



## OFFICIAL INVITATION

**2024 Pan American Black Bass Fishing Championship**

**2024 Canada Bass Challenge Cup**

**Fredericton, Nackawic, New Brunswick  
CANADA**

**St. John River**

**September 25 – 29, 2024**



1 Fredericton, St. John River

To: National Fishing Team,

The Canadian International Sportfishing Association (CISA) invites you to the **2024 Pan American Black Bass Fishing Championship and Canada Bass Challenge Cup** in Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the St. John River, Canada. The St. John River is a hidden gem of bass fishing, waiting for all of you to discover! The hospitality, East Coast charm, mouth-watering cuisine and breathtaking natural beauty of New Brunswick will delight you and make memories that last. CISA is partnered with the Province of New Brunswick, the City of Fredericton and the Town of Nackawic to ensure the successful production of the event.

Thank you,

Brent Valere – President, CISA  
Joe Ford- Vice President, CISA



Fredericton



### Championship Waters – St. John River, New Brunswick\*

The **St. John River** is a 673-kilometre-long (418 mi) river flowing from headwaters in the Notre Dame Mountains near the Maine-Quebec border through western New Brunswick to the northwest shore of the Bay of Fundy. Eastern Canada's longest river, its drainage basin is one of the largest on the east coast at about 55,000 square kilometres (21,000 sq mi). This "River of the Good Wave" and its tributary drainage basin formed the territorial countries of the Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy First Nations (named Wolastokuk and Peskotomuhkatik, respectively) prior to European colonization.

The stretch of river we will be fishing for the tournament holds smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, musky, chain pickerel and yellow perch. You're sure to be busy on this river!

\* From Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_John\\_River\\_\(Bay\\_of\\_Fundy\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_John_River_(Bay_of_Fundy))



## Location Map



Accommodations, some meals, boat storage/charging, entertainment and social gathering will take place at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Fredericton. Boat Launching, tournament weigh-in and some meals will take place at the Big Axe Marina in Nackawic. Tournament boundaries will be from the Hartland area in the north west to the Mactaquac area in the south east. Refined boundaries will appear in the rules.

## Host Communities

### Fredericton, Capital of New Brunswick<sup>+</sup>

Relax with locals over a craft beer on a lively patio; dive into rich history on display throughout the city; catch a show at the theatre; explore gorgeous parks by land or water. In Fredericton, the urban comes with a delightful side of nature.

Built along both sides of the meandering St. John River, Fredericton has a special connection to the water. 'The Green' is a long park hugging the banks of the river, and locals value it for the breath of fresh air it provides in the heart of the city. Kayaking, rowing, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboarding are common pastimes. Plus, beaches, golf courses, gardens and trails combine to make Fredericton a very active, outdoor city.

History lives loud here. Museums, heritage sites, large old Victorian homes, the historic Garrison District, and the legislative assembly create a connection to bygone days that flavours any explorer's experience. Enjoy it as you discover new restaurants, city markets, and of course, a few of the city's microbreweries—the highest concentration of craft breweries and tasting experiences in the Maritimes.

Culture is vibrant here, with galleries, festivals and artists' studios elevating your experience even more. Our province's capital city might just become your main event.





## Nackawic\*

Nackawic is a young community with deep historic roots. Carved out of the land where the Nackawic Stream meets the Saint John River, this area has ties to the Loyalists who first farmed the land centuries ago. Many of their original homes can be seen today at Kings Landing, a bustling living-history village.

The town of Nackawic was created in the late 60s out of necessity. With the construction of the Mactaquac Dam, some homes had to be moved above the rising head pond. At about the same time, the A.V. Nackawic Inc. (formerly the St. Anne Nackawic Pulp and Paper Company Ltd.) was built, bringing with it many jobs and a need for housing. Forestry is the lifeblood of this "model town," which was named Forestry Capital of Canada in 1991. To commemorate that honour, the town commissioned the World's Largest Axe (seven tonnes), which stands proudly on the waterfront. Nackawic is a great place to enjoy all the wonders of nature. There is excellent camping nearby, a public beach, and the beautiful International Garden to wander through. Take a stroll along the nature trail that follows the riverbank, where you'll find lookouts and rustic bridges and the perfect spot for a picnic. Breathtaking scenery, friendly people, activities for all ages - Nackawic has it all!

