



TUEC Bass Tournament Trail

Kentucky Lake

Watts Bar Lake

The Bob Freudenthal
Memorial Bass Tour-
nament at Percy
Priest Lake



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The Rye Engineering PLC 2026 Bass Challenge Kentucky Lake at Paris Landing State Park March 20th, 2026



To start this year's TUEC Bass Tournament schedule, anglers traveled to West Tennessee for The Rye Engineering PLC 2026 Bass Challenge at an angler's old favorite site, Paris Landing State Park on Kentucky Lake. Everyone's expectations were high with the start of the 2026 season being a month later than last year hoping for better lake & weather conditions resulting in a better outcome than the previous year. Well, three days before the tournament the weather was a roller coaster regarding temperature and high winds with daily temperatures dropping from the 70s down to 22 degrees at night with highs around 39 degrees for a couple

of days before the tournament. This dropped the lake water temps from 60 degrees down to 55 degrees two days before the tournament. The Day of the tournament was sunny and windy warming up to 85 degrees at weigh-in, but the fishing was cold for most of the anglers making it a tough day on the lake. Only 12 of the 23 teams caught bass big enough to bring to the weigh-in. And once again, the weather played a significant role in the outcome as participants battled.

While the anglers were working for the bass, back at the boat ramp a fish-fry with all the fixings was being prepared for the anglers to feast on during the Weigh-in. Seth Rye did not cut any corners on this old-fashioned fish-fry. Seth Rye brought in a



cooking team and several Rye Engineering staff out of Houston County across the Tennessee River to show their Irish heritage of doing it right.



Seth Rye, Jesi Shires and Rusty Shires.

As the anglers were weighing in the catch, everyone enjoyed hot fried fish, fries, slaw, white beans and hush puppies. Rusty Shires and his Daughter, Jesi Shires, did a fantastic job on keeping everyone happy with plenty of fish! Can't get no better than that to finish an enjoyable day on the lake. Thank you Seth and everyone that prepared the food and set up the tables and chairs.



2026 Rye Engineering PLC Kentucky Lake Tournament Results

Twenty-three teams would battle for the 1st Place Grand Prize of \$1,726.00 with payouts to the top 4 teams. This tournament also included a Big Fish Contest for 1st & 2nd places. The total payout was \$3105.00. Teams from East, Middle and West Tennessee blasted off around 6:40 a.m. and would return for weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. central.



As teams returned to the weigh-in, the temperature warmed up and the wind picked up to make a rough ride back. After a tough day on the lake, only 12 out of the 23 teams weighed-in 39 Bass for a total weight of 106.59 pounds for the day. If it makes you feel better, around 30 pounds more than last year.

NO.	TEAM	LMT.	B.B.	T.W.	NO.	TEAM	LMT.	B.B.	T.W.
1	RYAN RUF / JAMES DWYER - WA OF DICKSON CO.				21	JASON FRER / BILL CRUNK - TN 611 / PARMAN TRACTOR			
2	KEVIN RELFORD / CHRIS RELFORD - SANDRA WTP	2	0	453	22	PETE KING / KENNIE RAMSEY - SEA	2	328	5.18
3	JOHN MATKIN / TOM SHAW - CUNNINGHAM UD	3	238	610	23	ROBERT HENDRIXSON / BRIAN FALCOWER - HENDERSONVILLE UD			
4	DALE IVY / MARCY PRATT - PARSONS WATER SYSTEM				24	LOGAN SUMMERS / LAZARUS BEAR - HENDERSONVILLE UD			
5	TRAVIS CALLIS / TIM THURMAN - SOUTHERN SALES / BRC	4	428	1140					
6	CODY GREGORY / KENNETH DENNIS - SO2 EQUIPMENT / CLASSIFIED UT	5	446	1408					
7	CASEY QUICK / GARRETT JONES - HAWKINS	0							
8	KEGAN GREEN / KYLE HUGGINS - WEST TN PUD	3	293	704					
9	ERIC VANORSTRAN / TIMOTHY BRIDGES - 1ST UD OF KNOX CO.								
10	DALE HYNDMAN / AARON HYNDMAN - CUNNINGHAM WTP	5	338	1525					Nick 5.86
11	JAXSON BRYANT / DAVID BRYANT - MURFREESBORO WATER RES.	2	408	772		Total Payout - \$3105.00			Seh 7.10
12	BRYANT BRADLEY / LANDEN BRADLEY - CUD	5	330	1417		1st Place - 1726.00			Blaine 10.42
13	CORY BURROUGHS / DYLAN HUNT - WEST TN PUD					2nd Place - 545.00			Laura 6.52
14						3rd Place - 363.00			DC 6.30
15	MALCOLM DAVIDSON / TODD SPANN - VIA OF DICKSON CO.					4th Place - 181.00			SE 7.37
16	LAKEN BLANE / DANNY DUNAWAY - CLARKSVILLE / NEX GEN	5	0	1163		1st Place Big Bass - \$174.00			July 6.24
17	ERIK HASSELL / RANDY JOHNSON - TOWN OF CENTERVILLE	1	361	361		2nd Place " " \$116.00			Edna 6.37
18	CASEY ARNOLD / JEFF ARNOLD - CITY OF NEW JARVISVILLE	0							Tommy 5.58
19	DEVIN DAVIS / JAMES DAVIS - FIRST UD OF KNOX CO.	2	330	5.88					Wesley 5.50
20	RICKY CHANDLER / COREY MATHIS - TOWN OF CENTERVILLE								Jared 5.92



