

Local Youth Win Fishing Tournament

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Winners (with fish) from left to right: Andrea Lopes of Dorchester, Sedny Alves of Dorchester, Abel Yohannes of the South End, Raymond Chai of Brighton, Cassidy Aiello of Brighton, Chris Hawe of Charlestown, and Cristian Berlioz of Dorchester were the big winners at the 6th Annual Fan Pier Youth Fishing Tournament to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Aug. 11. Photo: Joe Prezioso for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

Twelve charter boats and 50 teens caught striped bass to 39 inches, bluefish to 15 lbs and big black sea bass and scup in the 6th Annual Fan Pier Youth Fishing Tournament to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on August 11th.

This year's tournament raised more than \$10,000 to support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's youth environmental education programs, which have

connected more than 125,000 underserved youth and teens from more than 100 youth development organizations in 40 communities to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands since they began in 2002.

This year the young anglers followed tournament host Joe Fallon's advice, "This is not about fishing, it's about catching," as they spent the day reeling in striped bass, bluefish, black sea bass and scup in Boston Harbor, Quincy Bay and the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park.

"Thanks to The Fallon Company and Fan Pier, to Marine Max/Russo Marine, 3A Marine, Circle Furniture, Boston Yacht Haven, Fishing Finatics and all the captains who donated their time and energy to make this year's tournament so much fun for so many kids," said Save the Harbor's BayWatcher and spokesman Bruce Berman, as he prepared smoked bluefish pate, striped bass sashimi and scup and black sea bass ceviche to share with the kids. "What a great way to spend a summer day."

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