

**2026 LYBN East Qualifier #2, North Pass, Manchac
North Pass Boat Launch,
Ponchatoula, LA 70454**



We will start boat checks/ check in between **4:15 and 4:30am** Saturday morning in the area shown on the attached maps.

Every year teams wait to get to the launch at about 5:30am and we are gridlocked after our team waited for an hour as boats trickle in. The launch will close during blast-off and reopen after the last boat number is called. **ARRIVE EARLY!**

It is critical that you get your boat in the water quickly and move to parking to help us control congestion and eliminate lost time that our team can't decrease unless you do your part.

As soon as you stop in line to check in and launch, start prepping your boat for. Don't wait until you get to officials to prep your boat **! ! !**

Items to be completed before you launch are:

- **Navigation lights in and turned on.** You will not be allowed to fish if your lights aren't working.
- **Livewells open** for inspection.
- One **PFD** for each member of the team counting the captain, out and on the deck, easily visible to tournament officials. **Make sure that you know the PFD rules for Louisiana and especially anglers under 16 years of age.** Its also in our rules document.
- Make sure that you aren't on the **check list** for Boaters safety and **insurance papers, be prepared to show them** if you don't send them in **by Thursday before official practice day.**
- Double check to make sure that your **plug** is in while prepping.
- **Make sure that you know your boat number**
- After boat check, please **turn your headlights off** when entering the launch area to avoid blinding those trying to back boats in and directing traffic.

You may motor from the other locations at a "reasonable" distance but use extreme caution navigating and go slowly.

If coming to the launch via water, it is your responsibility to get your boat checked, check in, and get your ribbon. We will have officials on the dock to check boats, find them.

This will be a very crowded launch and parking area, **See maps for traffic flow**

After launching boats, drivers, proceed immediately to the parking areas Please park as close to others as you can to avoid wasted spaces.

Do not park your boat on the docks and hang out. Only use the docks for entering and exiting boats as well as getting boat checks. This is courtesy to those needing to get to their boats and we will monitor this. It's always a problem so please help us. Have angler motor or use trolling motor to pull, well away from launches to wait until the driver returns for pickup.

For Juniors, you are due in no later than 2:00 PM. For High School, the first flight is due in at 3:00. If you haven't checked in with tournament officials before your due in time, you are late. There will be someone checking boats in that afternoon, they will have bright yellow caps on so please find them before your check in time. Late penalties will be assessed if late. Allow extra time for boat traffic!!

Tournament waters are all public waters **west of the Lake Pontchartrain causeway**. Teams are not allowed to go past the Causeway or navigate past it to reach other locations. Any private canals and ponds are off limits. No fishing within 200 yards of the host landing.

There has been an oil spill on the Tangipahoa River, so please be aware of that a monitor via media coverage.

If you navigate into Lake Pontchartrain, please use extreme caution. The lake is an exceptionally large waterway and can get extremely rough. Pay attention to possible dangerous weather conditions before entering the open waters of Lake Pontchartrain.

Be considerate of others while on the water. When passing close to others who are anchored or fishing, please slow to an idle speed, no wake. Observe all posted "No Wake" zones.

Please put your boats on your trailer before weighing in unless otherwise instructed by tournament officials.

DO NOT STOP YOUR RIG BY THE WEIGH-IN THEN START PUTTING FISH INTO THE WEIGH BAG!!!! PARK FIRST!!!!

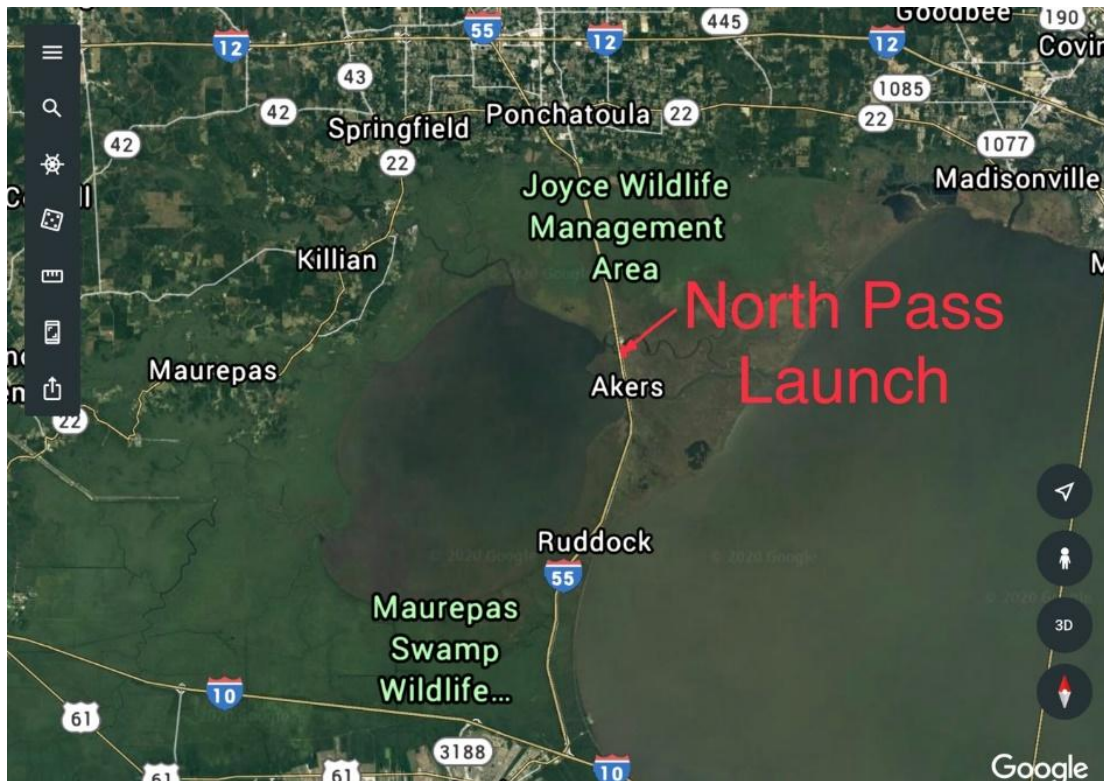
Very important!! Do not stop in the parking area to tie down your boat. Pull into a parking spot and stay out of the flow of traffic, please.

