Kids' Fishing Clinics in Mechanicville and Waterford

Teach a New Generation How to Catch the Big Ones!

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The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) headed north to the upper Hudson River and Champlain Canal on June 12/13 to present fishing clinics to about 50 area children in Mechanicville and Waterford, NY. The June 12 event was hosted by the City of Mechanicville Department of Public Safety, and on the 13th by the Waterford Harbor Farmers Market. Both days were facilitated by the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, an affiliate of the Capital Region Chamber, and sponsored by G.A. Bove Fuels (76 Railroad St, Mechanicville, NY 12118, (518) 664-5111, bovefuels.com). Each participating child also received a \$10 gift certificate to the Wiggly Worm Bait Supply (885 Route 50, Ballston Lake, NY 12019, (518) 399-4524, wigglywormbaitsupply. com), thanks to their generosity.

> This young man caught the biggest fish at the Mechanicville Docks

on Saturday – a beautiful catfish. The Hudson River Fishermen's Association

volunteers taught

some 50 children

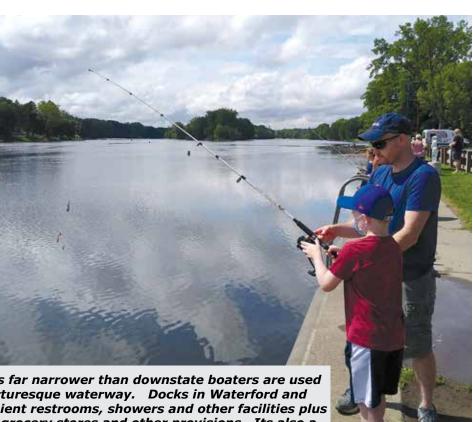
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upstate waterways.

Fishing conditions at the docks can be challenging, but the volunteer anglers from the HRFA did a masterful iob helping the kids find fish. They also spent a considerable amount of time clearing up tangled and stuck lines and educating parents on useful techniques to help the children learn more about the sport. While many of the fish caught were panfish, some bass and catfish were also landed, as well as a few fish stories about the ones that got away - don't worry kids, you'll get them next time!

For more information about the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, its mission and educational programs, visit thehrfa.org



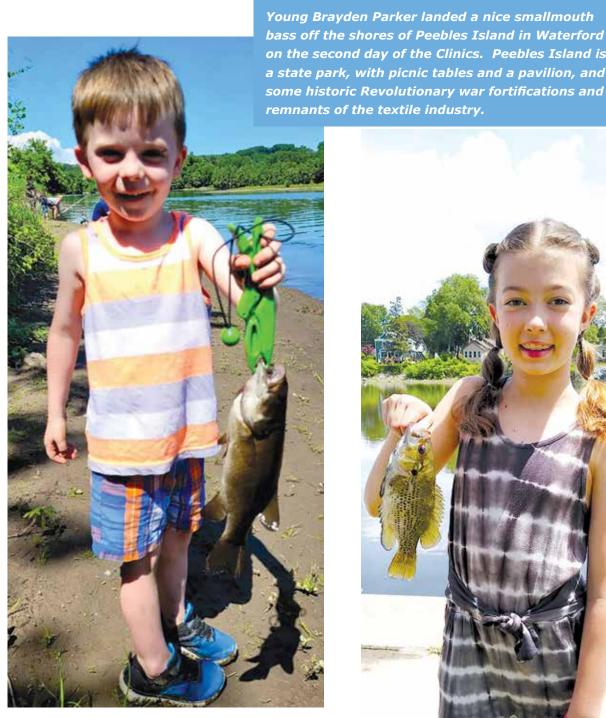
The upper Hudson River is far narrower than downstate boaters are used to, but it is a scenic, picturesque waterway. Docks in Waterford and Mechanicville have convenient restrooms, showers and other facilities plus are close to restaurants, grocery stores and other provisions. Its also a great place to take a kid fishing!



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Lola Archambeault of Mechanicville brought up this feisty rock bass during the fishing clinic. She did a great job landing such a splendid catch!

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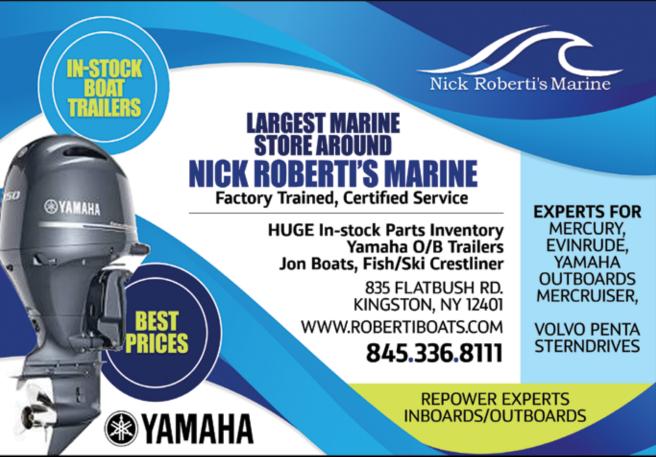


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