

RISAA Members take 1st place in FLW Striper Tournament

On May 31, Team Triton Mercury, led by RISAA Members **Captain David Chieffo** and **Captain Andy LoCascio**, along with Captain John Luchka, and Dave Lilly competed in the FLW Outdoors Stripers Series Tournament in the Atlantic Highlands, NJ on May 31st. The team placed 1st with a combined weight of 36 pounds 2 ounces for two fish measuring between 28-34 inches, a new FLW Striper Series record and took the **\$10,000 prize!**

The crew ran inside Raritan Bay and by 6:15am they saw the fish busting on top as they set their Secret Spoons into the depths. Dozens of stripers were caught and at two times the crew had five fish working! According to Capt. David Chieffo, "All of our biggest Striped Bass were caught trolling Secret Spoons, and on Yo-Zuri Surface Cruisers cast to boils on the surface".

Captain Andy LoCascio, host of Northeast Angling TV, also commented, "We continue to work very hard at putting all the pieces in place to ensure that Team Triton Mercury is successful. The team worked together, fought, and landed every fish. Captains David Chieffo and John Luchka orchestrated the measurements, weight, and the live-release Striper Tube

flawlessly. Dave Lilly did an amazing job of scouting and his input was one of the big factors in our success."

The action was fast and furious on the outgoing tide and the team was one of the only boats fishing this school of feeding fish. At the weigh-in, angler Dave Lilly was elated that the 19 pounder caught on a Secret Spoon was the fish that put the team over the top.

Captain John Luchka said, "When we got on our first piece and saw fish splashing and rising to the top, it was just a matter of which school do I throw to first? Once the tide died off, so did the fishing, and I was pleased to see that our efforts all paid off in the end."

Team Triton Mercury competed last year in the finals in Virginia Beach and placed 5th. For the 2007 season, the team placed 10th overall out of 157 boats in total points. The team was headed to New

London, CT on June 21st to compete in the next round of the FLW Striper Series.

Team Triton Mercury is sponsored by Triton Boats, Mercury Outboards, Northeast Angling, Secret Spoons, Ameripack, Frabill, Yo-Zuri, Super-U-Rigs, Maptech, Mustad, Cannon, LoadRite, and several other top manufacturers.



Captain David Chieffo of Block Island, R.I., along with teammates Andy LoCascio, John Luchka and Dave Lilly make up Team Triton Mercury

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