



## BRYAN KERCHAL

1994 Bassmaster  
Classic Champion



## PAUL MUELLER

2014 & 2015  
Bassmaster Classic  
Qualifier



# Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation



2015 Connecticut State Team. Placed 2nd at the Eastern Regionals, Connecticut River, Hartford, CT.



**NATION PATH TO THE**



### Largest Payout Ever Awarded within B.A.S.S. Nation!

- Total of seven (7) boats to be awarded, individual cash, and three (3) Bassmaster Classic invitations
- Each state conducts Bassmaster Opens-style event(s) to determine state team members
- Each state allowed 10 boaters and 10 nonboaters + two alternates

### B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Championship

- Three-day event for each region of U.S. (West, Central and East)
- Day 3 — final day cut to Top 3 boaters + Top 3 nonboaters from each state
- Boater: five-fish limit; nonboater: three-fish limit
- Entry fees — boater: \$200; non-boater: \$100
- Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes with payment to Top 35 places boater/nonboater based on 190 boat field
- Top state team wins a prize boat at each Regional Championship — Total of three (3)
- Top boater and nonboater from each state advance to B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

### B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

- Three-day event
- Nonboater champion crowned after Day 2 and awarded a berth as a boater the final day of competition. (Boat will be provided.)
- Day 3: final day cut to Top 10 boaters + Top 2 boaters from each region (if they are not already in the Top 10) + nonboater champion
- Total possible fishing Day 3 — 16 anglers
- Boater: five-fish limit; nonboater: five-fish limit
- No entry fee
- Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes with payment to Top 12 places boater/nonboater
  - Top 3 anglers after the final day earn Bassmaster Classic berth
- Champion also earns Bassmaster Elite Series berth, paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat, plus a "B.A.S.S. Nation's Best" prize package, which is the use of a Toyota truck and fully rigged tournament-ready boat for one year.
- Second and third place also earn paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat, plus a "B.A.S.S. Nation's Best" prize package, which is the use of a Toyota truck and fully rigged tournament-ready boat for one year.
- Nonboater champion earns memorial trophy, paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat and Bassmaster Classic Marshal spot. (All of above if they finish in the Top 3.)

For more information go to: [www.ctbass.com](http://www.ctbass.com)



## How to Join

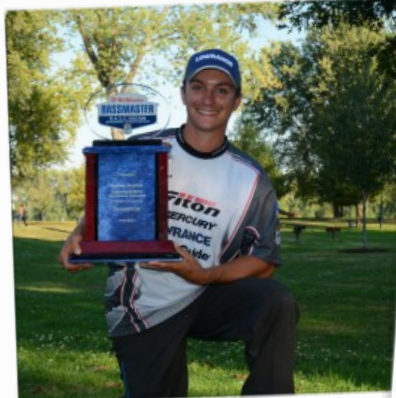
Joining the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc is a pretty simple process.

To become a member of the nation one must either join an existing club (check the club listing page online) or form a new club with a minimum of 6 members. By doing either will automatically enroll you in the B.A.S.S. Nation and entitle you to all member benefits. Most clubs in the state are actively recruiting new members at this time and welcome new faces enthusiastically.

First thing you will need to decide is which club meets nearest to you by checking our list of clubs, which can be found on our website. Picking the right club will be the next step. Some clubs may only fish a couple tournaments a year where others may have many more per year. Other clubs are formed for those who would just like to be associated with the CBN and only fish the nation tournaments. No matter which club you choose you will be eligible to fish all of the CBN tournaments.

Next just give a quick call or email to the member listed next to the club or clubs you're interested in and ask them whatever questions you may have. You can set up a time to go to a club's meeting to see if that club will be a fit for what you are looking for.

