

# McNicholas wins the Two-Day Upper Chesapeake tournament

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North East, MD

**Hawghunters of Allentown** fished the Upper Bay this past weekend for a two-day event with a sponsorship by **Old School Sandwich Company**. The event was held out of North East River on Saturday and the Sassafras River on Sunday to give a challenging approach to the entire Upper Bay. Eight boats and sixteen anglers took to the water searching for minimum 15 inch bass.

**Mike McNicholas** was one of the few that was there for practice on Friday and was able to find the quality fish for a winning weekend. After day one he was in second place with 14.81 pounds with a limit of five fish. On day two he weighed a bigger limit of fish at 15.27 and a second place for the second day of competition. That pushed his total weight for the weekend to 30.08 pounds and secured the win by less than one pound. McNicholas was the only angler to catch a 5 fish limit both days of competition.



**Mike McNicholas on Day Two**



**Brian Christy on Day One**

Second place went to **Brian Christy** with 29.39 pounds over two days for a total of 9 fish. Day one Christy caught over 17 pounds of bass, but a livewell malfunction lead to a dead fish penalty that ultimately cost him the victory at the end of the weekend. Day two he returned with a cooler and a bucket and spent all day maintaining the water and was able to bring four fish all alive for 14.37 pounds.

**Charlie Harris** took third place and was undoubtedly on the largest fish for the weekend. Fishing as a rider he caught the lunker for both days, a 4.54 pound on day one and a 5.50 pound on day two. His 7 bass for the weekend weighed 26.46 pounds.



**Charlie Harris with Lunker for both days**



The top three for the weekend were each able to win a gift card from **Old School Sandwich Company**. (left to right **Brian Christy**, **Mike McNicholas** and **Charlie Harris**)

In fourth place for the weekend was **Mark Ream** weighing the second biggest bag for the weekend of 16.26 pounds and the largest bag for day two. He was riding with Brian Christy and also needed to spend time on fish care on day two and returned with all bass alive.

Those top four anglers had found the dominant baits on the best locations and from there the weights dropped off for the weekend. **Jon Hardenberg** finished fifth for the weekend with 11.08 pounds and **Ricky Ritter** finished sixth with 10.56 pounds. No other angler weighed over 10 pounds.



**Mark Ream on Day Two**

<b>Angler</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Weight</b>
1. Mike McNicholas	10	30.08
2. Brian Christy	9	29.39
3. Charlie Harris	7	26.46 4.54 (Day One Lunker) 5.50 (Day Two Lunker)
4. Mark Ream	9	25.4
5. Jon Hardenberg	5	11.08
6. Ricky Ritter	4	10.56
7. Brad Keding	4	8.87
8. Marty Camp	3	8.47
9. Mitch Metcalf	3	8.19
10. Harrison Hunter	3	7.7
11. Don Anderson	2	5.39
12. Kevin Fulmer	2	5.1
13. Tim McNicholas	1	4.59
14. Mike Longacre	2	3.33
15. Willie Gilbert	1	2.98
16. Jason Penrose	0	0