Competitive Fishing / Course Syllabus

Spring Semester 2011

11 January

Introduction and history of competitive bass Fishing

* Ray Scott and BASS
* The first Classics (1971-1974)

Highlight the semester;

* Levels of Competitive fishing
* Practice makes for perfection
* Dock Talk, what are the rumors
* Mapping (satellite, topo, map cards and GPS)
* Sonar Imaging
* Conversations with the pros
* The season cycle of the bass
* What makes for a productive lake
* Portfolio (final Grade + Exam)

13 January

* Ray Scott and BASS

 \*The first tournaments

 \*Catch and release

 \*The first boats and sonars

* The first Classics (1971-1974)

 \*Undisclosed locations

 \* No prior knowledge or advantage of the water

 18 January

* Conversations with Greg Vinson and Tim Horton on the BASS Southern Open at Lake Toho, Florida.

 \*Breakdown into tow man teams

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 20 January

* Different Organizations

 \*FLW Outdoors ([www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com))

 \*FLW Tour

 \*FLW Series

 \*Everstart Series

 \*BFL Weekend Series

 \*B.A.S.S. ([www.bass.com](http://www.bass.com))

 \*Elite Series

 \*Opens

 \*Weekend Series

 25 January

* Where do we begin with practice……….
* Prior to going to the lake

 \*Online mapping

 \*Bing

 \*Bing Terraserver

 \*Hybrid Maps from BASS.com

 \*Online lake information (Alabama, Georgia Power Co)

 \*Paper maps (topographical lines)

27 January

* NO CLASS

 01 February

* Online Mapping Tools

 \*Terra Server Maps ([www.msrmaps.com](http://www.msrmaps.com))

 \*Bing Maps ([www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com))

 \*B.A.S.S. Link to tools

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03 February

* Breaking down a lake (Part I)

 \*Maps and seasonal patterns/movements

 \*water and air temperature

 \*Clarity of water and it’s relationship to early Spring

 08 February

* Breaking down a lake (Part II)

 \*Maps and Seasonal patterns/movements

 \*ledges, channels, ditches, and flats

 \*Sun angle and shoreline

 11 February

* NO CLASS

15 February

* Breaking down a lake (Part III)

 \*Satellite Imagery

 17 February

* Conversation with Shaye Baker at Lake Guntersville

 \*two person teams

 22 February

* The importance of historical documentation

 \*A Place to start

 \*Daily log

 \*Trends in patterns and movement

 24 February

* Daily Changes In Practice Conditions/Weather

 \*Temperature changes

 \*Barometric pressure changes (movements of fronts)

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 01 March

* Conversations with Greg Vinson and Tim Horton

ELITE SERIES at Lake Harris, Florida

03 March

* Break down into two person teams to develop a practice plan and

Tournament plan

 08 March

* Final preparation of practice and tournament plan

10 March

* Presentation of each teams plans

15 March

* No Class

 17 March

* No Class

22 March

* Dock Talk and Rumors…………….or trust yourself

24 March

* Fish care from the water to the boat , from the boat to the weigh in

29 March

* Time Out for Sponsorships

 \*obligations and responsibilities

 31 March

* Conversations with Greg Vinson and Tim Horton (Alabama Charge)

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 05 April

* Making a game plan during practice (Alabama Charge)

 \*back up or secondary areas

 07 April

* Presentations of tournament plan

12 April

* Conversations with Greg and Tim ( Battle of the Bayou Tournament)

14 April

* No class (Making of game plan by independent study with team member)

19 April

* Presentations of tournament plan

21 April

* Where is all the money ??

 \*National events

 \*Regional events

 \*Local events

 26 April

* Final Exam