

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1: NAME

This club shall be called "RENEGADE BASSMASTERS OF RALEIGH."

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote a competitive, tournament bass fishing environment while still maintaining a high level of fun, camaraderie and sportsmanship among its members. The exchange of knowledge and experience will be strongly encouraged to improve the bass fishing skills of all members. The club will emphasize sportsmanship, safety and responsible uses of our environment and natural resources.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NUMBER OF MEMBERS

This club shall be chartered with six members. During the first year of the club's charter, total membership shall not exceed thirty members, except as provided in Section 2.f of this article.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To become a member an individual must:

- Boater Member:
 - Attend two meetings and fish in two tournaments within a four month span.
- Non-Boater Member:
 - Attend four meetings and fish in four tournaments within a six month span.
 - This is a probationary period during which they could be asked to leave if things are not working out.
- Be recommended for membership by a member in good standing.
- Have a genuine interest and display a basic proficiency in bass fishing skills.
- Obtain a current North Carolina fishing license and agree to keep said license current while a member.
- Prospective members shall fish as non-boaters with an active officer in the first tournament in which they participate.
- Be elected for membership by a simple majority of the present members at meeting in good standing.
- Be a former member of this club who departs in good standing or has made restitution on any funds owed when they left the club before they can start the renewal process. In this case, the former member must attend two meetings and fish in two tournaments. Members present will make renewal without regard to the established membership ceiling. Membership requires a majority vote.
- Members shall participate in not less than six of the twelve tournaments held each year unless they are on Medical Leave.

SECTION 3: DUES

- Annual club membership dues shall be \$40.00, payable on initial membership.
- Monthly club membership dues shall be \$10.00 regardless of participation in monthly tournament.
- Monthly tournament entry fees shall be \$30.00
- Monthly membership 4-
- Membership dues and tournament entry fees must be paid at the monthly meeting or arrangements made by the monthly meeting. Delinquent members will not be allowed to fish in the monthly tournament. Paid dues are non-refundable.
- Failure to pay dues for two consecutive months will result in automatic inactive status and failure to pay dues for four months will result in loss of accumulated points and weight.
- Prospective Member/Guest fees are \$40.00 payable at monthly meeting.
- There will be a \$4.00 late fee assessed if dues are not paid by or at the monthly meeting.
- Any member that is on a medical leave does not have to pay monthly dues for the period of time they are absent from the club.

SECTION 4: PAYBACK SCHEDULE

BREAKDOWN OF MONTHLY DUES: (\$10.00)

- \$3.00 (30%) Annual General Fund: This fund will pay for all normal yearly club expenses i.e. monthly standings sheets, year-end trophies, webhosting fees etc. Replacement of any official equipment, i.e. official club scales, official Golden Rule etc., will be paid for from these funds. Any monies collected from the sale of 50/50 tickets will also go into this fund.
- \$ 7.00 (70%) Classic Pot.

- \$30.00 Monthly Tournament Entry Fee (100% goes to the monthly tournament payback)

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT PAYBACK

Tournament Payouts as follows:

- One Pot for all tournament participants (member boaters/non-boaters, guests, and prospective members)
- Pot = \$30.00 Monthly Tournament Entry fee from each tournament participant (member boaters/non-boaters, guests, and prospective members).
- Payouts (% of Pot):

Tournament Participants	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
10 or fewer	55.00%	30.00%	15.00%			
11-14	50.00%	26.00%	14.00%	10.00%		
15-18	45.00%	23.00%	13.00%	11.00%	8.00%	
19+	42.50%	21.00%	12.00%	10.00%	8.00%	6.50%

ANNUAL STANDINGS PAYBACK

No end of year pay outs.

Awards for the previous year’s achievements will be presented at the January meeting as follows:

- **Angler of the Year** - 1st place in overall in Angler of the Year points standings
- **Awards for 2nd and 3rd place** overall in Angler of the Year points standings
- **Big Fish Award** – Angler that weighed the largest fish for that year.
- **Perfect Season Awards** – Any angler that weighs in a limit in 11 tournaments. (5 fish single day and 10 fish in two-day events)

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND ELIGIBILITY for OFFICE

SECTION 1: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Club officers will be appointed as follows.

President

The President shall:

- Preside over all club meetings.
- Direct and supervise all club meetings.
- Appoint all committees.
- Break ties on voting matters.
- Share with the Treasurer the responsibility of securing payment for reservations.
- Share the duties of the Tournament Director along with the Vice President.
- Make the final decisions with regards to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President in all his duties.
- Preside over all functions in the Presidents absence.
- Serve as Tournament Director.
- Make arrangements for the tournament sites, reservations, lodging recommendations etc.
- Publish information concerning tournaments for club members.
- Coordinate and control group movement to the tournaments.
- Participate in making final decisions with regard to matters of debate or alleged tournament violations.
- Make safety inspections of all boats prior to the start of each day’s fishing.
- Supervise weigh-in.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Maintain the official club constitution and by-laws.
- Maintain accurate minutes of all club meetings.
- Maintain permanent records of tournament results.
- Prepare all club correspondence.
- Maintain permanent files for the club.

