

JUST DO IT TOO!

by Rob Conery



Captain Marc Genthner at the helm



First mate Jared Van Orden sets up an umbrella rig for Yoni Offit

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From the end of the heaving pulpit you can look down and see dark shadows dart in front of us. *Just Do It Too* is fishing in the lee of Coatue, Nantucket and Captain Marc Genthner is at the helm. As usual, he's smiling and shouting encouragement "Alright guys, here they come." Boom! One trolling rod lurches, then another. "We're doubled up!" Two members of our party grab the vibrating rods and join the fight. We've got fish on the line.

Genthner is a Nantucket year-rounder who's been fishing his whole life. He learned the business as first mate to redoubtable islander Gibby Nickerson, then earned his own captain's license in the mid-eighties. Since then he's been taking people fishing all over Nantucket. "I love it" says Genthner. "I love putting people on the fish. The best part is when everyone yells 'Fish on!'"

Just Do It Too is a Coast Guard certified 34' custom sportfisher-

man. Genthner built the boat himself from a bare hull. In his earlier years he even lived onboard year-round, when he'd fish all summer and scallop all winter. Now he's got a home on the island he shares with his wife Brenda and three young daughters.

Charter fishing is a lifestyle. The hours are dawn to dusk seven days a week. There's fuel expenses, bait, gear breaks, people drop rods in the water—but there's still no place he'd rather be. Marc flat out loves to fish.

Just Do It Too offers a variety of charters depending on the season and what people want to fish for. In the early season Marc will often go bottom fishing for scup and black seabass. Here the party will drift over a rock pile or the wreck of an old schooner—Marc has innumerable good fishing holes dialed into his memory—and jig hooks baited with squid strips. Later in the season he'll head a little further offshore and troll for bluefish and striped bass. In the fall, the giant bluefin tuna

arrive—and we're talking about fish that grow to over a thousand pounds. Full day and overnight charters for tuna, shark and marlin can be arranged. The shortest charter is two and half hours and costs about ninety dollars. Kids are welcome and Marc can accommodate individuals, private parties and groups up to sixteen.

Any (legal size) fish you hook is yours to keep and the mate will happily filet and bag your catch back at the dock, as well as provide a few recipe suggestions. The smoked bluefish paté sounds delightful. They provide coolers and ice. Just bring your favorite beverages and a camera.

Whether guiding someone to their first catch, helping a kid hook a scup or battling the big game offshore monsters, Marc Genthner is happiest out on the board, at the helm, fishing.

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