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## LIVINGSTON CAPTURES SODUS BAY DAY 2



**DAVE LIVINGSTON  
TAKES FIRST AT  
SODUS BAY ON DAY 2  
WITH 15.31 LBS.**

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## SODUS BAY

SODUS BAY MARINA, SODUS POINT, NY  
ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES - AUGUST 13, 2017





**TYLER AUSTIN**  
2nd Place - 14.99 lbs.

Always a threat at Sodus Bay, and every other place he fishes, **Dave Livingston** posted another win with his 15.31 pound limit of largemouth bass at the Rochester Bassmasters VXF Wraps AOY Series at Sodus Bay August 13, 2017.

Dave said, "Day 1 was very frustrating since all the smallmouth decided to vacation in deeper water. Still, partner Dan Palazzo got to see the lake from Ginna all the way to Fairhaven (was that fun Dan or what?). Anyway Sunday was better all around, and a lot drier. Had a decent limit by 6:30a and spent the rest of the day culling up. Most of my fish were in 10-12 feet in scattered weeds. All fish were caught on a craw tube or dropshot Senko, 1/2 ounce weight, 30 pound Invisibraid with 15 pound CFX fluoro leader. G-Loomis rods and Shimano reels. On a side note, many thanks to Bob, Todd, Kurt and others for not waking me up Saturday night. Amazing how good I felt Sunday after a good nights sleep" Tyler Austin used these two giant largemouth bass to anchor his five bass limit weighing 15.24 pounds and earn second place in the Rochester Bassmasters tournament held August

13, 2017 on Sodus Bay. He was only .07 pounds (about an one ounce) behind the winner. Tyler said, "I was the kick-off boat that morning. I knew what I needed to catch, to place in the top 7. I wasn't quite sure how I was going to get that weight! By 9 AM I had my 5 fish but they where small. Couple hours went by and didn't catch anything. Then I went to another spot and thanks to Steve Levine for sharing this spot with me in practice and also sharing the water with me in the tournament. But I wasn't catching a lot of fish! But then when I was checking my phone, I got my key bite to anchor my bag, the 4.39 lunker. Then I realized that the key was to leave my green pumpkin Senko laying on the bottom in the weeds. Throughout the last couple of hours, I learned this was the key to catching the bigger fish that day. But I ended up gill hooking a fish and even my "Ranger live wells" couldn't keep him alive!

In the end, I came in with a 15.24 lb bag, with my 4.39 lunker. Huge thanks to the people over at Precision Sonar for helping me out with new electronics mounts, I just installed before this tournament."

Sodus Bay master **Rod Brown's** five largemouth bass limit weighing 14.80 pounds earned him third place in the Rochester Bassmasters August 13, 2017 Sodus Bay tournament.

Rod said, "Day 2, I ran some shallow stuff first thing in the morning. My smallmouth came on dropshot off Oswego, but I could not get them fire up so returned to Bay. I upgraded for final weight in about 2 hrs flipping a Beaver in 12-13ft. I had to dropshot these fish on outside edge then flipped up a couple later in the day on a Senko."

**Paul "Last Call" Caldwell** caught 14.24 lbs. to finish in 4th place.

**Tom Haley** brought in 14.12 lb. limit for 5th place, the same position he earned the day before. Tom said, "After my early success on Day 1, I had to return to my starting area. I caught a non-keeper pretty quickly and then broke of a good fish due to a bad knot. The spot failed to produce any more bites. I decided to run to my fourth spot that I never fished the day before since it typically is one of the more reliable spots on the bay for producing a solid 10-13 lb limit. My partner, **Dalton Talbot** managed to catch a few fish but I never felt comfortable. Having no fish in the livewell, when the day before I already had 15 lb, created a sense of urgency/panic. I told Dillon we were headed north to figure out the fish on my number two spot which only

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**ROD BROWN**  
3rd Place - 14.80 lbs.