\* From <https://tourismnewbrunswick.ca/>



## Accommodations

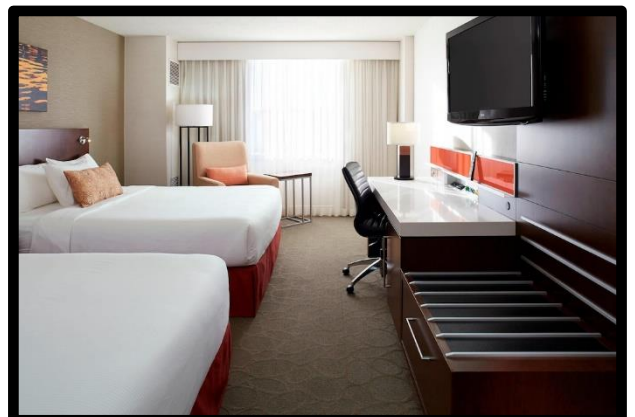
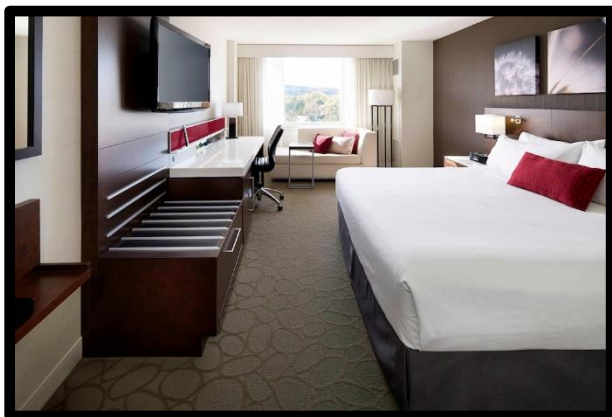
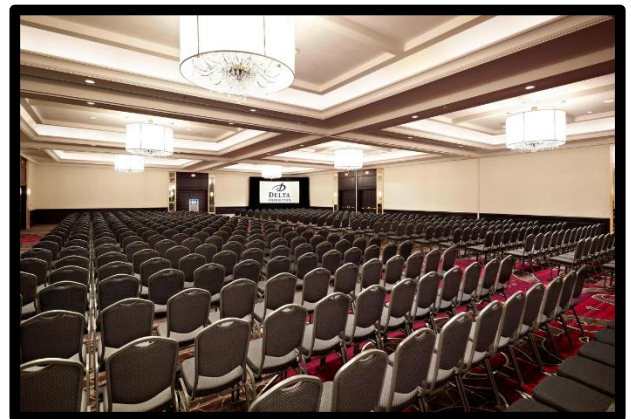
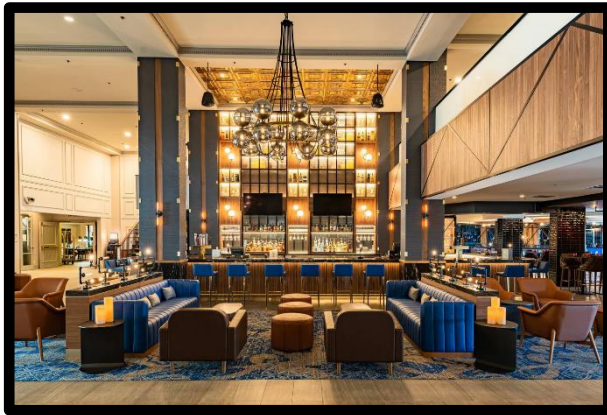
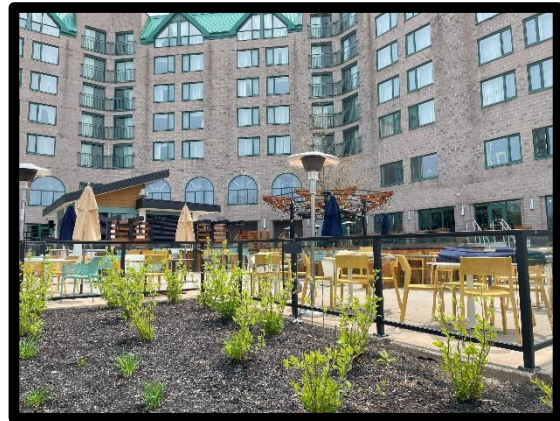


