

Block Island Fishing Tournament is Back!

Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament, July 24 and 25

“The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament is back again this year after a short hiatus.” said **Capt. Chris Willi** of **Block Island Fish Works**, a bait & tackle shop and charter fishing business located on Block Island, Rhode Island.

The tournament will start at 5:33 a.m., Saturday, July 24 and end Sunday, July 25 at 12 noon. There will be an ‘After Party’ at Capt. Nick’s Rock & Roll Bar, Block Island from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a brief Tournament awards ceremony.

“This is a length only Tournament. When registering online participants download our Tournament app on their smartphone. When they want to make a Tournament entry they take a photo of their catch up against the Tournament supplied ruler and send their entry into the Tournament electronically.” said Capt. Willi. “So it is not necessary to attend the ‘After Party’ to receive your Tournament prize. Winners will be posted online. Anglers are urged to reserve dockage on Block Island if they plan to attend the ‘After Party’. We might be able to help if they reach out to us in advance.”

Tournament entry fees are \$100 per boat for up to four anglers, \$25/person for additional anglers; and \$25/shore angler. Capt. Willi said, “Thanks to the Block Island Wind Farm and Ørsted Tournament sponsorship we are able to donate 100% of Tournament entry fees to the **Block Island Fire Department and Rescue**.”

Tournament highlights include:

- cash cards/swag/and sponsor prizes totally \$10,000
- fluke, black sea bass, striped bass and bluefish with boat, shore, youth, team and photo divisions

- \$500 1st place prize for fluke, black sea bass, striped bass and bluefish and \$200 2nd place prize in boat division; \$500 1st place prize for shore division striped bass and bluefish; \$500 first place team prize; plus \$200 youth division and photo contest prizes

• download app to your smartphone, take a photo of fish with Tournament ruler and submit entry electronically, no weigh-in this is a fish length tournament only

• Take a photo with the Block Island Wind Farm shown and you can enter three photo categories each with \$200 prize: Most Scenic, Best Fish photo and Best Team photo

• Pick up participant/captain’s bags the day before the event (Friday, July 23) at one of five Tournament host/co-sponsor locations

• **Host/cosponsors:** Anglers can enter online at <https://www.sandypointco.com/bi-inshore-tourney> and then pick up their participant bags on Friday, July 23 (the day before the tournament) at one of five locations including Block Island Fish Works, Block Island; Ocean State Tackle, Providence; The Saltwater Edge, Middletown; Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown; and Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly.

• **Sponsored** by the Block Island Wind Farm/Ørsted.

For additional information contact Block Island Fish Works at bifishworks@msn.com or 401.742.3992.



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STRIPED BASS MERCURY STUDY (from page 1)

The scientists have three specific research objectives.

First, **measure mercury concentrations** in edible filets of commonly consumed fish from Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island/Block Island Sound, including striped bass, bluefish, tautog, black sea bass, scup, fluke, and winter flounder.

Second, **analyze fish mercury levels** as a function of several biological and environmental variables, with a dedicated focus on the effect of location on fish mercury contamination.

And third, **assess fish mercury concentrations relative to government actions levels**, such that data can be used to support public health risk assessments and management decisions related to the issuance of local fish consumption advisories.

Location and approximate size of muscle sample (taken from both sides of fish)



How can RISAA members support these research efforts?

Dr. Taylor needs samples of striped bass muscle tissue, specifically for fish collected from Rhode Island/Block Island Sound.

Dr. Taylor **requires only a small piece of filet tissue taken directly above the gill plate**, which leaves the main filets intact (see picture at left).

For each striper, Dr. Taylor also needs information on the fish’s total length and location of capture (latitude/longitude).

If an angler is willing to help with the research, Dr. Taylor can meet him/her to collect the muscle tissue and record the other relevant size and location information.

If you are willing to participate in this study, contact Dr. Taylor at dtaylor@rwu.edu or 401-254-3759 (office phone).