**PAUL CALDWELL**  
4TH Place - 14.24 lbs.

produced two small fish on Saturday morning. There were two other boats fishing the general area, but both were a little north of where I wanted to fish. We slid in underneath them and began catching fish at a fairly consistent rate over the next two hours. Dalton and I had limits within a few hours throwing shakey head,



**DOM CERASOULO**  
6th Place - 13.59 lbs.

worms, brush hogs, drop shot, and creature baits. The bite slowed but we remained in the area for the rest of the day filling out or limits. Had a good time fishing with Dillon. Also, two important observations I made this weekend were that the better fish were in 11-13 feet of water and there appeared to be an inverse correlation between tournament performance and how late you stay out the night before, particularly if you fail to even get out of bed on Sunday. From what I hear Sodus Point will never be the same without Bobby Gaga (Manley) and the legendary Little Spoon (Kurt Keller)."

**Dom Cerasoulo** 5 fish limit weighed 13.59 lbs. that was anchored by a 3.4 lb. lunker. That limit gave Dom 6th place.

**Mark Harold** 13.55 lbs. gave him 7th place. Mark still leads the AOY race with 3 tournament days left.

Mark said, "I caught most of my fish in the morning on a texas rigged senko type lure and on Paul Caldwell's secret worm fished in and around isolated weed patches in 10-15 feet of water. Paul threw four of his secret worms in my boat while we waited for the weigh in to begin on Saturday, saying that these are what he was using to catch his fish. Unfortunately, those four worms didn't last long. In the afternoon I moved shallow and caught a few more, but it's the one that I didn't hook that's haunting me. I pitched a crawtube into a patch of blown in weeds in about a foot of water and a big large-mouth swam out. Thinking it had my tube in its mouth I set the hook, but I was wrong. I repositioned myself



**TOM HALEY**  
5th Place - 14.12 lbs.

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**MARK HAROLD**  
 7th Place - 13.55 lbs.



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Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Weight	Lunker	Penalties	Total Weight
1	Dave Livingston	5	5	15.31		0	15.31
2	Tyler Austin	4	4	15.24	4.39	0.25	14.99
3	Rod Brown	5	5	14.80		0	14.80
4	Paul Caldwell	5	5	14.24		0	14.24
5	Tom Haley	5	5	14.12		0	14.12
6	Dom Cerasuolo	5	5	13.59	3.4	0	13.59
7	Mark Harold	5	5	13.55		0	13.55
8	Drew Demtoft	5	5	13.02		0	13.02
9	Matt James	5	5	12.74	5.16	0	12.74
10	Jon Skirment	5	5	12.15		0	12.15
11	Rich Bush	5	5	11.81		0	11.81
12	Sean Brown	5	5	11.77		0	11.77
13	Rich Zajac	5	5	11.69		0	11.69
14	Bob Manley	5	5	11.09		0	11.09
15	Dalton Talbot	5	5	10.54		0	10.54
16	Dylan Mackaravitz	5	5	10.45			10.45
17	Fred Blom	5	5	10.27		0	10.27
18	Chris Burns	5	5	10.10		0	10.10
19	Bill Wittman	5	4	9.93		0.25	9.68
20	Jacob Zarneski	5	5	9.62		0	9.62
21	Will Rogers	5	5	8.6		0	8.60
22	Nate Kalpin	5	5	8.60		0	8.60
23	Matt Ferrante	5	5	8.42		0	8.42
24	Fred Ratcliffe	5	5	7.86		0	7.86
25	Steve Levine	5	5	7.46		0	7.46
26	Tige Noni	5	5	7.12		0	7.12
27	Dennis OBrien	5	5	6.66		0	6.66
28	Kevin Kinnear	5	5	6.32		0	6.32
29	Devon Talbot	4	4	5.68		0	5.68
30	Terry Gartz	2	2	4.34		0	4.34
31	Ray Law	3	3	3.85		0	3.85
32	Kurt Keller	3	3	3.64		0	3.64
33	Dan Palazzo	3	3	3.61		0	3.61
34	Kyle Sweers	1	1	1.21		0	1.21
35	Mike Wall	0	0	0.00		0	0.00
36	Bob McEneaney	0	0	0.00		0	0.00
37	Merritt Diamond	0	0	0.00		0	0.00
	Non-Boater						
	Boater						
	Amateurs						

and pitched in again and the giant ate the lure. I set the hook hard with my eight foot flipping stick spooled with 65 pound braid. My rod bent momentarily on the hook set, then nothing. I've been trying to figure out what happened and I think that possibly the heavy bullet weight popped open the fish's mouth, the hook was lying flat and it cleanly slipped out without getting a chance to penetrate. I've rigged my pitched/flipped baits the same way for years with a lot of success, but because of this heart-breaker I'll be experimenting with a more modern technique the next time I pitch/flip a lure."



