



# Tournaments Committee

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## BLACK SEA BASS NOW... BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT NEXT

### Scup Results

Congratulations to the winners of our first-ever Special Scup Tournament held last month.

#### SCUP SPECIAL TOURNAMENT • August 6-15

Boat Division	
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>
1st...Richard Reich: 1.56	1st...Hayes Jansen: 1.52
2nd...Stephen Skenyon: 1.35	2nd...Eric Jachym: 1.50
3rd...no entry	3rd...Luke Lamson: 1.40
Shore Division	
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>
1st...Richard Reich: .92	1st...Luke Lamson: .62
2nd...Thomas McGuire: .84	2nd...no entry
3rd...no entry	3rd...no entry

### Black Sea Bass Special Tournament running now

By the time you receive this issue, the Annual Black Sea Bass Special Tournament will be running September 3 to 12. There are plenty of black sea bass everywhere and you still have time to catch and enter fish!

The current black sea bass possession limit for Rhode Island, as of September 1, is 7 fish a day.



Pre-registration IS NOT REQUIRED for this tournament, and all RISAA members are automatically eligible to enter a fish. Just weigh in your black sea bass at any approved weigh-in station (see page 19) and then call it in within 24 hours. It's easy!

### Yearlong Tournament Update

The Yearlong Tournament leaderboard is still wide open with lots of empty slots (see page 18).

September and October are usually great months to catch large fish as bait moves closer to shore and large schools of migrating fish come in close. This provides plenty of opportunities to catch fish for the Yearlong Tournament and place in the Top Three... especially SHORE anglers and JUNIOR members!

Take a look at the Yearlong Tournament Standings on the next page!

### BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

The annual Bluefish Special Tournament will run Friday, September 24 through Sunday, October 3.

This has become a very popular tournament in years past. The opportunity to catch a huge bluefish is very possible this year.

The amount of baitfish is unbelievable. There should be huge feeding frenzies as the waters cool. These fish will eat everything as they prepare for their migration south.



**GIL BELL with a 7.15 lb, 30" bluefish that he caught from the surf in Westerly last month. He said it's been a few years since he's seen so many large blues!**

The current possession limit in Rhode Island is 3 fish a day. Bluefish are one of the best fighting fish, pound for pound, in our local waters. There's no better time to get out and fight these beasts AND enter our tournament at the same time!

This tournament is free and open to all members and there is no pre-registration required. Just go out and fish!

Then have your catch weighed at any RISAA Weigh-In Station (see page 19). They all have RISAA weight slips on hand.

Then call in the catch within 24 hours. (All directions are on the weight slip.)

The tournament updates will be posted all week while the tournament is running. That way, before you go out fishing, you can check to see what size bluefish you need to place on the leaderboard.

Just go to [www.risaa.org/tournaments/2021\\_special.html](http://www.risaa.org/tournaments/2021_special.html). The final results will be posted in this column in the October issue.