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“CATCHING FISH TO HELP CHILDREN” STRIPER MARINA BASS TOURNAMENT CELEBRATES 16TH YEAR (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RHODE ISLAND KIDDIE SHELTERS FOR ABUSED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN)

Barrington, Rhode Island, April 30, 2009 – **Striper Marina** is pleased to announce that the 16th Annual Striper Marina Striped Bass Tournament will take place May 28 through May 31 out of Striper Marina in Barrington, Rhode Island.

This year's theme is **“Catching Fish to Help Children”**, said Al Elson, president of Striper Marina and organizer of the event, “with all the proceeds again going to support the Rhode Island Kiddie Shelters for Abused and Abandoned Children”. According to Mr. Elson, “The State covers the kids’ basic needs and what we are able to contribute from entry fees, raffles and T-shirt sales and cash donations goes to making their lives a little nicer. Over the years, the Tournament has contributed over \$62,000 to the shelters.”

“The support from the Tournament is used to supplement State funds”, says Mrs. Fran Murphy, Director of Washington Park Children’s Shelter, one of the three Rhode Island Kiddie Shelters that meet the needs of abandoned and neglected children from new born to age 12. “With the funds from the Tournament, the shelters are able to provide recreational and educational supplies for the kids and take them on the occasional field trip to a movie or to the circus or out to McDonald’s for hamburgers. Everyone knows that budgets have been cut over the past few years and these funds from the Striper Marina Striped Bass Tournament are really welcomed.”

Mr. Elson added that, “this tournament actually evolved out of a ‘Take a Kid Fishing Day,’ which was sponsored by the Bristol County Stripers Club. Now we get over 200 participants, from folks fishing off the bridges to charter boats and we have dozens of sponsors.

“Win-Tron Electronics, a New Jersey based marine electronics distributor, is a sponsor who got on board in a big way a few years ago,” Elson Said. “Eddie Winder listened to my initial plea and has been a major contributor since and has pledged over \$12,000.00 to date.” “We were happy to have the opportunity to support Al’s very worthy cause and to put some smiles on some kids’ faces who in reality don’t have a lot to smile about, added Eddie Winder, Senior Vice President.

For more information about the Tournament or to become a sponsor, please contact Al Elson at 401-245-6121. Entry forms are available at local bait shops and at Striper Marina. Adult division (Men and Woman), \$10.00 per angle. Junior Division (12 and younger), \$5.00. Entry deadline: May 27 at 7:00 PM.

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