Department of Kinesiology

***Course Fee: 100.00, Due: 16 January***

***Course Syllabus and Outline***

***Competitive Fishing***

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[www.dcnr.state.al.us/](http://www.dcnr.state.al.us/)

[www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com)

[www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com)

**09 January**

Introduction and history of competitive bass Fishing

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

Highlights for 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

**11 January**

\*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

**16 January**

* Casting day meet on Coliseum floor

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**18 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

**23 January**

* Where do we begin with practice……….tools online
* 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)

**25 January**

* 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

**30 January**

* 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

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* Breaking down a lake (Part II)

\*Maps and Seasonal patterns/movements

\*ledges, channels, ditches, and flats

\*Sun angle and shoreline

**01 February**

* Breaking down a lake (Part III)

\*Satellite Imagery

**06 February**

* Casting Day; meet on the Coliseum floor with your rod/reel

**08 February**

* Sonars and Chartplotters

**13 February**

TIME OUT: a conversation with Greg Vinson

**15 February**

* Daily Changes In Practice Conditions/Weather and documentation

\*A place to start

\*Daily log

\*Trends (patterns and movement)

\*Temperature changes

\*Barometric pressure changes (movements of fronts)

**20 February**

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

Tournament plan/BASSMASTERS CLASSIC at the RED RIVER

**22 February**

* Continuation of The Red River and presentation of results

**27 February**

* Casting day meet on Coliseum floor

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**29 February**

* Review the BASSMASTERS CLASSIC

**05 March**

* Discussion with Greg Vinson about Lake Okeechobee, Florida

**07 March**

* Time Out for Sponsorships/Bass Pro Shop Eric Christian

\*obligations and responsibilities

**19 March**

* Breakdown of Lake Okeechobee in groups of two

**21 March**

* Continue with the Lake Okeechobee and presentation

**26 March**

* Review the results of the Lake Okeechobee event

**28 March**

* Where is all the money ??

\*National events

\*Regional events

\*Local events

**02 April**

* DNR BAIT report; planning, review, comparisons to lakes in Alabama

**04 April**

* Casting day; meet on the Coliseum floor with your rod/reel

**09 April**

* Line, rods, reels, and knots/Part I

**11 April**

* Batteries, wiring, livewells, gas, and ethanol

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**16 April**

* Line, rods, reels, and knots/part II
* Bait selection

\*Dark colors and light colors vs natural colors

**18 April**

* **NO CLASS**

**23 April**

* Casting Day meet on Coliseum floor

**25 April**

* Final Exam