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## CHRIS BURNS WINS DAY 1 OF BEAT DOWN AT THE BAY



**CHRIS WINS THE FIRST  
TORUNAMENT OF THE  
2018 SEASON WITH A  
LIMIT OF SMALLMOUTH  
WEIGHING 23.05 LBS.**

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## CHAUMONT BAY

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CHAUMONT BAY BEAT DOWN AOY SERIES - JULY 21, 2018





**TIGE NONI**  
2nd Place - 20.80 lbs.

This is **Chris Burns'** first win as a member of the Rochester Bassmasters. Chris' impressive 23.05 lbs. gave him the win at the Vision Auto Chaumont Bay Beat Down Angler of the Year Series.

Chris said, "I went to my first spot that I found in practice on Thursday that had some big fish on it. This spot consisted of ditches that had depths of 16' and sides of 10-12' in depth. The spot I had was only about a 25 yard area where one ditch turned into another. I fished this area for about 2 hours and never caught a fish. I decided to leave and head to another spot I had marked that was very similar to the first one. My non-boater finally picked up a 3.5lb'er after about 30 min or so. Nothing seemed to be producing and it was already around 9 am and decided to run to my 3rd spot. I fished the 3rd spot for a bit and still no bites. I decided to run to my 4th spot and we finally starting getting bit. We picked up 4 fish but nothing with any size. My non boater **Devin Talibit** had 3 fish in the livewell and I had 2 that were barley 12". I turned to him and said we could sit here all day and grab a small limit but that is all this is going to produce. I told him to pack up, I know there is fish

at my first spot. We pulled back up on the first spot at about 11 and it was like someone had turned a switch on! I had to cast about 25 yards to hit the sweet spot and every time it landed perfect -- it was game on. I caught 4 lb'ers for the next 3 hours slowly culling up to 23.05 pounds!! This was my best day ever tournament fishing and it was great to put together a solid plan and execute it to a big win that was much needed after slipping at Erie! Big thanks to Devin for doing a great job on the net! I don't think either one of us will ever forget the 4.5 lb'er Jumping out of the water and over his head and the 2 of us working together to get that fish in the boat! Huge thanks to Douglas rods for making such a great durable rod that caught everyone of my fish!"

Taking 2nd was Tournament Director **Tige Noni**. Tige had a 20.80 lb. limit with a 4.79 lb. kicker. Tige said, "Chaumont Bay was fishing tough on my practice days. I thought I had sort of a disappointing practice. Mostly since the fish were not in spots where I had caught them in the past. I did catch one nice 4+ in one spot near where I have historically fished, and I left that area shortly after, to find new areas in Henderson Harbor. I ended up exploring two spots that were holding good fish and further explored out to the Lake and beyond point peninsula. The first day I had a plan to fish Henderson and then areas I had found out in Lake Ontario.

Waking up the first morning, I had a PowerPole down and the hydraulic line was off. Fortunately, **Jon Skirment** is a PowerPole expert and had it back together for me in like 10 minutes. That did not prevent people from giving the tourney director a hard time for being "late." At any rate, all was good, and I headed to Henderson Harbor. After an hour or so of fishing in Henderson I had one good fish and decided to move to my spots out in the lake. Well, mother nature had

other plans. Three quarters of the way to point peninsula I speared a wave and was soaked head to toe. I stopped, rang my shirt out and made the (smart) decision to get back into Chaumont Bay. This proved to be the winning decision, albeit forced. Once I got back the wind had either died a little or the area was a little more protected from the winds. I pulled up to my waypoint and immediately boated a fish. Then proceeded to expand the area out and had my limit within an hour, it was about 10:00 AM at that time. I culled out smaller fish about three times. Then I caught a surprising 4.80 lb largemouth and stayed in that spot the rest of the day ending up with 20.80 lbs. after a dead fish penalty. I thought I had fished pretty clean and had a shot to win day one, only to be shown up by **Chris Burns** epic (or shall we call it, legendary) bag!

