

WILMINGTON FISHING SCHOOLS—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

NEARSHORE / OFFSHORE SESSIONS

7:30 / Doors Open

8:00-8:15 / Introduction

8:15-9:15 Session One: King Mackerel

This session will cover such areas as the movement of fish from season to season, utilizing live bait for smoker kings, dead bait strategies, slow trolling insights, anchoring options, spreads that maximize strikes, and boat and line management after the strike.

9:30-10:30 Session Two: Grouper and Other Bottom Targets

This session will cover such areas as gear and terminal tackle, bait and lure tactics, live and dead baits, anchoring vs. drifting, boat positioning, locating productive structure, and understanding your electronics. Targets include gag, red, and scamp grouper, as well as beeliners, triggerfish, sea bass, snappers, and others.

10:45-11:45 Session Three: Summer Mahi

This session will cover such areas as when mahi move in closer, where mahi can be found, small boat spreads for maximum production, identifying productive water, downriggers and pitch baits, turning one hook-up into multiple hook-ups, and attractive by-catch possibilities.

11:45-12:00 / Door Prizes & Wrap-Up

FEATURED CAPTAINS / GUIDES

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. 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. 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. Jodie Gay Blue Water Candy Lures (910) 270-3718 www.bluewatercandylures.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.