

MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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'N4LIFE 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. 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.

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. 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. 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. Noah Lynk Noah's Ark Fishing Charters (252) 342-6911 www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com

Noah's been chasing everything that swims inshore along the 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. 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 Lone Wolf Sportfishing Charters (252) 242-2007 www.facebook.com/xraytedfishingteam

The self-taught Mike grew up fishing inshore and nearshore on the Crystal Coast, and then 10 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. John Parks Early Riser Fishing Charters (910) 389-2362 www.earlyriserfishingchartersnc.com

John has been running charters out of the Cape Carteret area for over 20 years, and he's been fishing king mackerel tournaments for over 30 years (including his '05 FLW Championship win). His specialty now is 6-hour live bait trips, but he also loves to target everything from mahi off the beach to trout and red drum inshore.

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.

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.

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, fly, 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.

Kendall Turnage Hook, Line, and Paddle (910) 792-6945 www.hooklineandpaddle.com

Kendall's time on the water kayak fishing spans over 25 years and covers the waters from the OBX down through Wilmington. While he enjoys the challenge of ocean launches, his specialty is targeting trout, flounder, and red drum inside using only artificials.