



National Semi-Finals FACT SHEET – District 16 MA, VT

South Hero, VT – Lake Champlain

September 12-13, 2026

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<p><u>Registration/Rules Meeting</u></p> <p><u>Location:</u> John Guillemente Ramp Lake Champlain, South Hero, VT</p> <p><u>Date:</u> Friday, September 11, 2026</p> <p><u>Registration Times:</u> 5:00 p.m. – Registration Opens 5:30 p.m. – Registration Closes. 5:45 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins. Banquet to follow.</p> <p>All anglers must be off the water by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the rules meeting.</p>	<p><u>Launch/Weigh-In</u></p> <p><u>Location:</u> John Guillemente Ramp Lake Champlain, South Hero, VT</p> <p>Take-off will begin at 6:00 a.m. or first safe light.</p> <p><u>Weigh-in starts:</u> Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM.</p>	<p><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u></p> <p>It is the responsibility of each participant to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board as well as, ALL permits' licenses, passes or stamps, etc. required.</p> <p>At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to properly display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch.</p> <p>Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty.</p> <p>Anglers are required to have a valid fishing license covering tournament dates and waters unless exempted and a boat safety card from a NASBLA approved course.</p>
<p><u>Fish Limits</u></p> <p>All Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass must be 12" or over.</p> <p>The maximum number of bass allowed to be weighed-in daily will be: Boaters - (5) five bass, Co-Anglers - (3) three bass unless otherwise required by law.</p> <p>Any fish presented for weigh-in which fails to measure the official length limits shall accrue penalties at the rate of one (1) pound for each non-legal fish plus loss of the fish. An 8-ounce deduction will be made for each fish presented to the bump master for weighing that is determined to be non-releasable.</p>	<p><u>Tournament Director</u></p> <p>Joe McKinnon (781)330-1317 massbassjm@comcast.net</p> <p>Peter MacLellan (978)996-0550 Petermaclellan47@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Site Hosts</u></p> <p>Massachusetts Bass Federation & South Hero, VT</p>	<p><u>Boundaries</u></p> <p>Tournament waters are OFF limits Monday, and Tuesday, prior to the event. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are practice days. Saturday and Sunday are competition days (Read the rules)</p> <p>Any waters within these boundaries posted "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limit. Any live release areas established by the Tournament Director will be off limits. That as well as any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to this tournament's contestants. All local, state and federal regulations apply.</p>
<p><u>Overall Payback in cash and prizes is more than 100%!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 75% payback to 20% of the field for both boaters and co-angler - 10% to State Federations - 15% to Federation Championship <p>PLUS.....</p>	<p><u>Contingencies at all 22 Semi-Final Events!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Click here to view ALL <p>Please read the 2026 Official TBF-National Semi-Final Rules carefully!</p>	<p>Stay up-to-date on the latest news! Sign up for the FREE e-newsletter at: Bassfederation.com</p> <p>CLEAN DRAIN & DRY YOUR BOATS BEFORE LEAVING HOME & AFTER EACH EVENT!</p> <p>HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.</p>

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