



# Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



## Black Sea Bass & Bluefish in September

### BLACK SEA BASS SPECIAL TOURNAMENT UP NEXT

The Black Sea Bass Special Tournament takes place this month from Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 17.

Pre-registration is NOT required for this tournament. It is open to ALL RISAA members in good standing, **Regular Adults** and **Juniors**.

There are separate **BOAT** and **SHORE** divisions.



Just go out and fish, weigh in your catch at an official RISAA weigh station (see page 19 for list) and then phone in your catch within 24 hours.

Keep in mind, this tournament closes as 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 17. You must call in your fish by that time. *No entries are accepted after 7:00 PM.*

All of the weigh-in station have RISAA tournament slips on hand, and you will find all of the directions printed on the slip.

### IT'S EASY TO CATCH A BLACK SEA BASS

Any black sea bass 15 inches or larger is an eligible entry. They are easy to catch. They will strike at any bait including squid, worms or crab, and will also strike at jigs and lures.

Small hooks with a sinker at the bottom work well.

Black sea bass can be found at any underwater structure such as jetties, piers and most rocky bottoms.

For parents, it's a perfect opportunity to take your child fishing. Enter the tournament and it could add a whole new excitement to your child's fishing experience. If your son or daughter isn't a junior member, you can easily sign them up by calling the RISAA office at 401-826-2121. There is no fee for this.

The tournament updates will be posted on the RISAA web site during the week at

[www.risaa.org/tournaments/2017\\_special.html](http://www.risaa.org/tournaments/2017_special.html)

The final results will also be posted online and in the October issue of this news magazine.

### BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT STARTS END OF SEPTEMBER

The annual BLUEFISH SPECIAL TOURNAMENT runs from Friday, September 29 through Monday, October 9.



While most special tournaments end on Sunday evening, the Tournaments Committee has **extended this tournament to Monday** evening to allow members to fish on the **Columbus Day** holiday.

The same rules for the Black Sea Bass Tournament apply to the Bluefish Tournament as well.

### YEARLONG TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The Yearlong Tournament leader board is still wide open. September and October are typically great months to catch large fish. Bait seems to move closer to shore and large schools of migrating fish come in close. There are plenty of opportunities to catch a fish for the Yearlong Tournament and place in the top three, **ESPECIALLY FOR SHORE ANGLERS and JUNIOR MEMBERS!**

Remember, if your catch does not qualify as one of the top three listed entries, make sure you still send in your completed entry form. If someone becomes disqualified (has happened before), your entry could become one of the top three winners.



**MICHAEL FOTIADES**

with a nice black sea bass that he caught off Jamestown on May 27. A large hump/bump on the head usually identifies a male.