



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



RISAA Special Tournaments

Just a few weeks from now, we will be kicking off the start of the 2021 Special Tournament Season starting with summer flounder.

Fluke Special Tournament

June 11-27, 2021

This is the first Special Tournament of the season. It is open to all members. There are separate **Boat and Shore divisions** and categories for **Adults and Junior anglers**.

Good luck!



Bob Murray with 10.28 lb fluke that took 1st Place in last year's Fluke Special Tournament

TOURNAMENT RULES

All members should become familiar with the rules.

- Only RISAA members in good-standing may enter tournaments.
- There are two categories: **Adult** and **Junior**.
- A member may submit as many entries in all tournaments as they want.
- Junior members may enter fish in the Junior category only.
- There are no fees to participate in RISAA tournaments.
- There shall be two divisions: **Shore** and **Boat**.
- No person shall hold more than one place per species in each division (Boat or Shore) of any tournament at one time.
- Shore anglers must have both feet on "terra firma" (docks/piers acceptable) - personal watercraft may be used to reach shore fishing destination provided the destination is accessible by foot or public transportation.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- A member who is also a **professional charter captain** may enter his/her own catch provided the fish was not landed during a trip for hire.
 - Any fish entered in any tournament **may not be sold**.
 - Fish may be landed in other states, but must be weighed at a **RISAA CERTIFIED SCALE** (see next page for list).
- Any member may dispute the results of a tournament, but the dispute must be filed with the Tournaments Committee within five (5) days of the end of the tournament. All decisions of the Tournaments Committee are final.
- A fish caught in Connecticut, Massachusetts or Montauk coastal waters, caught by a RISAA member in good standing,

may be entered in a RISAA tournament, as long as the fish is **legal in Rhode Island at that time**, according to Rhode Island Saltwater Recreational Fishing Regulations, and is weighed at one of the RISAA-approved Weigh-In Stations.

Example: A tautog, legally caught in Massachusetts, may not be entered in RISAA if the tautog season in RI is closed at the time.

THE ENTRY FORM

- All data on the form must be completed for a valid entry. If not, the entry may be voided.
- All fish entered must meet the Rhode Island recreational minimum legal size limits and seasons, if any exists.
- All slips must be signed by the person weighing the entry, as well as the RISAA member entering the fish.
- Only one fish per weight slip. Use different form for each fish to be entered.
- Original Entry Form for all tournaments must be submitted within seven (7) days of the date weighed, to the RISAA office by either
 - Hand-delivered at monthly seminars within seven days, or
 - Mail to: RISAA, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02814

Members are reminded to take the entry form from the weigh-in station. It is not the responsibility of the weigh-in station to mail in your form.

THE WEIGH-IN

- All entries must be weighed on a **RISAA CERTIFIED SCALE**.
- The scale must be digital and must give the weight in pounds, tenths and hundreds of pounds, i.e. 9.52 lbs. (to page 35)
- Scales that provide the weight in pounds and ounces are not acceptable. The use of a conversion chart is not acceptable.
- Any individual fish may be entered in **either** a Special Tournament (catch date permitting) or the Yearlong Tournament, **but not both**.
- The angler must call in the entry to 401-826-2121 within twenty-four (24) hours of the time weighed.

TIE-BREAKER RULES

- In the case of two or more anglers who enter a fish with the exact same weight, **the first angler** to achieve the points is the winner.
- The "first" angler shall be determined by the date and time the fish is weighed as written on the original weigh-in slip and signed by the weigh-in location employee.
- Example: Two anglers weigh-in a top striper of 50.25 lbs. The first one who entered it (day/time weighed) would get 1st place; the other angler would be 2nd place.

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