



# 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.

## CAPT. SHERIFF'S FISHING CHARTERS Capt. John Sheriff

story by BILL SOSNICKI

At the RISAA May meeting members **Peter Newbauer, Paul Laflamme, Russ Hubert** and myself (**Bill Sosnicki**) were the lucky winners for a charter trip to Block Island with **Capt. John Sheriff** for striped bass and blues.

The trip took place on June 9. The weather was a little cool, but nice.

Capt. Sheriff runs a beautiful 32 ft. Sea Craft center console out of Galilee. This boat has all the room you need and the two 300 HP motors makes for a fast-smooth ride to the fishing grounds.



Peter Newbauer with a just-caught fluke as mate Nate looks on

The ride out was through 3+ foot waves, but the boat sailed over the tops with ease.

Our mate for the day was Capt. John's grandson **Nate Pakuris**. He's learning the trade at an early age, and at ten years old, he's a very good fisherman already. He prepped the boat, got the bait ready, and put the poles out for us to use. He did a great job, and I was very impressed with his fishing and boating skills.



Paul Laflamme relaxes while moving to a new spot

Little did we know the bass and blues that we were after didn't show up yet out at the southwest end of the Block. There were many other boats trying the same thing, but we didn't see anyone reel in any stripers or blues.

We tried live eels and Deadly Dicks only to catch big scup (15" and bigger), black sea bass, and big dogfish (30 to 40 inch). The captain kept moving to get away from the dogs.

After awhile we switched to bottom gear and caught some nice 18.5 fluke, just shy of the 19 inches we needed.

When Russ landed the first fish right away, I thought it was going to be fish catching day. It was, but not what we were after. At least we all caught fish and had a good day on the water.

The ride back was smooth and fast. Capt. Sheriff tried VERY HARD to but us on fish and did a good job of it. I wouldn't think twice about going again.



Bill Sosnicki with fluke

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