

2018 WILMINGTON HALF DAY FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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. Jodie Gay Blue Water Candy Lures (910) 270-3718 www.bluewatercandy.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. 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. Jesse Gawlik Ocean Stinger Fishing Charters (910) 777-9734 www.oceanstinger.com

Jesse has 16 years of charter fishing, commercial fishing, and mating experience, 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.

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. Luke Donat Spot-On-Charters (910) 200-9331 www.spotoncharter.com

Growing up in a military family and often moving or traveling, Luke learned the value of seeking out and using local knowledge when fishing. He now likes to share his local knowledge with others when fishing for red drum, flounder, and speckled trout in the Cape Fear area.

Capt. Jeff Wolfe Seahawk Fishing Charters (910) 619-9580 www.seahawkshoringfishingcharters.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. 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. 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. 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. Russell Weaver Blue Water Candy Lures (910) 270-3718 www.bluewatercandy.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. 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.

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. 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.