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MILLENNIALS (from page 26)

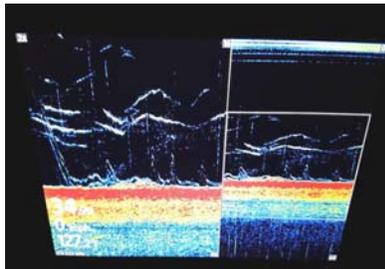
Several boaters interviewed for the story mentioned the increasing popularity of wake boats, in part because they carry more people and they're fun."

McGlynn ultimately writes that, in general, millennials prefer the sharing economy. She asks, why would you buy a ski house, when all you have to do is Airbnb it? She suggests it's the same with boats. "20- to 39-year-olds love boating for the same reasons their parents did. They see it as an opportunity to socialize, create family memories, and adventures, and unplug from work. Boating has the potential for a watershed moment among millennials."

For the full story, go to www.BoatUS.com/millennials.

FLIPPIN' OUT (from page 30)

As we motored into Newport harbor, under the causeway, avoiding the suspended lights and numerous strings of jigs dropping around us, Captain BJ reported the telltale squid markings on the fishfinder were few and far between.



BJ's fishfinder screen

As we approached Fort Adams, we noticed strong lights around the docks where the 3-masted tall ship *SSV Oliver Hazard Perry* was tied up. We anchored up not far from those lights and added our own to the attraction.

The current was less, but the bite never turned on. We would catch 2 or 3 in short order and think, it's on, and then wait 10 minutes or so for another bite.

We could hear occasional surface action. With the water temps still in the mid-60s I suspect bass were chasing the schools of squid which is why they never set up on our lights and filled our buckets.

Around 11:00 PM the wind and cold forced us to call it quits. Manny went home with a few dozen squid which he reported turned into a delicious stew. New friends were made, BJ and Greg kept the stories going when the bite wasn't, and a good time was had by all.

THE WATCH (from page 15)

Capt. Bellavance said, "On March 12th, 2018 electronic Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) will become mandatory for all federally permitted for-hire vessels holding permits for species managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. These include summer flounder, black sea bass, scup, bluefish, squid, mackerel, butterfish and tilefish.

Presently charter captains are required to file a VTR that reports fish caught and released, fish saved for food, the size of the fish and where the vessel was fishing. The antiquated paper system forces fishermen to file a six part paper carbon form for every fishing trip (in the past they had to file a report even if they did not fish).

Electronic recording replaces the filing of paper VTRs. The training session Monday focused on one of five approved software systems, the SAFIS eTrips software.



Capt. Rick Bellavance relates the advantages of electronic catch recording as RISAA member Capt. Joe Bleczinski looks on.

"I want you to know that this software was pioneered by the Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association. Several years ago they had the software developed as part of a

pilot summer flounder (fluke) project. The software has been expanded for use with all species and refined with input from captains who use the software. It is now replacing paper VTR reports in a number of regions." said Fran Karp, developer of the software and owner of Harbor Lights Software.

The software has been approved by NOAA in the Greater Atlantic Region. The software allows captains to take an iPad or tablet on their vessel and record catch, effort, released fish, fish saved as food and the size of the fish in real time. The system is GPS based and can also track trips as an, reporting the exact locations the fish are caught.

The software generates electronic reports that fulfill not only NOAA reporting requirements but reports are also sent to the State of Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Division to fulfill reporting requirements such as the charter boat requirement to report catch and effort in the tautog fishery. The software can also be used to fulfill reporting requirements for commercial rod & reel fishermen.

I have used electronic reporting for four years on my boat and find it a great time saver. My hope is that the lessons learned reporting charter boat recreational catch and effort can be transferred to recreational fishing in general. We need to continue to fund electronic reporting projects, particularly those that explore using smartphone electronic reporting of recreational fishing in general. Better recreational catch data is needed so accurate harvest limits can be established that give anglers greater access to the fish.