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**U.S.A. BASSIN**

**Bass Out**  
**SILVERCUP**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Kentucky Lake, KY**



**First Place Prize for the Bass Cat Silver Cup is a Brand-New Bass Cat Bobcat with a 150HP Mercury Motor.**

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## **Bass Cat Silver Cup Registration, Pre-Tournament Meeting, Ramp & Weigh-in Site**

- Registration for this event will be located at the Kentucky Lake Dam Boat Ramp starting at 4:00pm (Central Time) Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with the pretournament meeting to follow at 5:00pm (Central Time).
  - One member of the team must be present at the pre-tournament meeting or the team will be disqualified.
  - You may use a proxy if you or your teammate are unable to attend. There will not be a proxy fee for this event.
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## **USA BASSIN Championship Week Housing**



**Click Logo above for information on Housing**

# Tournament Times

Day 1 Times			Day 2 Times		
Boat No.	Take Off Time	Check-in time	Boat No.	Take Off Time	Check-in time
1-25	6:00am	2:00pm	226-250	6:00am	2:00pm
26-50	6:15am	2:15pm	201-225	6:15am	2:15pm
51-75	6:30am	2:30pm	176-200	6:30am	2:30pm
76-100	6:45am	2:45pm	151-175	6:45am	2:45pm
101-125	7:00am	3:00pm	126-150	7:00am	3:00pm
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151-175	7:30am	3:30pm	75-100	7:30am	3:30pm
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201-225	8:00am	4:00pm	26-50	8:00am	4:00pm
226-250	8:15am	4:15pm	1-25	8:15am	4:15pm

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- Day 1 Take Off will start with boat number #1 and continue until all boats have been released.
- Day 2 Take Off will be by reverse order.
- Boat numbers will be given out based on when we receive your entry

## Classic Directors

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# Points to Remember!!!

- **Qualification:**
  - All Teams that fished a Regional event for the 2024 season are eligible to fish the Bass Cat Silver Cup.
  - All teams that finished in the top 30% in a regional may choose between fishing in the Bass Cat Silver Cup or the Bass Cat Classic. A team is not allowed to fish in both Classic events. However, teams may fish in the Land Big Fish Tournament of Champions and a Classic Event if qualified to do so.
  - Licensed Guides currently guiding on Kentucky Lake are not eligible to participate in the Bass Cat Silver Cup
  - Starting 2020 any team that wins this event more than 3 times will not be eligible to participate in the Bass Cat Silver Cup.
- **Dates:**
  - The Lake will be open to pre-fishing (The lake will not be closed to pre-fishing)
  - Official Practice will open starting April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and remain open through the end of the Championship Week 2025.
    - During the Official Practice days teams may not use a Guide or communicate with anyone that is not fishing the Bass Cat Silver Cup to gain an advantage over the rest of the field.
  - Registration & Pretournament Meeting: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Day 1: April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Day 2: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Rain Out Day: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- **Registration & Pretournament Meeting:**
- Registration for this event will be located at the Kentucky Lake Dam Boat Ramp starting at 4:00pm Thursday, April 24th, 2025, with the pretournament meeting to follow at 5:00pm. One member of the team must be present at the pre-tournament meeting, or the team will be disqualified. You may use a proxy if you and your teammate are unable to attend. There will not be a proxy fee for this event.
- **Entering the Event:**
  - The entry fee for this event is \$200.00.
  - All mailed-in entries must be post marked by April 1st, 2025.
  - USA BASSIN will accept a VISA or Master Card payment until April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (There will be a 7% Service Fee for paying with a credit card)
  - We will not accept entries into the event after April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or at registration for this event.
  - This event is limited to 250 teams.
  - Boat numbers will be given out based on when we receive your entry.
- **Refunds:**
  - If the USA BASSIN is contacted before or on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, USA BASSIN will only refund \$160.00 of the Entry Fee.
  - After April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there will Not be a Refund of the Entry Fee.
  - To receive your refund, please e-mail your mailing address along with the name of the event to: [usabassinfishing@gmail.com](mailto:usabassinfishing@gmail.com)
- **Weather Delays and Cancellations:**
  - Small Watercraft Wind Advisory: If the wind is projected to be 18mph (based on The Weather Channel App) at any time during the Tournament Hours the director will cancel that day of the tournament.
  - In the event of extreme weather conditions such as Tornados, Tornado Warnings, Lightning, or the tournament director will put the tournament on hold until all warnings expire, or the storms have passed, then and only then will we proceed with the tournament.
  - Should the tournament be delayed due to the weather, and we decide to launch, the check-in times will stand as posted.
  - If the storms or warnings have not passed or expired prior to 10:00am, the director and staff will make the decision to cancel that day of fishing.
  - Examples:
    - If day 1 of this tournament is canceled, then we will repeat day 1 takeoff schedule on day 2 and it will be a one day shoot out.
    - If day 2 of this tournament is canceled, then the leaders of day 1 will be crowned the winners.
    - Should both scheduled days of this tournament (April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>) be cancelled due to a weather-related circumstance, then Sunday, April 27th will be used as a rain out day and we will use the day 1 takeoff schedule. We will only use (Sunday, April 27th) as a rain out day if both scheduled days are canceled.
    - If all three days are cancelled, then there will be a Lottery Draw for the Bass Cat Boat and \$160.00 of the entry fee will be refunded.
- **USA BASSIN will not hold a Divisional or a Regional Tournament on Kentucky Lake, KY**

