

## CHARTER TRIP REPORTS

This year, over 100 RISAA members will be awarded fishing charter trips simply by winning random drawings at the monthly seminars. One member on each trip usually 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 the extra bonus.

### STRIPED BASS ACADEMY • Capt. Jon Tolley

story by Jack Bosch

This was NOT your typical fishing charter. July 15<sup>th</sup> was the first full day of commercial striper season in Massachusetts and RISAA members **Martin Genessee** and **Jack Bosch** joined **Captain Jon Tolley** and mate **John Beamish**, aboard his 25" Parker Center Console.

Capt. Tolley is a waterman, not a charter captain, and tends 800 traps for lobster, in addition to sea bass, in season. Capt. Tolley also a well-known seminar speaker in conjunction with running the Striped Bass Academy, and was a featured speaker at the New England Saltwater Fishing Show.

We left Bass River on Cape Cod at 3:30 a.m. bound for Sankaty Light on the eastern shore of Nantucket Island.

There was no wind and we sped along in flat seas (could this be planned any better?) and arrived at the light at 4:30 a.m. Two lines were set to troll the tube and worm on leadcore line, probing the 20' line.

The catch was quick, but limited to small bass and bluefish until about 5:00 a.m. when the first market-sized bass found the fishbox (see picture). Massachusetts regulations are 34" minimum length and a maximum of 30 fish per day per boat.

When the tide changed, the bite was on! We were hooking up doubles for every two to four line sets and the action was brisk in the cockpit. As the morning wore on, we moved with the fish from spot to spot.



Jack Bosch holds the first of many keeper stripers of the day. Capt. Jon Tolly stands by with one of his tube rigs. Mate John in background.

When the tide died, we were still less than ten shy of the magic thirty fish, and Capt. Jon "intuitively" moved the boat to two locations that we had passed on our way to Sankaty Light. The results were dramatic, and we quickly closed out the limit in locations Jon had described as "I never catch fish here."

I own a copy of Captain Jon's instructional DVD and can personally attest to its authenticity. He practices what he

preaches in the DVD and taught Martin and I how to adjust to changing conditions through his "hands on" approach.

As we fished through tide stage, depth change and water conditions (weed line, bottom structure, etc.), he answered our questions without hesitation, offering the expertise accumulated since he started fishing at the age of five.

The combination of weather, company, and oh yeah, approximately 100 fish, provided a great experience.

On behalf of Martin and myself, I want to thank RISAA, Captain Jon Tolley and Mate John Beamish for a day not to be forgotten.

I also recommed Capt. Tolley's DVD, "How To Catch Striped Bass" to anyone who wants to learn how to troll a tube and worm and increase your catch rate. Give him a call at 508-775-9162 or visit his web site at [www.strippedbassacademy.com](http://www.strippedbassacademy.com).



Members Martin Genessee (left) and Jack Bosch pose with a couple of the many stripers they landed during the trip

#### THE STRIPED BASS ACADEMY SECRETS OF A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN

Captain Jon Tolley



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