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TJ VALLE WINS AGAIN

TJ MAKES A RUN AT AOY WITH A WIN ON DAY 2 AT CAYUGA LAKE



**ROD BROWN SECURES
2018 ANGLER OF THE
YEAR WITH 19.10 LBS.**

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CULMINATION AT CAYUGA LAKE

DEANS COVE BOAT LAUNCH NYS LAUNCH, ROMULUS, NY
CAYUGA LAKE AOY SERIES - AUGUST 26, 2018



ROD BROWN
2nd Place - 19.10 lbs.

TJ Valle knew he needed to post a big weight in the final Rochester Bassmasters tournament (September 9, 2018 at Cayuga Lake) to move up in the Angler of the Year standings and possibly earn the AOY title. He did what he had to do and won the tournament with a five fish limit of largemouth bass weighing 22.47 pounds. TJ finished the year in second place overall.

TJ said, "Day 2 brought calm conditions. I had a limit by 8:11am with two 4.5 lb class fish in the boat. I did run to a couple areas looking for giants and also to let my primary rest . . . the bite seemed to be good either early morning or late in the day from past times there. Well not today they ate for me unbelievably well I caught on the day like 30-40 fish. Just a great day.

I went back about 10:00 am looking to upgrade 3 fish and all HELL broke loose. I caught a 5.6 lb. and a 5.3 lb. on back to back casts. Needless to say I was all jacked up.

I had one fish in my bag a 3.6 lbs. that I had to get rid of (any other time I would love to have him) to put together a real MEGA bag. I just could

get another giant bite till about 30 minutes before we went to the weigh-in. I hook into a stud and it throws the crankbait halfway back to boat. Boating that fish would have given me 25-26 lbs. I probably would not have over taken Rod but I know for sure he would have crapped his shorts.

All in all great event, I did the best I could and worked as hard as I could. I am good with falling short of the AOY. All year the fish I put on the scales were my fish that I found the right way by working hard and not settling for average. Because in my mind that is the only you will ever get better is to push yourself.

My fish the second day were caught cranking a DT-14 and DT-14 colors undisclosed, both were on I-rod 7'10 cranking rods with 12 lb. P-Line Tactical fluorocarbon on Shimano Chronarch reels.

Lastly congratulations to **Rod Brown** on a great year and pulling it out.. Dam OLD MAN!! Also thank you our great Tournament Director for running great events and keeping it fun.

Rod Brown caught 19.10 lbs. to the scales to secure 2nd place and that weight sealed the Angler of the Year title for Rod. This is Rod's 2nd AOY title, Rod was AOY in 2012.

Rod said, "Day 2 was the same for me, but I caught 13 fish total.

My crank bait was a custom painted Rapala DT 14 and I employed a shad shape worn on my drop shot. The DS fish came in 6-12 ft."

Jim Shamp caught 18.94 lbs. for 3rd place.

4th place went to **Jon Skirment** with 4 fish for 17.71lbs.

Jon said, "Its not often 4 fish will get you paid against this group of sticks. I worked hard all weekend to find

quality fish, and I'm thankful to bring a few to the scales. Coming up short on a limit when your on that caliber will drive you a little crazy. But I guess that's why we keep getting up before the sun to chase these fish. I only had 5 bites all day. All came on a jig fishing sharp weed edges close to deep water. The bite seemed to shut off by 11:00 am."

Steve Levine brought in 16.95 lbs. for 5th place.

Steve said, "Day one did not work out how I planned for some reason my fish did not want to cooperate and I was not able to catch a single bass. Pickerel were no problem and I caught a ridiculous amount of them. This left me in a predicament for day 2...fish day one's plan or wing it. I decided to stick to my plan because fish were there when I pre-fished. At four in the morning as I was sitting in my Tradewins Financial boat waiting for others to arrive and kick off I heard a fish jump and decided then to use top

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JIM SHAMP
3rd Place - 18.94 lbs.



JON SKIRMMENT
4th Place - 17.71 lbs.

water at my first stop if it stays calm. We were able to launch around 6:20. I had put on on a small popper, which quickly caught my first 5 fish before this bite stopped. My next two fish were caught using an A-Rig and gave me small upgrades. My Douglas rod designed for A-Rigs was great and made throwing the rig easy.

I then left to check out 3 other spots nearby for about an hour that produced nothing but this allowed my first spot some time off.