# More Ways to Win!!!!

## Uncle Sam Bass Challenge

Here's how it works:

1. Entry into the Uncle Sam Bass Challenge is included with your Classic entry.
2. Drawing for Uncle Sam Bass Challenge, for this event will be broadcast on the [USA BASSIN Facebook Page](#) on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
3. How to know if you've won!!
  - a. All competitors in this month's challenge must go to the [USA BASSIN Facebook Page](#) to view the Broadcast to see if they matched the weight of Uncle Sam Bass.
  - b. You will have 72 hours from the broadcast to claim your weight.
  - c. To win you must match the exact weight of Uncle Sam Bass.
4. Click on the Uncle Sam Bass logo below for complete rules and the value of this month's Challenge



## Bass Cat Tournament Rewards

This event is a TIER-1 ELIGIBLE EVENT

[Click Here for Details](#)

# Bob Cat “Go Fish” Drawing!!



## HOW TO PLAY

1. A Bass Cat, Bob Cat Bass Boat powered with a 150hp Mercury Motor will be given away in a “Go Fish” drawing after the registration of the Bass Cat Classic.
2. Each member of a registered team into a Championship Week Event (the Silver Cup, the LAND BIG FISH Tournament of Champions, and the Bass Cat Classic) will receive ONE (1) FREE “Go Fish” ticket to become a contestant to play in the “Go Fish” drawing.
  - a. The deck of “Go Fish” cards will include 24 “Go Fish” cards and 1 “Uncle Sam Bass” card for a total of 25 cards.
3. The Bob Cat “Go Fishing” drawing will be broadcast live Thursday May 1, 2025 at 5:30pm Central Time on the USA BASSIN Facebook page after registration of Bass Cat Classic.
4. A single Chance Ticket will be drawn during the broadcast to determine a contestant to play in the Bob Cat “Go Fish” drawing.
  - a. The contestant’s name will be announced during the live Broadcast.
  - b. That contestant will get to draw a “Go Fish” card.
    - i. He does not have to be present during the drawing.
  - c. If the contestant is not present at the time of the drawing, we will attempt to reach them via cell phone number on the ticket.
  - d. If we are unable to reach the contestant by phone, we will draw a card on their behalf. We will NOT wait until they call us back.
  - e. If the contestant’s drawn card is the Uncle Sam Bass Card, they will win a Bass Cat, Bob Cat Bass Boat powered with a 150hp Mercury Motor.
  - f. If there is no winner the card the contestant drew will NOT be returned to the deck. The above process will then be repeated until the “Uncle Sam Bass” card is drawn, and we have a winner.
5. The “Go Fish” winner will not receive ownership of the Bass Cat, Bob Cat Bass Boat powered with a 150hp Mercury Motor until all USA BASSIN tax information has been provided.

Additional Chance Tickets can be bought for \$5.00, and you can buy as many as you want.

**YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER WITH EACH TICKET PURCHASE**

**Second Chance Tickets will also be available at the Silver Cup Registration and the Tournament of Champions Registration.**

**To purchase a Ticket, [Click Here](#).**

# Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament Rules

## **1. Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament:**

Teams that fish a regional event and didn't finish in the top 30% will be eligible to fish the Bass Cat Silver Cup. Winners of the Bass Cat Silver Cup will win a Bass Cat Bobcat Boat with a 150HP Mercury Motor. The Bass Cat Silver Cup will be held on Kentucky Lake, KY, April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bass Cat Silver Cup Entry is \$200.00 and includes a chance at Uncle Sam Bass and the Big Bass Pot. All entries must be postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. If paying by Visa or Master Card, there will be a 7% service charge added to your entry fee. USA BASSIN will accept a VISA or Master Card payment until April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. USA BASSIN will not accept an entry after April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or at registration. Boat numbers will be given out based on when we receive your entry!!! USA BASSIN will payout 1 place for each 10 entries or a maximum of 20 places. The Bass Cat Silver Cup is limited to the first 250 teams that enter.

