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Chad Brauer, Osage Beach, Missouri

Chad has been fishing professionally for eight years. Brauer was one of four Team Evinrude competitors in the 2004 Bassmaster Classic. His career highlights include 1998 BASS[†] Masters Classic qualifier, and first place finisher in the 1996 BASS Tennessee Top 100. Chad is the son of Team Evinrude's Denny Brauer.

Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Missouri

Denny Brauer is a fishing legend, fishing professionally for 23 years. In 2004, Brauer won the fishing event in the ESPN Outdoor Games and was a qualifier in the Bassmaster Classic. Denny's career highlights include: BASS All-Time Money Winner, Single Season Record Holder, Classic Champion, BASS & FLW Angler of the Year, 12 BASS victories and a recent induction into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame.

Patrick Campeau, Laval, Québec, Canada

Patrick Campeau, a three-time BASS Québec Champion, has been fishing professionally for 14 years. He collaborates with 85 radio stations and is recognized as a spokesperson on the fishing scene in Québec. Patrick's first Evinrude engine was a 1957 Evinrude Fleetwin 7.5-hp.

Mark Courts, Harris, Minnesota

Mark has been competitive walleye fishing for the past four years. Mark competes on the FLW walleye tour and PWT walleye tour where he has had three top-10 finishes. Mark is a strong asset to Team Evinrude.

Steve Daniel, Clewiston, Florida

Steve Daniel has been fishing professionally for 20 years. His career highlights include a First FLW Championship Winner, two FLW tournament tour wins, and three-time BASS Masters Classic Qualifier.

Gary Dobyys, Yuba City, California

Gary's most recent accomplishment is 2004 W.O.N. BASS Angler of the Year. Gary's accolades include: 13-time Angler of the Year, three-time West Coast Bass Classic Champion, W.O.N. Western Classic Champion, Western Bass Classic Champion, and 2002 Western Outdoor News Ranger Cup Champion. With more than 50 Western tournament wins, Gary is the all-time leading money winner in the western United States.

Scott Fairbairn, Hager City, Wisconsin

A professional Walleye angler since 1994, Scott has competed in the Professional Walleye Trail and Cabela's NAWA Circuit. In 2003, he tied for fifth with fellow Team Evinrude angler Eric Olson in the final standings for the RCL Walleye Tour standings. In 1998, Scott was the Professional Walleye Trail Angler of the Year and the PWT Western Pro Am Champion. In 2000, Scott won the PWT Central Pro Am Championship. Scott is a 10-time national walleye championship qualifier and has 15 top-10 finishes to his credit.

Pete Gluszek, Franklinville, New Jersey

Pete competes in the BASS tournament trail and in 2004 he won the Bassmaster Northern Open division, qualifying for the Bassmaster Open Championship. He has been fishing professionally since 1996, with his first win at the Alabama Invitational in 1999. Pete has eight top-10 finishes and has competed in two Bassmaster Classics.

Dion Hibdon, Stover, Missouri

Dion has been fishing professionally for 19 years. His career highlights include 1997 BASS Masters Classic Champion and 2000 FLW Championship winner. He has 19 top-10 finishes on the tour. Dion's favorite method of fishing is jig fishing.

Guido Hibdon, Gravois Mills, Missouri

The legendary Guido Hibdon has been fishing professionally for more than 34 years. He is a member of the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame and has four top-10 finishes on the FLW tours. Guido has been a two-time BASS Angler of the Year and 1988 Bassmaster Classic Winner. Guido and Dion are also the only father/son Classic winners.

Davy Hite, Prosperity, South Carolina

Davy and was a qualifier in the 2004 Bassmaster Classic and has many career achievements including; 2002 BASS "Angler of the Year", and winner of the 1999 Bassmaster Classic. He was also the BASS "Angler of the Year" in 1997, qualified to fish the Elite 50 on the BASS tour in 2004, and has five career wins under his belt.

Scott Martin, Clewiston, Florida

Son of TV fishing legend Roland Martin, Scott competes on the FLW Bass tour and Everstart tour. Scott won first place in the 2004 Forrest Wood Open and finished second at the 2004 FLW Championship. Fishing professionally since 2000, Scott has thirteen top-10 finishes in his career. Scott comes from a long line of bass legends and is a nice addition to Team Evinrude.

Dan Morehead, Paducah, Kentucky

In 2003, Dan captured the Forest L. Woods (FLW) Angler of the Year title, culminating his nine years of professional fishing. Dan has competed in three Bassmaster Classics and seven FLW Championships. He won the 1998 Missouri Invitational, took first place in Top 100 in Maryland, first place in Kentucky Lake Everstart in 2002, and first place in Kentucky Lake FLW in 1998.

Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Arkansas

Larry is a two-time BASS Angler of the Year. During his 27 years of professional fishing, he has captured 14 BASS titles including BASS Angler of the Year in 1980 and 1982, has a 1983 Classic Win, is winner of two FLW events, and competed in 23 Bassmaster Classics. In 2003, Larry ranked eighth in standings for the FLW. He has been inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame and the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame.

Eric Olson, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Eric has been fishing professionally for nine years, and in 2003, he tied for fifth with fellow Team Evinrude angler Scott Fairbairn in the final standings for the RCL Walleye Tour standings. Eric's career highlights include winning the 2000 Wal-Mart World Walleye Championship and six-time Walleye Championship qualifier. He holds three top-10 finishes and five top-20 finishes.