My trolling motor batteries seemed to be not very strong at the end of the day and when I plugged them in to the charger after getting back one of them was bad. We (Nate, Jon and I) had to make a run into Watertown Walmart, where I exchanged the battery, only to find out when we got back that I had given them the wrong one and had to make the drive

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**PAT CARR**  
3rd Place - 23.71 lbs.



back to exchange that one for the actual bad battery. It was a bit of a fiasco.”

**Pat Carr** took the 3rd Place slot with 20.03 lbs. Pat culled through 12 fish to get to his impressive bag.

Pat said, “During practice we did not spend a lot of time out on the lake because the forecast given for the weekend. The first practice day I did not make it out to the lake at all because of the whitecaps that **Todd Keller** and I experienced inside the bay, we knew the lake was going to be rolling! We spent the entire day in the bay and found some decent fish in a few key areas. On practice day 2, **Tyler Muhs** and I did make it out to the lake for a little while but did not generate enough bites to give us any confidence.

So we went back into the bay to build on what we found the previous day. While expanding on these areas, we found a couple of new areas and key baits that came into play during the tournament.

We spent most of the day on Saturday in 5-8 feet of water. I had a small limit around 10:00 am and started running around to a few of the other areas that we had found in practice. After rotating around these spots for the remainder of the day, **Tyler Muhs** and I were able to upgrade to respectable limits.

Most of my fish came on a dropshot rig with a 3/8 oz swagger tackle dropshot weight and a KVD dreamshot. I fished this rig on a 7ft Medium KLX spinning rod paired up with an Abu Garcia Revo SX spinning reel spooled up with 20 lb. PowerPro braid and an 8 lb. Seaguar Invisx leader. Congratulation to Chris Burns on his first tournament win with the Rochester Bassmasters! Thank you to my 2018 sponsors including Batavia Area Allstate Agent Keith Roth, Kistler Rods, and Swagger Tackle.”

In 4th place was **TJ Valle**. TJ caught a five fish limit of smallmouths weighing 20.02 lbs. TJ’s bag was anchored by a 5.21 lb. smallmouth.

Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Penalties	Lunker	Total Weight
1	Chris Burns	5	5	0.00	5.19	23.05
2	Tige Noni	5	4	0.25	4.79	20.80
3	Pat Carr	5	4	0.25	0.00	20.03
4	TJ Valle	5	4	0.25	5.21	20.02
5	Dom Cerasuolo	5	4	0.25	4.89	19.75
6	Rod Brown	5	4	0.25	0.00	18.32
7	Jim Bianchi	5	5	0.00	0.00	18.15
8	Matt James	5	3	0.50	0.00	17.43
9	Jon Skirment	4	2	0.50	0.00	16.04
10	Dave Livingston	5	5	0.00	4.58	15.96
11	Steve Levine	5	4	0.25	0.00	15.59
12	Kurt Keller	5	3	0.50	0.00	15.56
13	Brent Russell	5	3	0.50	0.00	15.15
14	Mark Harold	5	5	0.00	5.32	14.98
15	Will Rogers	5	5	0.00	0.00	14.94
16	Dylan Mackaravitz	5	4	0.25	5.15	14.88
17	Tyler Muhs	5	4	0.25	0.00	14.77
18	Tyler Austin	4	4	0.00	0.00	14.05
19	Wes Vyverberg	5	5	0.00	0.00	13.80
20	Drew Damtoft	4	3	0.25	4.90	13.54
21	Bill Wittman	4	4	0.00	0.00	11.53
22	Kyle Sweers	5	3	0.50	0.00	11.20
23	Terry Gartz	3	3	0.00	0.00	10.92
24	Kevin Kinnear	4	1	0.75	0.00	10.84
25	Zach Imm	5	4	0.25	0.00	10.82
26	Ray Law	5	5	0.00	0.00	10.81
27	Nate Kalpin	4	3	0.25	0.00	9.91
28	Devon Talbot (A)	4	4	0.00	0.00	9.62
29	Scott Killingbeck	3	2	0.25	0.00	9.44
30	Fred Ratcliffe	3	3	0.00	4.59	9.18
31	Rich Bush	4	3	0.25	0.00	9.16
32	Dave Fenlon	4	4	0.00	0.00	8.80
33	Todd Keller	3	3	0.00	0.00	8.44
34	Jim Shamp	2	2	0.00	0.00	8.03
35	Matt Ferrante	2	1	0.25	0.00	7.73
36	Mike Wall	3	3	0.00	0.00	7.22
37	Marty Vyverberg	3	2	0.25	0.00	7.15
38	Orlando Roman	2	2	0.00	0.00	5.72
39	Dennis O'Brien	1	0	0.25	0.00	4.81
40	Fred Blom	2	2	0.00	0.00	4.38
41	Dalton Forte	1	1	0.00	0.00	4.22
42	Merritt Diamond	1	1	0.00	0.00	4.04
43	Dalton Talbot (A)	1	1	0.00	0.00	3.78
Boater						
Non-Boater						
Amateur						