**Refunds: If the Director is contacted before or on April 15th, 2025, USA BASSIN will only refund \$160.00 of the Entry Fee. After April 15th, 2025, there is No Refund of the Entry Fee. To receive your refund, please e-mail your mailing address along with the name of the event to: [usabassinfishing@gmail.com](mailto:usabassinfishing@gmail.com).**

## **2. Registration:**

The Registration and Pre-tournament meeting will be held Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Kentucky Lake Dam Boat Ramp, Rain or Shine. Registration will start at 4:00pm (Central Time) with the Pre-Tournament Meeting at 5:00pm (Central Time). One member of each team is required to be present at the Pre-Tournament Meeting. Failure to appear at the Pre-Tournament Meeting will result in disqualification. **A proxy may be used. There will not be a fee for the use of a proxy during registration or the pre-tournament meeting.**

## **3. Weather Delays and Cancellation:**

Small Watercraft Wind Advisory: If the wind is projected to be 18mph (based on The Weather Channel App) at any time during the Tournament Hours the director will cancel that day of the tournament. In the event of extreme weather conditions such as Tornados, Tornado Warnings, Lightning, or the tournament director will put the tournament on hold until all warnings expire, or the storms have passed, then and only then will we proceed with the tournament. Should the tournament be delayed due to the weather, and we decide to launch, the check-in times will stand as posted. If the storms or warnings have not passed or expired prior to 10:00am, the director and staff will make the decision to cancel that day of fishing.

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- If day 2 of this tournament is canceled, then the leaders of day 1 will be crowned the winners.
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- If all three days are cancelled, then there will be a Lottery Draw for the Bass Cat Margay Boat and \$160.00 of the entry fee will be refunded.

## **4. Take Off:**

The Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament will start at 6:00 am (Central Time) each morning. Day 1 Take Off will start with boat number #1 and continue until all boats have been released. Day 2 Take Off will be by reverse order.

## **5. Check-In:**

Check-in will be done by flights. Each flight will consist of 25 boats. Check-in will be done by flights. Each flight will consist of 25 boats.

1. Teams must have their boat numbers in the Official Check-In Basket by 15 min after their Check-in time.
2. Teams that Fail to have their boat number in the basket by the allotted time will be disqualified and will not be allowed to weigh-in.
3. If you do not have fish to weigh-in, you do not have to put your boat number in the Official Check-In Basket

## **6. Limits:**

This is a five (5) fish limit per team or when fishing alone in a tournament. Anyone who brings in more than five (5) fish will have their sack culled to the five (5) fish limit starting with the big fish first. Teams may carry more than five (5) fish, but all culling must be done on the water-- not on the bank.

## **7. Short Fish Penalties:**

Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass may be brought to weigh-in. All fish brought to weigh-in must be at least 15" long. Short fish will be culled from your sack and your largest fish will be culled from the remaining fish. The official measuring board of the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament is the Gator Grip Golden Rule. A Golden Rule will be available at weigh-in as a courtesy board.

## **8. Live-well Inspection:**

Boats must have a working live-well, either built into the boat or portable. Live wells must have some type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. All live wells will be checked on the water prior to the start of the tournament.

**All Rules and regulations of U.S.A. BASSIN Tournaments are subject to review by U.S.A. BASSIN Officials**

## **10. Substitutes**

Substitutes are not permitted at the Bass Cat Silver Cup. If your declared partner cannot fish the Bass Cat Silver Cup you may fish it solo.

## **11. Boat and Motor**

Boats must have required Coast Guard Safety Equipment and must have a motor within the rating limits.

## **12. Pre-Fishing**

The Lake will not be closed to pre-fishing. Official Practice Days will open starting April 15th, 2025, and remain open through the end of Championship Week 2022.

## **13. Off-Limits**

The Kentucky Lake Marina area from inside the break walls will be off-limits to fishing during the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament. Other off-limits areas will be announced at the pretournament meeting. Teams may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up unless given permission. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification. Any team fishing in the off-limits areas will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament. No locking out of Kentucky Lake will be permitted.

## **Weigh-in Bags:**

Participants may only bring fish to the weigh-in station in a Gator Grip GG-PRO-Bag with a mesh insert. Anglers may use their own GG-PRO-Bag or USA BASSIN will provide anglers one during weigh-in. Gator Grip GG-PRO-Bag may be purchased during registration or from the USA BASSIN website.

## **14. Dead fish Penalty:**

For each dead fish, a 1/2-pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. A dead fish will not be weighed-in as big fish. Fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to weigh or not to weigh the fish.

