

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

Rick focuses on going out with others on their own boats and guiding them to where, what, and how to catch. He covers Topsail Island to Ocean Isle, and his specialties include light-tackle action for a wide variety of inshore and nearshore species.

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.

Ryan White Hatteras Jack/Century (252) 216-5285 www.hatterasjack.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, Century Fishing.

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 35 years of experience commercial and charter fishing the NC coast, Rod's expertise spans everything from just off the beachfront to the Gulf Stream, including spanish, cobia, kings, grouper, snapper, sea bass, mahi, wahoo, tuna, and billfish.

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. 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.

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. Monty Childers Captain Big Fish Charters (910) 619-2088 www.captainbigfish.com

Being a native of NC and living on the coast the last 20 years, Monty targets everything from spanish right off the beach to the Gulf Stream chasing wahoo. He is always trying new techniques for landing larger fish across all styles—bottom fishing, trolling, and live bait.

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. 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 most 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. Alex Benson Golden Hour Guide Service (910) 777-9482 www.goldenhourguideservice.com

Most of Alex's trips are light tackle nearshore charters for spanish and king mackerel, but he also enjoys pursuing bottom critters in that same zone. In addition, he targets the Wrightsville-area inshore waters for flounder, speckled trout, and red drum.

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. Tim Disano Tideline Charters (910) 279-2020 www.tidelinecharterfishing.com

Growing up in the shallow marshes of southern Brunswick County, Tim has a passion for helping his clients and other anglers learn to catch more fish. He specializes in light tackle fishing for inshore species including red drum, trout, and flounder from Ocean Isle Beach to Little River.

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. 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. 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. Tripp Hooks Captain Hook Outdoors (910) 540-7332 www.caphookoutdoors.com

Tripp, the son of David Hooks who has over 40 years' experience in the area, started mating for his dad at the age of 10 and has been working on a charter boat ever since. Now, he is on the water over 300 days a year targeting both inshore and offshore species.

Capt. Allen Cain Sightfish NC (336) 613-2975 www.sightfishnc.com

Allen grew up fishing the Carolina coast his entire life and is a full-time fly fishing & light tackle guide specializing in shallow water sightfishing for redfish. He also targets speckled trout, flounder, striped bass, false albacore, and tarpon.

Capt. Luke Moser Coastline Charters (336) 214-1968 www.coastlinechartersllc.com

Luke has been fishing the waters in and around coastal NC for his entire life. He specializes in inshore and nearshore fishing for spanish, flounder, red drum, sheepshead, and many other species from Topsail Island to the Cape Fear region.

Capt. Robert Capps Reelin' Pelican (910) 431-5341 www.reelinpelican.com

Robert, based out of Southport, NC, has fished the NC coast since childhood and specializes in inshore and nearshore flounder and drum fishing the Cape Fear river area, as well as nearshore and offshore king mackerel fishing.

Cory Hunger Garmin International (800) 800-1020 www.garmin.com

Cory is a Regional Sales Manager for Garmin and his 20+ years working in the marine industry now has him specializing in saltwater electronics and configurations. He's an avid fisherman (when he has time) in the mid-Atlantic region of VA and parts of MD.