



# New York State



## Junior BASS Chapter Federation

# BASS-LINES

Third Quarter 2006 Addendum

## SALT CITY Junior Bassmasters rise to the task!

*Submitted by Karen Knapp*

The 2nd Annual New York State Junior Federation Club Team Event was held August 5, 2006, at Oneida Shores County Park on Oneida Lake.

This tournament is a much heralded and prestigious event because the winning club maintains bragging rights over all the junior clubs in New York, for at least a year.

The Junior Bassmaster's are limited to 3 bass each. Every boat has two youngsters with a maximum of 6 bass per boat. The adult boater cannot participate in any angling activities but does handle the big motor to move anglers from spot to spot and becomes the "go-to" person for any emergencies. The adult turns the boat and trolling motor over to the Junior anglers, allowing them to compete in a level playing field.

A total of five clubs from across the state, traveled to Oneida Lake to compete for the coveted 1st place prize and the right to be considered the best club in the state!



**Salt City Junior Bassmasters** garnered **1st place** and "rocked" the digital scales with a total of 33.79 lbs. Individual angling honors are as follows; Rick Ottman weighed-in 7.84 lbs., Tom Merritt contributed 7.68 lbs.,

Chris Rosbeck with 7.57 lbs., Nick Wheeler added 5.72 lbs., followed by Andrew Benberek with 4.98 lbs., and Cody Arnold.



**Southern Tier Junior Bassmasters** settled for **2nd place** with a scorching total of 33.55 lbs., missing first place by "mere fish scales". They were lead by Matt Blue with 7.22 lbs., James Alves Jr. added 7.15 lbs., Clinton Brewer came in with 7.07 lbs., Brandon Hill with 6.83 lbs., Justin Brewer with 5.28 lbs., and Logon Schuh.



**Hudson Valley Junior Bassmasters** followed up in **3rd place** with a respectable total of 17.96 lbs., buoyed by Bryan Conti with 6.55 lbs., Chris Dam adding 4.84 lbs., Dan Christ with 4.77 lbs., Mike Stienke with 1.80 lbs., along with Allen Rogers and Chris Kane.

**Orange County Junior Bassmasters** ended up in **4th place** with a total of 10.16 lbs. Matt Thomas led the club with 4.87 lbs., followed by Cole Hamling with 2.29

lbs., Katey Knapp with 1.76 lbs., Tommy O'Neill with 1.24 lbs., along with Kenny Knapp and Dylan Dolce.

**1st Sullivan Junior Bassmasters** finished in **5th place** with a total of 9.80 lbs. Tom Graziano led his team with 4.83 lbs., followed by James Finnerman with 3.30 lbs., Daniel Hoffman with 1.67 lbs., along with Kyle Albers, Mat McGraw and Kevin L.

*Again, how can we thank all the boaters enough?* Each boater took a day out of their weekend, shared their time and fully expensed the costs associated with their equipment, such as fuel, oil, boat, trailer and vehicle insurance, etc., so that each youngster could comfortably compete and enjoy a day on the water.

*Below is a list of the boaters that participated in the Event. Both Mickey and I, on behalf of the Juniors truly appreciate your solid and unwavering support!*

*Boaters representing Salt City Bassmasters were: Craig Terpening, Mike Cusano and Dave Ottman.*

*Boaters representing Southern Tier Bassmasters were: Ron Hill, Les Blue and Ron Brewer.*

*Boaters representing Hudson Valley Bassmasters were: Jerry Dam, Charlie George and Vinnie Crodelle.*

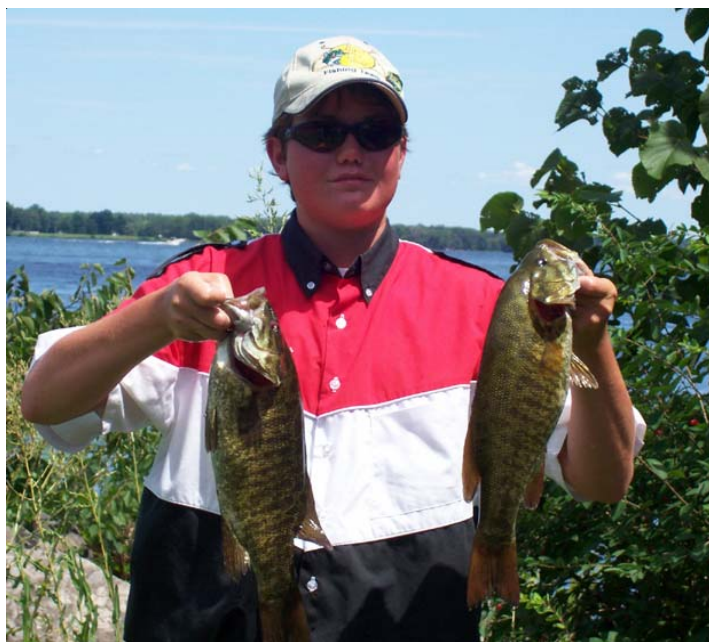
*Boaters representing Orange County Bassmasters were: Kevin Knapp, Rick Gulla and Mr. Dan.*

*Boaters representing 1st Sullivan Bassmasters were: Kurt Albers, Rich Degroat and Ralph Cheney. ■*

## ***ALABAMA, here come our Junior Bassmasters!***



*Junior Pro, Kenny Knapp*



*Junior, Brandon Hill*

The New York State Junior Federation World Championship finals were held Sunday, August 6, 2006, out of Oneida Shores County Park on Oneida Lake.

Four Junior Pro's and four Juniors competed against each other to see who would represent New York State in Birmingham, Alabama. Emerging to the top of their respective divisions and heading south to Birmingham

in February 2007, representing NYS's Junior Pro Division, will be Kenny Knapp and representing the Junior Division, is Brandon Hill.

Kenny weighed in one fish tipping the scales at 2.84 lbs. Brandon had a nice limit weighing in with 8.00 lbs.

Congratulations, good luck & good fishing to you both from everyone in the NYS Junior and adult Federation.

*Traveling to Birmingham, Alabama or any other B.A.S.S. selected site in the country, to compete and represent New York State, is and has always been a time consuming and costly venture. To help ease some of the financial burden, B.A.S.S. sends each youngster \$500 to help defray some of the costs. We recognize that this certainly helps, but in today's environment it is not nearly enough, so as a state federation, we seek funds from our local Oneida Lake sponsors, run various raffles, use some of the tournament entry fees and club dues to add an additional \$1,000 for each youngster for a total of \$1,500 in an effort to assist them in making the journey.*

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