



Tournaments Committee

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Three Special Tournaments in June

This month will see four special tournaments coming up starting with the **Fluke Tournament** on June 26th to July 5th. Next, is **Adult/Junior Team Scup** from July 3rd to July 12th, but remember pre-registration is required on this tournament (deadline to register is June 26th). In mid-July is the **Shore Bass & Blue Combo**, July 17th to July 26th (no boats allowed). And pre-registration for the **Team Fluke Challenge** is July 11th, with the tournament dates of July 18th to July 19th.

Regulations for fluke have increased to a 21" minimum, I see some of us having a hard time harvesting that size fish for the tournaments. Consider fishing in deeper water. Look for structures such as rock piles and around lobster pots (but be considerate of our lobster fishermen).

It's a good time to note that regulations for scup have also changed, scup is now required to be 10.5 inches with an allowance of ten fish per day.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the Special Tournament Winners:

WINTER FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT • May 1-10

Boat Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Michael Lanni -2.60	1st...Raymond Vincent -1.64
2nd..	2nd...Mark Lanni -1.58
3rd...	3rd...
Shore Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Dick Geldard -3.10	1st...No entries
2nd..Donald Smith -1.40	2nd...
3rd...Charles Bradbury -1.11	3rd...

SPRING TAUTOG TOURNAMENT • May 15-24

Boat Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Michael Lanni -7.68	1st...Andrew Morrissette-4.63
2nd..Charles Bradbury -6.25	2nd...
3rd...Normand Morrissette-4.62	3rd...
Shore Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Lamaar Wallace -5.20	1st...No entries
2nd..Robert Jordan - 4.81	2nd...
3rd...	3rd...

MAY COD FISHING

As I write this, May has started off as a good season for me. My first two trips were for cod fish out at Stellwagen Bank. On both trips we met our limits with jigs greatly outproducing bait. We were using Fjord diamond jigs with a grub teaser.

This was the first year I paid more attention to finessing my jigging style and I found more cod picking up on the drop-back. By that I mean, when jigging, I would pull up as normal, but drop back to the bottom a lot slower and this is when the fish were attacking the jig.

The most recent trip to Stellwagen on May 9th, with **Charlie Bradbury** and my brother **Don Masse**, found Charlie landing almost a ten pound cod. Charlie tagged over twenty fish, and we all came with home with food for the freezer.

Stellwagen is good for cod since they feed on the ample supply of sand eels, but if you don't want to make the trip to Stellwagen, cod fish can be found in the East Grounds off of Block Island during the early season, and Coxes Ledge during the summer months.

Cod, like fluke, prefer to locate around structure, rock piles, wrecks, etc.

KAYAK FISHING GROUP STARTED

Within RISAA, we have a new group starting up which is for our kayaking fishermen. So hopefully, this will increase the participation in this month's **Row, Row, Row Your Boat Striped Bass Challenge!**

If you have never tried fishing from a kayak, it's a challenge (one I have not yet mastered). I'm still waiting for my first hook up, as I balance in my kayak.

We have a few talented fishermen who would like to go back to basics with no electric or gas powered propulsion.

This incorporates physical fitness, endurance and real fishing skills, so consider giving fishing from a kayak a try.

For this special tournament, only a row boat or other manual powered apparatus is also allowed.



Capt. Bob Masse and brother Don (below) frequently fish at Stellwagen Bank.

