



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Event Overview

April 10-14, 2018

For more info: Please contact TBF at 580.765.9031 www.bassfederation.com

Competition Waters:

Bull Shoals Lake – Flippin, Arkansas

Local Host and REGISTRATION:

RANGER BOATS
927 Hwy 178 North
Flippin, AR 72634
870-453-222

Registration: Tuesday, April 10, 4-5pm
Ranger Boat Plant Loading Dock

Competitors – Mandatory Equipment Briefing:
Tuesday, April 10th 5:15 SHARP
Ranger Boat Plant Loading Dock

Takeoff: 7:00 am CST Daily

Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock
140 Boat Dock Cove

Welcome Banquet and Rules Briefing:
Tuesday April 10, at 6pm
Ranger Boat Plant Loading Dock

GPS N 36 22'52.41, W 92 35'48.93
Bull Shoals, AR 72169

Boat Yard:

Gaston's White River Resort
1777 River Road
Lakeview, AR 72642

Housing:

Gaston's White River Resort
1777 River Road
Lakeview, AR 72642

Weigh-In: April 12, 13, 14

Bull Shoals Lake Boat Dock
Weigh-in starts promptly at 3:00pm CST each day

Overview:

The 2018 TBF National Championship is the ultimate dream goal for a TBF member. Held on Bull Shoals Lake at Flippin, Ar., the Boater with the heaviest cumulative weight from all three days of competition will be crowned TBF National Champion. Both the National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-Angler will receive a "Living the Dream" prize package. 54 Boaters and 54 Co-anglers representing 7 TBF divisions in North America have competed during 2017 and qualified through a series of TBF clubs, TBF State and National Semi-Final tournaments to compete in the one of a kind event.

The first-place prize package on the Boaters side is a \$100,000.00 "Living the Dream" prize package includes use of a wrapped Ranger boat powered by Evinrude as well as a tow vehicle, fully paid entry into the 2019 FLW Tour, a cash award, an automatic berth into the 2018 BFL All-American and the 2018 Forrest Wood Cup. First place on the co-angler's side is a Living The Dream prize package including paid entry fees into choice of FLW Costa series, a cash award, and an automatic berth into the 2018 BFL All-American. All 7 Division Champions (7 boaters and 7 co-anglers) will advance to the 2018 BFL All-American.

Format:

- **Prize purse** – Over \$300,000.00 in cash, bonus's and prizes will be awarded
- **Days 1 & 2 – Full Field; Boaters & Co-anglers, compete on Thursday and Friday and weigh in at 3pm CST**
 - 54 Boaters and 54 Co-anglers compete representing the 7 TBF Divisions
- **Day 3 – Top 7 Boaters & Co-anglers compete and weigh-in at 3pm CST**
 - 7 Division-leading Boaters fishing the “Boaters” side and 7 Division-leading Co-anglers based on accumulated weight from days one and two.
 - Winning Boater and Co-angler determined by the accumulated weight from days one through three.

Key Rules:

- Off-Limits started 5:00 pm Sunday, March 11, 2018
- Each angler may weigh in five bass per day.
- Missouri and Arkansas (where required) fishing license is required
- 15” length limit on all species
- Only artificial lures are permitted
- Bass must be kept alive. Anglers are assessed an 8-ounce penalty for each bass brought to the weigh-in not alive
- Anglers who are late for the official check-in are assessed a 1 pound-per-minute penalty



Registration Time and Location:

Tuesday, April 10 — 4-5:00 p.m. Ranger Boats Plant Loading Dock

- Equipment orientation begins at 5:15 p.m. SHARP at the Loading Dock
- Welcome Banquet and Rules Briefing 6:00pm at the Loading Dock

Schedule of Events:

- **Tuesday, April 10-Registration** –Ranger Loading Dock
 - 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Angler Registration
 - 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. Mandatory Boat Orientation
 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome dinner
 - 10:00p.m. Boatyard access **closes**
- **Wednesday, April 11 – Last Official Practice Day**
 - 5:00 a.m. Contestant’s breakfast – Gastons Conf Ctr
 - 5:45 a.m. Contestants leave boatyard
 - 7:00 a.m. Takeoff at Bull Shoals Boat Dock
 - 2:30 p.m. 1st Flight check-in
 - 3:00 p.m. 2nd Flight check-in
 - 6-30- 9:30 pm Boatyard Access Hours
- **Thursday, April 12 - Competition Day 1**
 - 5:00 a.m. Contestant’s breakfast – Gastons Conf Ctr
 - 5:45 a.m. Contestants leave boatyard
 - 7:00 a.m. Takeoff at Bull Shoals Boat Dock
 - 2:30 p.m. 1st Flight check-in
 - 3:00 p.m. 2nd Flight check-in
 - 3:00 p.m CST **Weigh-in begins at Boat Dock**
 - 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Boatyard Access Hours
- **Friday, April 13 - Competition Day 2**
 - 5:00 a.m. Contestant’s breakfast – Gastons Conf Ctr
 - 5:45 a.m. Contestants leave boatyard
 - 7:00 a.m. Takeoff at Bull Shoals Boat Dock
 - 2:30 p.m. 2nd Flight check-in
 - 3:00 p.m. 1st Flight check-in
 - 3:00 p.m CST **Weigh-in begins at Boat Dock**
 - 6:30-9:30 pm Boatyard Access Hours
 - 5:30 p.m. **Mandatory meeting for Top 7**
- **Gaston’s Conference Center**
Boater and Co-angler finalists-(Field cut to the 7
Division-leading “boaters” and 7 Division-leading co-
anglers)
- **Saturday, April 14 -- FINAL Competition Day 3 of the**
TBF Federation National Championship
 - 5:00 a.m. Contestant’s breakfast – Gaston’s Conf Ctr
 - 6:00 a.m. Contestants leave boatyard
 - 7:00 a.m. Takeoff at Bull Shoals Boat Dock
 - 3:00 p.m. CST **Final weigh-in activities**
Begin Bull Shoals Boat Dock

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FEDERATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!**

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