

# New for 2010

## “The Boat Doc Bass Invitational”

### Tournament circuits run by fishermen for fishermen!

**Key points: No late fee, boat number based on entry time!**

Members receive a 10% discount on most parts and accessories purchased from The Boat Doc!

Triton Gold payout for a minimum of 30 boats!

Triton Gold payout for Team of the Year!

The Boat Doc contingency of \$250 to the winner of any tournament and Team of the Year if you purchased your boat from The Boat Doc!

Mercury and Triton Boat contingency payouts & prizes!

85% minimum payback, way more with contingencies!

Smallest 6 fish limit receives \$100 Dutch's Trading post gift certificate!

Big bass cash pot!

Rules' meeting is in the morning the day of the tournament!

(4) Tournaments on Shawano Lake for 2010.

More information available at [www.theboatdoc.com](http://www.theboatdoc.com)

# The Boat Doc Bass Invitational

## 2010 Membership/Entry Application

### Angler 1

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Angler 2

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Boater's Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_

Boat manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Motor manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Triton Gold applicable? Y or N (circle one)

**I signify by my signature below that I have read and understand the 2010 Boat Doc Invitational Rules, Participation Agreement, Release of Liability and the Photo & Video Release. Both anglers must sign!**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee is \$180 per Tournament. **\*\* Membership Fees are due when applying for first tournament.**

**Make checks payable to: BD Outdoors, llc.**

Send payment to: The Boat Doc, N11463 Columbia Drive, Lomira, WI, 53048

Check all that you're applying for:

\$20 single membership { }

\$40 team membership { }

\$180 Shawano Lake July 11<sup>th</sup> Huckleberry Harbor 6-2pm { } \$10 Big Bass { }

\$180 Shawano Lake July 25<sup>th</sup> Huckleberry Harbor 6-2pm { } \$10 Big Bass { }

\$180 Shawano Lake Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Huckleberry Harbor 6-2pm { } \$10 Big Bass { }

\$180 Shawano Lake Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Huckleberry Harbor 6-2pm { } \$10 Big Bass { }

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# The Boat Doc Bass Invitational

## 2010 Rules & Regulations

### Membership

Participation in any of The Boat Doc Bass Invitational tournaments (BDI) will require a membership fee. This fee will be \$20.00 per person or \$40.00 per team. With this one year membership you will receive a 10% discount on most parts and accessories purchased through The Boat Doc. You must fish at least one tournament for this to apply.

**A.** Each team must complete, sign and submit an official BDI entry form along with payment. Membership fees must be paid with first tournament entry of the year. You may enter the morning of the tournament, but no more entries will be accepted 15 minutes prior to tournament start time.

**B.** Participants must enter as two-person teams (no "Partner TBD" or unknown partner names on the entry forms). Any person 17 years of age or younger must be teamed with a parent or guardian.

**C.** Each team will be allowed to use one substitute angler per tournament series without losing any team points. For example: If there are 4 tournaments in 1 series you will be allowed to have a substitute for only 1 of those 4 tournaments to still keep your points adding up. You may fish with someone different every tournament if you're not concerned about gaining points.

**D.** In an emergency situation you may fish by yourself if your partner is unavailable. You will only be allowed to weigh a one man limit. This is only allowed for emergency situations and will not be allowed for more than 1 tournament per series.

**E.** BDI does not discriminate based on race, creed, color or gender. BDI is not required to accept all applications and retains sole discretion on acceptance or rejection of any application.

**F.** The entry fee for each team per tournament is \$180. There will also be an optional \$10 big bass pot. Payment must accompany each entry. Check or cash are acceptable payments. A \$40 processing fee will be applied to all declined NSF checks. Payments are to be made to: **BD Outdoors**. Mailing address is, The Boat Doc, N11463 Columbia Drive, Lomira, WI, 53048.

