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TIGE NONI TAKES DAY 2 OF BEAT DOWN AT THE BAY



**TIGE'S IMPRESSIVE
20.74 LBS. LIMIT
GAVE HIM THE WIN
ON DAY 2 AT THE BEAT
DOWN AT THE BAY**

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CHAUMONT BAY

DEC LAUNCH ROUTE 12, CHAUMONT NY
CHAUMONT BAY BEAT DOWN AOY SERIES - JULY 22, 2018



TJ VALLE
2nd Place - 19.96 lbs.

Tige Noni caught 20.74 lbs. to win the Douglas Rods Chaumont Bay Beat Down Angler of the Years Series.

Tige said, "After day one, I knew what I would do on the second day – stay on that spot for the whole day! My non-boater for day 2 was **Rich Zajac**. We went back to the spot where I ended the day before in the hopes that there were another two limits to be had. By the second or third cast I had a small keeper in the boat. By 8:00 I had a decent limit and Rich had three in the livewell. We fished that area until about 11:30 or 12 o'clock when the winds and waves were so bad that it wasn't even fishable. By that time, I had what I thought was a respectable limit but I did not think I had the winning weight. I was also extremely disappointed that I had fish dying despite doing all I could to prevent it. At the end of the day Rich finished up his limit with a nice 4+ pound smallie that took what seemed like 5 minutes to land on light line. Rich and I had a great day with smallies jumping out of the water, into my trolling motor etc.

It was a great day on the water despite the rain on and off and strong winds/waves.

Most of the fish I weighed in were caught were on a drop shot. I caught a few fish on an A rig and some on a ned rig. The area that produced the fish was on an underwater point that came out and concentrated the fish in 13 – 17 feet of water. Thank you to Jamie and Jenna Coles for letting us use their cottage. The last thing that proved to be the winning decision was the fact that this is the first RBM tournament that I brought Reese Cups with me. Some of the old timers will understand the significance of this. Maybe if I decide to bring pepsi along with me it will be even better.

RIP **Ray Schreib**, you were truly an amazing person and the club and world has lost a great human being."

In 2nd place was **TJ Valle**. TJ caught a five fish limit of smallmouths weighing 19.96 lbs. TJ bag was anchored by a 5.18 lb. smallmouth.

Jon Skirment culled through seven fish on Day 2 for an 18.04 lb. limit. Jon's weight was good enough for 3rd Place.

Jon said, "This was my first time on Chaumont Bay. I spent my practice in the lake towards the river. Conditions for the tournament were not ideal to run to the lake. Apologies to my non-boater on day 1, **Terry Gartz**, for getting you soaked to figure that out. So, I was forced to just go fishing in the Bay. After bouncing around a few spots, I found a stretch of bank that was holding decent numbers of fish on the outside weed edge that dropped into about 13 FOW. I returned there on day 2 to catch all my fish for the

day. I had to expand into adjacent water I hadn't fished the first day. But my primary bait was a Brown Dog Tackle Alabama rig. This is what I caught most of my smallmouth on, which were the better fish of my bag. I did also catch a smallmouth on a dropshot. But the area was too big to pick apart with a dropshot, so I relied on the A-rig to cover water. I only threw the dropshot in condensed areas. The secondary bait that was key to fill my limit was a Zara Spook. I never caught a largemouth on the A-rig. They all came on the Spook, but they absolutely engulfed it. I was fortunate that the area I was fishing was protected from the wind and waves."

Finishing in 4th Place was **Rich Bush**. Rich had a 6.29 lb. kicker smallmouth anchor his bag, which was good enough for lunger. Rich caught seven fish on the day and said, "I fished mainline points with a Ned Rig and a

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JON SKIRMMENT
3rd Place - 18.04 lbs.



RICH BUSH
4th Place - 17.67 lbs.

dropshot. Big fish lunger was 6.57 lbs. (before dead penalty) was caught on a Ned Rig in 10-18 ft. of water.

Pat Carr caught 17.24 lbs. for a 5th Place finish.

