



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman

Team Fluke Challenge!

The annual Team Fluke Challenge is a 2-day Special Tournament that runs July 7 through 15. It is for two-angler teams.

Every RISAA Member is eligible to fish in this tournament and there is no cost.

There will be **TEN WINNING TEAMS** and each member of those Top Ten Teams will receive RISAA Bucks as prizes.

For this tournament, there is no distinction between Adults and Junior or between Boat or Shore divisions. For example, a parent and child can be a team.

The format has been changed this year to allow fishing through two weekends. This should encourage more members to enter.

In the past, not all ten places were filled. Any legal sized fish would have placed a team in the money. Don't think you need to catch doormat fluke to enter fish!

This is the only tournament of the year that REQUIRES PRE-REGISTRATION

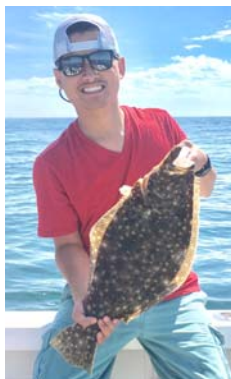
but registration is easy.

Just send an email to TeamFluke@risaa.org and in the message simply give the name of the two members on that team. That's it!

Don't have email? Just call the RISAA office and leave a message with the two members' names.

After you register you will receive a confirmation email along with the Team Fluke Challenge rules and blank weigh-in forms.

Now go and sign up. You have nothing to lose!



NOAA FISHERIES

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Fisheries of the United States, 2016

Each year NOAA Fisheries compiles key fisheries statistics from the previous year into an annual snapshot documenting fishing importance to the nation. The latest figures from 2016 shows that saltwater recreational fishing remains one of America's favorite pastimes and a key contributor to the national economy - with 9.6 million anglers making nearly 63 million trips in 2016 catching more than 371 million fish (61 percent of which are released alive) and contributing \$36 billion to the national economy.

2016 U.S. Recreational Fisheries Saltwater Trips and Catch

U.S. Totals*
63 million fishing trips
9.6 million anglers

Where Our Catch Came From
based on number of fish
54% Estuaries
34% State territorial seas
11% Federal waters (EEZ)

Pacific Coast

6% of trips
3% of catch

Atlantic Coast

58% of trips
57% of catch

Gulf Coast

33% of trips
39% of catch



Striped bass 20 million pounds 1.6 million fish



By weight, striped bass remains the top harvested catch among saltwater anglers.

Dolphinfish 11 million pounds 1.2 million fish



Bluefish 10 million pounds 4.6 million fish



Yellowfin tuna 9 million pounds 0.3 million fish



Spotted seatrout 7 million pounds 11.1 million fish



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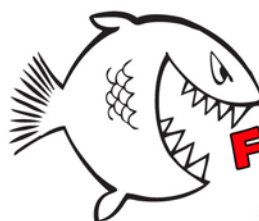
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