



# 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.

## LADY K CHARTERS • Capt. Steve Babigian

story by ERICA YIDIARIS

On the cloudy and possibly rainy morning of July 11, 2017 members **Barbara Audino, Barbara Kennedy, Susan Lima** and myself, **Erica Yidiaris**, set out for what was to be a four hour black sea bass/blue fish trip with **Captain Steve Babigian** of the Lady K Charters out of Snug Harbor. After being rescheduled because of rain and high winds in June, Captain Steve assured us that we were going to have a good day.



Members **Barbara Audino, Erica Yidiaris, Susan Lima** and **Barbara Kennedy** display just a few of the many fish they caught during the Lady K trip in July.

Before we boarded the *Lady K*, a 43-foot custom-built express fisherman with a tuna tower and twin 600 HP Cat Diesels, Captain Steve asked us if we wanted to strictly go for bass or if we were up to fluking. It was a unanimous decision that we would try for fluke and black sea bass. Captain Steve was very happy to accommodate what ever the group wanted.

On our way out to Block Island, on our now fluking trip, we did try to troll for some bass/blues with an umbrella rig. Having no real success and the storm clouds rolling in over the new Block Island wind farm, we quickly changed gears and went to the other side of the island to try our hand at fluking.

Just staying in front of the rain, the *Lady K's* mate started to get the gear and bait ready. We all used conventional reels set up on jigging poles rigged with a combination of feather/soft plastic fluke rigs in a variety of colors which the Captain supplied. The mate was quick to bait our rigs with native squid and/or strips of fluke bellies.

It only took a few minutes before the bites began. Barbara K was the first lady to bring up the first big fluke measuring in at 22 inches. Sue was soon to follow with a nice 21-inch fluke of her own. Barbara A. brought on board the first sea bass and that was

just the beginning. We were continuously catching fish on every drift.

Our four-hour trip quickly turned into a 6.5-hour trip. We caught a total of 25+ fluke and sea bass with 11 of them being keepers. The running joke of the day was that if this were 2016 they would have all been keepers.

To end the perfect day on the water, we were all handed a bag of perfectly filleted fish as we exited the boat.

If you and your family/friends were looking for a truly enjoyable fishing experience with a seasoned captain, I would definitely recommend Captain Steve. Whether you are new to fishing or an old pro he makes you feel completely comfortable on the water in his beautiful 43-foot boat.

Give him a call (information below).

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*Lady K*



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