Pat said, "On Sunday, **Brent Russell** and I basically repeated the same techniques as day 1 and hoped that there were enough fish left in these areas to make something happen. Early on in the day, Brent boated a couple big smallmouth, but because I am terrible at judging just how big a smallmouth is, I didn't think



BRENT RUSSELL
6th Place - 16.94 lbs.

much of it. It wasn't until weigh in that we realized just how big these fish were. Brent weighed in his "biggest" of the day which went 5.4 lbs., but while he was getting a photo taken he realized that he weighed in the wrong one. He went back up to the scale with the bigger one that weighed in at 6.25 lbs. and it wasn't even the lunger for the day! What a healthy fishery! Congratulations to Tige Noni on a dominating performance during this weekend at Chaumont. Again, I'd like to thank my 2018 sponsors including Batavia Area Allstate Agent Keith Roth, Kistler Rods, and Swagger Tackle"

New member **Brent Russell** filled the 6th Place spot. Brent's five fish limit weighed 16.94 lbs. Brent had a 6.25 lb. smallmouth, just shy of lunger on the day.

From the back of the boat, **Rich Zajac** rounded out the Top Seven.

Rich caught 15.96 lbs. and said, "After really struggling through the first two tournaments of the year, day 2 on Chaumont Bay was a nice rebound for me. I have to give a ton of credit to my boater, Tige Noni - he obviously had the fish figured out and was a great partner for the day. At 12:30pm, I had four fish in the livewell and was beginning to accept that I wouldn't catch number five.

About ten minutes later, I caught a 2 pounder and was happy to have closed out my limit. Then, about ten minutes after that, I caught a 4 pounder and made a nice upgrade to close out the day. I caught all my fish on a drop shot and steadily rotated through about 3 or 4 baits throughout the day. I also have to give credit and thanks to Fred Ratcliffe - he allowed me to



PAT CARR
5th Place - 17.24 lbs.

practice with him on Friday before the tournament, which was a huge help. All in all, it was a fun weekend of fishing, and I was happy to close it out with a nice bag on Sunday."



RICK ZAJAC
7th Place - 15.96 lbs.