Finishing in 5th Place was **Dom Cerasuolo**. Dom had a 4.89 kicker smallmouth anchor his bag. Dom's limit weighed 19.75 lbs. Dom missed the 20 pound threshold by just 2 ounces.

Legendary Rod Brown filled the 6th Place spot. Rod's five fish limit weighed 18.32 lbs. Normally an impressive weight anywhere else, but a weight like this is only good for a 6th Place finish.

Rounded out the Top Seven was 2013 & 2014 Angler of the Year Jim Bianchi. Jim's 18.15 lb. limit gave him the 7th Place slot.





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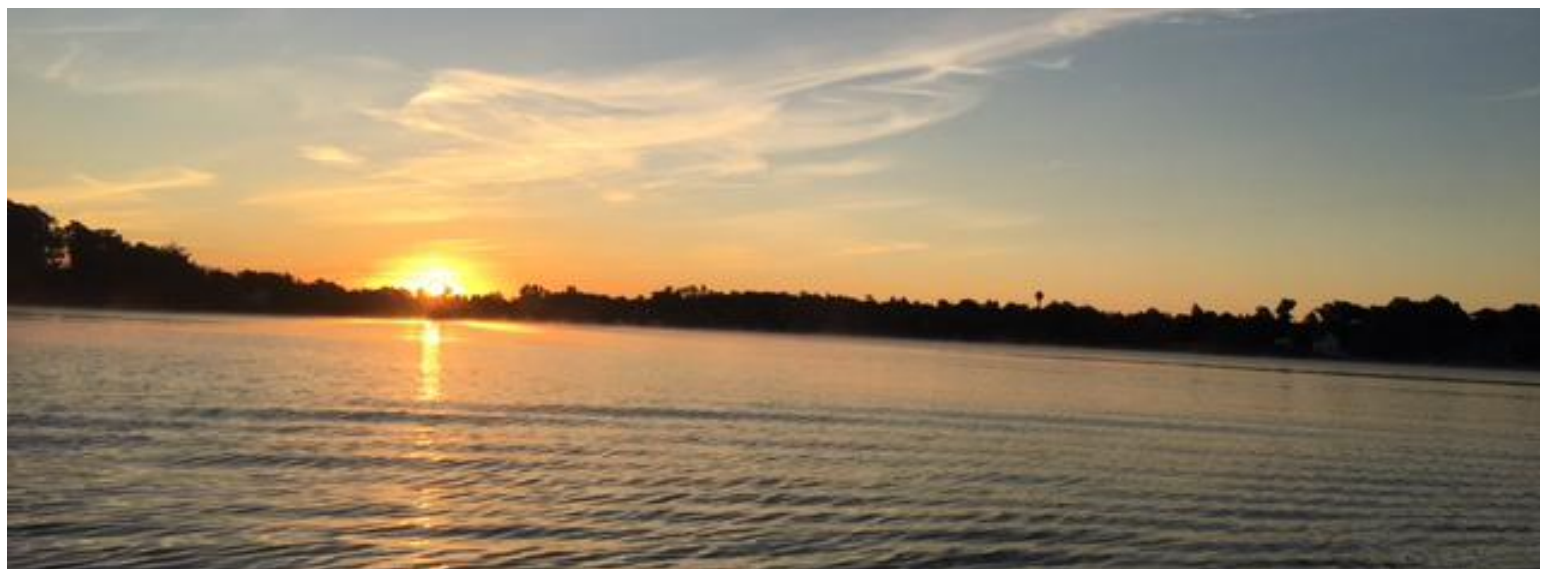


