

WILMINGTON FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Capt. Rick Croson Living Waters Guide Service (910) 620-7709 www.livingwatersguidenc.com

Rick started working on a 53' Davis out of Oregon Inlet, and has fished WB locally for the last 15 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, 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.

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 North Myrtle Beach/Little River 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. 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. 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. 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 fishing 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. 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.

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.

Christopher Shulstad Carolina Coast Kids Fishing Camp (704) 517-0992 www.carolinacoastfishingcamps.com

Christopher, the owner of Carolina Coast Kids Fishing Camp, teaches kids how to be successful in the surf fishing game and how to have respect for the waters they fish. Christopher has had massive success in surf and sound fishing and is always open to teach anyone with open ears.

Mark Patterson North Carolina Kayak Fishing Association www.nckfa.com

Mark is the President and Founder of the NCKFA. He has competed in and won tournaments in both fresh and saltwater, as well as given countless talks/seminars on kayak fishing. Getting more anglers involved in kayak fishing is the goal of the NCKFA, and Mark is always looking to help make anyone a better kayak angler.

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.