- Perform all functions associated with President and Vice President in their absence in accordance with existing regulations and policies.
- Maintain records of attendance at club meetings.
- Notify prospective members of their up-coming election for membership.

Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

- Maintain accurate permanent records of all club financial transactions.
- Submit accurate financial reports at each club meeting.
- Share with the President the responsibility for securing payment for reservations.
- Maintain all club financial accounts in conjunction with the club President.
- Report to club the status of dues payments at each club meeting.

Weigh Master

The Weigh Master shall:

- Weigh all fish and report weight to the secretary for recording.
- Decide live/dead status of fish for the purposes of weight penalty. His decision is final.
- Maintain scales.
- Evaluate and pick out a club belly board.
- Appoint an assistant Weigh Master.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

- Any member in good standing nominates candidates for office
- Two candidates for each office will be nominated.
- One of the two candidates will be elected by the general membership by simple majority.
- All votes will be made by secret written ballot
- In odd years, elections for the President and Secretary positions will be held in December.
- In even years, elections for the Vice President and Treasurer positions will be held in December

SECTION 3: VOTING ELIGIBILITY

Only members in good standing are entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted. Absentee voting is permitted in those instances that require a majority. Absentee votes must be submitted in writing to the secretary in advance of the meeting at which the issue is presented to the general membership for consideration. The ballot will consist of a written copy of the motion. The member shall clearly indicate in his own writing his aye or nay on the motion and sign his /her name. He shall submit the ballot to the secretary in a sealed envelope that will be opened at the meeting at which the motion is presented.

SECTION 4: TERM OF OFFICE

Term of office will be two years unless said officer resigns, moves, or is removed from office pursuant to Article VIII.

SECTION 5: VACANCIES

In the event that an officer's position becomes vacant, an election will be held. (See Article III Section 2, elections.) In the event that the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President will automatically succeed to the office.

SECTION 6: ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

To be eligible for elected office, a member must...unless circumstances deem otherwise: Be a member in good standing for not less than six months and anticipate that he will remain in this locale for the term of office.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS – FREQUENCY AND ATTENDANCE

SECTION 1: FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The club shall conduct monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month.

SECTION 2: ATTENDANCE

Members are strongly encouraged to attend monthly meetings. Five (5) points will be awarded for attendance at monthly meetings for members in good standing. Members will also receive five (5) points for each tournament they participate in.

ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL RECORDS

The treasurer shall maintain accurate financial record of all transactions involving club funds. Semi-annual audits are to be conducted by two club officers other than the treasurer. The results of this audit will be reduced to a written report to include the items of information required by Article III, Section 1. The results will be provided to the secretary

for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting. The report will be signed by the officer's conducting the audit and will certify that the books are in order. If irregularities are detected, they will be thoroughly investigated and reported in detail. The officers conducting the audit will make specific recommendations regarding any action to be taken.

ARTICLE VI: CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments must be submitted to the secretary in writing at least one month prior to the November meeting. The secretary shall announce the proposal under new business at the November meeting. Members in good standing will vote upon any proposal that receives a second in the November meeting at the December meeting. A two-thirds majority of members in good standing present must pass changes in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

- Failure to pay club dues for two consecutive months.
- Failure to attend meetings for four consecutive months unless on medical leave.
- Violation of tournament regulations.
- Any act or omission prejudicial to the good order, discipline or camaraderie of the club.

Termination requires a simple majority vote of members present.

Terminable offenses should be submitted to any officer in writing for review by the board.

ARTICLE VIII: REMOVAL FROM ELECTED OFFICE

Any elected official of the club may be removed from office by the general membership for violation of the club constitution and by-laws or for other reasons, which would justify termination of membership of any member. A member who desires to initiate action to remove an elected official shall enter a motion in writing for a vote of confidence in the individual officer, clearly citing the reasons for the motion. Based upon the results of the vote of confidence, a member may then submit a subsequent motion calling for the removal of the officer or his voluntary resignation. The subsequent motion will be presented to the membership for a vote by secret ballot at the first meeting following that at which the vote of confidence was made. Removal from office will require a simple majority of the total general membership. Removal from office will not constitute automatic termination of membership.

ARTICLE IX: BANNING FROM THE CLUB

A member may be banned from the club for:

- Theft
- Use of illicit drugs during club activity
- Any act that the officers deem to be unbecoming of a club member
- Cheating of any sort
- A list of banned club members will be recorded in the permanent record by the secretary.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are applicable to all tournaments conducted by this club. Final interpretation of them will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and the club officers.