2 Delta by Marriott, Fredericton





**Accommodations and meals are included in the registration** for anglers (double rooms) and delegates (single rooms) September 25-29. Accommodations and meals are also included for Media crew, Tournament Director crew and Emcee at the Delta Hotel in double or single occupancies. Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton has been named Hotel of the Year 2023 for North America in the Premium Brand category by Marriott International. Immerse yourself in award-winning comfort, impeccable service, food & beverage offerings, and waterfront views. CISA has negotiated a group rate for all in this award-winning Hotel. **Please return your registration and accompanying forms as soon as you can so that lists of pairs, delegates and other invited participants can be used to reserve rooms.** CISA will communicate occupancy lists to the Delta to assign rooms. Register early for your best chance to be located close together. After registrations are returned complete, a promo code will be e-mailed to the team captain, manager or participant for friends and family to book with the Delta directly.





## Delta Hotel by Marriott – Contact Information

225 Woodstock Road, Fredericton, NB, E3B 2H5, Canada

We encourage you to visit [https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yfcdf-delta-hotels-fredericton/overview/?scid=d2406702-e8ea-4b45-bb9b-69cddaaef03d&fbclid=IwAR37QIRB81L-RmOiQ3zbfQ18g97muOAUtFuibpA0Q3OM\\_xjBYpE8dfuula4](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/yfcdf-delta-hotels-fredericton/overview/?scid=d2406702-e8ea-4b45-bb9b-69cddaaef03d&fbclid=IwAR37QIRB81L-RmOiQ3zbfQ18g97muOAUtFuibpA0Q3OM_xjBYpE8dfuula4) to review the hotel's amenities and opportunities.

The Hotel is located 21 minutes away from the Fredericton International Airport by car.

## International Travel

Fly into:

Fredericton International Airport (YFC)  
2570 NB-102, Lincoln, NB E3B 9G1  
<https://yfcfredericton.ca/>

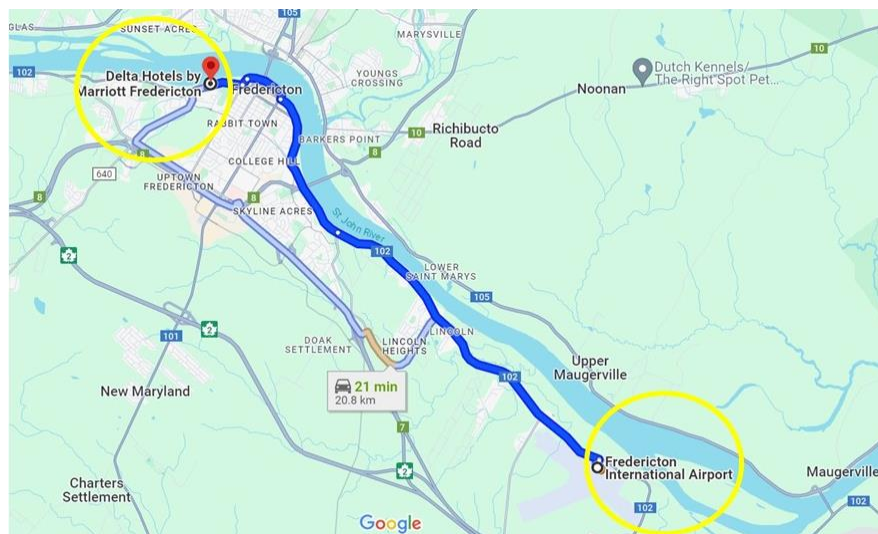
Car rentals - <https://yfcfredericton.ca/transportation/ground-transportation-services/>

Directions from Fredericton International Airport to the Delta Hotel:

1. Continue to Lincoln Rd/NB-102 N - 2 min (500 m)
2. Follow NB-102 N to Sainte Anne's Point Dr in Fredericton - 14 min (13.7 km)
3. Continue on Sainte Anne's Point Dr to Brunswick St/NB-102 N - 2 min (1.4 km)
4. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Brunswick St/NB-102 N, continue to follow NB-102 N - 1 min (950 m)
5. Turn right, Destination will be on the left - 1 min (130 m)

View directions from Fredericton International Airport to Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton in Google Maps.

