



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



2019 Special Tournaments Announced

Annual Tournaments Meeting

The Tournaments Committee held its Annual Meeting on November 8. The agenda included a review of the 2018 tournament season, and input received from RISAA members during the year and suggested changes.

Also, as required, election of Committee officers was held and, voted to lead the Committee for 2019, is John Volpe, Chairman, Robert Andrade, Vice Chairman, and Steve Medeiros, Secretary.

The Committee decided an important goal in 2019 would be to increase participation in both the Adult and Junior Divisions. In order to accomplish this, the Committee decided to expand the length of the special tournaments by adding more fishing days, thus allowing more time to participate.

There will be no changes to the Yearlong Tournament.

Here is the line-up of 2019 Special Tournaments (pending any changes to the Rhode Island recreational fishing regulations).

Fluke Special Tournament

June 14 - 30

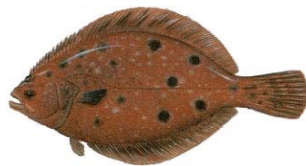
This tournament has been expanded to 17 days this year. It is open to individual anglers and open to all members. There are separate Adult and Junior Divisions. Pre-registration is not required.

Team Fluke Challenge Special Tournament

July 4 - 14

This popular tournament used to be a two-day (Saturday-Sunday) special tournament, but this year it will run **eleven days** from July 4 to July 14. This will allow for bad weather days or when members could only fish on one weekend. It's also running on the July 4th holiday!

This Team Tournament consists of 2-angler teams: fishing buddies, parent/child, husband/wife, etc., as long as the team are RISAA members in good standing.



Each team's largest four fish after 14 days constitutes the team's entry.

The Top Ten teams win RISAA Bucks of \$150 to \$10.

There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is required for this tournament. Deadline: July 2, 2019.

The tournament ends promptly at 7:00 PM on July 14. The team's four fish weights **MUST** be called in no later than 7:00 PM on 14th.

Black Sea Bass Special Tournament

September 6 - 15

This is the same schedule as previous years running through two weekends. It is an individual angler tournament and open to all members. Registration is not required.

Fall Bluefish Special Tournament

September 27 - October 6

This tournament is an individual angler tournament and open to all members. Registration is not required.

Fall Tautog Special Tournament

October 11 - 27

This final special tournament of the year will run for seventeen days should provide ample opportunities to enter a big fish! It is open to individual anglers and open to all members. Registration is not required.

Other Special Tournament notes

- The minimum sizes for all Special Tournaments is the legal Rhode Island recreational minimums.
- All Special Tournaments commence at 5:00 PM on the first day and conclude at 7:00 PM on the last day.
- The entry must be called in to the RISAA office within 24 hours of the time weighed (except Team Fluke which has special rules).
- As always, all tournament dates are subject to change based on any changes in RI regulations.

Yearlong Tournament Note

Remember that the Yearlong Tournament now runs from January 1 to December 15 annually.

The December 15 date was made because the RISAA Annual Banquet is held in 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 final results.

Join the Committee!

We invite all RISAA members to join the Tournaments Committee. We usually only hold one in-person meeting each Fall, so demands are your time are very little.

If you're interested..... or to contact me any time, please send email to volpe@risaa.