



Osprey with fish in His talons. (This Osprey, one of a pair, were fishing all day while the event was going on)

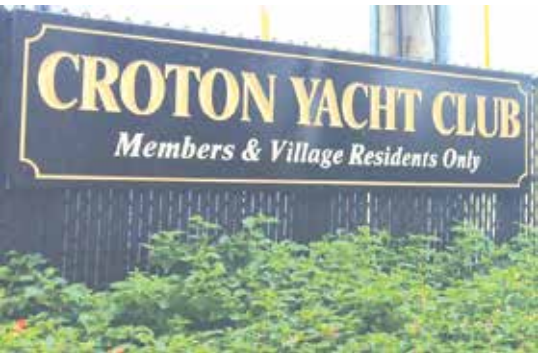
I have been covering events such as this for over 25 years. Some, getting deeply involved in aspects of the planning and function of events such as striped bass derby's, catfish derby's, fund raisers.... you name it, I have been there on the Hudson River.

River Day at the Croton Yacht Club on September 8, 2018 reached a nirvana of success that few could imagine. Maybe it is just a club, "coming of age" maybe it is the ten years experience, that Dennis Kooney, and volunteers have acquired, but, for whatever the reasons, it was an experience that will be remembered for a long time to come.

The weather was cloudy an cool. The many residents of Croton On Hudson, the yacht club and strangers were, very impressed by the displays, volunteers, and especially the Croton Yacht Club grounds and facilities.

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This had to be the Perfect Day!



First place in the Youth Fishing Contest was awarded to Brandon Chiavelli who caught a 28" channel catfish

A WORD ABOUT THE CROTON YACHT CLUB
The planning an implimentation of a long-range direction for the Village of Croton waterfront has been going on for at least fifteen years. During this time a unique working relationship developed between the Village of Croton and Yacht Club members which has set an example for the rest of the Hudson River Yacht Clubs to follow.

Approximately ten years ago, the Yacht Club began numerous community outreach programs for village residents. Among them was "Hudson River Day" whose mission is designed to promote interest in the history and ecology of the river. A college scholarship program was also developed for Croton Harmon High School graduates in order to cultivate future local

environmental leaders and to promote, enhance and protect river related recreational resources. These outreach programs provide



the opportunity to promote the organization and for the membership to share their river related knowledge and expertise with the community, especially the children. The organization realizes that only through this transfer of knowledge can it safeguard the future of the river.



John Mathews on left, Rodney Kooney, Dennis Kooney, (bare back) and grandson Logan, holding the net. Does anyone not know the imprint that this young child has while watching these volunteers gather fish for their display tanks? This memory will live with him forever!



The Hudson River Fisherman's Association, winners, and volunteers are key to the success of the Croton Yacht Club River Day. The hundreds of fishing rods, reels, bait, a most importantly, the expertise that this group brings to events such as this is unprecedented. Each volunteer works with total strangers, usually parents and their children who have never fished before to keep the cild engaged long enough for them to catch a fish. "Catching a fish" is key to the success of this group and they are experts at it!