## TOURNAMENTS



Left: Alex Wetherell (Midconn Bassmasters) Eastern Regional Champion, Connecticut River, Hartford CT, September 2015



Right: Doug Marino & Noah Winslow (Nonnewaug High School Team, Woodbury, CT)



Above: Tom Reynolds (Team Skeeter) 2015 Connecticut River Champion



Above: Joe Mahood (Milford Black Bass) 2015 Co-Angler of the year

## CT B.A.S.S. NATION CONTINUES TO GROW



Above: Sylvia Morris, CBN President (Milford Black Bass) with the 2011 CT State Team. Lake Champlain, VT

### Sylvia Morris

CBN President

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As the Connecticut B.A.S.S. Nation continues to look to the future, our focus remains on specific key areas.

The CBN vision for youth and conservation can not be attained without the ongoing support of our premiere sponsors, or the fishermen and women of Connecticut.

For more information go to: [www.ctbass.com](http://www.ctbass.com)

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## Member Benefits

- Use of the B.A.S.S. Shield
- Youth programs collaborating with partners on local, state and national level
- Conservation voice for issues facing U.S. Sportsmen, locally, state and national
- B.A.S.S. Times Magazine subscription
- A \$1 million General Liability Insurance Policy
- Eligible for B.A.S.S. Nation Alliance if running Alliance Products
- Awards from Triton, Mercury, Lowrance and MotorGuide
- Eligible for Skeeter/Yamaha boat & motor retail rebates
- Sponsor discounts
- Priority entry in BM Opens
- BFN Champion earns berth to Bassmaster Elite Series
- 3 BMC Berths and possible Classic Berth through the B.A.S.S. Team Championship Trail
- Eligibility at 1 of 6 B.A.S.S. Nation Divisional Competitions
- Eligibility for B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

## IN THE COMMUNITY



Left: 2015 Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive sponsored by Mowhawk Valley Basscasters



Right: 2015 Casting Kids competition at Cabela's, East Hartford, CT



Left: CT Bass Nation members Jerry Hammond (Milford Black Bass) & Sgt. Joe Kowalski (CT Black Bass Anglers) with Ed Dusick at the 2015 Disabled Military Veterans tournament, Connecticut River, Hartford, CT

## IT'S NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR SPONSORS



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# Exclusively for B.A.S.S. Nation Members who purchase or own...



## How does it all add up with the B.A.S.S. Nation Alliance?

When **YOU**, as a B.A.S.S. Nation member, purchase or own an Alliance rig - Triton and Mercury, **YOU** are eligible for Alliance benefits. Plus, when **YOUR STATE** signs an Alliance agreement **YOU** and **YOUR STATE** receive even more!

### CASH & BENEFITS for **YOU**

#### Retail Purchase Bonus

\$500 cash rebate from Mercury  
Apparel package valued at \$250:  
2 Triton/Mercury team shirts  
1 Triton Hat

#### Unprecedented Cash Awards Up TO\*

\$4,000. . . . . Win B.A.S.S. Nation State Championship  
\$4,000. . . . . Win Regional Tournament  
\$35,000. . . . . Win B.A.S.S. Nation Championship  
\$60,000 . . . . . Win Bassmaster Classic  
\$103,000 . . . . . IF YOU WIN IT ALL\*

#### State Team Qualifiers

Team Shirts for Championship  
Major Discounts on Alliance Product

### CASH & BENEFITS for **YOUR STATE**

#### State Alliance Cash Incentives

Up to \$5,000\*. . . Upon Your State's Exclusive Agreement with the Alliance  
Exclusive States Receive Cash for Each Member's Purchase  
of a Qualifying Alliance Rig.  
\$150 . . . 150HP and under  
\$250 . . . 175HP and over

#### Boat Package

Alliance Aluminum Boat Package awarded at High School National  
Championship for winning team.

#### Complimentary Product

State is presented the following upon joining Alliance:

6 . . . Cases Mercury Precision Oil  
2 . . . Mercury Props  
1 . . . MotorGuide Trolling Motor  
PLUS! . . Major Discounts on Alliance Product and Apparel

To find even more benefits for **YOU** and **YOUR STATE** see [tritonboats.com](http://tritonboats.com) for full details.



\*Payout amounts are dependent on angler and state meeting all Alliance rules and specifications. See [www.tritonboats.com](http://www.tritonboats.com) for full details.