

RIMS FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES 2025

1. All tournaments are for RIMS members only.
2. Tournaments have two Divisions: a Senior and a Junior. (Junior up to and including age 18)
3. All fish must be caught in Rhode Island waters (Boat/Shore as specified)
4. These are Surf, Boat contests as specified
5. Prizes will be determined by total weight. Should a tie occur, the total length will be added to the total weight for bluefish (Example: a 20.80 lb. fish which is 38" long has a total of 58.80. Striped bass ties will be determined by time of submission (Example: Fish A at 38" submitted in June will take first and Fish B at 38" Submitted in September will take 2nd).
6. Total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail above the dorsal fin of the fish. All fish must be of legal size and season. ***Please refer to example images at the end of the rules***
7. One prize per member for each class of fish (Tournament-Species-Method)
8. Should a tie occur duplicate prizes will be awarded.
9. Should a grievance occur, the ANGLERS COPY of the Tournament Affidavit Form must be submitted to the Tournaments Chairperson, with a written or verbal explanation of the grievance. The Chairperson will work with the angler to resolve any dispute, and will present the matter, if necessary, at a meeting of the Board.
10. Tournament fish must be weighed from the beach or boat and witnessed by a RIMS member (or non-RIMS member witness). Online submissions may also be completed on the RIMS Website with the addition of a photo submission sent to the tournament chair via email. ***THE AL ZUMWALT TOURNAMENT BLUEFISH MUST BE WEIGHED AND WITNESSED BY A WEIGH STATION REPRESENTATIVE.***
11. Fish entered in each tournament will automatically be entered in the Yearly Tournament. (The 1st, 2nd & 3rd place). (Al Zumwalt winners are NOT included).
12. Because RIMS supports Catch and Release, please check the RIMS website, Facebook page or the clubhouse whiteboard periodically for the fish currently in the lead. Please take the time to review proper fish handling and releasing practices.
13. AL ZUMWALT TOURNAMENT - All information on the RIMS Affidavit Form must be completed and by an authorized weigh station for bluefish. **** See affidavit form for the locations****
14. TOG-TOBER FEST- Tautog(AKA Blackfish) are the target species of this tournament. All entries must be caught within the given timeframe from either boat or shore. Awards will be given for each category. Both weight and length must be recorded for the entry to be submitted. This may be done at a tournament weigh station.
15. ALBIE FEVER TOURNAMENT- False Albacore(AKA Albies/Little Tunny) are the target species of this tournament. All entries must be caught within the given time frame from either boat or from shore. Awards will be given for each entry. Both weight and length must be recorded for the entry to be submitted into the tournament. This may be done at a tournaments weigh station

16. FISH TAGGING TOURNAMENT- Fish entered into this tournament are strictly catch and release. All fish entered must be documented according to the fish tagging instructions. Both the affidavit and copy of the fish tagging form must be provided in order to verify the entry into this tournament. Points will be awarded for fish turned in based on measurement. The cumulative amounts of points will determine tournament results.

17. STRIPED BASS CATEGORIES FOR TOURNAMENT- Both Yearly and Al Zumwalt Tournament for the striped bass category is catch and release. With this said, striped bass beyond the slot limit may be submitted as tournament entry fish. Members must abide by an honor system for these entries and must include a length measurement with a rigid tape above the fish from snout to tip of the tail to the nearest 1/4" (see examples below). Two photos must also be included including a photo of the length and a photo including identification of the angler. With this in mind it will be treated as a harvested fish where only one submission is allowed per day by the angler.





AL ZUMWALT SENIOR DIVION PRIZES

AL ZUMWALT JUNIOR DIVISION PRIZES

1ST Bass \$300 Blue \$300

1ST Bass \$200 Blue \$200.00

2ND Bass \$200 Blue \$200

2ND Bass \$100 Blue \$100.00

3RD Bass \$100 Blue \$100

3RD Bass \$75 Blue \$75.00

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT SENIOR/JUNIOR DIVISION PRIZES

1ST Bass \$50

1ST Blue \$50

1ST Fluke \$50

2ND Bass \$45

2ND Blue \$45

2ND Fluke \$45

3RD Bass \$40

3RD Blue \$40

3RD Fluke \$40

TOURNAMENT

DATE

YEARLY

05/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

FISH TAGGING TOURNAMENT

5/01/2025- 11/30/2025

<u>TOG-TOBERFEST</u>	<u>10/01/2025 - 11/30/2025</u>
<u>ALBIE FEVER</u>	<u>09/01/2025 - 10/31/2025</u>
<u>YOUTH/FAMILY TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>TBD</u>
<u>AL ZUMWALT</u>	<u>08/31/2025 - 11/30/2025</u>