



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.

CAPTAIN SHERIFF'S CHARTERS • Capt. John Sheriff

story by RICK TEREK

On May 22, I was enthusiastic to attend the monthly RISAA lecture on fluke fishing, never knowing I would also be the lucky winner of a charter fishing trip with **Captain John Sheriff**.

Beside myself, the other members who would attend the trip was **Ken Black, Bob Vacca** and **Joe Bleczynski**.

One month later, at 6:00 AM on June 25, a sunny Sunday morning, we all arrived at the Ponaug Marina in Apponaug Cove, Warwick, where we met Captain John Sheriff and his First Mate, Bob Miller.

We were welcomed aboard the *Fish On*, Captain Sheriff's perfectly outfitted 32-foot center console Seacraft, powered by two 350 HP outboards, and plenty of room for four anglers.

The plan was to fish the hot spots of Narragansett Bay from Jamestown to Providence. Captain Sheriff and Bob made sure we were well equipped with rods and bait for this blue bird day.

We began our trip at the north end of the Providence River where everyone on board snagged pogies off the hurricane barrier to use as live bait for our real target — striped bass. We had squid on board for fluke fishing later in the day.

We searched and trolled the waters as we fished for stripers in various areas including the Providence River, Potter Cove, Popasquash, and the

Conimicut Lighthouse.

Captain Sheriff worked hard to put us on fish, and by midday we had covered over half of the 80-mile tour of Narragansett Bay, but still no stripers.

We decided to satisfy our lunchtime hunger while proceeding to pursue fluke off Sandy Point and then on to Jamestown and Austin Hollow.

First mate Bob caught the first fluke, and at 23 inches, it was a keeper. I was the next lucky fisherman and caught the second fluke. But despite various measuring techniques, at 18-3/4 inches, we had to unfortunately return him to Narragansett Bay. Others on board caught more shorties, skates, sea robins, and a

sand shark.

My excitement was not diminished by our modest catch numbers, as long as I had the memories of a beautiful day aboard Captain Sheriff's boat with new friends and fellow fisherman.

I would recommend Captain Sheriff and his capable mate to anyone wanting a great day of fishing.



(l-r) front: Ken Black, Bob Vacca, Joe Bleczynski; rear: Rick Terek and Capt. John Sheriff

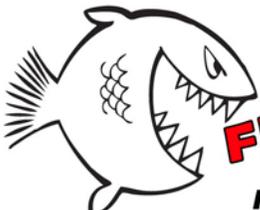


The Fish On



Bob Vacca snags a pogie

CAPTAIN SHERIFF'S



FISHING!

CHARTERS
401-450-2549
FISHINGCHARTERSRI.COM

Fishing All Species:
Captain John Sheriff



Member