Rick Olson, Mina, South Dakota

A Professional Walleye angler since 1992, Rick is one of the most decorated Walleye anglers competing today. He holds the title of 2001 Wal-Mart RCL Angler of the Year. Rick was also the 1992 PWT Rookie of the Year and 2000 PWT Angler of the Year. Rick has 29 top-10 finishes and 45 top-20 finishes on the PWT and RCL tournament circuits.

Tommy Skarlis, Walker, Minnesota

Tommy is the All-Time PWT Total Tournament Weight Record-Holder. In 2003, he ranked second in the final standings for the RCL Walleye Tour standings. He also holds two PWT titles, two MWC titles, and has qualified for 16 National Championships. Tommy has been fishing professionally for 11 years.

Emily Shaffer, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Emily has been a professional bass angler for 12 years. Emily competes in the Forest L. Wood tour, and in 2002 was the Women's Bass Fishing League Angler of the Year. Emily also holds the 1995 Bass n'Gal Classic Championship, two national titles and is a 10-time Classic qualifier.

Carl Svebek, Sialom Springs, Arkansas

Carl has been fishing professionally for six years. His career highlights include a first place finish in Everstart at Lake Sam Rayburn, first place TTT Tournament Trail at Lake Sam Rayburn, four top-10 and two top-five finishes in the FLW, and fifth place in ESPN's Great Outdoor Games 2000.

David Walker, Sevierville, Tennessee

David was a qualifier in the 2004 Bassmaster Classic. His career highlights include a third place finish in both the 2002 and 2001 Bassmaster Classics, and 1999 FLW Angler of the Year. David is a five-time FLW Championship Qualifier, three-time Bassmaster Classic Qualifier and a Redman All-American Qualifier.

Mike Wurm, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Mike is a tour veteran who began fishing the BASSMASTER circuit in 1992 and the FLW circuit in 1998. Mike has nine top ten BASS finishes and six top-10 FLW finishes. He won the Georgia Top 100 in 1997 and the 1999 FLW Lake Murray, and has appeared in six Bassmaster Classics and five FLW Championships. In 2003, Mike ranked seventh in the BASS Angler of the Year standings.

Saltwater Team Evinrude Biographies**Captain C.A. Richardson, St. Petersburg, Florida**

Captain Richardson has been competing in inshore saltwater tournaments since the early nineties. He has proven to be an upper echelon competitor with nine top-ten finishes in pro tour events and two top-five finishes in the "Team of the Year" title race. He is a promotionally-minded angler striving to get his sponsors maximum exposure and currently is a part of four national fishing teams.

Captain Ray VanHorn, Tarpon Springs, Florida

Captain Ray is a veteran angler with a long diverse list of accomplishments. He won the 2002 IFA Redfish Tour Championship, and has proven himself to be a consistent angler with numerous top-10 finishes. Ray has a great ability to adapt to the most challenging of venues. He fished the Bassmaster Tour for six years before crossing over to the inshore market. When Ray is not competing in tournaments, he serves as a product development consultant for both Ranger Boats and Pure Fishing.

Captain Bryan Watts, Lithia, Florida and Captain Greg Watts, Eagle Lake, Florida

This twin brother duo is a force to be reckoned with on the tournament circuit. In 2003, Bryan and Greg earned the prestigious Redfish Cup title "Team of the Year", as well as won the Redfish Cup Championship. In 2001, they won the IFA Redfish Tour Championship and Team of the Year. Their professionalism, competitiveness, and exceptional track record have established the Watts Brothers as the paradigm of successful tournament anglers.

Captain Leiza Fitzgerald, Clearwater, Florida

As V.P. of membership for a private quail plantation, Leiza has been able to incorporate her passion for hunting and fishing into her career. She has won numerous tournaments and was the first women's team to ever qualify, the first year on tour, for the IFA Redfish Championship. Leiza is a featured instructor for the Genmar Evinrude Backwater Fishing School and Ladies Let's Go Fishing organization. An active member of the CCA, PTA, The Snook Foundation, Florida Wildlife Commission, Safari Club, Ducks Unlimited, and Quail Unlimited, Captain Leiza's true passion is for competitive fishing.

Captain Rick Smith, Brunswick, Georgia

Captain Rick has been competing in the SKA since its inception 14 years ago. In that time, he has established himself as a true ambassador to the sport. In 1996 he earned his first major title capturing Top Angler of the Year. In 2003, Rick finished the season with a bang by winning the SKA National Championship. Rick fishes the divisional events with his wife Terry, and daughters, Nikki and Carley.

Captain Conrad Lau, Neptune Beach, Florida

In 2003, Conrad took home third place at the SKA National Championship. He uses his vast expertise in marine electronics and technology to his competitive advantage. Conrad also leverages the harmonics of his Evinrude engines to help raise the fish in tournament competition. Chelsea, Conrad's 13-year old daughter, fishes with him and in 2002, she won junior angler of the year in division ten.

Captain Merrily Dunn, Bradenton, Florida

Captain Merrily is a renowned female fishing guide, proven tournament angler, and fishing instructor. She has been fishing redfish tours and local tournaments for many years and has won or placed in the majority of each. In 2003, she ranked in the Top 25 Redfish Teams in the country. Captain Merrily is a "Top Gun" fly-fishing instructor for the Genmar Evinrude Backwater Fishing School, and is also an instructor for Ladies Let's Go Fishing. As a member of CCA Florida, the Snook Foundation, and the International Women's Fishing Association, she has won numerous awards for her participation in conservation projects and promotes and practices catch and release.

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