







This year marks the 16th year of the Association of Collegiate Anglers' BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops! We are excited to be bringing this event to Lake Murray, the Jewel of South Carolina, for the first time ever – anglers will be more than welcomed by the Capital City Lake Murray Country community and the fishing will be great!

On May 26 & 27, 2021, 200 of the top collegiate anglers in the country will be competing in this no entry fee event and will take home thousands of dollars in prizes and double points towards the coveted Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia race. After we crown this year's National Champions, the next School of the Year will be crowned as well!

Be sure to check the qualification rules and register ON-LINE before the cutoff date of Friday, May 7th.

While we look forward to seeing you all at Lake Murray, please be assured that everyone's health and safety during this continued COVID-19 pandemic is our priority – we will have safety protocols in place that adhere to local and CDC guidelines so make sure and monitor communications about those procedures.

- Association of Collegiate Anglers



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Each Angler must read and abide by the official <u>Championship Rules</u>.

Registration closes Friday, May 7, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Two-day, team tournament. A team consists of two-anglers fishing from the same boat.

Off-limits begins on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 12:00am local time. The first official practice day will be Saturday, May 22, 2021 at safe light.

All school clubs qualify to register one (1) two-angler team for the Championship. Schools may qualify to send additional teams by competing in ACA events, being in Top 25 for School of the Year, or being a past Champion. **Read complete Qualification Criteria** here.

Permission must be granted by the Tournament Director in order for any angler to fish alone.

Winners will be determined by the heaviest accumulated weight per team. The two highest finishing teams for each college/university will both earn Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia points.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Saturday, May 22nd – Monday, May 24th

Official Practice Days.

Registered anglers can practice from safe light to sundown.

Anglers must abide by all tournament and safety rules throughout practice and tournament days.

> *All procedures subject to change depending Covid-19 restrictions.

Tuesday, May 25th **CHECK-IN & SPONSOR BANQUET**

Official Practice Day.

Registered anglers can practice from safe light to 3:00pm local time; No boats allowed on the water after 3:00pm local time.

Angler Check-In & Banquet *MANDATORY Event*

- **Location:** Dreher Island State Park
- **Time:** 1:00pm 6:00pm
- Casting Contest, Sponsor Meet & Greet, & more!



Wednesday, May 26th -Thursday, May 27th

Tournament Days.

Location: Dreher Island State Park

Take-off: Begins 6:00am Weigh-in: Begins 2:15pm

Angler Meal provided during Weigh-in on both days.

National Champions & School of the Year crowned following Day 2 Weigh-in!







ANGLER CHECK-IN & SPONSOR MEET & GREET









DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK

3677 State Park Rd. Prosperity, SC 29127 803-364-4152

ANGLER CHECK-IN

1:00pm to 6:00pm Bring your official Student ID. *Check-In will be in-person.

SPONSOR MEET & GREET

1:00pm to 6:00pm Visit the sponsor displays, giveaways, and more! *Socially & responsibly distanced.

MANDATORY RULES MEETING

Rules Meetings will be held every 30 minutes during angler check-in starting at 1:30 pm. Anglers will be briefed on rules & given boat numbers after attending the rules meeting.

ANGLER MEAL

Meal will be available during Angler Check-In.

SPONSOR MEET & GREET

Nearly all the partners of the Association of Collegiate Anglers come out this evening to support all the anglers competing in the 2021 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops! Here are just a few features that you don't want to miss —

SUNLINE SPOOLING STATION

Sunline will be spooling up to one reel per angler for free! Don't come empty-handed – bring your reel!

AFTCO BANK BAG RETURN

Bring your AFTCO Bank Bag filled with trash from around the park and return it to the AFTCO booth to receive a \$25 AFTCO Gift Card!

PRIZES & MORE

Partners will be giving out product and the ACA will be drawing for a ton of **amazing door prizes**!











Angler Check-In, Take-off and Weigh-in will be at Dreher Island State Park each tournament day – May 26 & 27.

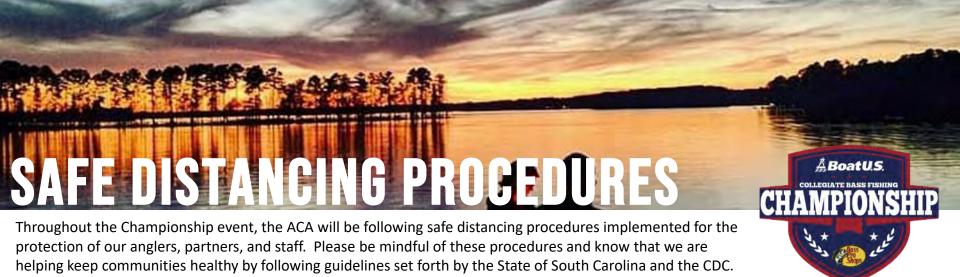
Located At:

3677 State Park Rd. Prosperity, SC 29127 803-364-4152

A valid South Carolina fishing license is required for each angler.

For more info on fishing licenses, visit the <u>SCDNR website</u>.





Anglers should not participate in the tournament if they have had any of these symptoms in the past 14-days: Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature > 99.9 degrees, or Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.

- Angler Check-in will occur at Dreher Island State Park and procedures will be in place for social distancing.
- Snack bags will be handed out to anglers and partners will hand out products and promotional items, as feasible.
- Anglers will be encouraged to not congregate in large groups at the event, including at the boat ramps or along the docks; face coverings
 are recommended.
- If persons are there to cheer on their favorite anglers, it is recommended that they wear face coverings, stay within their group, remain in designated spectator areas, as well as keep a minimum of 6-feet from others.