1. **Tournament schedule:** This club will conduct twelve (12) tournaments each calendar year, one per month from January through December. The tournament will generally be held on the third Saturday following the club's monthly meeting. Directors, prior to the January meeting, will determine the exact schedule. In the case of major event or holiday, date may be changed one month in advance by a majority of voting members. We will hold 3, two day tournaments, months to be voted on by club.
2. **Tournament sites:** Tournament sites will be selected by means of a monthly drawing and vote. Any given site may not be fished more than two times annually and cannot be fished in two consecutive months during the calendar year. The only exception would be Falls Lake, should inclement weather force a change to the home lake. The lake will be determined by a draw from those participating in a purchase of tickets aligned with the 50/50 draw. Anyone purchasing tickets for the 50/50 draw are allowed to write-in the lake of their choice on the backs of their respective tickets. Each ticket can be submitted as a vote for a particular lake. Each ticket that a member or guest fishing the upcoming tournament purchases for the 50/50 draw can be used as a vote for the tournament site for the upcoming tournament. The two lakes drawn by ticket will then be put up for a majority vote by the members fishing the upcoming tournament to determine the tournament site.
3. **Participation:** All club members in good standing may fish club tournaments. Prospective members and or guest may fish in the club tournament provided that they pay the appropriate tournament fee. Prospective members and guest are eligible for tournament awards. In any procedures/operational matter(s) regarding the club; a member in good standing will take precedence over a non-member.
4. **Tackle:** No natural bait (i.e. minnows, worms, shrimp, etc.) may be used. Pork strips and pork ells are permitted. Only one rod may be in use at any time. Extra rods and reels, rigged or un-rigged may be in the boat. Electric fishing aids may be used.

5. **Boats and Motors:** Boats and motors must be properly licensed. Boats must carry all Coast Guard required safety equipment.
6. **Expenses:** Boat partners will make mutually agreeable arrangements for the sharing of expenses. Unless otherwise agreed upon, non-boaters are expected to provide a minimum of \$30 for gas and expenses.
7. **Safety:** Any tournament director or weigh master may inspect all boats for safety before the start of the tournament. Life vest must be worn when the boat is moving with the gas engine running. Boat must display running lights during hours of darkness. Tournament director has the right to disqualify any contestant for dangerous conduct during the tournament or at the weigh-ins. Kill switches should be used when the gas motor is running.
8. **Tournament Hours:** Normal tournament hours will be from safe light till 3:00 p.m., other hours may be accepted for special tournament conditions. In the case where we fish a two-day tournament, the weigh-in on the first day will be at 4:00 and the weigh-in on the second day will be at 2:30, unless otherwise agreed by club.
9. **Scoring:** Tournaments are individual format with places awarded in both boater and non-boater categories. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight of each competitor's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky and Spotted bass may be weighed in. There will be a 5 fish limit per person. Offering or asking to share fish will result in termination from the club. Mutilated or white-eyed fish will not be weighed in. The official length for bass shall be 12 inches. On waters where the State limit allows 2 fish between 10 and 14 inches, anglers can weigh-in 2 fish between 12 and 14 inches. Fish will be measured according to current state regulations on the official club Golden Rule. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the official length, shall result in a penalty of 1 pound for each such bass. Courtesy checks may be performed before weighing of your fish without penalty. In the event of a tie, the individual entering the largest fish will receive top honors. Each dead fish will receive a two-tenths (0.2) pound penalty deducted from the total weight recorded for that individual.
 - o **Summer Scoring** – For tournaments (typically July and Aug) where the club votes to use Summer Scoring there will be a 3 fish limit, all fish over 14", with 2 bonus points awarded if all 3 fish are alive. All other rules in section 9 above apply.
10. **Courtesy:** No participant shall fish within 50 yards of another club member's boat unless specific permission is granted. All club members will treat everyone on and off the water with respect. Any club member who fails to grant the basic courtesies to his fellow fishermen may have their catch for the day disqualified. All decisions regarding any penalties or sanctions will be the responsibility of the Tournament director and officers.
11. **Late Penalty:** If you are late for blast-off and all contestants have left the launch site, you are disqualified. Contestants late for weigh-in will lose one-half pound per minute late. Contestants who check in more than fifteen minutes late will have their creel disqualified, but will receive their one bonus points for participation in that tournament. The tournament director will keep the official time and have the final say as to whether or not a contestant has checked in on time. *** NOTE *** If you arrive late to the tournament you may fish IF and only if you first find an officer on the water, to verify that your live well is empty before you begin to fish. This exception is granted in case of vehicle break down i.e. flat tires etc. Do not abuse this. The Tournament Director, Weigh master or Officer (in that order) will decide whether or not to allow anyone arriving late to participate in the weigh in.
12. **Guest Passes:** Club members in good standing shall be allowed six guests passes per year, approved by the club. Two guest passes must be used for individuals OUTSIDE of the club; i.e. prospective members, family or friends. All other guest pass may be used at the member's discretion including using it to fish with another club member or by himself. Guest passes must be submitted in writing (or email) to the president prior to selection for the tournament in which you wish to have a guest. If the boater is using their guest pass to fish alone (ghost) and is not assigned a co-angler during the tournament pairings they may rescind their guest pass request, thus not being counted against their six.
13. **Partners:** Partners are to be determined by a lottery draw each month. No two members or guest may fish together more than twice a year or in two consecutive tournaments, except where allowed by a husband and wife team exception. In the event that the LAST pair of anglers drawn have already fished together twice during the year, a waiver of this rule is automatically granted.
14. **Reassignment:** In the event that either you or your partner is unable to fish, it is both his and your duty to contact the weigh master president for the purpose of assigning the person who is fishing with a new partner. If a partner is not provided by the club prior to blast-off, that person may bring a guest or prospective member of his choice and will not be penalized a guest pass. Regardless, all appropriate guest fees must be paid before blast-off. See separate Blast off and Pairings sheet.
15. **Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the alternate tournament site shall be Falls Lake. The tournament director (V.P.) and the President will have the final say in this matter. If the tournament director determines that the conditions for travel or boating are dangerous, they are to reschedule the tournament to another date to be determined by the officers.