Once I returned it was crazy I



DREW DAMTOFT
7th Place - 15.23 lbs.

caught over 30 bass between 2 and 3.65 pounds. I had seen all the crayfish coughed up in my livewell and decided to put on a weightless wacky rig, nothing special. What was a bit different was because the water was so calm I decided to try and dead stick it. My first cast I let it sit there maybe 5 agonizing minutes. Then it happened, my line started to move and I set the hook on a 3 plus pounder. Once while dead sticking it I set my rod down so I could relive myself. Half way thru BAM my rod starts to slide across the deck! I found out I can stop mid stream, tuck and run. This Bass gave me another 3 plus pounds. The water stayed very calm and I continued to replace every Bass in my livewell multiple times to bring my weight up. Some bites came with in seconds of reaching the bottom others I had to wait but I ended up with over 30 Bass and only 3 Pickerel. This way even worked when I switched spots and fished near our check in and boated a couple more. I was fishing in 8 to 10 feet of water in a scattered weed bed and just outside the weed bed."

Dave Livingston caught 15.52 lbs. for 6th place.

Dave said, "I decided Sunday to start out by going for smallmouth. Again had a limit fairly early, but only two really good smallmouth. Tried second smallmouth area, but it was dead. So *Wes Vyverberg* and I spent the rest of the day hitting many different largemouth spots, actually covering the entire lake from one end to the other (man, it really is a big lake!). Unfortunately lost a couple of big fish, both smallmouth and largemouth, that would have helped, but I guess that happens to everyone occasionally. Wes was a great partner and a good fisherman, watch for him to do well in the future.

I caught all fish on either a drop shot or craw tube, using G Loomis rods



STEVE LEVINE
5th Place - 16.95 lbs.

and Shimano reels. Best depth was 7-8 feet for largemouth and 20-25' for smallmouth. Best areas were GPS 2071 on the west side and 2140 on the east side (does that narrow it down enough for you *Kurt?*).

Congratulations to *Rod Brown* for winning AOTY in spectacular fashion, and to *TJ Valle* for a great finish. Couldn't ask for better competition."

Drew Damtoft came in 7th place with 15.23 lbs.

Drew said, "Day 2 was a very tough day on the water. My boater, Todd Keller, and I were not able to pick up anything at spots that had produced the previous day. We began moving around from spot to spot and he was able to land a few keepers. At this point I was doing my best to clear the pickerel out of his way. It wasn't until about 1:15 that I got my first fish in the boat. We found a relatively small area that they seemed to be holding on. Todd was able to complete his limit with 5 minutes to spare, and I was able to put three more decent fish

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in the boat. All of them came on a custom made 1oz flipping jig thrown on 65 lb. braid. Thanks *Todd Keller* for another fun day on the water, and helping me place in the top seven for the first time!"



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SODUS BAY

SODUS BAY MARINA, SODUS POINT, NY
SODUS BAY SLUG FEST AOY SERIES - AUGUST 26, 2018

Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Penalties	Lunker	Total Weight
1	TJ Valle	5	5	0.00	5.56	22.47
2	Rod Brown	5	5	0.00		19.10
3	Jim Shamp	5	5	0.00	4.47	18.94
4	Jon Skirment	4	4	0.00		17.71
5	Steve Levine	5	5	0.00	3.63	16.95
6	Dave Livingston	5	5	0.00	4.14	15.52
7	Drew Damtoft	5	5	0.00	4.89	15.23
8	Matt James	5	5	0.00	4.37	14.09
9	Tyler Austin	5	5	0.00	4.13	13.36
10	Mark Harold	5	5	0.00		13.18
11	Todd Keller	5	5	0.00		12.69
12	Kurt Keller	5	5	0.00		12.59
13	Will Rogers	5	5	0.00		12.48
14	Pat Carr	5	5	0.00		12.40
15	Bob Manley	3	3	0.00	5.65	10.28
16	Orlando Roman	3	3	0.00		9.91
17	Nate Kalpin	3	3	0.00		9.82
18	Wes Vyverberg	4	4	0.00		9.71
19	Brent Russell	2	2	0.00	5.64	9.48
20	Dom Cerasuolo	4	4	0.00		8.31
21	Tige Noni	4	4	0.00		7.89
22	Matt Ferrante	4	4	0.00		6.96
23	Tyler Muhs	2	2	0.00	3.93	6.49
24	Fred Ratcliffe	3	3	0.00		6.31
25	Bill Wittman	2	2	0.00		6.03
26	Rich Bush	1	1	0.00		4.59
27	Mike Wall	2	2	0.00		3.64
28	Terry Gartz	1	1	0.00		1.39
29	Merritt Diamond	0	0	0.00		0.00
29	Dylan Mackaravitz	0	0	0.00		0.00
29	Bob McEaney	0	0	0.00		0.00
29	Bryan O'Neil	0	0	0.00		0.00
29	Kyle Sweers	0	0	0.00		0.00

Boater
NonBoater
Amateur





BRENT RUSSELL
5.64 lbs.