*All safe distancing procedures are subject to changes at the event to ensure maximum safety for all anglers, staff, and community.



DISCOUNT & CONTINGENCY PROGRAMS

Want to take home extra prizes? Be in the know and be prepared before the you compete in the Championship – check out the program details below. Take advantage of our partner discounts, too!



























NEVER GET STUCK ON THE WATER...

Our partners at BoatUS will have their TowBoatUS service on-site during the 2021 Championship to help assist anglers if they experience any problems while on-the-water.

Sign-up today for \$90 and have access to unlimited towing! If you're not signed up and have to be towed, the cost may be up to \$500* or more.



Visit <u>www.boatus.com/Membership</u> for more information.

*This is just an estimate; towing costs may be much more or less, depending on tow company, location, and circumstances.

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES!

#wearecollegiatebass

Share your pics from your travels, to practice, and tournament days using our #WeAreCollegiateBass tag so we can keep up with you and re-post!

It pays to tag us – you never know when we feel spontaneous and give away a prize for a post!













LODGING INFORMATION

Please consider staying at these preferred hotels – our host, Capital City-Lake Murray Country, supports our anglers tremendously and staying locally helps enable that their support can continue! Book by April 19, 2021 for best rates.







Hampton Inn Newberry-Opera House \$109/night

1201 Nancy St. Newberry, SC 29108 803.276.6666

Book On-line HERE

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Hilton Garden Inn Columbia/Harbison \$99/night *breakfast vouchers 434 Columbiana Dr. Columbia, SC 29212 803.407.6640



TownePlace Suites Columbia NW/Harbison \$89-\$109/night 438 Columbiana Dr. Columbia, SC 29212 803.749.7552 Book On-line HERE



Hyatt Place Columbia/Harbison \$93/night *complimentary breakfast 1130 Kinley Rd. Irmo, SC 29063 803.407.1560

Book On-line at <u>Hyatt.com</u> Special Rate Code: G-NBTG



Residence Inn Columbia NW/Harbison \$99-\$119/night

944 Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo, SC 29063 803.749.7575

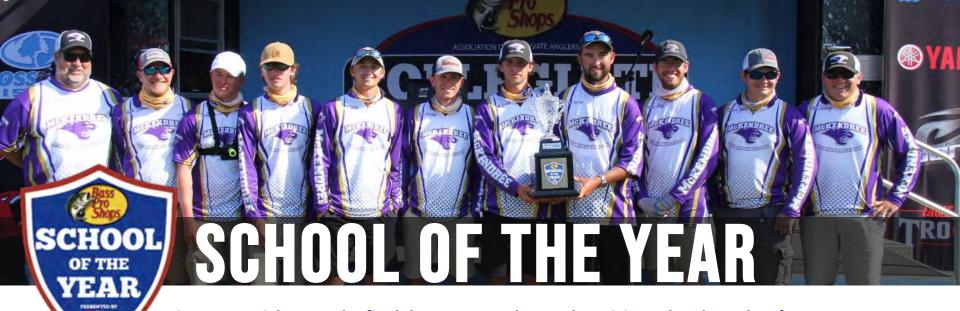
Book On-line **HERE**



Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Airport \$99/night

110 McSwain Drive West Columbia, SC 29169

Book On-line HERE



Join us at Weigh-In on the final day to crown the much anticipated and sought-after 2020-2021 Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia team!

Throughout the entire 2020-2021 season, the Association of Collegiate Anglers tracks the performance of all collegiate bass fishing teams across the three main collegiate tournament trails, including ACA, BASS, and FLW, as well as school-run events, through the Bass Pro Shops School of the Year presented by Abu Garcia race.

The culmination of this prestigious and sought-after award happens at the conclusion of the 2021 Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by BoatUS. After points are tallied from the Championship, we announce the School of the Year and present awards! The excitement around this much anticipated announcement is one that you don't want to miss either in-person or via our live streaming!

NATIONALLY TELEVISED

Send us your video footage! Be sure to document your travels to Lake Murray, your preparations for the 2021 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Bass Pro Shops, and points of interest on your campus. We'll accept all digital formats—with more television coverage than any other collegiate bass fishing trail, we may very well use your video footage in one of our shows or on-line video clips!

Please contact tournament staff for info on how to send in your footage at college@carecotv.com.



LIVE STREAMING ON





DOWNLOAD THE APP!

We've partnered with Outdoor Action TV to provide even more platforms where you can watch all the action as it happens!

FIND OUTDOOR ACTION TV HERE:

Outdoor Action TV is available via iOS / Android apps, Roku, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, and website.

SHARE!

Tell your family and friends to download on their streaming device now and watch direct from their smart phone or television.

STAY SAFE

As part of the safety protocols implemented due to COVID-19, spectators are encouraged to utilize the streaming services to safely enjoy weigh-in!









#WEAKECOLLEGIATEBASS Podcast

The ACA's #WeAreCollegiateBass Podcast in going strong!

Leading up to and following Championship Week, we will be sitting down with our anglers, coaches, sponsors, parents, & Pros to talk about everything related to this epic event — which teams are favored, predictions on how many pounds it will take to win, what it will take to catch those big bass, school rivalries, and more!

Subscribe NOW and stay tuned!

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Jordan Lee Talks Recent Bass Pro Tour Victory & College Fishing



Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Series with Rick Emmitt & Lara Herboldsheimer



Bethel University Anglers Talk Collegiate Fishing





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