
WILMINGTON FULL DAY FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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 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. 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. 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. 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.

Capt. Bob Strange Strange Magic Fishing Charters (843) 274-1082 www.strangemagiccharters.com

Bob has been fishing the waters of the Carolinas for the past twenty years and currently operates his charter service full time out of the Grand Strand area targeting inshore and nearshore species.

Capt. Rennie Clark Tournament Trail Charters (910) 262-5402 www.tournamenttrailcharters.com

One of the most accomplished redfish tournament anglers in the country, Rennie uses his experience locally to find his clients light tackle and sight-casting opportunities for reds, trout, and striped bass inshore and a variety of predators nearshore in the Atlantic Ocean.

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. Ray Brittain Spring Tide Guide Service (910) 330-7344 www.facebook.com/springtideguideservice

Ray has been fishing the Topsail and New River-area water for over 30 years and has recently transitioned into being a full time guide. He specializes inshore for flounder, red drum, and trout, and nearshore for spanish and kings.

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 www.hatterasjack.com

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.

Capt. Jesse Gawlik Ocean Stinger Fishing Charters (910) 777-9734 www.oceanstingernc.com

Jesse has 16 years of experience of charter fishing, commercial fishing, and mating, and has owned and operated his charter business for the last 10 years. He uses his knowledge of the coastal and offshore waters of North Carolina to regularly pursue mahi, wahoo, tuna, and king mackerel.

Capt. Chadwick Crawford South End Anglers (910) 984-9981 www.southendanglers.com

Chadwick has over 18 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.

Corey Byerly Ocean Stinger Fishing Charters (910) 777-9734 www.oceanstingernc.com

Corey is a native of North Carolina and has grown up saltwater fishing. He has great knowledge of bait, tackle and fishing techniques for inshore, nearshore, and offshore fishing and is right at home throwing anything from a 4' to a 10' cast net.