[VIEW IN GOOGLE MAPS](#)



*3 Directions from Fredericton International Airport to Delta Hotel*





## Boat Launch and Tournament Weigh-In

The tournament launch weigh-in will take place at the Big Axe marina in Nackawic, New Brunswick, a 38-minute drive from the Delta Hotel in Fredericton. The Big Axe marina, named for “The World’s Largest Axe”, boasts a launching area for three boats simultaneously, indoor arena and lots of space for docking and shore landing. The Big Axe Brewery stands just steps away from the marina!



5 Big Axe Marina Launch



4 The World's largest axe

### Directions From the Delta Hotel, Fredericton to the Big Axe Marina

View Google map at: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RwzdnNcXdH3w6Fu96>



Start: Delta Hotels by Marriott Fredericton

225 Woodstock Rd, Fredericton, NB E3B 2H8

- Get on NB-8 S from Hanwell Rd/NB-640 S - 5 min (3.4 km)
- Follow Trans-Canada Hwy/NB-2 W to NB-102 S in Dumfries Parish. Take exit 231 from Trans-Canada Hwy/NB-2 W - 29 min (52.7 km)
- Continue on NB-102 S. Drive to Otis Dr in Nackawic - 3 min (2.9 km)

Arrive: Big Axe Brewery

537 Otis Dr, Nackawic, NB E6G 1H5

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## Medals

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be handed out for Pan Am Nations, Individual Pairs and Challenge Cup Nations. Trophies will be awarded to the Pan Am and Challenge Cup Championship Teams.
- A Nation may compete for the Nation's Medals with 3 to 8 pairs. A 9th alternate pair may be exchanged for a competing team after day one. Once a competing team is replaced, that team may not re-enter the tournament.
- A Nation with 1 or 2 pairs may compete for the Individual Medals, but are not included in Nation's rankings.
- A Nation may compete for the Challenge Cup Medals and trophy with 3 to 8 pairs, with a 9<sup>th</sup> alternative.
- A Nation with 1 or 2 pairs may compete for the Challenge Cup Individual Medals, not included in Nation's rankings.



## Draft Program

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - Arrival and Openings

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Arrivals, Accreditation of Delegates at Delta Fredericton  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Captains Meeting, Jury, Draw for Boats, Draw for Flights, Rules  
6:00 PM – 6:20 PM - Walk to stage area or indoor conference room for opening – wear team jerseys  
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Opening Ceremony, Dignitaries Remarks, Team Photos  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Dinner at Delta  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM – Live Band Street Party

### Thursday, September 26, 2024 – Official Practice Day

5:00 AM – 5:45 AM - Breakfast at Delta  
5:45 AM – 6:15 AM - Boats/stewards meet anglers at Delta Parking Area  
6:15 AM – 7:30 AM - Drive to Big Axe Marina and launch boats, get ice and box lunch  
8:00 AM Start fishing - Launch by 3 flights 8:00, 8:15, 8:30  
4:00 PM End fishing - Return by flights 4:00, 4:15, 4:30  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Recover boats and park at Big Axe Marina  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM – BBQ at Big Axe Marina  
6:30 PM- 7:30PM – Trailer back to Delta to park and charge  
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Captains meeting at Delta (room tbd)

### Friday, September 27, 2024 - Competition Day 1

5:00 AM – 5:45 AM - Breakfast at Delta  
5:45 AM - 6:15 AM - Boats/stewards meet anglers at Delta Parking area  
6:15 AM – 7:30 AM - Drive to Big Axe Marina and launch boats, get ice and box lunch  
8:00 AM Start fishing - Launch by 3 flights 8:00, 8:15, 8:30  
4:00 PM End fishing - Return by flights 4:00, 4:15, 4:30  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Weigh-in at Big Axe Marina  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Recover boats and park at Big Axe Marina  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – BBQ at Big Axe Marina  
7:30 PM - 8:30PM – Trailer back to Delta to park and charge  
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Captains meeting at Delta (room tbd)

