

# NOVEMBER RAIN CHARTERS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### THE CHARTER EXPERIENCE

#### 1. How big is the boat?

The boat is a 43' downeaster hull, built in Maine by Lowell Brothers. It's 15' wide. It's powered by an 800 HP Caterpillar diesel engine, as well as a 9 Kw generator to provide for air conditioning/heat, a microwave, and other amenities. The boat was originally built in 2004. Upon purchasing it in 2014, we completely rebuilt, redesigned, and repowered it.

#### 2. Who will be working on the boat during my charter?

Captain Steve and Captain Jill own and operate the business and boat. Captain Steve is on the boat for every trip. During the week, First Mate Bill will be working the deck. On the weekends, Steve and Jill run the boat together, with one at the helm and the other working deck with our charter. To learn more about us, read [About The Crew](#).

#### 3. What does the charter include?

All of our charters include the finest bait and tackle, ice and fish cleaning services. Our First Mate will provide as much or as little assistance as is preferred by each angler. The boat is outfitted with the latest electronics and safety equipment, as well as amenities such as a carpeted cabin, air conditioning and heat, and Bluetooth satellite radio to help make for an enjoyable trip.

#### 4. Do you have a bathroom (head)?

Yes, we do. Our head, which includes a fresh water sink and hand sanitizer, is topside, accessible from the cockpit for your convenience.

#### 5. How many people is ideal for a fishing trip?

Although we can carry up to 20 passengers, we generally recommend keeping your group to no more than 12 people for a fishing trip. This allows ample room to fish and move around the boat in comfort. If your group is larger, give us a call at 646.423.8806 or 646.335.7315 so we can talk about what you're looking for.

#### 6. What is the best time to go?

Ideal fishing times vary by season. Please refer to our [Season Schedule](#) to help you decide when the best time is to go.

#### 7. What time do you leave the dock?

Departure times vary based upon the type of charter you've booked. We generally leave the dock between 5:00 am and 6:00 am in the morning. An afternoon charter can depart any time between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm. We'll confirm departure times with you at the time of booking.

#### 8. What happens if the weather is bad?

Safety is our main concern. If the weather is inclement, at our discretion, your trip may be canceled or postponed. We keep a constant eye on the weather and will be in touch with you prior to your trip if there is a possibility of a change in plans.

#### 9. Are children allowed?

Absolutely. We have children of all ages fish with us, and always do our best to make sure they have a great time while staying safe. Of course, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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### WHAT WILL I CATCH?

#### 1. What types of fish will we catch?

The [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#) determines the saltwater fishing season per species each year. Generally, in the summer, we'll be catching any combination of striped bass, bluefish, fluke, black sea bass and porgies. When fishing offshore, we'll be targeting sharks and/or tuna. In the fall, we're fishing primarily for striped bass and black sea bass. And winter fishing usually includes black sea bass, blackfish (tautog) and cod fish.

#### 2. Who keeps the fish?

All legal catch belongs to our customers.

#### 3. How many fish can I keep?

The [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#) determines the saltwater fishing regulations each year. To view the most up-to-date regulations, please visit their site.

#### 4. Do you clean the fish?

Yes, of course! Your fish will be filleted, cleaned, and bagged by the time the boat returns to the dock.

#### 5. Do you catch sharks?

Yes, we do fish for sharks. The most commonly caught are threshers, makos and blue sharks. Threshers are fun to catch and can provide for a great aerial show. They can also be kept if large enough. Makos have also historically been a good catch. However, a ban has been placed on mako sharks for 2022 and any mako caught will be released. Blue sharks are the most prevalent of the three. Also fun to fight, blue sharks are generally not consumed and therefore released at the boat.

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

#### 1. What type of clothing should I wear?

We recommend keeping an eye on the weather forecast ahead of your trip and dressing for comfort. It's a good idea to bring an extra layer of clothing as it can sometimes be chillier on the water. Don't wear any clothing you wouldn't want to get dirty. Although we'll handle the bait and fish, staying perfectly clean on a fishing boat is not easy!

#### 2. What types of shoes should I wear?

The boat's deck is high from the waterline and remains fairly dry when fishing. However, occasionally, the deck does get wet, so wearing shoes that can withstand a little water would be wise. Please note that bare feet are not allowed on deck.

#### 3. Who provides food and drink?

Food, beverages, and plates/utensils are the responsibility of the charter. We have a 250-quart Yeti cooler on deck which you are welcome to use. There's also plenty of room if you prefer to bring your own cooler and bags. The galley counter and booth table provide ample space for you to place your food inside. A microwave is also available to you. We ask that you not bring glass bottles. Plastic or cans are preferred.

#### 4. Can I bring alcohol?

We want our customers to enjoy themselves, so yes, alcohol is permitted. We expect that you will drink responsibly. As with any drinks, please opt for cans instead of glass bottles.

#### 5. What else should I bring?

Additional things to consider bringing with you include sun block, sunglasses and a phone charger.