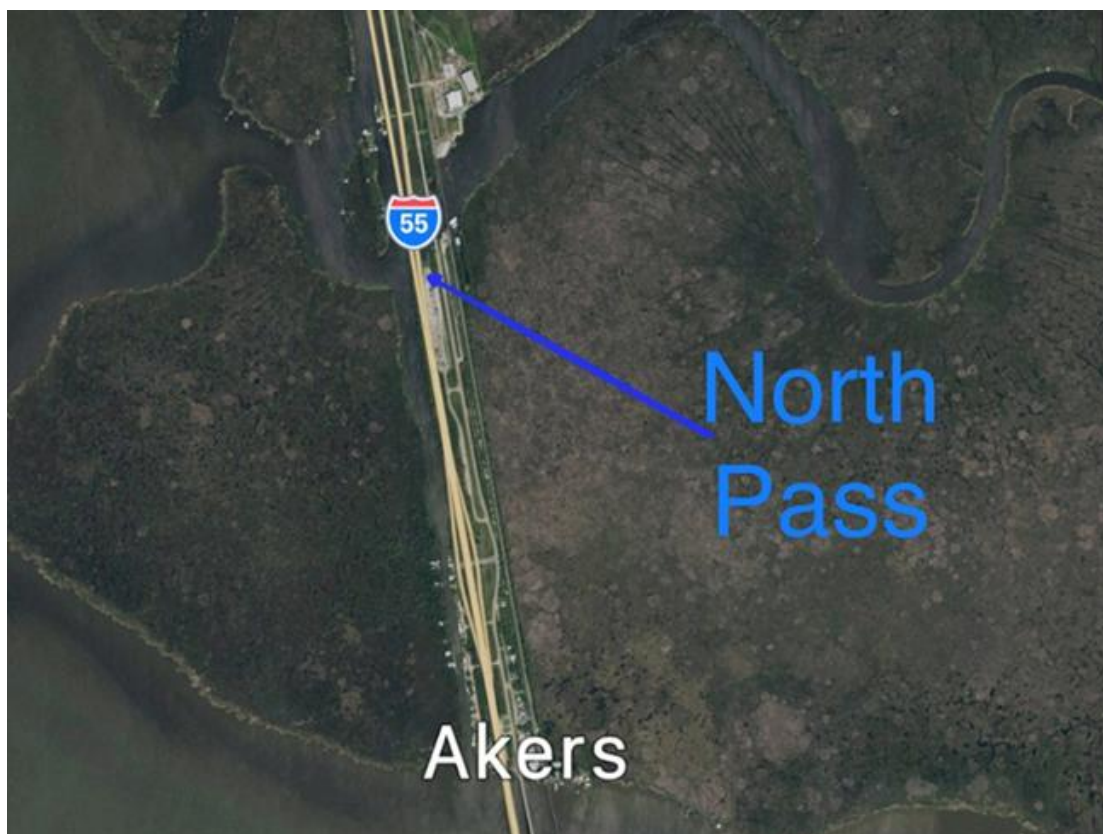
Once your boat is on the trailer, send one angler to the bump station table to get one of our bags. **If you bring fish to the bump station in your bag, you will be assessed a 1/4-pound penalty!** This is a conservation practice and required for our contract with BASS. It will be enforced so please adhere to this rule.

After weighing fish, proceed to the photo area to take photos then promptly return your fish to the water. No photos outside of the photo area are allowed.

We ask that every captain and angler read and understand this and the rules document. Most of the many questions that we are asked, the answer comes directly from the rules and pre-tournament briefing documents.

The minimum length on bass at Manchac will be 11"







East boundary (There is no west boundary)

