

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.

LEGACY SPORTFISHING CHARTERS • Capt. Keith Sullivan

story by Orlando L. Savastano

Fish on! Fish on! Fish on! These words echoed throughout the morning of Saturday, August 8, aboard the *Legacy*, captained by **Keith Sullivan**.

The six RISAA members, **David DiSantis, Justin Smith, Larry Audino, John Rose, Tony Lombardo** and **Orlando Savastano** met at 5:30 AM. and were greeted by Capt. Sullivan and his mate. It was a beautiful 75 degrees and sunny as we departed under high scattered clouds and slight winds. We headed to the southwest side of Block Island. What a day!

The *Legacy* is a 30 foot Cruisers with an enclosed cabin, state of the art electronics and 100 square feet of fishing area.

Upon arriving at the fishing grounds, Keith Sullivan, Jr., the first mate, set up two umbrella rigs, one green and one red, at the stern. They were sent out at 200 feet for a depth of 50 feet.

Since only two rigs were set up, the 6 RISAA members established a rotation system for reeling in the fish.

John landed the first striped bass, a nice fish at 27 inches, followed by Justin with a 27.5 inch bass. Orlando was next, but the fish shook the hook as it reached the boat.

Larry and Tony got tired of reeling in large bluefish, so they went into the cabin to take some nourishment.

"Fish on," came the shout, and



Orlando with 30 lb, 42" striper

David jumped up, grabbed the rod and started reeling in, struggling to keep the line tight. He finally brought in the first keeper, a 28 inch striped bass.

And so it went all morning. "Fish on!"

John took the rod, followed by Justin who lost a big bluefish Orlando landed a 27 inch striper, followed by Tony's 30 inch bass. After catching the biggest striper, Tony wanted to collect the "cash pool" - which never existed.

Larry landed another blue.

David caught a 25 inch bass and was exhausted. He said that he might "go to

Captain's Catch" to buy fish. It would be less work. He went into the cabin to recuperate.



RISAA members (l-r) Orlando Savastano, Tony Lombardo, John Rose, Justin Smith, Capt. Sullivan and Larry Audino.

After a great amount of effort, Orlando's fish was brought to the boat and when brought aboard it measured 42 inches and weighed approximately 30 pounds.

By this time just about everyone had a keeper so Capt. Sullivan indicated that we would make one last pass. David took the final "Fish on!" and brought in the last 33 inch striper.

What a super day of fishing! Captain Keith Sullivan and his son, Keith Jr., did a splendid job of assisting us and making our day aboard the *Legacy* a memorable one.

As for the RISAA members, we had a lot of fun. The camaraderie was excellent and we all left the dock with a bag of fish. We would strongly recommend fishing with Captain Sullivan.

Orlando and Tony grabbed the rods for the next "Fish On!"

Tony wrestled to reel in. As the umbrella rig came into view, it held three big blues and a striped bass! As the fish were hoisted over the transom, the striper flipped off the hook.

Meanwhile, Orlando was working to keep his line tight, but the fish continued to peel off line.

"This is a big one guys," Orlando said.



David and 33" striper



Tony with 33" bass



Larry Audino and Keith Sullivan, Jr. displays keeper bass

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