## **15. Life Preserver:**

During the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament, contestants not wearing their life jackets zipped and secured when the combustion engine is running and in gear will have that day's weight disqualified from the tournament.

## **16. Ties:**

Ties for big bass will split big bass pot. Ties for the Bass Cat Silver Cup Champions and all other place finishes will be broken by big bass.

## **17. No Live Bait:**

Only artificial lures can be used at the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament. The use of pork rind is permitted.

## **18. No Trolling:**

Trolling with the use of a combustible engine as a method of fishing is prohibited.

## **19. Sportsmanship:**

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Drunkenness shall be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours extending through the close of the weigh-in.

## **20. Leaving Your Boat:**

Competitors must remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for a "nature calling", a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must contact the Classic Director prior to leaving the tournament. If you have boat trouble, one member must remain with the disabled boat. The other team member may board another competitor's boat with that day's catch and bring fish to the weigh-in. Please contact the Classic Director prior to doing so.

## **21. Cheating:**

Anyone caught cheating in the Bass Cat Silver Cup Tournament will be immediately barred from fishing at any USA BASSIN event in the future. We reserve the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors.

## **22. Protest:**

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Classic director before the close of weigh-in. Verbal protest will not be accepted.

## **23. State Rules:**

All state rules and regulations must be followed. Teams breaking a State Rule or Regulations will have that day's weight disqualified.

## **24. Insurance:**

All members must carry liability insurance on any boat they might use during any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament. Failure to do so or reporting false information will result in disqualification. Participants must have the company name and either policy number or the name of the agent binding the coverage on the membership form.

## **25. Refusal of Membership/Entry:**

We reserve the right to refuse membership or entry into any U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament.

## **26. Tournament Rules**

All rules and regulations for all tournaments are subject to change at any time until the start of a tournament. Information given orally or printed on any publications, including but not limited to information on USA BASSIN'S website and flyers may not accurately represent the rules that will be used at the tournament and are merely indications of what USA BASSIN expects the rules to be. For the most current version of the rules, visit the USA BASSIN website or call the tournament director.

# Bass Cat Silver Cup Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
2024 Team No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Release:** In consideration of membership in U.S.A. BASSIN Tournament Fishing Circuit ("USA BASSIN") as well as being granted permission to participate in the fishing tournaments and other events held or sponsored by USA BASSIN (the "Events"), THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, WAIVES AND RELINQUISHES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO HIM/HERSELF ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH IN ANY MANNER ENTRY OR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS, wherever or however the same may occur and for whatever period said activities may continue, and the undersigned agrees that under no circumstances will he/she or his/her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns prosecute or present any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against USA BASSIN, LLC, USA BASSIN: The Next Generation, Inc. or any of their principals, officers, directors, employees or agents ("Released Persons") for any of said causes of actions, whether the same shall arise by the negligence of any of said persons, or otherwise. The undersigned further and separately agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless Released Persons from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, including but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees, that they may incur, in connection with participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of Released Persons or otherwise. This release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the applicable law. The undersigned further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing, knows the contents thereof, and has signed this release as his/her own free act. Any member agrees, by his or her signature on this agreement, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination, commonly referred to as a truth verification test, and to abide by its conclusion. Truth verifications test(s) will be used at USA BASSIN'S sole discretion and administered by it or its agents. Refusal to take or failure to pass the examination as determined by USA BASSIN will result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of USA BASSIN. The undersigned **HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY** in any action, proceeding, or counterclaim brought by or against the undersigned regarding any matter whatsoever in connection with the tournament. Verification of liability insurance: I, the undersigned, further state that I am a current member of USA BASSIN and that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in any USA BASSIN Tournament Fishing event. **Attorney's Fees:** Only USA BASSIN and Released Persons are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. The undersigned is not entitled to recover attorney's fees regardless of the outcome of any litigation or settlement. The laws of the State of Indiana, excluding only its choice of law provisions, shall govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Contract. Any dispute or cause of action under this Contract shall exclusively be filed and resolved in a state court located in Lawrence County, Indiana and the undersigned irrevocably agrees to submit to personal and subject matter jurisdiction in the same. I signify by my signature that I have read and understand the above agreement and all USA BASSIN Rules

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bass Cat Silver Cup (\$200.00 Entry Fee)**  
**(Entry includes Big Bass Pot, and a chance at the Uncle Sam Bass Challenge)**

- **Entering the Event:**
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**Please Make Checks Payable to USA BASSIN And Mail To:**  
**USA BASSIN, P.O. Box 1126, Bedford, IN 47421**

**Click Here to Pay your Classic Entry by Credit Card**

There will be a 7% Service Fee added on for paying with a credit card.