### II. REFUNDS & CREDIT

**A.** No refunds apply at any time. No refunds will be made nor will credit be extended for any cancellations. Disqualification from a tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee. No refunds or credits are extended to teams that choose not to fish due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

### III. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE, REGISTRATION & RULES MEETING

**A.** Pre-tournament practice is allowed up until the day of the tournament. 12:00 a.m, the day of the tournament, is off limits.

**B.** Each competitor must register in person at tournament headquarters by 5:30 AM on the tournament day. Boat numbers will be determined by team entry date. There will be a short rules meeting following registration. **At least one member of team must attend rules meeting or team will be disqualified.** Specific rules for the particular tournament waters will be discussed.

## TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY, POLICY & SAFETY

**A.** Participants will conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner at all times maintaining professional demeanor in public and in communication with tournament officials. Any unfavorable conduct, speech or action by a participant could be grounds for disqualification or rejection of entry application. Every competitor is expected to participate in the marshaling of the field in order to maintain the highest integrity to the competition. Any incidents observed during tournament hours should be reported to tournament officials for further investigation.

**B.** Any tournament angler has a right to protest another team. A protest must be made with a tournament official within ½ hour of tournament end time. A polygraph or CVS Voice Stress Analyzer may be utilized. If the protest is valid the disqualified party must pay all investigative costs.

**C.** The tournament officials will interpret these rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and their decision in any dispute is final.

**A copy of these rules MUST be in each competitor's boat during the tournament.**

**D.** Boat operator must have boater's liability insurance and is required to list insurance company on tournament application.

**E.** All BDI tournaments will be conducted as catch-and-release events.

**F.** All tournament boats will be inspected to have all the Coast Guard required safety equipment. Tournament boats will also be inspected for functioning and empty live-wells.

**G.** All teams are subject to official inspection during the tournament and agree to an inspection at any time. No fishing information may be given to participants during tournament fishing hours by anyone in any fashion. **Cell phones are allowed for safety purposes only.** Only friendly non-fishing conversation between competitors is allowed during tournament hours. No Internet access is allowed, nor is text messaging, paging, or walk-talkie to another person during tournament hours. BDI may request cell phone records in the course of investigation and all participants agree to provide such records if requested of them.

**H.** Participants agree to wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device anytime the main engine is running.

**I.** Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower rating of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this plate.

**J.** In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning and/or severe weather, participants may pull into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing. Participants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except at a commercial gas dock, the official weigh-in site or if severe weather forces them ashore. Tournament hours may be shortened at the discretion of tournament director due to unsafe weather conditions.

**K.** No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be possessed or consumed during tournament hours.

**L.** Tournament boundaries or restricted fishing zones will be announced at the rules meeting and may be further restricted if needed. Participants must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times.

**M.** Late penalties... **LATE MEANS LATE.** If you are late you will be disqualified. The tournament director will explain late boundaries for each particular body of water.

**N.** BDI participants must possess all necessary fishing licenses and commit to following regulations. All state rules regarding fishing will be observed unless more stringent regulations are specified at the rules meeting.

**O.** Any team that receives a written citation for any violation during the tournament hours will be disqualified.

## V. Fishing specifics

- A.** Each contestant may use only one rod with one lure at a time. **ARTIFICIAL BAIT ONLY** may be used. You may have as many rods rigged and ready to use as you desire. **TROLLING IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- B.** No angler may fish when the main engine is in gear. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
- C.** No Seeding/Salting: Moving fish to an area with the intent of gaining an unfair advantage is strictly prohibited.
- D.** Competitors are restricted from impeding another competitor's immediate water. No anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within 25 yard circle claimed by him. Anchored position means trolling motor out of the water and boat is holding position due to some kind of anchoring system. A Power Pole will qualify for an anchoring system. Tied to an obstruction, like a pier, is not anchoring.
- E.** All teams will be allowed to weigh a 6 fish limit for all tournaments except in the event of an angler fishing alone, which would then be 5 fish.
- F.** Any team that brings an extra or 7th fish to the bump station will have the largest fish disqualified from their total basket.
- G.** Minimum size limit for all bass will be 14 inches unless there is a site-specific regulation for the body of water where the tournament takes place.
- H.** Any team that brings a short fish is violating the law and therefore they will be disqualified. Fish will be measured by a tournament official with fish's mouth closed and tail pinched. There will be a courtesy bump board available to all anglers prior to the scale opening.
- I.** Dead fish will result in a  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound deduction to angler's final weight. Example: (2 dead fish equals minus  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound).
- J.** In case of a tie, the first tie breaker shall be the number of fish. If a tie still remains, the team with the heaviest bass of that day will win the tie.
- K.** If equipment failure occurs you may do one of two things. Both partners remain in their boat and are towed by water to weigh-in, or by one partner entering the boat of another tournament contestant and transferring catch into that contestant's boat. Under these two conditions the contestants' catches will be counted without a penalty. (Except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules).

