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## Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina

“This event is one of the highlights of the summer for the 34 Boston area high school students we employ to help lead our free youth and beach programs each year,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini. “They work hard to help us share Boston’s spectacular harbor all summer long. Today’s a chance for them to enjoy it for themselves.”

“This event is about more than just fishing,” said tournament host Ann Lagasse of Fan Pier Marina. “It is about

actually catching fish on one of the cleanest harbors in the nation. It is great to see so many young winners on the dock at Fan Pier.”

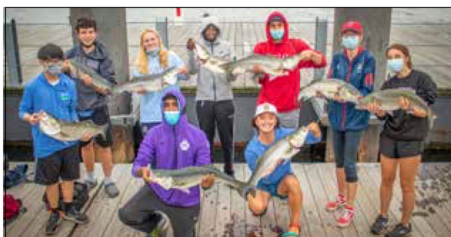
According to Save the Harbor’s Director of Strategy & Communications Bruce Berman, who organized the tournament from his boat “Verandah”, recent changes to regulations designed to protect the larger spawning age female fish, which can carry half a million eggs, made this year’s tournament better for the fish and for the anglers.

“Rather than targeting big striped bass as we have in the past” said Berman, “this year we focused on safely releasing bigger fish and catching fish in the new slot limit, bigger than 28 inches but smaller than 35 inches in length overall. Though we couldn’t keep any “trophy fish” this year there were plenty of fish for everyone. It is an important first step towards making this iconic fishery sustainable for future generations.

“Each of the captains who donated their boats

for the tournament received gift packages of wasabi, soy sauce and ponzu to make sashimi, as well as garlic, lime and sirracha hot sauce to make a spicy ceviche at the start of the tournament, and a case of Harpoon Beer when they returned to the dock for lunch and an award ceremony at Fan Pier.

“Salt water, sunshine and fishing are the perfect recipe for a great day on the water,” said Berman. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped make this great event a success.”



From left to right: Front Row: Qalid Hassan of South Boston and Jason Rundle of Allston. Back Row: Danny Nguyen of Dorchester, Aidan Haney of Holbrook, Mary Kate Hart of South Boston, Treyvon Morning of South Boston, Julian Naggy of Dorchester, McRae Weiderer of South Boston, and Kasey Corra of West Roxbury.



Mary Kate Hart of South Boston (with fish in center) fishing on Marine Max was one of 4 South Boston teens who were among the winners at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina.



9 local teens were big winners at this year’s Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina on August 10, including four from South Boston