



# Tournaments Committee

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## TAUTOG TOURNAMENT THIS MONTH!

**Congratulations to the winners of the Black Sea Bass Special Tournament last month!**

### BLACK SEA BASS TOURNAMENT • Sept 4-13

Boat Division	
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>
1st...Robert Murray: 4.60	1st...Flynn Jansen: 3.48
2nd...Barbara Audino: 3.75	2nd...Hayes Jansen: 2.76
3rd...Lawrence Audino: 3.58	3rd...Luke Lamson: 2.76
Shore Division	
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>
1st...Norm Morrissette: 2.20	1st...no entries
2nd...Thomas McGuire: 1.78	2nd...
3rd...Michael Tilelli: 1.48	3rd...

### BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

The annual Bluefish Special Tournament, which ran from **September 25 through Sunday, October 4** was still taking place when this issue went to the printer. We'll report the results next month.

### FALL TAUTOG SOCIAL TOURNAMENT

The annual Fall Tautog Special Tournament runs for seventeen days from Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 25. It will be the last special tournament of 2020.

Pre-registration is NOT required, and all RISAA members in good standing are allowed to participate.

There are separate BOAT and SHORE Divisions with ADULT and JUNIOR categories in each.

Just go out and fish, weigh in your catch at any RISAA Weigh-In Station (see page 17), and then phone in your catch within 24 hours.

Keep in mind that this tournament closes promptly at 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 25. You must weigh in your fish by that time.

### Updates during tournament

The tournament standings are posted all while the tournament is running. That way, before you go out fishing, you can check to see what size tautog you need to "place" on the leaderboard. Just go to [www.risaa.org/tournaments/2020\\_special.html](http://www.risaa.org/tournaments/2020_special.html)

The final results will be posted in this column in the November issue.

### Where to find tautog

Tautog frequent local waters anywhere that has a rocky bottom or other structure is found. Shore or boat fishing gives anglers an opportunity to catch a fish of a lifetime. They are readily caught on green crabs, but other baits like clams and se worms will also work.



Their mouths are very strong with teeth that are able to crush shellfish. Tautog are a great fighting fish and are very tasty. The tautog fishing has been getting better every year, with bigger fish being

caught as the water gets colder. Go out and catch one of these beauties!

### Tautog from shore

Don't have a boat? No problem! Tautog can easily be caught from shore, and shore-caught tautog should always be entered in the Special Tournament since very few tournament entries occur in the shore division.

There is a "Shore Fishing Guide" on the RISAA web site with a section dedicated to tautog fishing for shore anglers.

Just go to [www.risaa.org/guide/guide\\_tautog.html](http://www.risaa.org/guide/guide_tautog.html) and you'll find tips and locations to try.

Also, a very in-depth article about tautog by ASMFC is printed in this issue on page 5.



**Matt Davidson with a 7.98 lb tautog that he caught last October on a green crab near Pt. Judith**