



Charter Trip Report



Nearly 100 RISAA members are awarded spots on fishing charter trips each year simply by winning random drawings at the monthly meetings. One member on each trip agrees to write a short story to share the experience with all members. *It should be noted that not every trip can be guaranteed to catch fish. The trip brings RISAA members together and provides an enjoyable day or night on the water. Catching fish is a bonus.

BLOCK ISLAND FISHWORKS • Capt. Hank Hewitt

story by BOB LEE

On the morning of June 28, members **Bob Antos, Kirby Cunha, Joe Eilertsen, "Johnny M" McServe, John Partridge** and myself (**Bob Lee**), met at the Point Judith ferry terminal in Galilee RI to catch the 8:00AM ferry to Old Harbor, Block Island.

Our trip out was at a nice, steady 16 knots on calm sunny seas, arriving just before 9:00 AM. We had a short walk to the next pier to meet **Captain Hank Hewitt** and **Captain Mark Mollicon**, acting as mate, on the Block Island Fishworks boat *Harley*.

Fishing vessel *Harley* is a stout 33 ft. semi-displacement hull with a shelter open cabin, diesel power and large cockpit. The *Harley* moved right along at 12.5 knots with a comfortable ride. The cabin ceiling held a full compliment of conventional and light spinning rods, and the rigging table was outfitted with totes of jigs, leaders, plastics and required tackle.

All went aboard and we motored out of the harbor and headed southeast towards the Block Island Wind Farm. The five windmills are massive structures. Four were turning and the one we approached was stopped for service. Way up on the hub platform a workman waved. What a view he must have!

We start to fish with three different rigs on the six rods, four conventional and two light spinning, to mix it up. The rigs were a couple of high-low rigs, a couple of heavy feather jigs with

squid strips, and jig heads with sluggos to cast towards the windmill.

Casting towards the structure and letting the jig sink before a deep retrieve successfully got a fish on, a very large bluefish which took several runs before coming to the net.

Shortly after there were several more hookups, but with dogfish, so Captain Hank called for the first of several moves as he worked to put us on fluke and black sea bass.

The blue's belly skin strips joined our bait arsenal and produced some hookups. When a drift was unproductive, Captain Hank changed depth and bottom to find the bite. As we searched for the fish, the spots

yielded short and keeper black sea bass, fluke, scup and a skate.

As the time approached to head back, we hit some nice fluke including a 26" fatty, so the Captain did a couple more drifts while he filleted our catch. (to page 38)



RISAA Members (l-r) Bob Lee, Joe Eilertsen, Bob Antos, Kirby Cunha, Johnny McServe, John Partridge, and Capt. Mark Mollicon.



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