

MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Capt. Chris Kimrey Mount Maker Charters (252) 671-3474 www.mountmakercharters.com

Chris took his passion for saltwater fish to the studio a decade ago, making professional fish mounts under the Custom Saltwater Taxidermy banner. As a captain, he pursues and decks everything from speckled trout to gag grouper to blue marlin, all from his 21' center console.

Capt. Dave Tilley SaltwaterCentral.com (910) 458-3145 www.saltwatercentral.com

The owner of SaltwaterCentral.com, Dave is a USCG 200 Ton Master with 25+ years of offshore experience hunting fish in the open ocean. He also captains the charter boat Wild Rover III out of Carolina Beach.

Capt. Jim Sabella PLAN 9 Charters (910) 367-2224 www.topsailfishingcharters.com

Jim works out of Masonboro and New River inlets specializing in nearshore light tackle fishing adventures, including fly fishing, spinning, jigging, light tackle trolling, and bottom fishing.

Capt. Rick Croson Living Waters Guide Service (910) 620-7709 www.livingwatersguide.com

Rick started working on a 53' Davis out of Oregon Inlet, and has fished southeastern NC for the last 10 years. In addition to chartering, Rick also takes clients on their own boats teaching them how to use their own systems, and he has recently partnered to create Sea Vixen Tackle Company.

Capt. Jeff Cronk Fish'N 4 Life Charters (336) 558-5697 www.nccharterfishing.com

Jeff has over 40,000 hours logged fishing the waters of the Crystal Coast and specializes in light tackle fishing for flounder, trout, redfish, sheepshead, stripers, and more using both artificials and live baits.

Capt. Jody Gay Blue Water Candy Lures (910) 270-3718 www.bluewatercandylores.com

Jody's extensive experience with tournament, commercial, and charter fishing led to the creation of his tackle company—Blue Water Candy Lures. His specialties span most any offshore pursuit, from king mackerel to bluefin tuna.

Capt. Mike Taylor Taylor-Made Charters (252) 725-2623 www.nccharterfishing.com

Mike's been professionally fishing along the North Carolina coast for over 20 years, and he specializes in putting clients on hot light tackle action for red drum, speckled trout, flounder, spanish and king mackerel, and a variety of other inshore and nearshore species.

Capt. Mark Henderson Liquid Fire Fishing Team (910) 376-4144 www.liquidfirefishing.com

Mark and the family Liquid Fire Fishing Team went from pin-rigging the piers for kings to local and SKA tournament competition. They've been connecting with trophy king mackerel in competitive events since.

Aaron Abbott Triple A Bait Company (252) 342-4648 www.tripleabait.com

Aaron's been getting bit for 35 years in both fresh and saltwater. He's a full time commercial fisherman and is embedded in every facet of fishing, but his passion lies in surf and pier fishing in the Atlantic Beach area (and he also takes clients on guided surf fishing trips).

Capt. Stewart Merritt Salt Air Ventures (252) 725-1725 www.saltairventures.com

A North Carolina native born and raised, Stewart's been fishing the waters off the NC coast for over 20 years. He is currently operating a nearshore charter business out of Atlantic Beach, targeting spanish and king mackerel, grouper, snapper, and mahi mahi.

Capt. Russell Weaver Blue Water Candy Lures (910) 270-3718 www.bluewatercandylores.com

Russell has been fishing the Cape Fear Region's inshore, nearshore, and offshore waters since he was six years old. A former professional guide and SKA champion, he's been with Blue Water Candy since 2007.

Capt. Noah Lynk Noah's Ark Fishing Charters (252) 342-6911 www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com

Noah's been chasing everything that swims inshore along the Crystal Coast and Cape Lookout, but his specialties include flounder, speckled trout, and red drum inside, as well as spanish, false albacore, and a host of other nearshore pelagics and bottomfish in the Atlantic Ocean.

Capt. Justin Ragsdale Breakday Fishing Charters (252) 732-0990 www.breakdaycharters.com

Justin is a lifelong angler with 37 years of experience in the inshore and coastal waters from Virginia to the Crystal Coast. He specializes in light tackle inshore and nearshore adventures from the marshes of the Neuse River to the nearshore wrecks and reefs off Beaufort Inlet.

Capt. Jeff Koen Salt and Swamp Guide Service (252) 864-6693 www.saltandswamp.com

Jeff has been fishing his whole life and now mostly targets the waters from the Roanoke to the Neuse. He specializes in soft plastic baits for trophy reds, puppy drum, specs, flounder, and (his favorite) stripers year round.

Capt. Chadwick Crawford South End Anglers (540) 460-3432 www.southendanglers.com

Chadwick has over 16 years of guiding experience, on three continents. Specializing in inshore and nearshore charters out of Topsail Island, he offers light tackle and fly fishing charters.

Ryan White Hatteras Jack/Century (252) 216-5285 www.advancedfishing-usa.com

A third-generation owner of Hatteras Jack's Bait and Tackle, Ryan is an accomplished surf and backwater fisherman, tournament caster, and rod builder who creates some of the most technologically advanced rods on the planet through his other brand, Advanced Fishing.

Capt. Jason Dail Silver Spoon Charters (910) 540-0319 www.silverspooncharters.com

Jason's been chasing fish in eastern North Carolina for over 30 years. Casting artificials for speckled trout, red drum, flounder, and striped bass accounts for the majority of his fishing these days, but he's well-versed in techniques that produce fast action from the creeks to the Gulf Stream.

Capt. Ashley King Keep Castin' Charters (910) 389-4118

Ashley has been fishing the Neuse River area for over ten years. During colder months he targets stripers, trout, and panfish, and is known for stripers in the summer on topwater. He also targets inshore slams and old drum when it's seasonally appropriate.

Capt. Daniel Raeburn Fin-S Charters (252) 241-3590 www.fin-scharters.com

Daniel was born and raised in Carteret County, where fishing was a large part of his family. He operates his charters out of Atlantic Beach and specializes in targeting inshore species on light tackle and heavy fighting fish on ocean reefs and wrecks.