



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.

CAROL J CHARTERS • Capt. Paul Johnson, Sr.

story by ROBERT FERIOLI

Four RISAA members, **Kevin Bristow, Russell Hubert, Augie Petrucci** and myself (**Bob Ferioli**), were lucky to win a fishing trip aboard the *Carol J*.

As the trip leader, I contacted **Captain Paul Johnson**, and we set the date for Monday, June 19, but Captain Paul canceled the day before because of predicted high winds and high waves.

The trip was rescheduled for Monday, June 26 which turned out to be sunny with moderate seas. Everyone arrived on time and we left the dock at 6:00 AM heading for Block Island in pursuit of fluke and black sea bass.



RISAA members (l-r) Kevin Bristow, Russell Hubert, Augie Petrucci and Bob Ferioli

We caught our share of keepers, no trophies, but all good fish.



Bob with three fluke

On the way back, Captain Paul filleted and bagged our catch. Everyone received a bag of fillets.



Captain Paul filleting the catch



Kevin laughs at dogfish he caught

The *Carol J* is a 31 foot JC Casco Bay Downeast style. It has all the required safety equipment, good electronics, two fighting chairs and a powerful, quiet diesel engine.

All in all, we had a great day. Captain Paul Johnson is a true pro charter captain with an outstanding personality. We would recommend the *Carol J* to anyone looking for a good day of fishing.

For more information, check out his web site at www.CarolJCharters.com



Augie relaxing

During the trip, Captain Paul told us stories of his fishing business. He said that he looks forward to this RISAA trip every year.

We started fishing in the area of the new wind farm. We drift fished and when things slowed down the captain would move to a new location. We worked our way past the Southeast Light, then northward up the west side of the Block.

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