



Meet the Owner, Captain Nicholas Overacker, Owner/Operator, Reel Stories Fishing Charters on Seneca Lake, NY

Describe Your Business:

Our business, Reel Stories Fishing Charters, is located on Seneca Lake. We operate out of the newly renovated marina at Sampson State Park, developed by SamSen. We offer private fishing trips aboard our vessel, Reel Stories- The sequel, a Tiara 3100 Open boat. We also offer sightseeing trips, and rides to local wineries and restaurants. We fish for Seneca's cold water species: Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Atlantic Landlocked Salmon. Our vessel can accommodate up to six passengers, offering the best comfort available, with all the amenities needed to enjoy a day on the water.

Tell us your story:

My story? Where do I begin? I grew up fishing Seneca Lake with my family: it's **home**. You have seen it right? The beauty that prevails, well there is nothing comparable. I have always enjoyed being on, in, and around water for as long as I can remember. Chances were, if you saw me when I was a little kid, there was a fishing pole in my hand. Fast forward some years later, and I attended college at Alfred State, earning my Associates Degree in the heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician program. And I'm sure there was some fishing in there too! Having a respectable career path helped me achieve a goal of owning a boat or two, maybe even seven! And when I wasn't working, I was of course fishing! A friend encouraged me to obtain my Captains License from the United State Coast Guard. It took quite a bit of perseverance, long hours, and a great deal of support from my girlfriend Kenzie, who is now my lovely wife. Now building a name for myself began. In 2011 things started out slow, but now here in 2020 we are blessed with success. How is the fishing? Great! Come aboard and see what Seneca Lake has to offer aside from the wine!

My name is Nick Overacker. I have been fishing Seneca Lake my entire life and I am now a licensed, fully insured United States Coast Guard Master Captain. I work a full time job, but in my spare time I dedicate every moment to finding fish and putting them on deck. I live to fish, and use all types of techniques. Aboard Reel Stories we will usually be trolling for trout and salmon.

We have an amazing fishery here in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region. I look forward to seeing the smiles and laughs when your fish hits the deck. Fishing is about having fun and making memories that last a lifetime and that is why I will work hard to make your trip a successful and enjoyable one. Along with the fishing, you will be able to admire the amazing scenery that Seneca Lake has to offer. So, what do you say? "Let's make your stories, **Reel Stories!**"

What has helped you succeed and gain experience?

If I had to say what helps, I would say **time**, and a lot of it. I spend every moment I am not working at my day job out on the water learning, and constantly adjusting, and without this there would be no reward. Mother Nature herself can teach you anything you want to know, just observe! Let the fish do the talking!

What inspires you?

The willpower to succeed inspires me. I look forward to every sunrise and sunset knowing that in between I have the opportunity to put a smile on your face while enjoying time on the water together. And the ongoing support from my family and friends, who always remind me that I made my dream a reality, are a source of steady inspiration for me.

What keeps you up at night? What are your challenges?

What keeps me up at night? Nine out of ten times, it's fishing research. Whether it's fishing tactics, boating upgrades, or anything else to stay on the cutting edge and in compliance! Challenges? There are probably more challenges than I would like to list. But the number one challenge I face is being "born to fish, forced to work." The second challenge I'm always facing is how can Reel Stories grow? Only time will tell if I've successfully risen to that challenge.

What is your favorite local activity?

I enjoy everything local. If I'm not on the water or working my day job, you can find me on the golf greens, putting for a birdie! (okay, truth be told, maybe a bogie...) I always try to make a pit stop at my favorite places for a beverage or some food. The best part about keeping the boat at Sampson State Park, newly renovated by the Geneva-based company SamSen, is we have so many pizza options on the way!

Is there anything else we should know about you?

I am a pretty easy going guy. I always try to be the life of the party. If you see us out and about, just ask how the fishing is going, and I will tell you! By the time I'm done, you may wish you hadn't asked.... ;-)) I think about fishing every day, all day.

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