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Team Skeeter Preps for Bassmaster Elite Series Postseason *Five Skeeter Anglers Chase Angler of the Year Title*

KILGORE, Texas, August 19, 2009 – Almost half of the anglers fishing in the inaugural Bassmaster Elite Series postseason will be representing Skeeter boats, a true testament to the high caliber class of anglers that comprise Team Skeeter.

The Elite Series postseason was set following this past weekend's final Elite Series event on New York's Oneida Lake. Next up for Skeeter's Alton Jones, Kelly Jordon, Todd Faircloth, Mark Menendez and Cliff Pace will be Alabama's Lake Jordan and the Alabama River, testing their skills against seven other anglers who finished the regular season in the top 12 of the Angler of the Year standings.

The Toyota Tundra Bassmaster of the Year title will be won, for the first time, in this two-event postseason set for September 10-18 on two of Alabama's most productive fisheries. On the line is a check for \$200,000, and as postseason points have been reset, Skeeter's Cliff Pace, currently in 10th place in the AOY standings, is less than 30 points from the leader.

According to Skeeter's Alton Jones, the new postseason format will provide a great deal of excitement and will put extra importance on the chase for the AOY title. "I have already begun preparing for the postseason events, and am fortunate to have spent some time on Lake Jordan and the Alabama River scouting and practicing," says the 2008 Bassmaster Classic Champion.

"I anticipate both events to be very competitive, and the person who wins will have to earn their victory. The top 12 features previous Classic Champions, AOY winners and Elite Series mainstays, so one slip-up during either tournament, and you're probably done," says Jones.

"Mission accomplished," says Skeeter's Mark Menendez, who believes that the postseason fisheries play well into his strengths. "Though Lake Jordan and the Alabama River fish differently, I seem to have good luck when it comes to Alabama's spotted bass," says the angler.

Menendez notes that while the Classic still receives more attention from the public, winning the AOY award means that this person was the best fisherman on the tour during an entire season.

In addition to securing a spot in the Elite Series postseason, the five Skeeter anglers received automatic bids to the 2010 Bassmaster Classic, set for February 19-21 on Lay Lake outside of Birmingham, Alabama. Skeeter's Dean Rojas, Matt Herren and Bobby Lane also secured bids to fish in the 51-angler Bassmaster Classic field, while more Skeeter anglers may qualify through the Bassmaster Opens, the Women's Bassmaster Tour or the Federation Nation.

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