

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. Jeremy Hicks Calypso Fishing Charters (252) 996-0977 www.fishcalypso.com

Jeremy's a veteran blue water angler with plenty of hours both at the helm and in the cockpit. He's fished professionally from Oregon Inlet to Southport, with seven years of full-time fishing out of Hatteras and finishing two of them as Top Billfish Boat out of the inlet's fleet.

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, trolling, and bottom fishing.

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

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 been professionally fishing the waters of the Crystal Coast for over 30 years and specializes in both inshore and nearshore light tackle fishing using both artificials and live baits.

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

Jodie'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. Rob Koraly Sandbar Safari Charters (252) 725-4614 www.sandbarsafari.com

Rob is a light tackle guide who grew up fishing in the Swansboro/Emerald Isle area and has 10 years of experience as a first mate and 6 years as a licensed captain. He specializes in live bait and light tackle fishing for everything from flounder and redfish to king mackerel and grouper.

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.

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 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. 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. Ashley King Keep Castin' Charters (910) 389-4118 www.facebook.com/Keep-Castin'-Charters

Ashley specializes in light tackle fishing for stripers, trout, and red drum in the New Bern area, focusing most of his efforts on artificials and topwaters.

Capt. Jerry Burns Pogie's Fishing Center (910) 325-7876 www.pogiesfishing.com

Jerry is a life-long fisherman and native of Swansboro who enjoys all the different types of fishing the Crystal Coast has to offer (but red drum are his passion). He's been a kayak fishing and eco guide in the area for a number of years, and loves introducing new anglers to the sport and lifestyle.

Capt. James Holloway Neuse River Adventures (252) 259-7616 www.neuseriveradventures.com

James operates year-round out of New Bern specializing in the pursuit of red drum, black drum, speckled trout, flounder, striped bass, and more in the salty bays and estuaries of eastern NC.

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.

Lee Padrick/Dwayne Smith The Redfish Guys (252) 321-7352 www.theredfishguys.com

Lee and Dwayne share a passion for chasing fish in the shallow waters of the Crystal Coast, particularly redfish. Their extensive efforts scouting and patterning fish have paid off many times in redfish tournament competition, and their success has attracted the attention of a host of sponsors.

Capt. Ethan Johnson Pogie's Fishing Center (910) 325-7876 www.pogiesfishing.com