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# 2018 STANDINGS

## ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	Erie	Chaumont 1	Chaumont 2	Sodus	Oneida 1	Oneida 2	Cayuga 1	Cayuga 2	Total	AOTY		
1	Jim Bianchi	23.71	18.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.86	41.86		
2	Pat Carr	21.26	20.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.29	41.29		
3	Rod Brown	21.80	18.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.12	40.12		
4	Dave Livingston	23.21	15.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.17	39.17		
5	Will Rogers	23.72	14.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.66	38.66		
6	Dom Cerasuolo	18.91	19.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.66	38.66		
7	TJ Valle	18.58	20.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.60	38.60		
8	Tige Noni	17.58	20.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.38	38.38		
9	Steve Levine	22.45	15.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.04	38.04		
10	Jon Skirment	20.53	16.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.57	36.57		
11	Ray Law	24.29	10.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.10	35.10		
12	Mark Harold	18.77	14.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.75	33.75		
13	Kurt Keller	18.03	15.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.59	33.59		
14	Matt James	15.85	17.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.28	33.28		
15	Dylan Mackaravitz	18.08	14.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.96	32.96		
16	Scott Killingbeck	23.14	9.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.58	32.58		
17	Tyler Muhs	17.14	14.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.91	31.91		
18	Bill Wittman	19.74	11.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.27	31.27		
19	Brent Russell	15.38	15.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.53	30.53		
20	Tyler Austin	16.45	14.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.50	30.50		
21	Jim Shamp	21.61	8.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.64	29.64		
22	Terry Gartz	18.57	10.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.49	29.49		
23	Chris Burns	6.17	23.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.22	29.22		
24	Zach Imm	18.26	10.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.08	29.08		
25	Rich Bush	19.48	9.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.64	28.64		
26	Nate Kalpin	18.21	9.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.12	28.12		
27	Dave Fenlon	18.68	8.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.48	27.48		
28	Drew Damtoft	13.48	13.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.02	27.02		
29	Kevin Kinnear	15.58	10.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.42	26.42		
30	Todd Keller	17.51	8.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.95	25.95		
31	Matt Ferrante	17.60	7.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.33	25.33		
32	Orlando Roman	19.21	5.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.93	24.93		
33	Fred Ratcliffe	14.71	9.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.89	23.89		
34	Kyle Sweers	12.61	11.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.81	23.81		
35	Wes Vyverburg	9.72	13.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.52	23.52		
36	Rich Zajac	19.68	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.59	22.59		
37	Merritt Diamond	18.11	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.15	22.15		
38	Jake Zaremski	19.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.68	19.68		
39	Vlad Kasha	18.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.65	18.65		
40	Dalton Forte	13.06	4.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.28	17.28		
41	Tom Haley	16.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.64	16.64		
42	Sean Brown	16.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.38	16.38		
43	Bob Manley	15.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.62	15.62		
44	Tom Saile	14.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.87	14.87		
45	Dennis O'Brien	7.67	4.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.48	12.48		
46	Craig Carr	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.70	10.70		
47	Devon Talbot (A)	0.00	9.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.62	9.62		
48	Mike Wall	0.00	7.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.22	7.22		
49	Marty Vyverburg	0.00	7.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.15	7.15		
50	Fred Blom	0.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.38	4.38		
51	Dalton Talbot (A)	0.00	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.78	3.78		
52	Don Goerlich	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84		
53	Rich Calabrese	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
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