First Place Award - left to right: Aaron Hyndman, Nick Newman (Presenting the check), and Dale Hyndman.

1st Place: Team # 10 – 15.25 lbs., Aaron Hyndman (Cunningham U.D.) and Dale Hyndman, \$1,726.00



2nd Place: Team # 12 – 14.17 lbs., Landen Bradley & Bryant Bradley (Consolidated Utility District), \$545.00.



3rd Place: Team # 6 – 14.08 lbs., Kenneth Dennis (Clarksville Utilities), & Cody Gregory (502 Equipment), \$363.00.



4th Place: Team # 17 – 11.63 lbs., Erik Hassell & Randy Johnson from Centerville Utilities, \$181.00.

Big Bass Results



1st Place Big Fish: Team # 6 – 4.46 lbs., Kenneth Dennis (Clarksville Utilities), & Cody Gregory (502 Equipment), \$174.00.



2nd Place Big Fish: Team # 5 – 4.28 lbs. Tim Thurman (CEMC) & Travis Callis (Southern Sales Company), \$116.00.

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Hospitality: We THANK the Paris Landing State Park personnel for their hospitality and protection of our equipment and the safety of our staff and participants.



TUEC Tournament Event Volunteers

Last but not least, THANK YOU for our volunteers, listed below, and TAUD staff working behind the scenes from 4 am through the weigh-in ceremonies to help make this a successful event!

Ashley Wells, with Water Leak Relief.

Jason Fryer, with 811.

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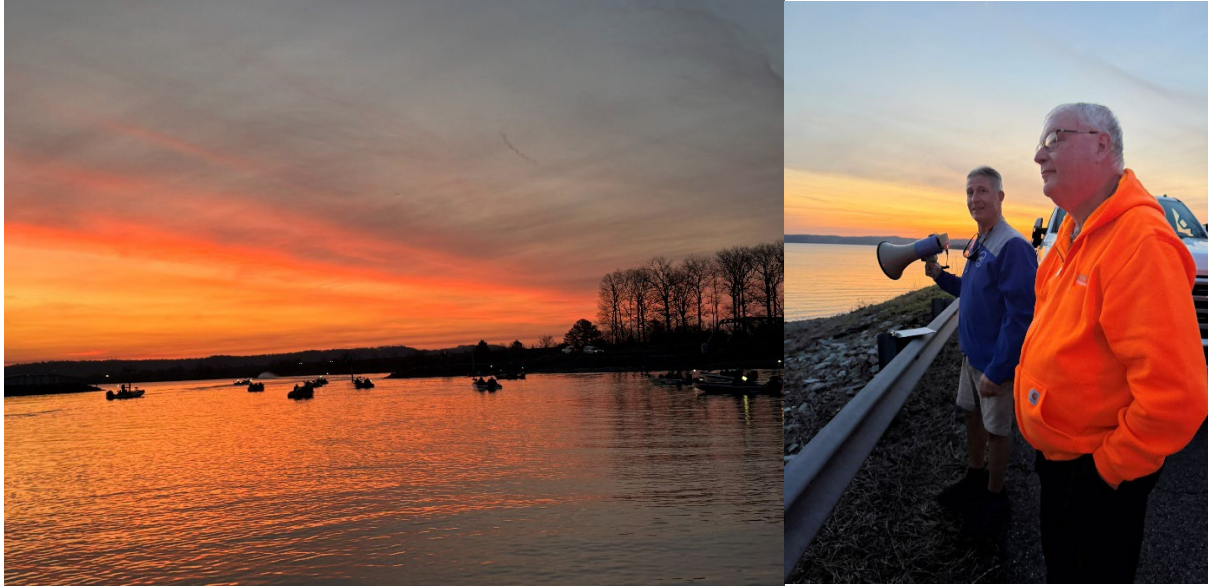
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Tournament Photos





