



Mark Frickman of Grand Ledge, Mich. Celebrates his Chevy Open win with his wife, Laura. (Photo by Rob Newell)

Frickman takes co-angler title at Detroit River

Michigan co-angler pockets \$30,000 for Chevy Open win

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DETROIT – There were a lot of excited people in the Cobo Center for the final day weigh-in of the Co-angler Division of the Chevy Open, but none were more excited than Mark Frickman of Grand Ledge, Mich.

That's because Frickman brought in an impressive 5-bass limit weighing 19 pounds, 4 ounces to the stage on day three to win the Co-angler Division of the Chevy Open worth \$30,000.

"This is overwhelming, I just can't describe it," Frickman said after his win. "To come from 53rd on day one to win; don't ever, ever give up, that's all I can say."

Frickman said he got his winning inspiration while fishing with Duracell pro Brennan Bosley of Benton, Ark. on day one.

"Boz has a sticker on his dash that says, 'Be Positive,'" Frickman iterated. "And that's just what I did for the rest of the tournament."

Frickman caught 15 pounds, 1 ounce with Bosley and then fished with Castrol pro Carl Svebeck on day two to sack up 17 pounds, 10 ounces.

But he saved the best for last with his 19-4 stringer on day three while fishing with pro Vic Vatalaro.

"I was culling by 8:30 this morning," Frickman said. "I could not believe it; it was like a dream."



Frickman relied on tubes made by Wayne Carpenter and boated his biggest fish on a Berkley Gulp! Goby today.

Mike Weidman of Burton, Mich., finished second with five bass weighing 17 pounds, 9 ounces worth \$10,000.

Weidman fished with Kellogg's pro Alvin Shaw today and used green pumpkin/purple tubes to catch his fish.

J.B. Young of Deer Park, Texas, finished third with a limit weighing 16 pounds, 3 ounces worth \$9,000.

Jerry Weisinger of Wyandotte, Okla., boated three bass weighing 11 pounds, 8 ounces to collect \$8,000.

Andrew Lemle of Perrysburg, Ohio, rounded out the top 5 with five bass weighing 11-7 for \$7,000.