



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.

HERE WE GO AGAIN CHARTERS • Capt. Al Passarelli

story by LOUIS ALARIE

On Wednesday, August 9, RISAA members **Keith Turner, John Davenport, Bob Sheldon** and I (**Louis Alarie**) met at Jim's Dock in Jerusalem, RI to fish for fluke and black sea bass in Block Island Sound with **Capt. Al Passarelli** aboard *Over Easy*, his 39' Egg Harbor. This trip was won at the July RISAA monthly meeting.

We were scheduled to depart at 10:00 AM, but due to unforeseen traffic delays causing some members to arrive later than planned, we started behind schedule.

While waiting, we passed time discussing incidences about infections fishermen have received from cutting oneself while cleaning fish. The consensus was to always wear gloves when cleaning fish. We think an article concerning this was posted in a past RISAA newsletter.



(l-r) Members **Bob Sheldon, Louis Alarie, Keith Turner** and **John Davenport** display black sea bass caught during the trip.

It was a beautiful day, sunny skies, temperature in the mid-70s, wind at 5-10 mph and seas 1 to 1-1/2 feet.

We departed at 10:50 AM, and it only took 15 minutes from the marina to arrive at the first fishing spot three miles off Matunuck in 60 feet of water. **Al** and his son **Nick** (our mate) set us up with bait rods using squid and one jigging rod using a custom vertical fluke jigging lure.

In only about 5 minutes **Bob** started us off with a 13" fluke on bait. Keith then caught an 18" fluke, also on bait. With the 2017 regulations increasing the legal fluke size to 19" they were considered as shorts.



Keith with a keeper sea bass

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We spent about 25 minutes fishing this area and since we were only catching short flukes, Captain **Al** decided to try another spot.

Right after arriving at the second area, **Bob** caught a nice sea bass, then **John** caught a small sea bass. On the second drift **John** caught a small skate and I caught a sea robin. We spent approximately 50 minutes in this area catching several good size black sea bass, a skate, and the sea robin.

The wind picked up and we're drifting faster than we'd like. Lines were going out long to keep bait on the bottom.

The winds appeared to be more than the 10 mph predicted. It was getting rough with white caps and chop and the drift was getting pretty fast.

At 12:45 the captain moved us in closer to shore to get out of the chop. At this spot we caught another 18" fluke, again, 1" short. After about 45 minutes, and not catching any fish in this area, we again moved. (to page 35)

Here We Go Again Charters

Bass • Blues • Fluke

Sailing from Skip's Dock in Jerusalem.
Minutes to be fishing in Rhode Island

Over Easy 35' Egg Harbor diesel

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