



# 2005 COMBAT NEWS

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Team Captain  
Dave Misaras

## COMBAT FISHING TEAM

The Combat Fishing Team competed at the Michigan Bass Chapter Federation State Championship on September 9 & 10th. A high pressure system really put the squeeze on the weights, but that's when the cream rises to the top. Here's what happened....



Frank Keller with big bass on day 1—6.31 lbs.



Brian Belevender  
Boater



Gary Cowan  
Non-boater



Mark Dupuis  
Non-boater



These guys went out and did a great job representing Combat Fishing during the Michigan Bass Chapter Federation State Championship. Veterans Dave Misaras and Brian Belevender were backed up by Frank, Gary and Mark. It was the first State Championship for them.

The week prior to the event, the NBAA weights came in at 23 lbs. for first and second place. That set the stage for high expectations. As it turned out, it only took 13 pounds



Xtreme Bass Tackle sponsored the event

The State Championship is a draw event. Each angler is fishing for a spot on the State Team which goes to the

next level on their way to the Bassmaster Classic. Even though each angler is fishing for themselves, as a club, they combine their weight as a team



Frank Keller with Kim Stricker on stage

weight. The club weights are then compared and paid down 3 places.

To their credit, no one on the team came back without fish. Some teams had some high finishers, but a zero on the team affected their results. The real high point on the team was the hog pulled in by Frank Keller at 6.31 lbs. Frank had a St. Clair River strategy all the way. Even with the big fish, he wasn't able to get a full limit each day but his overall average weight was good for the number 3 position. The \$500 check for big bass didn't hurt much either.

This was the first time that the club, the Combat Fishing Team, has fished an event. I have a lot of respect and appreciation for the time and energy each person put into the event. I look forward to many more in future events of all kinds. Thanks guys, you did good!

## Find Xtreme Bass Tackle at the Red Dragon Van

If you're a long way from home, but looking for some St. Clair Goby tubes, you might want to look up Terry who runs the Red Dragon tackle van. Terry has been looking to expand and carry many other baits. Some of those come from Xtreme Bass Tackle.



Terry rolls out Xtreme Bass Tackle for the first time at the State Championship. Sales were brisk.

## Find Combat Fishing at Camp2Fires.com



## Find Combat Fishing at NBAA.COM

**Blackjack Shootout**  
Don't forget about the **Blackjack Shootout** next month on Lake Charlevoix. This event, on September 24th will guarantee at least \$5,000 to the first place team. Download the registration form: [blackjack\\_reg.pdf](#)

**Division 40 Champions**  
Congratulations to **Dan Ewing** and **Scott Lewis**, **Division 40 Point Champions**.

**Boat Deal**  
**hot boat deals**  
**TOURNAMENT Results!**  
Tournament Changes  
**Yankee Springs Fall Challenge has been cancelled.**  
**Detroit River Challenge** – The tournament on **Sunday 9/11** has been **moved to Saturday 10/1**; take-off at 7:30.  
Upcoming Events  
**Saturday September 17**

