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# Tournaments Committee

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## Black Sea Bass & Bluefish Tournaments This Month

### BLACK SEA BASS SPECIAL TOURNAMENT

This Special Tournament was announced in last month's issue, and by the time you receive this issue, it will likely already be taking place.



The tournament runs from September 6 to 15. The opportunity to catch a huge sea bass if very possible this year.

As of September 1, the Rhode Island possession limit 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 and then call it in within 24 hours. It's easy!

### THE BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

The annual Bluefish Special Tournament will run Friday, September 25 through Sunday, October 4.

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.

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 17). 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 to go [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 October issue.

### YEARLONG TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The Yearlong Tournament leaderboard is still wide open with lots of empty slots. September and October are usually great months to catch large fish. Bait seems to move 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 for shore anglers and Junior members!

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

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