## VI. Winning

- A.** Each team's total weight minus deductions will determine the final tournament standings. The team with the most weight in a tournament will win that tournament.

## VII. Series Finals and Points

- A.** There will be a number of tournaments on one particular body of water to make a tournament series. Anglers will fish each tournament as an individual tournament but will gain points based on how they perform at each tournament. The team with the most points after the final tournament on this particular body of water will be the series winners or Team of the Year.
- B.** The first place team at each tournament will receive 200 points, second place 199 and so on. Teams with no fish will all receive 10 points less than the team that has the lowest weight.
- C.** The last tournament of the year will have two payouts. One payout will be for the tournament that day, and the other for the top teams in the entire series. The payout for the series will depend on how many anglers participate throughout the year.

## VIII. Payout

- A.** Tournament payout will be 85% of money taken in. 10% of that money will go towards the series finals. Individual tournaments will pay the top 20% of the field. Series finals will pay the top 3 teams of the series. The top team will have the most points accumulated over the series. Team of the Year will also receive two plaques.
- B.** Smallest 6 fish limit will receive a \$100 gift. If a tie occurs the winner will be the team with the smallest big fish. If there is still a tie we will flip a coin to determine the winner.
- C.** Big bass of the tournament will be a separate cash pot. If a tie would occur with big bass there will be a split pot.

## IX. Contingencies

- A.** Any team that purchased a new boat from The Boat Doc and wins a tournament with this boat will receive a check for \$250. The Team of the Year will also receive \$250 if their boat was purchased from The Boat Doc. You must be using the boat purchased during the tournament to qualify for this contingency.
- B.** Triton Gold will apply to any anglers running a Triton boat. Triton Gold will pay out with a minimum of 30 boats. You must be signed up for Triton Gold to apply. Visit [www.tritonboats.com](http://www.tritonboats.com) for any questions and to apply.
- C.** Triton Gold will also apply to the Team of the Year. Same rules as a regular tournament win apply. Payout will be \$500 to the Team of the Year if Triton Gold applicable.
- C.** There may be more contingencies in the future. Any future contingencies will be posted at [www.theboatdoc.com](http://www.theboatdoc.com) and will be announced at tournament sites.

## X. ANGLER'S WAIVER & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- A.** Participation Agreement: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by the rules that have been established by tournament officials. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of these rules and that these rules relate to the safety of all participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of this event. The Tournament Official(s) shall act as the referee in all disputes and their decision based on their interpretation of the rules **will be final** and without legal appeal. I also understand there are **never refunds** for tournament entry fees.
- B.** Release of Liability: I acknowledge that I am participating voluntarily in BDI. I agree to assume all risk of injury, death, damages, theft and loss to personal property, which may result from my participation in BDI tournaments. I recognize that loss of property, injury or death could arise from the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament and the risks normally encountered in open-water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in outdoor competition. I retain the right to not compete if I feel the risks are too great on any given day, however, I realize in so doing that I forfeit any claim to my entry fee. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and am physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of a professional fishing competition.
- C.** Photo & Video Release: I understand and agree that any and all photographs, videos or films taken during the of my participation in the tournament which includes me, my name and/or my boat may be used by the tournament organizers, sponsors or media without my prior consent and without royalties.