16. **Protest:** Any protest regarding violations of tournament rules should be submitted to an officer no later than 10 minutes after weigh-in. The tournament director and officers will make a determination and report at the next meeting.
17. **Fishable waters for Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh:** The club may fish in any lake/river in the state of North Carolina that lies within a 125-mile circumference of Raleigh. The list of fishable waters is available to all members and will be prepared for and presented to you by the Secretary in January of each year. Exceptions can be made to fish a body of water outside of the radius with a majority vote to do so.

POINTS SYSTEM

MONTHLY POINTS BREAKDOWN

Participation

- Meeting Attendance - 5 points
- Tournament - 5 points

Tournament Finish

- 1st Place - 35 points
- Each Subsequent Place - Points = (36 – Place)
- No fish caught - 0 points for Place

Fish Catch Bonus

- Legal fish¹, < 4 pounds² - 2 points per
- Legal fish¹, > 4 pounds² - 3 points per

1. A legal fish is any fish weighed in that meets the requirements set forth in section 11 of the Tournament Rules and Regulations.
2. Weight of fish is actual weight BEFORE any penalties are incurred.

- Monthly Points Total will be comprised of Participation, Tournament Finish and Fish Catch Bonus points.
- Angler of the Year standings will be based on the sum of monthly totals for each member
- The points from each member's WORST monthly Points Total will be dropped from their overall total for the season.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR POINTS =

(TOTAL Participation pts + TOTAL Tourn. Finish pts + TOTAL Fish Catch Bonus pts) – 2 WORST Monthly Points Total

RENEGADE BASSMASTERS CLASSIC

Renegade Bassmasters of Raleigh will hold a Classic tournament each season. The tournament will be held on a date and location voted on by members at the January meeting of the next season. To qualify for the Classic:

- You must be a member in good standing at the end of the year to be eligible for the Classic qualification.
- Classic qualification will be based upon order of finish with Classic Qualifying Points.
- The number of member boaters at the end of the year will determine the number of Classic Qualifying Boater slots.
- The top half of boaters will qualify as Classic Qualifying Boater slots.
 - In the event of an add number of boating members the Classic Qualifying Boater slots will be rounded up.
 - If a member fished as a boater and non-boater during the year, whichever they fished more will be their designation. A tie they would be designated as a boater.
- Parings of non-boaters to boaters will be based upon order of finish in Classic Qualifying Points from the remaining members (boaters and non-boaters).
- Classic Qualifying Points will consist of the sum of monthly totals for each member. ALL points earned during the season will be included in the Classic Qualifying total.
- The Classic will be a team (boat) event, best 5 fish for the boat.
- The Classic payouts will be voted on by club prior to the event.

As 2013 will be the first full season of Renegade Bassmasters there will be no 2013 Classic.

CLASSIC QUALIFYING POINTS =

(TOTAL Participation pts + TOTAL Tournament Finish pts + TOTAL Fish Catch Bonus pts)

FOUNDING OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ----- Bo Adams
Term of office January 2013 – December 2014
VICE PRESIDENT ----- Brian Fritts
Term of office January 2013 – December 2014
SECRETARY ----- Josh Vetter
Term of office January 2013 – December 2015
TREASURER ----- Brian Postma
Term of office January 2013 – December 2015
WEIGHMASTER----- Robert Coster
Term of office Appointed January 2013 – December 2014
ASSISTANT WEIGH MASTER ----- Bobby Apostolico
Term of office Appointed for 2 years