



International Bass Tournament

Tuesday Morning, August 6, 2013

Lake Lansing Launch

6271 East Lake Drive
Haslett, MI 48840



Information for Pro Boaters

The Dwarf Athletic Association of America thanks you for donating your time, talent and bass boat for the first ever International Bass Tournament for dwarf anglers!

OVERVIEW

- We need 25 volunteer Pros and their Bass Boats!
- Pros provide equipped bass boat (life jackets, rods/reels, artificial baits)
 - Basic bass boats are easier for dwarf anglers - deep vee boats put them too low
- Each Pro will guide two anglers
 - Anglers range from 9 to 64; the 50 anglers represent 9 different nations.
 - 5 younger anglers will partner with a parent (parent may not be a dwarf)
- Check-in is 5:30 to 6 AM
 - Lake Lansing launch opens at 5 AM (we cover your launch fee)
 - Blast-off numbers assigned as boats arrive
 - Coffee and Donuts for Pros 6 - 6:30 (Mason Area Bass Anglers)
 - Pro briefing at 6:15
- Blast-off
 - Anglers arrive between 6:20 and 6:30; they will have boat numbers and will find you
 - Launching begins by Blast-off number as soon as your anglers are loaded
 - Volunteer valets will back you in and park your vehicle
- Return
 - Return by Blast-off number
 - Volunteer valets will pull you out and park you.
 - Weigh-in bags distributed as you pull out
 - Weigh Master will call up Pros & anglers by Blast-Off number
- Weigh-in starts at 10:45 and Lunch is 11:30 to 12:30
 - Michigan BASS Nation weigh-in stage will be used
 - Small trophies for anglers; photo ops for teams
 - Lunch for Pros, Volunteers, and Anglers (King of the Grill)
- **Closing is by 12:30**
 - Anglers board buses at 12:30 sharp
 - **For safety reasons, we appreciate Pros staying at the launch until the athlete buses are loaded and on their way back to the MSU campus**



RULES

1. Catch and Release (after weigh-in)
2. Have safe fun! Many international anglers will be first timers in a bass boat
3. Pros guide, rig equipment, demonstrate, help land fish - the anglers do the fishing
4. Five bass limit per boat; awards by boat/team for best limits (top 5) and big bass (top 3)
5. Prize also given for biggest legal: crappie, blue gill, pike and 'other'
6. Emergency (including restroom) returns to the launch do not disqualify a boat
7. Once you set sail, YOU are the captain of your boat - we trust your professional judgment.

NOTES

1. First, Thank You, and enjoy yourself! This is a non-medal introductory event for the World Dwarf Games, so it is more recreational than competitive.
2. You are an ambassador of the United States, the State of Michigan, and the great sport of freshwater fishing.
3. We will cover the launch fee for anyone who doesn't have a launch sticker
4. All dwarf anglers 17 and up will have a license for that day
5. If you have questions about what your anglers are capable of doing on their own, just ask.
6. Step ladders will be available in the parking lot, if needed to help your anglers get on board. (Anglers using a wheelchair or scooter can load and unload dockside).
7. Pros and volunteers will need to sign a WDG Liability Release and a WDG Code of Conduct form

BACKGROUND

Freshwater fishing is a major pastime in the United States, and over the last three decades has become a major US competitive sport. Top anglers from around the world now come to America for the best tournament circuits, and some of the best in-land angling on the globe. Michigan is a premier in-land fishing destination, known for abundant rivers and lakes, exceptional varieties of fish, and a culture that promotes outdoor recreation. Our goal is to expose World Dwarf Games (WDG) athletes to this emerging sport, and to the opportunities for recreation and competition it can provide, especially in Michigan!



Fishing from a bass boat deck is like fishing from a dock; very few, if any, accommodations are needed to participate. We expect our boater-volunteers to make on-the-spot accommodations as needed, and to come away with a new appreciation for, and understanding of the dwarf community. In turn, we expect our WDG athletes to come away with a new appreciation for the generosity and camaraderie of Michigan's angling community!

SIGN-UP DIRECTIONS for Pros and other volunteers:

Please contact Len Sawisch via email len@sawisch.com or phone 517-393-3116 if you have not already confirmed your intentions to be a World Dwarf Games Pro! Be sure to indicate if you are representing a business, organization, or Bass club!

Thanks to our Sponsors!

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