Hope to see you at **The Hawkins 2026 Bass Challenge** at Watts Bar Lake, Friday, April 17th at **Kingston City Park Boat Ramp**, City of Kingston, 333 W Race St, Kingston TN!



Visit [fishtaud.com](https://www.fishtaud.com) for upcoming tournament information!

TUEC Bass Tournament Trail

The Hawkins Bass Challenge Watts Bar at Kingston, TN - April 17th, 2026



The TUEC Bass Tournament Trail traveled back to East Tennessee for an angler's favorite, Watts Bar Lake at the Kingston City Park Boat Ramp. The weather was perfect with warm temperatures.



36 Teams would battle for the 1st Place Grand Prize of \$1,817.00 with payouts to the top 6 teams. This tournament also included a Big Fish Contest for 1ST and 2ND Places. The total payout was \$4,155.00. Teams from East and Middle Tennessee blasted off around 6:45 a.m. and would return for weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. eastern.

While the anglers were working for the bass, back at the boat ramp a fish-fry with all the fixings was being prepared for the anglers to feast on during the Weigh-in. Jenny Moorehead, Hunter Watson, and Tavia Lemmons with Hawkins did not cut any corners on this old-fashioned fish-fry. Thank you!

As teams returned to the weigh-in, the weather cooperated with a smooth ride back, sunny skies and 78 degrees. During the weigh-in, everyone enjoyed hot fried fish, fries, slaw, and hush puppies. At the scales, all attendees got quite a show with 31 of the 36 teams weighing in bags of Bass for a total weight of 415.46 pounds for the day! TAUD staff got quite the work out and drenched weighing 139 angry bass.

What makes this tournament stop so popular?

Watts Bar Lake has made an incredible comeback in recent years, plus it fishes well. The feedback from our membership anglers is positive in selecting this body of water as a tournament trail stop and it has become a staple in our scheduling.

Hospitality: We THANK the City Manager, David Bolling, Police Chief Jim Washam, Officer Roy Montgomery and Parks and Recreation Director J.R. Best for their hospitality and support and protection of our equipment and the safety of our staff and participants. The City of Kingston is a great host and takes care of everything behind the scenes.