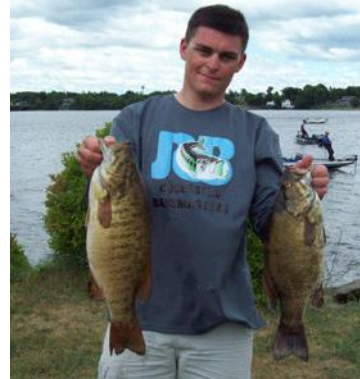


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Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Penalties	Penalties	Total Weight
1	Tige Noni	5	1	1.00		20.74
2	TJ Valle	5	5	0.00	5.18	19.96
3	Jon Skirmint	5	5	0.00		18.04
4	Rich Bush	5	4	0.25	6.29	17.67
5	Pat Carr	5	4	0.25		17.24
6	Brent Russell	5	5	0.00	6.25	16.94
7	Rich Zajac	5	4	0.25		15.96
8	Scott Killingbeck	5	4	0.25		15.94
9	Nate Kalpin	5	5	0.00		15.90
10	Mark Harold	5	5	0.00		15.28
11	Matt James	5	5	0.00	5.26	15.22
12	Steve Levine	5	5	0.00		15.22
13	Dylan Mackaravitz	5	4	0.25		15.05
14	Jim Shamp	5	5	0.00	4.83	14.71
15	Merritt Diamond	4	3	0.25		14.10
16	Jake Zaremski	4	1	0.75		13.62
17	Chris Burns	4	4	0.00		13.42
18	Kyle Sweers	5	4	0.25		13.42
19	Zach Imm	4	4	0.00	4.22	12.69
20	Bill Wittman	5	4	0.25		12.53
21	Orlando Roman	4	4	0.00		12.17
22	Drew Damtoft	5	5	0.00		11.48
23	Tyler Austin	5	5	0.00		10.89
24	Bob Manley	4	3	0.25		10.78
25	Kurt Keller	3	2	0.25		10.17
26	Matt Ferrante	4	4	0.00		9.57
27	Will Rogers	5	4	0.25		9.00
28	Dom Cerasuolo	4	4	0.00		7.97
29	Tyler Muhs	5	5	0.00		7.69
30	Jim Bianchi	4	3	0.25		7.46
31	Devon Talbot (A)	4	3	0.25		7.46
32	Wes Vyverburg	3	3	0.00		6.63
33	Rod Brown	4	4	0.00		6.58
34	Dalton Talbot (A)	2	2	0.00		5.98
35	Fred Ratcliffe	2	2	0.00		5.26
36	Ray Law	3	3	0.00		4.88
37	Dave Fenlon	3	3	0.00		4.68
38	Rich Calabrese	2	2	0.00		3.74
39	Dalton Forte	2	1	0.25		3.36
40	Terry Gartz	1	1	0.00		2.03
41	Marty Vyverburg	1	1	0.00		1.83
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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	Tige Noni	17.58	20.80	20.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.12	59.12
2	TJ Valle	18.58	20.02	19.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.56	58.56
3	Pat Carr	21.26	20.03	17.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.53	58.53
4	Jon Skirment	20.53	16.04	18.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.61	54.61
5	Steve Levine	22.45	15.59	15.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.26	53.26
6	Jim Bianchi	23.71	18.15	7.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.32	49.32
7	Mark Harold	18.77	14.98	15.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.03	49.03
8	Scott Killingbeck	23.14	9.44	15.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.52	48.52
9	Matt James	15.85	17.43	15.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.50	48.50
10	Dylan Mackaravitz	18.08	14.88	15.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.01	48.01
11	Will Rogers	23.72	14.94	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.66	47.66
12	Brent Russell	15.38	15.15	16.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.47	47.47
13	Rod Brown	21.80	18.32	6.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.70	46.70
14	Dom Cerasuolo	18.91	19.75	7.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.63	46.63
15	Rich Bush	19.48	9.16	17.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.31	46.31
16	Jim Shamp	21.61	8.03	14.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.35	44.35
17	Nate Kalpin	18.21	9.91	15.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.02	44.02
18	Bill Wittman	19.74	11.53	12.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.80	43.80
19	Kurt Keller	18.03	15.56	10.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.76	43.76
20	Chris Burns	6.17	23.05	13.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.64	42.64
21	Zach Imm	18.26	10.82	12.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.77	41.77
22	Tyler Austin	16.45	14.05	10.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.39	41.39
23	Ray Law	24.29	10.81	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.98	39.98
24	Tyler Muhs	17.14	14.77	7.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.60	39.60
25	Dave Livingston	23.21	15.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.17	39.17
26	Rich Zajac	19.68	2.91	15.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.55	38.55
27	Drew Damtoft	13.48	13.54	11.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.50	38.50
28	Kyle Sweers	12.61	11.20	13.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.23	37.23
29	Orlando Roman	19.21	5.72	12.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.10	37.10
30	Merritt Diamond	18.11	4.04	14.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.25	36.25
31	Matt Ferrante	17.60	7.73	9.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.90	34.90
32	Jake Zaremski	19.68	0.00	13.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.30	33.30
33	Dave Fenlon	18.68	8.80	4.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.16	32.16
34	Terry Gartz	18.57	10.92	2.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.52	31.52
35	Wes Vyverburg	9.72	13.80	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.15	30.15
36	Fred Ratcliffe	14.71	9.18	5.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.15	29.15
37	Kevin Kinnear	15.58	10.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.42	26.42
38	Bob Manley	15.62	0.00	10.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.40	26.40
39	Todd Keller	17.51	8.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.95	25.95
40	Dalton Forte	13.06	4.22	3.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.64	20.64
41	Vlad Kasha	18.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.65	18.65
42	Devon Talbot (A)	0.00	9.62	7.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.08	17.08
43	Tom Haley	16.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.64	16.64
44	Sean Brown	16.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.38	16.38
45	Tom Saile	14.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.87	14.87
46	Dennis O'Brien	7.67	4.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.48	12.48
47	Craig Carr	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.70	10.70
48	Dalton Talbot (A)	0.00	3.78	5.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.76	9.76
49	Marty Vyverburg	0.00	7.15	1.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.98	8.98
50	Mike Wall	0.00	7.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.22	7.22
51	Fred Blom	0.00	4.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.38	4.38
52	Rich Calabrese	0.00	0.00	3.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.74	3.74
53	Don Goerlich	2.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.84	2.84
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