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DAVE MORRISSETTE WINS NY BASS CHAPTER FEDERATION SEASON OPENER ON LAKE GEORGE WITH 16.26 LBS

The NY BASS Chapter Federation held its season opener on Lake George Sunday June 19th. A field of 194 anglers competed for their share of a total purse valued at \$20,000. After several weeks of high water in Northern NY water levels were returning to normal pool and anglers we faced with spawn and post spawn fish. The last time the NYBCF fished Lake George it took 14.02 lbs to win the one day event and the winning weight was predicted to be in the 15-17 lb range this year. As it turned out it took 16.26 lbs to win and here's how they did it.

Boater Division

Dave Morrissette of Southhadly MA captured his first NY BASS Chapter Federation win with a weight of 16.26 lbs. Morrissette reports targeted bedding bass and fishing main lake shoals with drop shot rigs. His first stop produced a bed fish and a 2.5 lb class fish and while moving to his next area his non-boater mentioned a shoal that held some spawners. Morrissette pulled in there and says they never left the area. He reports using 4 and 6 lb test and a ½ oz weight to present 4 inch black worms on drop shot rigs and quickly landed 3 and 4 lb. class fish and continued to cull for several hours. Morrissette recognized Wood Boat & Motor and Triton Boats. This event marks Morrissette's first outing with NY BASS Chapter Federation and he earned \$2,500.00 for his efforts. Expect to see this young gun in the winner's circle again real soon.

Kerry Rice from Edison NY took second place money of \$1,380.00 with a weight of 15.33 lbs. Rice fished the North end of Lake George targeting smallmouth bass in ten foot or less using Senkos and tubes. Rice also took home the Senior (over 50) pool earning an additional \$330.00

Third place went to Bob Stock from Morris Plains, NJ with a weight of 14.83 lbs winning \$1,200. Stock reports fishing shallow water for cruising post spawn fish with plastics and Senkos. Stock's best colors were Baby Bass, Watermelon and shades of Green. Stock believes using 8 lb. test Trilene XL generated more bites throughout the day.

Rounding out the top five are Sean Wilkes of Capital District Bassmasters with a weight of 14.79 lbs earning \$1,050.00 and Gary Menchen of Watershed Bassmasters with 14.44 lbs (\$930.00) that was anchored by the US Reel Lunker that weighed 5.17 lbs. winning \$432.00 and a 230SX Supercaster reel

Non-Boater Division

Mike Sorendo, Port City Bassmasters, captured the non-boater title with a weight of 13.47 lbs that earned a check worth \$1,500. This was Sorendo's first attempt at tournament bass fishing and he recognized TJ Dobbs his practice partner who shared some good techniques on this water and his boater

Tim Thompson who had some great fish located in 12-13 ft. When asked for specifics on what baits were used and how he presented them Sorendo declined to offer any specifics.

Second place (\$830.00) went to Jeff Hermance, Adirondack Bass Club, with a weight of 12.33 lbs. Hermance reports using a 3/8 oz weight on a drop shot rig to present Senkos in 12-18 ft.

John Carey, Southern Tier Bassmasters, with 11.61 lbs claimed third place honors good for \$750.00 Carey reports fishing shoals and banks to 4 ft deep with dark colored plastic worms and swim baits

Rounding out the top five are Kevin Wilkes, Capital District Bassmasters, with 11.18 lbs (\$640.00) anchored by the US Reel Lunker that weighed 4.21 lbs winning \$432.00 and a 230SX Supercaster Reel and George Close with 10.68 lbs taking home \$540.00

Contingency Money Winners

The NYBCF tournament trail is eligible for the Federation Alliance, Skeeter Real Money, BASS CAT Quest, PAA Payday and Bass Pro Shops (BPS) Tournament Rewards. Corey Dilorenzo, NY Nitro State Team member, finished in eighth place earning \$605.00 and as the highest finishing Nitro boat owner he pockets a cool \$500.00 in bonus money

Club Standings

To determine the club standings the top three weights of each participating club are totaled at each event and carried over the course of the season. After this initial event the top three clubs are

Salt City Bassmasters at 34.65 NY Nitro at 33.41 Adirondack Bass at 32.86

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