2026 Watts Bar Tournament Results

NO.	TEAM	TOTAL Payout \$ 4,055	LMT.	B.B.	T.W.	NO.	TEAM	LMT.	B.B.	T.W.
1	J.B. Aycock / Delbert Aycock - Harriman Utility Board					21	Bryant Bradley / Landon Bradley - Consolidated Tellico Area Services System	5	3.52	14.01
2	Kevin Relford / Chris Relford - Smyrna Water Plant		5	3.10	14.23	22	Tyler McFall / Dewayne Swanson - Tellico Area Services System	5	3.27	14.34
3	Travis Callis / Tim Thurman - Southern Sales / CEMC		5	3.12	11.82	23	Steve Tallent / Matt Tallent - Tellico Area Services System	5	3.50	14.04
4	Casey Quick / Garrett Jones - Hawkins		2	2.78	4.59	24	Jason Fryer / Bill Crunk - TN 811 / Pacman Tractor	2	2.70	4.87
5	Brandon Cobb / John - Water Leak Relief		5	3.17	14.84	25	Cody Gregory / Bo Sexton - So2 Equipment / Knox Hydrovac	5	3.87	12.74
6	Michael Teffeteller / Jacob Hearon - Alcoa		5	3.04	11.84	26	David Hutsell / Rick Walker / Myer - South Blount County U.D.	5	3.69	16.70
7	Russell Whitehead / Chris Payne - Alcoa / South Blount U.D.		4	4.49	10.45	27	Drake Randolph / Trace Cook - First U.D. Suburban	4	2.95	9.38
8	Steve Bostic / Stanley Heatherly - LDA Engineering / Cumberland Crane		5	2.83	12.25	28	Devin Davis / Seth Evans - First U.D. Knox County	5	3.82	13.10
9	Todd Shumate / Michael Wooten - Madison Suburban U.D.					29	Logan Summers / Robert Henderson - Hendersonville	5	3.33	15.03
10	Eric VanNorstran / Jessica Keener - First U.D. Knox County					30	George Headen / Dusty Rogers - Harriman Utility Board	5	3.73	15.80
11	Timmy Bridges / Jackie Harmon - First U.D. Knox County		5	3.00	13.40	31	Robbie Snow / J.A. Best - Kingston 1st place	5	4.71	16.53
12	Greg Jones / TIPPY Newman - Clinton U.D. / Oak Ridge					32	JEFF Moore / Chase Henley - Y12 1st place	5	3.97	17.95
13	Kadeem Jackson / Cotton Irwin - First U.D. Knox County		5	3.93	12.08	33	Michael Ficker / Jamie Lawson - Cumberland Utility	5	3.98	16.73
14	David Alford / Victor Alford - Kingston City / Advanced Sock Flow Testing and Repair		5	3.88	16.19	34	Wes McLeod / Michael Buck - Y12 / South Blount and place	5	4.41	17.56
15	Marty Whitehead / Brian Butler - Tellico Village		5	3.52	15.83	35	Melvin Farmer / Dalvin Farmer - South Blount	5	4.13	14.44
16	Haileb Skinner / Nick Prince - First U.D. Knox County		4	3.88	10.04	36	Brandon Young / Kaden Brusel - Y12 3rd place	5	4.13	17.14
17	Heath Lewis / Luther Manning - Harriman Utility Board		5	4.25	13.94	TOTAL Payout \$ 4,055				
18	Travis Williams / Larry Bolen - Loudon Utilities / Piney Blowing		5	3.40	14.26	1 ST \$ 1,817 4 TH \$ 320 B.B. 1 ST \$ 204				
19	Madelyn Carter / Bon Fisher - Southeastern Tank		3	4.70	9.86	2 ND \$ 675 5 TH \$ 217 B.B. 2 ND \$ 130				
20	-					3 RD \$ 400 6 TH \$ 125				

For the following pictures: Along with the winning teams, pictured from left to right representing Hawkins, Hunter Watson and TAUD Executive Director, Nick Newman.



1st Place: Team # 32 – 17.95 lbs., Jeff Moore and Chase Henly (Y-12), \$1,817.00



2nd Place: Team # 34 – 17.56 lbs., Wes Mcloud & Michael Buck (Y-12 / South Pittsburgh), \$678.00.



3rd Place: Team #36 – 17.14 lbs., Brandon Young (Y-12), & Kaden Brusel (Y-12), \$488.00.



4th Place: Team # 26 – 16.70 lbs., David Hutsell & Rick Waltermyer (South Blount County UD), \$380.00.



5th Place: Team # 31 – 16.58 lbs., Robbie Snow & JR Best (Kingston Utilities), \$217.00



6th Place: Team # 14 – 16.14 lbs., David Alford (Kingston Utilities) & Victor Alford (Advanced Backflow Testing & Repair), \$135.00

Big Bass Results



1st Place Big Fish: Team # 31 – 4.71 lbs., Robbie Snow & JR Best (Kingston Utilities), \$204.00.



2nd Place Big Fish: Team #19 – 4.70 lbs., Madelyn Carter (Southeastern Tank) & Ron Fisher (Y-12), \$136.00.



Winners of the \$100.00 drawing at the end of the weigh-in: Team #3, Tim Thurman (CEMC) & Travis Callis, not pictured, (Southern Sales Company).



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Next Tournament

***The Bob Freudenthal Memorial Bass Tournament at Percy Priest Lake
Hoppy's Harbor Grill at Fate Sanders Marina & Boat Ramp***

**Sponsored By: Mike Wetherington & Southeastern Tank/Solution's by SET
Wednesday, May 20th, 2026**

**Location: Percy Priest Lake at Fate Sanders Marina & Boat Ramp
3157 Weakley Lane Mt Juliet Tn 37122**

For more information and to register online go to www.fishtaud.com



Thank You and See You Soon!

