

DELTA BASS CLUB



Welcome Prospective New Member!!

We are a non-profit Black Bass fishing club dedicated to fishing the California Delta, the greatest fishery in California.

The driving force of the Delta Bass Club is to get together, build friendships, fish the Delta once a month, and have a great time doing it!

We want to promote the conservation and sport of bass fishing as well as take the time to support youth fishing..

As a club, our common goal is Bass conservation, competitive tournaments, boating safety, exchange of ideas and techniques, camaraderie and fun. The Delta offers a variety of opportunities that we can all continue to learn from. Whether it's the time of year, tidal influence, water temperature, location, structure, moon phase, water clarity or any other condition, the Delta is one of the more challenging bodies of water to fish anywhere.

The club runs on a point system and the anglers strive to make the top ten in each tournament. Tournaments are a draw format where boaters are paired with non-boaters but fish on an individual basis. Each boater is paired with a different non-boater each month. This allows everyone to learn and improve their angling skills and to have the chance to fish with and get to know as many members as possible. Partners learn from each other's different techniques that each are not familiar with, and also learn more about the Delta.

Please take some time to review this packet. It is designed as a benefit to you, a potential new member, to get familiar with what the Delta Bass Club expects of its members, from sportsmanship through conservation of our fishing environment.

New Members Guide to Fishing with the Delta Bass Club

To become a member of the club, you must attend two (2) meetings, fish one (1) club tournament as a guest, and pay a \$20 initiation fee and dues for the quarter at the meeting following the tournament you fished as a guest. A vote will be taken to determine if you will be accepted as a member.

Non Boaters – Many new members choose to fish the back seat (non-boater) for the first year even though they own a boat, in order to get to know as many members as possible. If you are fishing as a non-boater, the following guide is presented so you will know what is expected of you and what you can expect from the club.

- A. Get familiar with the club and tournament rules.
- B. Check in – Each member signed up to fish is given a check in time for each tournament by the Tournament Director or his representative. Check in time means the tournament anglers have checked in with the morning check in person. The non-boater and boater should agree on a time to meet in the parking lot, carpool, etc., in time to make the check in deadline
- C. Launch – New members are encouraged to brush up their trailer handling skills and to launch the boat in the morning and pull it out in the afternoon, including parking and retrieving the tow vehicle and trailer. Members are available who will help non-boaters brush up on these skills. If you are not confident in your ability to perform these tasks, be sure to inform the boater you have drawn.
- D. Sharing expense – Non-boater should pay boater the designated amount in the morning before launch.
 1. The non-boater will reimburse the boat owner \$40.00 per fishing day
- E. Conduct on the boat – Things to discuss with your boater.
 1. Do not cast or stand forward of the boat windshield unless invited to do so by the boater
 2. Clean up your mess – do not spill anything, do not smoke or chew without boater's permission, do not leave spent baits laying on the deck, etc.
 3. Be ready to move – When the boater starts the propulsion engine, non-boater should be in his seat, with tackle secured and life jacket in place and fastened. To do this, non-boater should maintain his gear in a neat, ready-to-travel fashion and be observant of what the boater is doing. If the outboard is running and non-boater is not secured, seated and ready to go, then non-boater is delaying the process. This is not good conduct.
 4. Be ready to net fish – Angler with fish on may or may not call for "net". When one angler hooks a fish, the other angler should be ready to safely put down his rod and attend to netting for the other angler.

5. Dragging gear behind the boat – Boater is not obligated to reverse direction of boat for purposes of retrieving non-boater's snagged gear.
6. Weigh in – Anglers must work together to get water into carry bags and to get fish out of live wells and into bags for the trip to the scales.
7. After boat is out of the water – Non-boater is obligated to assist boater in boat clean-up before removal of his own gear to his personal vehicle.