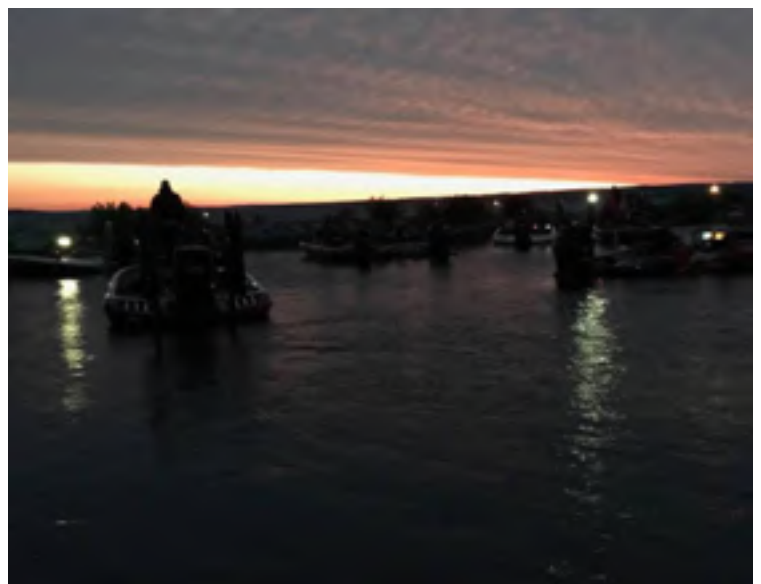
BOB MANLEY
5.65 lbs.



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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PRE-LAUNCH AT CAYUGA LAKE ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES
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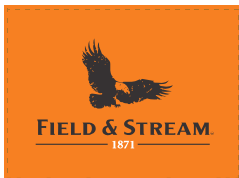
Patty and Bob Manley
19.48 lbs.



Jen and Tom Haley
15.71 lbs.



CD Renovations



Brittani Marie and Jake Zaremski
15.12 lbs.





