



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



October is Tautog Time



The Special Black Sea Bass Tournament ran from September 8-17. It was disappointing that there were only three entries, especially since black sea bass are everywhere.

Congratulations to the winners:

BLACK SEA BASS TOURNAMENT • Sept 8-17

Boat Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Barry Gootkind: 4.20	1st...no entries
2nd..William Hubert: 2.52	2nd...
3rd...Robert Matteson: 2.42	3rd...
Shore Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...no entries	1st...no entries
2nd..	2nd...
3rd...	3rd...

BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY

By the time you read this column, the Bluefish Special Tournament will be underway. It runs from September 29 to October 9.

Check the standings on the RISAA web site, and there's a good chance there will be opportunity for you to enter a moderate-size bluefish. Just go to

www.risaa.org/tournaments/2017_special.html

FALL TAUTOG TOURNAMENT NEXT

The Fall Tautog Special Tournament runs for seventeen days from Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 29. It will be the last special tournament of the 2017 season.

Pre-registration is not required and all RISAA members *in good standing* are allowed to participate. There are separate BOAT and SHORE divisions, for both ADULT and JUNIOR members.

Just go out and fish, weigh in your catch at an official RISAA weigh station (see page 19 for list) and then phone in your catch within 24 hours.

Keep in mind, this tournament closes as 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 29. You must call in your fish by that time. No entries are accepted after 7:00 PM. All of the weigh-in stations have RISAA tournament slips on hand, and you will find all of the directions printed on the slip.

Tautog frequent the local waters anywhere that rocky

bottom or other structure is found. Shore or boat fishing gives anglers an opportunity to catch a fish of a lifetime. They are most readily caught on green crabs, but other baits like clams and seaworms will also work. Their mouths are very strong, with teeth that are able to crush shellfish. They are a great fighting fish and also very tasty!



NORM MORRISSETTE

displays a pair of tautog which had just be caught by member **DEB DIPALMA** in Buzzards Bay. Deb was the photographer because she wouldn't let Norm touch her phone with his slimy hands, so he got to show off her catch. They were using crabs for bait. Norm said they kept four fish, released 18 others and tagged one.

TAUTOG FROM SHORE

Don't have a boat? No problem. Tautog can also be caught from shore. There's a "Fishing Guide" on the RISAA web site with a section dedicated to tautog fishing for shore anglers. Just go to www.risaa.org/guide/guide_tautog.html and you'll find some tips and locations to try.

And shore caught tautog should ALWAYS be entered since very few tournament entries occur in the shore division.