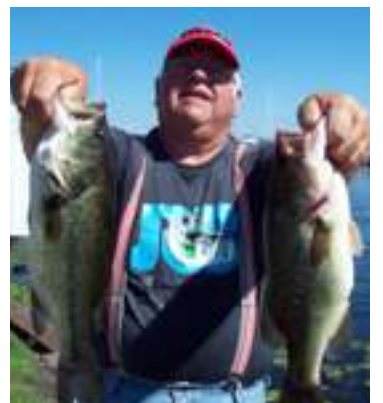
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Mark Harold's Monster Drum



# 2017 STANDINGS

## ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	1000 Islands Day 1	1000 Islands Day 2	Conesus Lake	TOTAL
1	Mark Harold	18.72	20.15	8.14	47.01
2	Nate Kalpin	19.17	7.39	14.93	41.49
3	Tom Haley	13.37	12.91	19.22	45.50
4	Kurt Keller	10.32	13.99	17.39	41.70
5	Dave Livingston	8.69	14.17	15.85	38.71
6	Steve Levine	17.45	10.57	9.06	37.08
7	Jacob Zarneski	5.77	14.27	13.72	33.76
8	Fred Blom	16.13	9.75	7.05	32.93
9	Bill Wittman	7.67	12.84	10.77	31.28
10	Tyler Austin	11.13	11.07	10.73	32.93
11	Paul Caldwell	12.16	5.18	9.13	26.47
12	Matt James	9.05	5.73	11.87	26.65
13	Bob Manley	11.52	12.76	0.00	24.28
14	Matt Ferrante	9.69	11.66	2.89	24.24
15	Terry Gartz	11.67	9.01	3.04	23.72
16	Jon Skirment	13.07	10.43	0.00	23.50
17	Aidan (A) Blake	6.53	10.22	5.34	22.09
18	Chris Burns	10.71	6.72	4.41	21.84
19	Kyle Sweers	12.59	7.89	0.00	20.48
20	Kevin Kinnear	11.84	0.00	7.88	19.72
21	Tige Noni	14.03	5.62	0.00	19.65
22	Sean Brown	5.78	8.88	4.48	19.14
23	Dom Cerasuolo	4.62	10.89	2.87	18.38
24	Todd Keller	4.45	12.04	0.00	16.49
25	Dylan Mackaravitz	9.81	1.19	4.84	15.84
26	Lock Holmes	6.14	7.76	0.00	13.90
27	Will Rogers	8.69	0.00	5.19	13.88
28	Merritt Diamond	8.35	0.00	3.91	12.26
29	Drew Demtoft	8.29	3.90	1.48	13.67
30	Fred Ratcliffe	8.91	1.77	2.85	13.53
31	Rich Bush	0.00	0.00	11.32	11.32
32	Rich Callabrese	0.00	10.84	0.00	10.84
33	Devon Talbot	0.00	0.00	10.84	10.84
34	Bob McEneaney	0.00	0.00	10.68	10.68
35	Rod Brown	0.00	0.00	8.78	8.78
36	Dalton Talbot	0.00	0.00	8.10	8.10
37	Dennis O'Brien	0.00	0.00	8.05	8.05
38	Don Georlich	0.00	0.00	6.43	6.43
39	Dalton Forte	5.79	0.00	0.00	5.79
40	John Norton	0.00	0.00	5.32	5.32
41	Rich Zajac	0.00	0.00	3.81	3.81
42	Orlando Roman	0.00	0.00	2.72	2.72
43	Gary Haun	0.00	0.00	2.42	2.42
44	Ray Law	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
45	Harvey Rhody	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
46	Ray Sacheli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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