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Re: Trophy Striper Caught by Bob Popovics

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sandfly wrote:

I spent literally 3 years living in my van to get those fish, 4-5 days out of the week starting in april till late dec. worked hard for them too.

I'm envious too - definitely the life (yuh gotta love that van). 😊

I'm a bit hard headed about this since we've got a lot of FFERs on this forum who don't saltwater fish or fish stripers but are curious about the game....and I want them to understand how rare a catch like this is. A bass of this weight is typically in the 42-45 inch range and 12 to 15 years old. Fish this size are not especially rare and sometimes show up in schools of this size (or bigger) but catches of this size don't happen everyday and I wanted our readers unfamiliar with surf fishing to recognize how unique this is for a fly fishermen who fishes the beach.

Open any saltwater magazine or hit any website and they're full of pics of guys hoisting cows (giant stripers) but these are almost never fly rod fish and fewer still were caught from surf or jetty by an FFER. In fact, this is the only pic I've seen in all of 2010 of a genuine surf caught fly rod #30 striper. I thought about conducting a google search but didn't feel like wasting time. Were there others like it caught? Almost certainly but I'm betting you'd have to look real hard to find another surf/jetty caught 30 pounder taken by an FFER last year.