



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



2018 Special Tournaments Announced

Fishing days added to allow more opportunities to catch fish

The Tournaments Committee held its Annual Meeting in November. The agenda items included a review of the 2017 tournament season, discuss input from members during the year on suggested changes and election of committee leaders for 2018.

Voted for 2018 will be Chairman: John Volpe; Vice Chairman: Robert Andrade and Secretary: Steve Medeiros.

The committee's goal is to increase participation in both the Adult and Junior Divisions. In order to accomplish this, the committee decided to expand the length of special tournaments by adding fishing days, thus allowing more opportunities to participate.

Here is the line-up of the **2018 Special Tournaments**.

Fluke Special Tournament

Will be held June 15 to July 1. This tournament has been expanded to 17 days.



"Team Fluke Challenge" Special Tournament

It used to be a Saturday-Sunday tournament, but this year it will run **July 7 to July 15**, taking place over **nine days**, including two weekends. Hopefully this will negate lack of entries because of bad weather on the tournament weekend!



Black Sea Bass Special Tournament

This will take place **September 7 to September 16**, which is the same schedule as previous years.

Bluefish Special Tournament

This will be an **ELEVEN DAY** tournament, running from **September 28 through October 8**, to include the Columbus Day holiday.



Fall Tautog Special Tournament



The final special tournament of the year will run from October 12 to October 28. Seventeen days should provide ample opportunities to enter a big fish!

Yearlong Tournament Dates Changed

There will be one change to the Yearlong Tournament. It will run from January 1 to December 15 annually.

This change is being made because the RISAA Annual Banquet used to be held in February, but has now moved to January, leaving only a couple of weeks to get all of the awards made.

Also, the *Angler of the Year* and *Junior Angler of the Year* get custom made jackets, and three weeks isn't enough time. We can't order them any earlier since a last minute 1st place entry could change the results.

Dates Subject To Change

As always, our tournament dates may need to be adjusted if there are any changes to the Rhode Island recreational fishing regulations.

Join The Committee?

We invite RISAA members to join the Tournaments Committee. If you're interested..... or to contact me any time, please send email to volpe@risaa.org

Does make you want to go fishing?

Peter Newbauer with a nice fluke that he landed last year