2018 STANDINGS

ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	Lake Erie	Chaumont Day 1	Chaumont Day 2	Oneida Day 1	Oneida Day 2	Sodus Bay	Cayuga Day 1	Cayuga Day 2	Total	AOTY
1	Rod Brown	21.80	18.32	6.58	16.41	14.60	17.91	22.67	19.10	137.39	130.81
2	TJ Valle	18.58	20.02	19.96	0.00	5.11	20.31	17.37	22.47	123.82	123.82
3	Dave Livingston	23.21	15.96	0.00	17.99	14.56	11.90	18.42	15.52	117.56	117.56
4	Pat Carr	21.26	20.03	17.24	15.60	9.18	11.38	12.89	12.40	119.98	110.80
5	Tige Noni	17.58	20.80	20.74	6.23	9.82	14.01	14.50	7.89	111.57	105.34
6	Jon Skirment	20.53	16.04	18.04	6.73	6.08	16.00	5.93	17.71	107.06	101.13
7	Mark Harold	18.77	14.98	15.28	12.23	9.25	13.11	13.00	13.18	109.80	100.55
8	Jim Shamp	21.61	8.03	14.71	3.96	0.00	15.30	17.73	18.94	100.28	100.28
9	Matt James	15.85	17.43	15.22	7.55	7.07	13.09	15.23	14.09	105.53	98.46
10	Tyler Austin	16.45	14.05	10.89	13.50	0.00	13.40	16.76	13.36	98.41	98.41
11	Will Rogers	23.72	14.94	9.00	5.87	10.75	9.24	14.93	12.48	100.93	95.06
12	Steve Levine	22.45	15.59	15.22	10.50	0.00	14.15	0.00	16.95	94.86	94.86
13	Nate Kalpin	18.21	9.91	15.90	8.48	0.00	18.68	6.20	9.82	87.20	87.20
14	Dom Cerasuolo	18.91	19.75	7.97	2.51	0.00	14.88	14.77	8.31	87.10	87.10
15	Kurt Keller	18.03	15.56	10.17	9.68	7.59	11.84	0.00	12.59	85.46	85.46
16	Rich Bush	19.48	9.16	17.67	7.47	10.52	15.10	2.71	4.59	86.70	83.99
17	Brent Russell	15.38	15.15	16.94	4.29	3.79	7.41	11.18	9.48	83.62	79.83
18	Bill Wittman	19.74	11.53	12.53	6.35	12.08	0.00	10.77	6.03	79.03	79.03
19	Kyle Sweers	12.61	11.20	13.42	9.52	8.78	9.96	11.14	0.00	76.63	76.63
20	Todd Keller	17.51	8.44	0.00	7.52	4.70	8.72	15.36	12.69	74.94	74.94
21	Tyler Muhs	17.14	14.77	7.69	5.74	3.73	13.80	7.42	6.49	76.78	73.05
22	Jake Zaremski	19.68	0.00	13.62	13.17	14.48	10.61	0.00	0.00	71.56	71.56
23	Dave Fenlon	18.68	8.80	4.68	6.88	3.06	12.96	15.07	0.00	70.13	70.13
24	Jim Bianchi	23.71	18.15	7.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.27	0.00	68.59	68.59
25	Drew Damtoft	13.48	13.54	11.48	2.34	2.44	5.57	6.34	15.23	70.42	68.08
26	Orlando Roman	19.21	5.72	12.17	9.76	2.69	0.00	7.76	9.91	67.22	67.22
27	Dylan Mackaravitz	18.08	14.88	15.05	6.85	3.21	3.00	4.50	0.00	65.57	65.57
28	Merritt Diamond	18.11	4.04	14.10	5.89	3.66	9.14	7.16	0.00	62.10	62.10
29	Wes Vyverberg	9.72	13.80	6.63	0.00	0.00	10.23	11.73	9.71	61.82	61.82
30	Matt Ferrante	17.60	7.73	9.57	2.71	0.00	13.57	2.45	6.96	60.59	60.59
31	Bob Manley	15.62	0.00	10.78	6.56	0.00	9.49	5.80	10.28	58.53	58.53
32	Fred Ratcliffe	14.71	9.18	5.26	0.00	5.17	10.44	7.21	6.31	58.28	58.28
33	Scott Killingbeck	23.14	9.44	15.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.52	48.52
34	Terry Gartz	18.57	10.92	2.03	0.00	0.00	9.08	5.77	1.39	47.76	47.76
35	Chris Burns	6.17	23.05	13.42	4.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.41	47.41
36	Kevin Kinnear	15.58	10.84	0.00	8.16	0.00	8.33	1.94	0.00	44.85	44.85
37	Rich Zajac	6.83	2.91	15.96	8.50	0.00	10.37	0.00	0.00	44.57	44.57
38	Tom Haley	16.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.94	12.81	0.00	0.00	43.39	43.39
39	Zach Imm	18.26	10.82	12.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.77	41.77
40	Mike Wall	0.00	7.22	0.00	10.18	2.78	9.23	7.67	3.64	40.72	40.72
41	Ray Law	24.29	10.81	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.98	39.98
42	Devon Talbot (A)	0.00	9.62	7.46	4.71	0.00	10.26	0.00	0.00	32.05	32.05
43	Bryan O'Neil	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.20	7.07	14.01	0.00	0.00	26.28	26.28
44	Vlad Kasha	18.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.66	0.00	0.00	25.31	25.31
45	Dalton Forte	13.06	4.22	3.36	0.00	3.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.69	23.69
46	Dalton Talbot (A)	0.00	3.78	5.98	0.00	0.00	6.72	0.00	0.00	16.48	16.48
47	Sean Brown	16.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.38	16.38
48	Tom Saile	14.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.87	14.87
49	Dennis O'Brien	7.67	4.81	0.00	2.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.70	14.70
50	Steve Sanca	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.02	10.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.27	14.27
51	Ray Sacheli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.84	0.00	0.00	13.84	13.84
52	Craig Carr	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.70	10.70
53	Rich Calabrese	0.00	0.00	3.74	5.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.40	9.40
54	Marty Vyverberg	0.00	7.15	1.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.98	8.98
55	Tom Hughes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.63	8.63
56	Fred Blom	0.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.38	4.38
57	Dacia Hirsch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.31	0.00	0.00	4.31	4.31
58	Don Goerlich	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84
59	Dan Palazzo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.44	0.00	0.00	2.44	2.44
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