



Bobby Kinsey

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Age: Age 36

Hometown: Suffolk, VA

Family Members: Currently married to Dana for 9 years (10 Years in September). Bobby also has 2 beautiful daughters who he adores – Alex (6) and Aryn (3).

Education: B.S. in Business Administration and Golf Management – Methodist College (1991)

Occupation: Bobby had previously worked at a boat dealership for years as a Sales Rep and wanted a

change of pace where he now is working at Dashiell's Hunting & Tackle Shop in Suffolk as one of the lead managers.

Hobbies: Deer & Turkey hunting, Offshore Fishing and when given a chance, Golf. Bobby was also an avid baseball player during his youth, but decided to stick with fishing as his passion.

Fishing Since: As a small child, his father Robert Kinsey, would take both Bobby & Mike Kinsey out when they were around 5 years old or so and they have been fishing ever since. With all those years fishing and the family history fishing on these Suffolk Lakes, it's no wonder they are good out there. However, don't think that they can't fish outside of the Suffolk Lakes, they just happen to cut their teeth out there in Suffolk before moving on to other lakes.

Years fishing tournaments: At least 20 years

Co-Anglers: Over the years, Bobby has had several close partners; his father Robert Kinsey, his brother Mike Kinsey, Dallas "Bubba" Eure, Charles Goff, Russ Hall and now Randy Braughman. Partners are hard to find, but these anglers mentioned have been his long time partners for years.



Clubs/Trails Fished:

- 2005 – 2006 Angler's Choice
- 2004 – 2006 Boot'Legg Open Team Trail
- 2004 – 2006 Pro-Am Teams
- 2000 – 2001 Bobby's "Small Boat" Team Tournaments
- 2000 – 2005 Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation
- 2000 – 2005 Tar Heel Teams
- Previously – Fished several Clubs within the B.A.S.S. Federation over the years
- Suffolk Single Man Open Tournaments

Boat: Too many boats to count. Currently, he is running out of his fathers 16' Alumacraft (slowest thing on the water)

Equipment:

- Rod Types
 - Castaway
 - G Loomis
 - Team Daiwa
- Reel Types
 - Team Daiwa
 - Lews



Sponsors:

- B & P Custom Plumbing

Significant Awards:

- Winner 2001 VA BASS Region 7 (Chowan River)
- Winner 2001 VA BASS Region 7 Team (Kerr Lake)
- Winner 2000 VA BASS Federation Mr. Bass (Smith Mountain Lake)
- Winner 1997 Tar Heel Teams (Chowan River)
- Winner 1996 VA BASS Region 7 (Kerr Lake)
- Winner of over 50 Local Open Tournaments on the smaller Suffolk Lakes
 - Since fishing the Boot'Legg Team Trail he has five Top 5 finishes to his name and 3 wins.
 - Too many wins to account for with the Single Man's and there haven't been really any records being kept out there to document who's won what for all these years until now. What Bobby likes to say is, "I have no idea how much I have won out there. All I can tell you is I drew the lake out of the hat A LOT of times at the Truck Stop.
- Qualified nearly every year in the B.A.S.S. VA Federation Top 20 Fall Classic

Articles/Spotlights:

- Authored numerous articles for various websites and for the Virginia Game & Fish; two of which are featured in the March and April 2006 issues.

Community:

- 1998 – 1999: Tournament Director for Bill's Marine "Small Boat" Tournaments
- 1998 – 1999: Tournament Director for Bill's Marine "River Trail" Tournaments
- 2000 – 2001: Tournament Director for Bobby's "Small Boat" Team Tournaments

Personal Record Catches:

Significant 1-Day Tournament Stringers:

- 10 Fish / 38lbs – Chowan River (June 2001 – with Dallas "Bubba" Eure)
- 10 Fish / 31lbs – Kerr Reservoir (April 2001 – with Dallas "Bubba" Eure)
- 10 Fish / Multiple stringers over 30lbs in the Suffolk Lakes
- 5 Fish / Multiple stringers over 20lbs in the Suffolk Lakes

Largest 2-Day Tournament Stringer:

- 5 Fish Per Day – 28.76lbs – APR 06 – Boot'Legg Trail

Fishing Strength & Weaknesses:

- Favorite way to fish would have to be sight fishing and then fishing Topwater. Bobby loves sight fishing because it's one of his strengths; however, others can't fall prey to think that Bobby can only sight fish. Although he may have a favorite technique, Bobby's experience on the water has allowed him to be versatile, which also allows him to quickly pick up on the fish's patterns. Combining these key elements; Versatility, Sight Fishing & Pattern Fishing, allows him to be a force on the water.
- As far as a weakness, Bobby doesn't feel that there are any weak areas in his fishing. However, he doesn't care to fish deep water. Deep water for him means anything 15 feet or better.



When did you start fishing in tournaments?

Bobby started fishing in smaller jackpot tournaments in Suffolk with his dad at a young age. "Once I felt confident enough, I decided to expand my talents by joining one of the local Federated Clubs in the Region." He also continued fishing the many Single Man events, running tournaments via Bill's Marine, but didn't fish them due to conflict of interest, then started running his own Tournaments. Later he started fishing the Boot'Legg Trail when it came to in 2004.