

# WILMINGTON FISHING SCHOOLS—SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

## NEARSHORE SESSIONS

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**1:00 / Doors Open**

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**1:30-1:45 / Introduction**

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**1:45-2:45                      Session One: Spanish**

This session will cover such areas as standard trolling tactics, live bait options, casting opportunities, finding and patterning fish, two- to four-line spreads, and insights into spoons, planers, deep divers, daisy chains, and birds.

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**3:00-4:00                      Session Two: Nearshore Options—Trolling & Sight Casting**

This session will cover such areas as trolling with baits and lures, casting strategies and implementation, finding feeding fish, surface-feeding opportunities and sub-surface strategies, and versatility and options throughout the calendar. Some of the targets include bonito, false albacore, cobia, bluefish, king mackerel, and others.

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**4:15-5:15                      Session Three: Nearshore Options—Bottom**

This session will cover such areas as locating productive areas, making the best bait and lure choices depending on the season, drifting v. anchoring for optimum boat positioning, bait and lure presentation, rigs and tackle, and utilizing your electronics.

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**5:15-5:30 / Door Prizes & Wrap-Up**

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### FEATURED CAPTAINS / GUIDES

**Capt. Jim Sabella    PLAN 9 Charters    (910) 367-2224    [www.topsailfishingcharters.com](http://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. Rod Bierstedt    Onmyway Charters    (910) 798-6093    [www.onmywaycharters.com](http://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. Ray Brittain    Spring Tide Guide Service    (910) 330-7344    [www.facebook.com/springtideguideservice](http://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. Russell Weaver    Blue Water Candy Lures    (910) 270-3718    [www.bluewatercandylores.com](http://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.