

# Captain Ray Masciana

**Marinalife Member Since:** 2002

**Boat Type:** Sea Ray 390

**Boat Name:** The King & Di II

**Boat Length:** 39 feet

**Cruising area:** Long Island (summer) & Florida (winter)

**How many years with this boat:**

6 months with King & Di II and 6 years with his second Sea Ray\*

\*Captain Ray laughs and says, “now I have twins.” Twin Sea Ray 390’s that is. He recently bought a newer version of the Sea Ray 390 that he had for 6 years and now has both boats.



Captain Ray, Scilla, and friends relax at Treasure Cove Resort Marina in Riverhead, NY

## What about boating keeps you coming back for more?

Words of wisdom from Captain Ray

- Every adventure is a new one
- Leave your troubles at the dock
- Your boat is like a floating condo that you can keep moving to new places

## Do you travel with pets? If so what are tips for traveling with a pet?

Captain Ray travels with his 6-year old 70-pound shepherd named Scilla, the official deck hand of the King & Di. She has traveled with him since she was 4 months old when she attended her first of many rendezvous. Scilla loves the docks and greets guests at the marinas they visit. Captain Ray says that a portable dog ramp is critical to easily get her on and off the boat. They also learned the hard way that fiberglass and dog’s paws do not go well together when Scilla slid off the swim platform into the water because she could not get any traction. Now the swim platform and stairs are carpeted.

## What has been your favorite cruise?

“Definitely the Chesapeake Bay,” says Captain Ray. “I tell people you could fall asleep at the wheel for 15 minutes and wake up and still be in deep water.” He loves the wide-open channels

and easy to navigate rivers as well as the multitude of marina options. His favorite stops are Rock Hall because of the trolley system (and the crab cakes delivered to his boat by a local waterman) and St. Michael’s for its great restaurants and quaint town feel.

## What is your favorite marina/destination?

Captain Ray says his favorite marina is Treasure Cove Resort Marina in Riverhead, NY. He said he loves the manager Lorna – “she makes you feel like one of the family when you visit.” He also loves that you can walk to everything including great restaurants, a swimming pool, and the Atlantis Marine World.

## What is the craziest boating experience you’ve ever had?

“One time when I was traveling from New York to Florida running in the Ocean, I was trying to dodge thunderstorms near Charleston. My fuel planning did not include the thunderstorms so I ran out of fuel in one engine and I limped into the inlet and only 1/8 mile from the marina, my second engine died. I started to drift right towards a naval ship. I continued to get closer and closer and all of the crew was on the deck wondering what this crazy boat was doing. I was able to finally drop the anchor a few hundred feet from the ship – phew!” **m/**