAMENT HOURS** - Saturday, September 28, 2013 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Boats will be given flight numbers and return times the day of tournament.
2. **REGISTRATION** - Mail your registration in by September 21, 2013 or register in-person at Barren River Lake, Port Oliver Boat Ramp after 5:00 a.m. Starting positions are determined by the order entry forms are received. Registration can also be completed at The Landing At Port Oliver.
3. **SAFETY**: Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. During the tournament, each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. This preserver must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating during tournament hours. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. The Director has the right to delay the start of tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the SAFETY of the competitors.
4. **SPORTSMANSHIP**: Competitors in the tournament are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the tournament or in the weigh-in area will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this tournament. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.
5. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT**: Only artificial lures may be used. Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod (8 foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging fish will be disqualified. No gaffs may be used to boat bass nor be permitted in boat at any time. The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited.
6. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS**: MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER FOR ALL OUTBOARD MOTORBOATS USED IN TOURNAMENT COMPETITION WILL BE the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in their ruling of Nov. 1.1972. When required, each boat MUST have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must NOT exceed the rating specified on this rating plate. Any boat manufactured prior to Nov. 1. 1972 must adhere to the ratings set by the U.S. Coast Guard for similar boats. Each competitor agrees to submit, by his signature on the official entry form, the boat and outboard motor used in the tournament to an inspection by tournament officials, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating numbers on the motor would also be cause for immediate disqualification from the tournament.
7. **CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT**. Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat to: A boat operated by other competitors or a rescue boat. If a competitor must violate any of the above conditions (to contact a tournament official by phone or other means or to report an emergency or breakdown), both competitors must cease fishing at this point, and their catch must be verified by a tournament official or another contestant in order to be counted in the tournament. If after the emergency situation is resolved by the tournament officials and enough time is left for the competitors to resume fishing, a RESTART will be allowed and the competitors will continue and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergency situations.
8. **DO NOT KILL YOUR CATCH**: Each competitor is expected to keep his bass alive by use of a properly aerated live-well. .5 lb. DEAD FISH PENALTY.
9. All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the closing of the tournament scales.
10. Fish will not be returned to contestants. If you're fishing in another tournament, we will cooperate within reason (at our discretion) with your tournament director so you may get credit for your fish's weight.
11. Cash prize winners may be subject to a lie detector test. If required to take the test, you must pass it to claim a prize.
12. Each contestant must read the rules, complete, and sign an official entry form/liability release.

Preregister by mail before September 21, 2013 or register in person at The Landing At Port Oliver. To preregister, mail the section below the dotted line and check. Make checks payable to: Bowling Green Firefighters Association or BGFFA.

BGFFA Bass Tournament
C/O Michael Bean
310 Horizon Ct.
Bowling Green, KY 42104



Team Member #1

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

I AGREE TO THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Signature _____ Date _____

Team Member #2

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

I AGREE TO THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Signature _____ Date _____