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Working Waterfront Festival

Interviewer – Markham Starr
Interviewee – Ethan Bailey

MS Sorry. Ok. Alright so, what is your name and where are you from.

EB Ethan Bailey and I'm actually from around here, New Bedford.

MS Ah. And how old are you?

EB Um, eleven.

MS Eleven. Good. So you've been fishing you say

EB Uh yeah. It was one of my first, the story is actually on one of my first trips fishing and I actually have, it's actually a pretty interesting story. And I'm also gonna talk about an impressive catch that my sister made too.

MS Ok. So tell us about that.

EB Anyway, anyway, we were at the Dumpling Rocks near Round Hill and I kept casting out my lines, we were using squid. And I caught a sea robin. I mean it's the only one I've, it's the only one I've ever caught. It's pretty impressive. And anyway, my dad didn't know how to hold it 'cause I mean its' wings were flared and its' legs were splayed and anyway. I just said to fold down the fins like you do on any other fish. And anyway, sea robins do look weird 'cause they have like a bumpy head not to mention the wings and the legs that I talked about and their color, it's reddish orange, sort of like a rust, it's pretty cool. Anyway, my sister, I think this was on the same day, the same fishing trip, my sister caught an 18 inch fluke. It was pretty impressive and my mom got upset at my dad 'cause he didn't bring it home. But from what I heard, I think an 18 inch fluke like that can only feed one person. I'm pretty sure my mom just wanted him to bring it home so she could eat it!

MS What's the biggest fish you ever caught?

EB Hmm. The biggest fish, I'm not exactly sure, not exactly sure. I think it might have been one of the scup I caught, but that, around Dumpling Rocks you catch a lot of scup and black sea bass.

MS And do you bring those home to eat?

EB Uh no. We actually never bring home and usually there's baby blue fish. You can also find some like deeper water fish around Round Hill Beach, like one time I saw a baby sea robin there, like in really shallow water. It was pretty cool.

MS And do you think you'd ever go into commercial fishing?

EB Mmmm. Not really. I haven't really thought about that,

MS Great well thank you Ethan. I appreciate that.

EB Ok. Thanks.