

## **Class 7 Tournament Bass Boats**

**Background:** Over the years there has been a lot of discussion and debate pertaining to the 125 HP restriction on outboard motors on Lake St. Louis. One group impacted by this restriction is the members that fish competitively on LSL and other lakes around the region. While the 125 HP restriction is adequate for LSL, the performance of those boats and motors on other venues is less than adequate. The LSL Angler club has asked the Community Association Board, as well as the Lakes and Parks Board to give us the opportunity to have tournament style bass boats with motors up to 200 HP. This new class of boats comes with huge penalties if it fails. The Angler Club has spent countless hours gaining the trust of our community and Community Association Board Members and we promised not to let them down. Please help us to keep our reputation as one of the most respected and responsible clubs in the community by following the rules.

**Permit Approval Process** – The following is the approval process for Class 7 registration

1. Applicant must be a current Lake St. Louis Angler member
2. Applicants boat must meet defined criteria for Tournament Bass Boats
3. Applicant must sign acknowledgement of reading and understanding both the rules and the penalties associated with non-compliance
4. Applicant must complete the remainder of the standard approval, inspection and application process as defined by the Lake St. Louis Community Association.
5. Boat must be inspected by a Class 7 Committee member. The following is a list of approved members able to sign off on new applications. You only need one signature from the names below:
  - Tom Herndon – 887-2999 home or (636) 219-7997 mobile (call first)
  - Jeff Alexander – 561-3035 (call second if Tom cannot be reached)
  - Steve Probst – 625-8276 (call if Jeff or Tom cannot be reached)

**Tournament Bass Boat Definition** – A tournament bass boat is defined as the following:

1. The boat must have one single bench designed for seating.
2. The boat must have an operable trolling motor.
3. The boat must have an operable livewell.
4. The boat can have a single or dual console.
5. Boat must not exceed recommended HP limit for the hull design

**Walleye style boats and Fish and Ski boats with HP greater than 125 are not allowed by this definition.**

**Rules Violations** - The Tournament Bass Boat will be required to follow all current Lakes and Parks Rules and Regulations. The following additional measures are being required by the special classification to ensure complete compliance of all regulations:

1. The LSL Anglers and the Class 7 committee have the authority to recommend the removal of a permit from any boat in this class.
2. The special class of Tournament Bass Boats will be removed from LSL if **THREE VIOLATIONS** of LSL boating regulations rules occur by this class in any calendar year.

**Lake Saint Louis Anglers  
Class 7 Boat Approval  
Regulations Review and Sign-Off**

**2008**

The Class 7 Tournament Bass Boat classification is a new boat class that is subject to all of the boating rules and regulations of Lake St. Louis. In addition, the classification is subject to group expectations of responsible boating. The following criteria will be reviewed and initialed to ensure boating safety and the success of the class.

**I have read and understand my responsibilities to the following:**

1. Must be a member in good standing with the Lake St. Louis Angler Club\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
2. Lake St. Louis Boating Rules and Regulations\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
3. No towed water sports will be permitted for the Class 7.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
4. My permit CAN/WILL be removed for boating behavior that violates the Lake St. Louis Boating Rules and Regulations. This does not require a citation from Water Patrol. **Penalties may include immediate suspension of boating privileges and an additional term of 30 days, 60 days, 90 days or the remainder of the year as determined by the Class 7 Boat committee and review by the Lake St. Louis Angler club.**\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
5. Three (3) violations in a calendar year of the Lake St. Louis Boating Rules and Regulations across ALL of the approved Class 7 Tournament Bass Boats WILL result in the removal of the Class 7 Tournament Bass Boat from the Lake St. Louis Community Association approved boat list.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
6. **Multiple violations can be issued to a single Class 7 boat at one time.** An example would be **Speeding** in a **No Wake zone** after dark with **no lights**. This counts as 3 strikes against us and will result in the REMOVAL OF ALL CLASS 7 BOATS.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
7. I am responsible for the behavior of ANYONE that will be utilizing my boat on the lakes of Lake St. Louis and will review all above expectations with them.\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

**As a responsible Lake Saint Louis Angler member I ensure my boat will operate on the waters of Lake Saint Louis in compliance with all rules and expectations of the Class 7 Tournament Bass Boat.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lake Saint Louis Angler Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Lake St. Louis Anglers  
Class 7 Boat Registration**

**Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler Member? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Information:**

Boat Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Motor Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Motor Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Length, 20' 6" maximum. Measured from front rub rail to rear rub rail and does **NOT** include the jack plate \_\_\_\_\_

**Class 7 Criteria – Tournament Bass Boat**

Trolling Motor: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Bench Seat: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Livewell: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Single/Dual Console: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED**

**DENIED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved Class 7 Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date