

MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Capt. Chris Kimrey Mount Maker Charters (252) 324-0464 www.mountmakercharters.com

Chris took his passion for saltwater fish to the studio two decades 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 24' Pathfinder with twin 150s.

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 Cape May, NJ, to the Bahamas with proven tournament as well as everyday charter success. He has been charter fishing twelve years full-time 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 WB for the last 13 years. In addition to chartering, Rick also takes clients on their own boats teaching them how to use their own systems and has recently started "Charter Grade Tackle," which makes custom tackle and safety gear products.

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.

Aaron Abbott (252) 342-4648

Aaron's been fishing in the salty surf for 30 years and passes along his experience in all aspects of fishing techniques, styles, and methods. He is a licensed commercial fisherman with unique perspectives on many topics and on everything from bluefish to bluefin tuna.

Capt. John Cawthern Procastinator Sportfishing (252) 838-1228 www.procastinatorsportfishing.com

John has spent his life pursuing all manner of saltwater and freshwater fish from an early age. He specializes in plying the offshore waters from the bottom of the water column to the top, but his real passion is offshore bottom fishing, as well as jigging and popping for tuna, jacks, grouper, and other hard-fighting species.

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. 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.

Timothy A. Taramelli Pogie's Fishing Center (910) 325-7876 www.pogiesfishing.com

Tim is a life-long fisherman who moved to NC in 2000 and enjoys all the different types of kayak 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 10 years and loves introducing new anglers to the sport and lifestyle.

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

Mark and his family's fishing team have been fishing saltwater tournaments throughout the southeast since 2005, with numerous wins and top five finishes (including the 2008 SKA Yamaha Pro Tour Angler of the Year Title). Mark is currently the OEM Sales and Product Manager for TACO Marine.

Capt. Dale Collins Fish Or Die Charters (252) 422-4326 www.fishordiecharters.com

Dale grew up with a love for the outdoors and is in his 10th year of guiding inshore fishing trips in and around the Swansboro/Emerald Isle area. He's been featured numerous times in various publications and outdoor shows.

Capt. Josh Henderson Liquid Fire Fishing Team & Sportfishing (252) 723-1113 www.liquidfiresportfishing.com

Josh and his family have successfully tournament fished all over the southeast for over 15 years. His love for fishing has grown into a desire to help others share these experiences on the water through Liquid Fire Sportfishing, specializing in king mackerel, nearshore, and offshore fishing adventures.

Capt. Crockett Henderson Liquid Fire Fishing Team & Sportfishing (252) 503-2466 www.liquidfiresportfishing.com

Crockett has earned many honors as his family's fishing team angler, including the three-time SKA Yamaha Pro Tour Junior Angler of the Year Title. He is currently a captain for TowBoat US Swansboro/Beaufort, a mate on Liquid Fire Sportfishing, and a mate for hire (helping people learn to fish their own boats).

Capt. Jennings Rose North State Guide Service (910) 231-7741 www.northstateguide.com

A native of eastern NC, Jennings has been fishing his whole life and now concentrates the majority of his efforts targeting red drum, speckled trout, and many more species in the waters of the Pamlico Sound around his home in Oriental.

Capt. Nick Nance Chasin' Tails Outdoors (252) 240-3474 www.chasintailsoutdoors.com

Nick is the newest addition to the Chasin' Tails charter fleet, and he also works retail and provides the shop with all its live bait needs. From catching chopper bluefish in the spring to giant bluefins in the winter, Nick has done it all.

Capt. Andy Bates Captain Bates, Inc. (252) 888-4686 www.captainbates.com

Andy has over 20 years of saltwater fishing experience, specializing in light tackle and fly fishing, and has a desire to share his outdoor experiences and knowledge with others. He runs inshore/nearshore trips out of Beaufort, as well as trophy red drum trips.

Capt. Chris Falcone Spooled Rotten Charters (252) 646-1541 www.spooledrottencharter.wixsite.com

Chris (recently retired from the US Coast Guard after close to 26 years) has always been required to adapt his fishing skillsets throughout different regions and species. He has managed to find his edge locally in offshore, nearshore, and inshore fishing, running his charter fleet out of Morehead and Cedar Point.

Capt. Joe Tunstall Carolina Traditions Guide Service (252) 342-2000 www.fishcarolinatraditions.com

A Crystal Coast native and full-time professional waterman, Joe co-founded Carolina Traditions in 2012 which evolved into a guide company in 2017. His passion is to guide clients in their pursuit of the most thrilling inshore species that NC has to offer on light tackle or fly.

Capt. Rick Patterson Cape Crusader Charters (252) 342-1513 www.facebook.com/CapeCrusaderCharters

Rick has been fishing and guiding on the Crystal Coast for over 20 years, specializing in the backwaters for redfish, trout, flounder, sheepshead, and black drum. He's also a redfish tournament competitor from NC to Louisiana.

Capt. Cody Garner Reel Time Charters (919) 621-6715 @REELTimeCharters1

Now in his third year as a charter captain, Cody primarily operates out of Atlantic Beach on a 31' Custom Carolina, where he chases pelagics (such as mahi, wahoo, and tuna), as well as bottom fish (such as snappers, triggers, and grouper).

Capt. Mike Dupree X-Rayted Fishing Charters (252) 242-2007 @x_rayted_fishing_team

The self-taught Mike grew up fishing inshore and nearshore on the Crystal Coast, and then 20 years ago he ventured offshore and created a passion for chasing wahoo, dolphin, and sailfish (as well as bottom fishing to create new ways to fill the box).

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.