### Saturday, September 28, 2024 - Competition Day 2

5:00 AM – 5:45 AM - Breakfast at Delta  
5:45 AM - 6:15 AM - Boats/stewards meet anglers at Delta Parking area  
6:15 AM – 7:30 AM - Drive to Big Axe Marina and launch boats, get ice and box lunch  
8:00 AM Start fishing - Launch by 3 flights 8:00, 8:15, 8:30  
4:00 PM End fishing - Return by flights 4:00, 4:15, 4:30  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Weigh-in at Big Axe Marina  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Recover boats and trailer to Delta Parking Lot  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Awards Dinner at Delta  
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM - After Party – location to be announced

### Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Departure

Program is subject to change based on weather, cost and/or availability. Final Program will be provided closer to the event.





## Registration

**Pan American and Challenge Cup Teams must submit attached Team Registration Form by July 1, 2024. Teams must pay registration fees by August 1, 2024.**

1. Submit team registration form to CISA Treasurer, Linda Ford at [thetreasurer.cisa@gmail.com](mailto:thetreasurer.cisa@gmail.com)
2. Invoices will be sent to registered teams; payments will be payable in US Dollars.
3. Arrange transfer payment + send proof of payment.
4. Receive official confirmation for registered attendees, receive promo code for friends and family.

### Registration fee for Team pairs – no boat rental (2 anglers)

- **\$2,000.00 per pair**
  - Which includes double room accommodations at the Delta Hotel with overnight secured parking and charging, meals listed on the program, 2 fishing licenses for the whole duration of the championship (the period of official practice and the competition itself) insurance and sundry expenses.
- Teams are Pairs only (no singles)
- National Team: Minimum number to compete 1 Pair, maximum number to compete 8 Pairs, plus 1 alternate.

### Registration fees for pairs – with boat rental (2 anglers)

- **\$2,750.00 per pair**
  - Which includes double room accommodations at the Delta Hotel, meals listed on the program, 2 fishing licenses for the whole duration of the championship (the period of practice and the competition itself), insurance and sundry expenses.
  - Bass boat with basic electronics, live well, and trolling motor, fuel, and boat Driver.
- Teams are Pairs only (no singles)
- National Team: Minimum number to compete 1 Pair, maximum number to compete 8 Pairs plus 1 alternate Pair.
- Team Pair will be responsible for any boat damage costs from improper use of equipment.

### Registration fee for Team Delegate (1 person)

- **\$800.00 per person**
  - Which includes single room accommodations at the Delta Hotel, meals listed on the program, insurance and sundry expenses.
- National Team: no minimum or maximum for delegate attendees

### ALL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE VIA BANK WIRE:

- Per Bank Wire Transfer
  - Wire Transfer Team Fees to Canada Bass bank account (details on invoice)
  - Any bank charges are to be paid by the payers.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### Important Phone Numbers:

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Emergency police, medical, and fire		911	

### Registration & Opening Ceremony

- All teams and attendees must complete accreditation at the Delta Hotel upon arrival to the championship.
- Teams will need to bring their National Flag 3'x5' to accreditation for event use, returned after closing dinner.
- Please wear team jerseys and bring National Flag for team photos at Opening Ceremonies. Return Flag to accreditation room after the opening ceremony.

### Fishing License

- Fishing license must be on your person during on water events.
- Fishing License will be handed to you at Accreditation.
- Failure to have a fishing license on your person will result in NO FISHING.

### Pre-Fishing Policy

- Venue is open to fish prior to event. Closed September 25, day of registration then open on Official practice day on September 26, Competition days on Sept. 27-28.

### Rules

- Pan American bass rules attached.

### Payment

- Once the Registration is received, an Invoice will be sent to the team captain.
  - Payments will be invoiced in US Dollars.
- Teams are not entered into the championship until all entries are paid in full.
- An official receipt will be sent once the registration and entry fees are received.

Contact Brent Valere, [topwater2112@gmail.com](mailto:topwater2112@gmail.com), if you require an 'invitation letter' for travel visas.

Thank you,

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