

## Captain Thadeus Ragan

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# 2016 Bass Fishing Resume and Accolades

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### **Introduction:**

I am a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain, and have been working in the South Florida area as an Everglades bass fishing guide and tournament angler since 2006. I have been recognized in several fishing articles, in published magazines as well as online. My most recent accomplishments as a tournament angler are a third place finish in the BFL Regional on the St. Johns River (Oct. 9-11, 2014), qualifying for and competing in the All American on Kentucky Lake (June 18-20, 2015, in which I placed 24<sup>th</sup>), winning the BFL Super Tournament on Lake Okeechobee (August 28-29, 2015), and placing second in the Bass Cat Boats Open Tournament on Lake Toho (June 25-26, 2016).

I have also worked as a professional fashion model since 1995, which has allowed me even more opportunities for exposure in the bass fishing world.

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### **Promoting Your Products Through Guiding:**

I am on the water professionally four or more days per week. As a fishing guide, I meet many wonderful people who hire me to teach them about fishing, and fishing techniques. By introducing your products to my clients during these guide trips, I can effectively show them how valuable your products are for catching fish. I don't just take people fishing, I teach them how to perfect their fishing skills! Friends and clients whom I've taken fishing often contact me with questions about equipment and baits, wanting to know what we were using, and where to purchase these products. These charters provide a powerful advertising platform for your products, as clients have been able to "test drive" those products, and often wish to purchase what they have used successfully.

### **Promoting Your Products Through Tournaments:**

The Tournament trails that I currently fish are: the Walmart Bass Fishing League (BFL) Gator division, and the Costa Series FLW Southeast division.

I appear on stage weighing in fish at least 6 times per year, which allows me a great opportunity to speak in front of a large audience while showcasing your logos on my tournament shirt. Tournament events are often televised, and almost all are streamed live online. Tapings are well promoted, and available for view, on well-traveled websites for months after. I will use each of these opportunities to speak about how everyone can benefit from using your products. Additional sponsorships will only allow me to fish more tournaments, and therefore give me even more opportunities to promote your products!

### **Tournament Trails Fished Since 2006:**

Walmart BFL Gator Division

Costa Series FLW Southeast Division

Everglades Xtreme Bass Tournament Trail

Everglades Bassmasters Tournaments

King Of The Glades, Open Tournaments

Bass Busters (Lake Okeechobee)

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### **Promoting Your Products Through Driving:**

Every year I drive about 30,000 miles throughout the state of Florida and the south eastern United States. While guiding, I park my truck at public ramps. People from all over the US, as well as international tourists, visit the Everglades Parks in Florida, where I do most of my guiding. By wrapping my boat and/or truck with your company logos, millions of people will view your product advertisements.

### **Promoting Your Products During Charity Events:**

I also frequently participate in charity events, such as The Boys and Girls Club Charity Tournament, The Boy Scouts of America Fishing Rodeo, and the FLW Office Depot Shiner Tournament. I have donated guide trips for The Big Brother Big Sister Association, Make A Wish Foundation, Veterans, and others. I am happy to give away samples at these events, speak about your products, and be sure your products are included in raffles.

### **Promoting Your Products Through Articles and Multimedia:**

I will include information about your products in any articles that are written about me, or by me, as the opportunity arises; as well as list them in my guide brochures.

Social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, as well as my own website: [www.gladesbassin.com](http://www.gladesbassin.com), and blog: [gladesbassinblogspot.com](http://gladesbassinblogspot.com), are some of the other places where I will mention and promote your products on a frequent basis.

These are just a few of the many ways I can help get or keep your name out there and update people about new products you may have.

### **How It All Began:**

It started back in Humboldt, TN where I grew up. Two of the most influential people in my life were my father and grandfather. Without them, I would not be who I am today. They both took me fishing as a young boy.

I remember not being able to fight a fish because the rod was too heavy. My grandfather would hand me a rod with a fish on it and I would just walk backwards and drag the fish out of the water. You could say I was destined to love fishing. In fact, I've always wanted

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to become a Professional Bass Fisherman. Some people may look at my life and see my accomplishments as a dream come true, which it is! For me, bass fishing has always taken precedence over everything, and I am grateful to have been able to do what I love.

### **Modeling:**

My modeling career started when I was 18, during a trip to New York City for a convention at the Waldorf Astoria. I was noticed and accepted by an agency there, and they helped me book my first campaign: Versace. After the Versace campaign came out, other companies also began to feature me as one of their models, and it went on from there.

To make a long story short, over the last 20 years I have worked as a professional model on hundreds of photo shoots and numerous commercials around the world. Tokyo was one of my favorite places, I spent several months at a time modeling there, and made some good friends, including a fisherman named Ogihara San. He taught me some new skills while fishing with him on some of Japan's most beautiful lakes. I'm grateful to say I have been able to use some of the knowledge I attained from Ogihara San to win and place well in several Bass Tournaments.

### **Relevant Links and Information:**

<http://www.flwfishing.com/anglers/thadeus-ragan-353532>

<http://fishingtackleretailer.com/author/thadeus/>

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<http://venomlures.blogspot.com/2012/11/warm-weather-makes-for-hot-bass-bite.html>

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Thank you for reading, and for considering me to help promote your products! Please contact me and let me know how I can become a beneficial part of your company.

Thanks,

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