

WILMINGTON FULL DAY FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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 WB locally 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 has recently partnered to create Sea Vixen Tackle Company.

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. Rick Bennett Rod-Man Fishing Charters (910) 520-7661 www.rod-man.com

Rick's specialties include light-tackle action for speckled trout, red drum, and flounder from Wrightsville Beach to the Cape Fear River, and chasing predators like spanish and king mackerel, Atlantic bonito, and false albacore just off the Cape Fear coast.

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. 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. 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. Jon Huff Circle H Charters (910) 617-2619 www.circlehcharters.com

Jon has been fishing blue water tournaments up and down the entire east coast for 20 years, sometimes as mate and sometimes as captain. He also operates an inshore fly and light tackle guide service.

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 and are now one of the top sponsored teams in the sport.

Capt. Rod Bierstedt Onmyway Charters (910) 798-6093 www.onmywaycharters.com

With 25+ years of experience commercial and charter fishing the NC coast, Rod's expertise spans everything from chasing spanish mackerel along the beachfront to wahoo, tuna, and billfish in the Gulf Stream.

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. Mike Pedersen No Excuses Charters (910) 352-2715 www.noexcusescharters.com

Mike's expertise and interests include chasing redfish on the flats, flounder and trout in the deeper inshore water, and nearshore fishing for gag grouper, king and spanish mackerel, Atlantic bonito, and more.

Chris Tryon Hook, Line, and Paddle (910) 792-6945 www.hooklineandpaddle.com

Chris is a Native Watercraft Pro Guide who chases red drum, flounder, and trout out of kayaks and other paddlecraft throughout the Cape Fear region's marshes, bays, and backwaters on live baits, artificial lures, and fly tackle.

Capt. Trevor Smith ProFishNC Charters (910) 547-0000 www.ProFishNC.com

Trevor has fished the Carolina coast avidly since childhood. He specializes in inshore and nearshore light tackle for flounder, trout, drum, sheepshead, as well as sight fishing for spanish mackerel, bonito, and false albacore off the beaches from Topsail Island to the Cape Fear River.

Capt. Shawn Antley A Fine Line Charters (910) 264-6185 www.afinelinecharters.com

A Wilmington native, Shawn has over 20 years of experience fishing from the backwaters of the Cape Fear River to the blue water of the Gulf Stream. Using a variety of techniques, he targets all species of fish swimming in the inshore and nearshore waters around Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.

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.

Paul Park Century Rods (252) 917-2343

Paul grew up in the Nash County area and did a lot of freshwater fishing before transitioning to saltwater and taking specific interest in NC fishing piers. He has over 10 years of experience in both pier and surf fishing and is the founder of Team Mack Attack.

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 is 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. David Cutler Low Country Fishing Charters (843) 222-7433 www.lowcountryfishingcharters.com

David has been operating his charter business in North Myrtle Beach since 2009 and specializes in light tackle fishing. He is a USCG licensed Captain and is known for live bait fishing on his charters. His favorite targets are flounder, trout, and red drum.

Capt. Jeff Wolfe Seahawk Fishing Charters (910) 619-9580 www.seahawkinshorefishingcharters.com

Jeff's been working the backwaters of the Cape Fear region as a commercial and charter fisherman since the age of 16. He produces plenty of inshore slam catches on artificial lures for his clients, with sheepshead, black drum, and striped bass providing even more variety.

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.

Capt. Mike Oppegaard Native Son Guide Service (910) 233-8295 www.nativesonguideservice.com

Mike grew up on Topsail Island, running the Sound Pier with his family until 2004. He fishes from the sound out into the inlet and likes trolling, bottom fishing, and casting for a variety of species. His targets include mackerel, false albacore, cobia, and inshore species such as drum and flounder.