

Rinker Roars In Early Rounds

Series champ begins title defense with back-to-back wins

In any sporting discipline, the reigning champion or winner always wears a proverbial target on his or her back. Whether it's the winner of a weekly game of horseshoes or the defending Super Bowl champion, someone has their sights set on dethroning them. As a result, every defending champion must brace themselves to face the very best.



Terry Rinker finds himself on familiar territory after his first round win in Bay City.



Rinker roars on the Saginaw River, capturing the checkered flag.

Sometimes it doesn't hurt to have a little help in your corner, someone who can help keep the barking dogs at bay. For Team AMSOIL ChampBoat champion Terry Rinker, that someone has been looking out for him his entire life. Terry's older brother, Randy, has joined him in the water in 2006 as part of a new look Rinker/AMSOIL team. Randy Rinker is driving the #41 yellow boat on the ChampBoat Series in 2006. The boat was Terry's back-up boat in 2005 and the same boat Terry won the series championship with in 2003.

"It's great having Randy on board with us again," said Terry. "We've wanted to get this partnership together for quite a few years, and the timing is finally right. Randy is going to bring a lot of experience and ability to our team and the series."

In the opening round of the ChampBoat Series at the Bay City (Mich.) River Roar on the Saginaw River, it was Terry who used his experience and ability to jump ahead of the competition. On a restart, the three-time winner of the River Roar grabbed the holeshot heading into the four pin, 1.25-mile course and never looked back. Rinker followed up his first round victory with a second round victory at the Grand Prix of Cincinnati. Rinker slipped into the lead after the two boats in front experienced mechanical failures, and he held on for the win.

"This is a great way to start the season," said Rinker. "We were hoping to get the job done after testing this winter in Florida, and we really like the way the new boat handles."



Cutting through the waves on the Saginaw River was just one of the many obstacles Rinker had to endure on opening race weekend.



The reigning champ, Terry Rinker, will be joined in the water this season by his older brother, Randy.

The Fight For Big Bass

AMSOIL helps sponsored angler from bumper to prop



Glenn DeLong uses AMSOIL from the front bumper to the lower unit of his Mercury Optimax.

Glenn DeLong is learning the right lines when it comes to his full time passion. For a professional bass angler, choosing the right equipment is just as important as knowing how to set a hook or read a weed bed. That's why DeLong uses AMSOIL lubricants in both his tow vehicle and bass boat.

"Since putting AMSOIL motor oil in my tow vehicle, I have noticed a two to three miles per gallon increase in gas mileage," said DeLong. "Plus, I have the added bonus of not having to stop every 3,000 miles to get an oil change. When on tour, that is like stopping every week for most anglers. Now I can just concentrate on getting to the lake and fishing."

DeLong, who is also an AMSOIL Dealer, is a rookie in the Bassmaster Northern Tour in 2006. At the opening round of the Northern Tour, the Ohio native qualified for the final two days of fishing with a first day total of four fish weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces and a second day total of three fish at just over six pounds. DeLong was sitting 49th heading into the weekend, but with two strong days of fishing, he was able to move into 31st overall.

With all of the success and exposure he is obtaining (he was highlighted on a fishing show on the Outdoor Channel last winter), DeLong knows his work doesn't end once the fish are returned to the lake. His boat and truck are his livelihood when it comes to being competitive in the Bassmaster Series, and he has to make sure they can get him to the water and the prime fishing spots. With more than 30 weekends spent fishing water structures east of the Mississippi River, the equipment takes a beating, but AMSOIL has held up its end of the bargain for DeLong.

"When I first switched my grease over in the boat trailer, I left it in there for one full season," said DeLong. "When I took it to my local marina to get serviced, they were amazed that the bearings looked brand new. Now, when a new trailer comes in, they remove the factory grease and pump in AMSOIL so they know they won't have any problems."



As long as DeLong continues to catch largemouths like this, he will find himself bolting up the leader board.

Products The Pros Use



When selling products related to marine, ATV or motocross, don't forget about the tow vehicles and trailers. Glenn DeLong relies on AMSOIL Synthetic Water Resistant Grease to keep the bearings on his trailer working properly. DeLong backs his trailer into lakes and rivers more than 200 times every season and only changes the grease in his bearings once a year.

"Every time we service the trailer in the off-season, the bearings look brand new," says DeLong. "AMSOIL saves time, money and stress."

AMSOIL products used by Glenn DeLong:

Tow Vehicles:

5W-30 Synthetic Motor Oil • Ea Air and Oil Filters • Synthetic Automatic Transmission Fluid • 75W-90 and 75W-140 SEVERE GEAR™ Synthetic Gear Lube

Boat:

75W/80W-90 Universal Synthetic Marine Gear Lube • HP Injector Synthetic 2-Cycle Oil • Synthetic Water Resistant Grease