



Bob Carr, Kevin Savage, Nick Giusti, and Susan Giusti show off their first place striper.

Hewitt's Cove Highlights

by Bob Flocken

The temperature was 97 degrees when I arrived in Boston on Thursday. Everyone was complaining about the heat and that they hadn't caught any fish all week. The weather channel was calling for 75-degree highs and light winds for the weekend. They were right for a change, as Friday was cool and the weather gorgeous. Now, if the fish would cooperate!

We didn't have much chance to worry as we prepared for the onslaught of 25 excited kids from 2 to 7 years old trying to win some great prizes offered for the youth catching the largest striped bass from Hewitt's dock Saturday afternoon. We were kept busy untangling lines and baiting hooks from the pile of clam bellies that the crew from Hewitt's provided. Everyone involved was rewarded

with the big smiles and loud laughter that echoed along the docks in the marina. Along with lots of seaweed and crabs, the mob managed to catch and release a dozen or more small stripers that afternoon.

The big kids out on their boats

were also doing well.

"We fished this tournament in a little deeper water," said Kevin Savage, captain of the "Rock On." "We have had a lot of success the past few tournaments anchoring and chumming near some rocks in

about 30 to 60 feet of water in Boston Harbor. Saturday we caught several 20-pound fish and one 30-pound bass, but couldn't find anything that we thought would help us win the tournament. Several of our competitors are great fishermen and we knew that we needed to catch a nice fish to place high in the tournament. We also need a good fish to help us win the ASA Top Angler award. Sunday we found some structure in deeper water and marked several fish in the area. We anchored and Bob Carr started chumming like crazy to attract a good fish. Kevin Giusti, our junior angler, caught two or three small fish before he landed the 35 pounder. He has been our good luck charm. Every time he has been on the boat we have caught bigger fish," said the winning captain.



Dan Levey and Bob Ohlson placed second on The Hickory.

Second place finisher and first day leader Bob Ohlson on the "Hickory" fished the tournament in Cape Cod Bay. "We caught lots of nice fish both days trolling large white bunker spoons on wire line in 50 to 60 feet of water," said Ohlson. "We marked lots of good fish holding at about 30 feet and tried to keep our baits in the middle of the pack. We had to keep our speed below 4 knots or the fish wouldn't eat. The slower we went, the better response we seemed to get." Bob, who owns a landscaping company in Falmouth and his crewmember, Dan Levy, who is a guide from Maine have fished most of our tournaments together this year and are starting to figure out what it takes to be successful on the ASA trail. Both are good fishermen and are starting to consistently catch fish in areas where they have never fished before.

Alex Martins and his crew had spent lots of time catching bait in Maine before making the trip to Boston. He thought that several hundred mackerel and a load of eels would do the job for his "Fish-I-Tis" team. Saturday was junior angler Alex's birthday and he had made up his mind that he was going to catch a striper that would win the tournament. He had his chance as he hooked up to a 40-pound plus fish and did a great job fighting the huge bass to the boat. Unfortunately, the hook pulled before his dad could get a net under the big fish. (Come on Big Alex!) They proceeded to catch and release several 20 pound bass before catching their 31.88lb third place finisher chumming with the mackerel and fishing eels on a huge rock pile in 35 feet of water in Boston Harbor.

Jennifer Clarke fished off



Alex Martins and the crew of Fish-I-Tis.



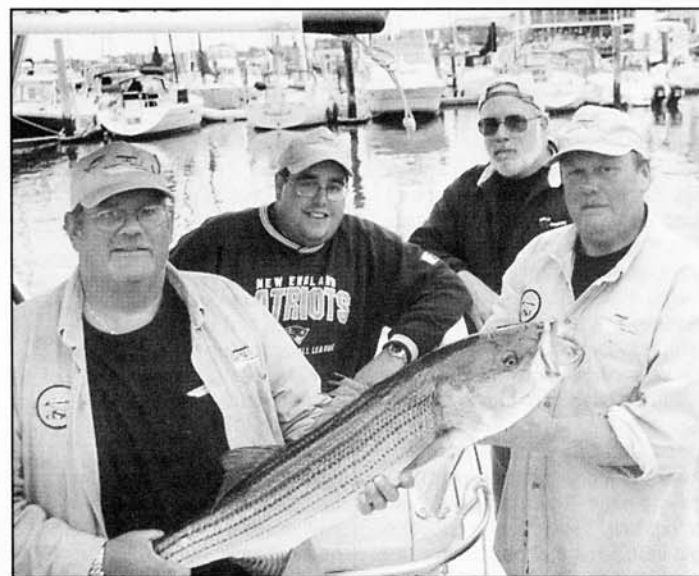
Last year's Top Angler of the Year, Jennifer Clarke, with her fourth place bass.



The Trayder crew finished fifth with a nice 29.06.



The Ave Maria had a great day fishing.



David Eaton and the crew of the Team Intruder.



Little Sister with some of the fish caught in Boston Harbor.



Hewitt's dock was the place to be for Saturday's youth striper tournament. Young anglers beamed with pride over their catches.



Tabb Bridges and the crew of the Rivercraft Marine Layz Dayz made the trip from Virginia to fish Boston Harbor.



Martha's Vineyard and was able to catch several fish each day even though there were dozens of boats fishing around her favorite spot who couldn't seem to catch anything. "She gave everyone a lesson on striper fishing," said Dave Mullahy, Captain of the 5 For Fighting. "No one but her was catching anything. We watched her catch and release fish all day long and we only caught a couple fish." Jennifer made the long run through the Buzzard's Bay canal to weigh a nice 30.65lb fish on Saturday. She wouldn't catch anything bigger on Sunday and ended up in fourth place overall.

Rhode Island fisherman, Jason Goldfarb was fishing in an area of Cape Cod Bay where he had never fished before and wasn't having much luck fishing live eels or cut bait. He put out a couple of big tube lures that had been in the bottom of his Contender since he bought it and proceeded to catch several nice bass including his fifth

place finishing 29.06lb. striper. "I have never fished with these things before," said the excited Goldfarb. "I saw a guy catch a nice fish on one beside me and decided to give them a try. We tipped them with a Berkley Power Bait and they caught fish when natural bait didn't work. Amazing!"

We had a great time at Hewitt's Cove. Paul Murphy and his crew made sure that everyone felt welcome. The food was great at the Captains meeting and we sure had lots of fun with our junior angler tournament on the dock at Hewitt's. It's amazing how many nice stripers these little guys catch and how much fun they have. Thanks also go to Cathy and Becky Martins for all their help. ↓

HEWITT'S COVE TOP TEN

1. Kevin Savage	ROCK ON	Fountain/Mercury	35.12lbs
2. Bob Ohlson	HICKORY	Susi/Mercury	33.43lbs
3. Alex Martins	FISH-I-TIS	Wellcraft/Yamaha	31.88lbs
4. Jennifer Clarke	FEMME FATAL	Contender/Yamaha	30.65lbs
5. Jason Goldfarb	TRAYDER	Contender/Yamaha	29.06lbs
6. Michael Bousaleh	AVE MARIA	Privateer/Mercury	23.18lbs
7. David Eaton	TEAM INTRUDER	Mako/Yamaha	22.80lbs
8. Jason Colby	LITTLE SISTER	Multi-Marine/Johnson	22.70lbs
9. Jim Corbett	SCARAB 1	Wellcraft/Mercury	22.30lbs
10. John Twomey	FISH'N IMPOSSIBLE II	Seabird/Chrysler	19.67lbs
TOP LADY	Susan Giusti	ROCK ON	
TOP JUNIOR	Nick Giusti	ROCK ON	