



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



Why calling in your entry is so important

Now that the rainy spring is finally gone, fishing reports have become plentiful. As you can see on the next page, Yearlong Tournament entries have been coming in. If you haven't done so already, it's time to get off the couch and head to the salt!

Fluke Special Tournament Results

The first Special Tournament of the season was held last month. Congratulations to all those who placed.

FLUKE SPECIAL TOURNAMENT • June 11-27

Boat Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...Richard Hittinger: 9.52	1st...Eric Jachym
2nd...Ed Jackson, Sr.: 7.82	2nd...no entry
3rd...Thomas Malone: 5.72	3rd...no entry
Shore Division	
ADULT	JUNIOR
1st...no entry	1st...no entry
2nd...no entry	2nd...no entry
3rd...no entry	3rd...no entry

Team Fluke Special Tournament

By the time you receive this issue, our annual **Team Fluke Challenge Tournament** will be in progress. The results will be posted on the risaa.org web site and in the August newsletter.



New CT weigh-in station added

RISAA has 126 members who live in Connecticut, and several of them came forward and requested that **Fisherman's World**, 2 Fort Point St, Norwalk be added as an official RISAA weigh-in station.

After confirming with the owner that they did want to be a weigh-in station, Tournaments Committee



member, **Roman Dudus**, went to the shop and certified the digital scale, the final step in adding the new weigh-in station.

Every RISAA-approved weigh-in station, just have their scaled certified by us bi-annually, all using the same set of weights, and the maximum allowed tolerance is 0.014 pound which guarantees every member who weighs-in a RISAA tournament fish is getting the same weight at every location.

THE TOURNAMENT CALL-IN RULE

Going back 23 years to just after RISAA and tournaments were started, members would go through the trouble of taking a fish to a tackle shop to be weighed; then mailing in the slip, only to find out later that the catch didn't even place in the top three at the time.

So the 1999 Tournaments Committee solved this problem by establishing the call-in rule.

This would allow members to find out what the "leading" fish was before they went out fishing. Members who intended to try to catch a tournament entry would know how large a fish would "place", saving them the trouble of going to have it weighed and unnecessarily killing a fish that might otherwise be released.

Nowadays, with everyone using the internet and smart cell phones, members can go to www.risaa.org while they're out on the water to see if the fish that was just caught is a potential tournament entry!

The official RISAA weight slips read, right across the page in bold letters:

ENTRY MUST BE CALLED IN WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF THE TIME WEIGHED!

So, the mandatory phone-in rule remains in place to this day and is strictly enforced.

RHODE ISLAND Saltwater Anglers Association			
Tournament Entry Form			
<p>This part to be completed by MEMBER: Form rev. 2019</p>			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> BOAT DIVISION Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> SHORE DIVISION	2. <input type="checkbox"/> ADULT MEMBER Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR MEMBER	3. Home Phone: / /	4. Date of Catch / /
5. Member Name (print):		6. Member's Signature	
7. Species	8. Tournament this entry is for (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Year-Long <input type="checkbox"/> Special (Tournament Name):		
<p>This part to be completed by WEIGHER:</p>			
1. Weigh-In Location (tackle shop name)	2. Fish Weight LBS	3. Date Weighed / /	4. Time Weighed AM PM
5. Weigher's Name (PRINTED)		6. Weigher's Signature	
<p>ENTRY MUST BE CALLED IN WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF TIME WEIGHED!</p>			
<p>Instructions: <input type="checkbox"/> EVERY block must be completed. Please PRINT (except for signatures) <input type="checkbox"/> Fish must be weighed on a RISAA certified scale and in digital weights (not lbs/oz) <input type="checkbox"/> White copy to RISAA. Member keeps yellow copy. Fill out this form COMPLETELY! <input type="checkbox"/> Angler must phone in the entry within 24 hours (401-826-2121) of the weigh-in date/time. Incomplete slips may be rejected. <input type="checkbox"/> Leave message with all of the info on this slip. <input type="checkbox"/> This entry must be mailed and postmarked within 7 days to: R.I.S.A.A., P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816</p>			