



Growing Up as a Striped Bass

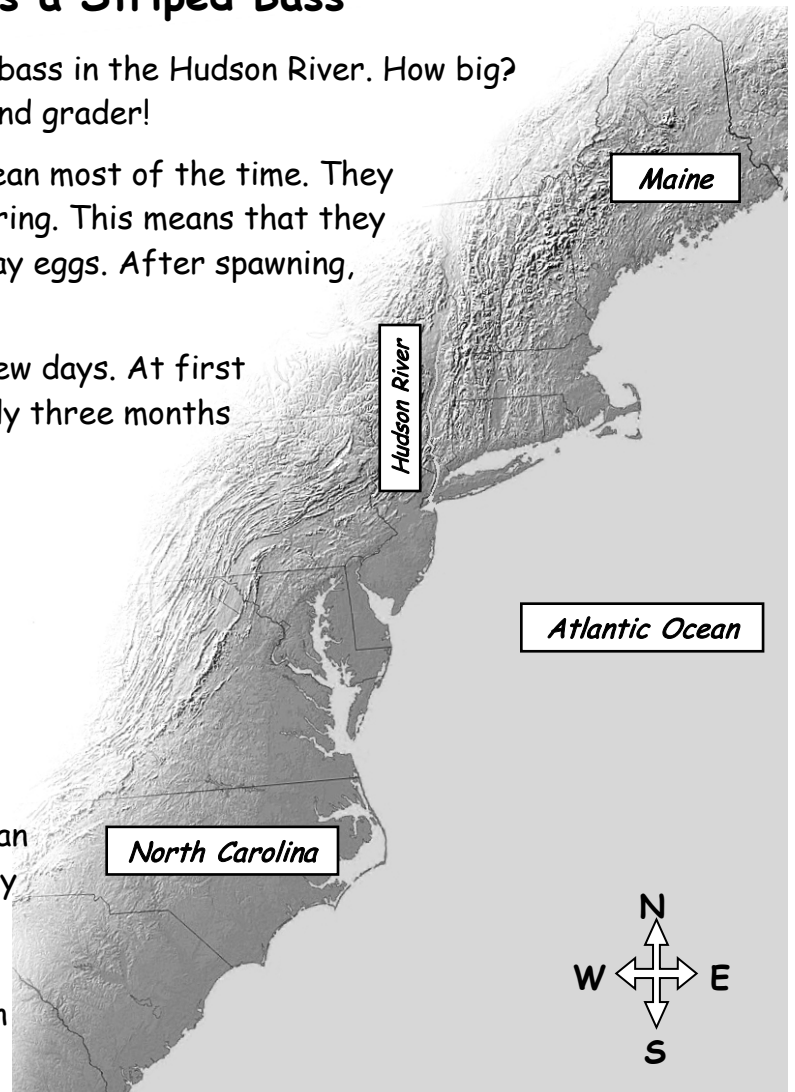
In spring, **anglers** catch big striped bass in the Hudson River. How big? Some of these fish are as big as a second grader!

Striped bass live in the Atlantic Ocean most of the time. They **migrate** into the Hudson to **spawn** in spring. This means that they swim from the ocean into the river to lay eggs. After spawning, these bass go back to the ocean.

Striped bass hatch from eggs in a few days. At first they don't look like their parents. Nearly three months go by before they get their stripes.



Most young bass go out into the ocean when they are two years old. There they may swim north to Maine in summer. In winter they may swim south to North Carolina. They come back to the Hudson to spawn after they are four years old.



How Big? How Old?

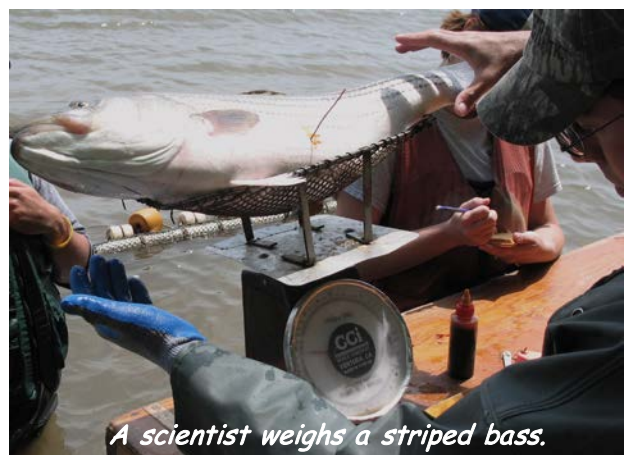
This table matches the length and weight of a striped bass to its age. For example, a bass 20 years old would be 55" long. It would weigh 70 pounds.

Table showing length and weight of striped bass ages 6-22 years

Figures are approximate.

1. How old are you?
_____ years
2. A striped bass as old as you is
_____ inches long.
3. A striped bass your age weighs
_____ pounds.
4. How much do you weigh?
_____ pounds
5. How old is a striped bass that weighs the same as you?
_____ years
6. How tall are you? Have a partner measure your height. Use a ruler or tape measure.
_____ inches
7. If a striped bass is as long as you are tall, how old is it?
_____ years

Age of bass (in years)	Length of bass (in inches)	Weight of bass (in pounds)
6 yr	27"	10 lb
7 yr	29"	11 lb
8 yr	31"	13 lb
9 yr	33"	16 lb
10 yr	35"	18 lb
11 yr	37"	21 lb
12 yr	39"	24 lb
13 yr	41"	27 lb
14 yr	43"	32 lb
15 yr	45"	36 lb
16 yr	47"	42 lb
17 yr	49"	47 lb
18 yr	51"	55 lb
19 yr	53"	60 lb
20 yr	55"	70 lb
21 yr	57"	83 lb
22 yr	59"	95 lb



A scientist weighs a striped bass.