

WILMINGTON FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Capt. Rick Croson Living Waters Guide Service (910) 620-7709 www.livingwatersoutdoors.com
Rick started working on a 53' Davis out of Oregon Inlet, and he 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. Jim Sabella PLAN 9 Charters (910) 367-2224 www.topsailfishingcharters.com
Jim works out of Masonboro, Topsail, 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) 352-2719 www.onmywaycharters.com
With over 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.

Chris Tryon Hook, Line, and Paddle (910) 792-6945 www.hooklineandpaddle.com
Chris is a veteran, the owner of Hook, Line, & Paddle, and a Native Watercraft Pro Guide who chases red drum, flounder, and trout out of kayaks and other paddlecrafts 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 waters 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 to outside the inlets, and he likes trolling, bottom fishing, and casting for a variety of species. His targets include mackerel, false albacore, and cobia, and inshore species such as drum, flounder, and trout.

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 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 in the Cape Fear River area, as well as nearshore and offshore king mackerel fishing.

Capt. Chris Ossmann Fine Catch Fishing Charters (843) 655-6440 www.finecatchfishingcharters.com
Chris has been a fishing guide for 7+ years in the Little River area, specializing in light tackle inshore and nearshore fishing. He enjoys everything from targeting the mud flats for tailing redfish to hunting cobia on the nearshore wrecks.

Wayne Ayers Reel Good Surf Fishing (919) 356-0761 www.facebook.com/ReelGoodSurfFishing
Wayne specializes in surf fishing around the Oak Island area. His main focus is to help others learn and enjoy the art of surf fishing through teaching and coaching "hands-on" at the beach so that clients can ultimately fish on their own, and he uses light tackle to maximize the experience.

Capt. Jackson David Intracoastal Angler (910) 685-4288 www.intracoastalangler.com
Born and raised in Wilmington, Jackson has spent most of his time on the water, either tournament fishing up and down the east coast or fishing out of Wrightsville Beach. His family has owned Intracoastal Angler for going on 13 years now, so he can either be found in the shop or on the water chasing anything from king mackerel to swordfish.

Capt. Barry Bierstedt Family Ties Charters (910) 471-6073 www.facebook.com/familytiescharters
Barry grew up fishing off the coast of Wrightsville Beach with his family and has always had a passion for fishing and sharing that passion with others. He concentrates on family and kid-friendly fishing—mostly nearshore to offshore trolling and bottom fishing.

Capt. Pierre Agena Rising Sun Fishing (704) 706-4827 www.rising-sun-fishing.com
Pierre is a full-time fishing guide with over 15 years of experience fishing the Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach area. He targets inshore and nearshore species such as redfish, flounder, speckled trout, and spanish mackerel.

Capt. Stu Caulder Gold Leader Guide Service (910) 264-2674 www.facebook.com/goldleaderfishing
Stu is a native fishing guide (fishing local waters since age 6) based in Wrightsville Beach. He specializes in artificial bait fishing for speckled trout and reds in the areas from New River to the Cape Fear River.

Capt. Zane Long Falling Tide Fishing Adventures (910) 707-4489 www.fallingtidefishingadventures.com
Zane is a full-time waterman specializing in inshore and nearshore fishing from Topsail Island to the lower Cape Fear River. He targets a range of species that includes everything from redfish in shallow water to cobia and king mackerel in the ocean.

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. Deontae McDaniel Reelin' Pelican (910) 431-5341 www.reelinpelican.com
Deontae started as a mate for 5 years, learning the ropes of offshore and nearshore fishing out of the Oak Island/Southport area. He then got his captain's license and has been running charters for one year, specializing in spanish mackerel, king mackerel, bonita, and sharks.

Capt. Randy Burton FORGIVEN Fishing Team (910) 470-5337 www.facebook.com/randy.burton
Randy has fished since early childhood but has focused on the king mackerel tournament circuit (along with his wife) for the past 9 years. He fishes about 18 tournaments a year on his 34 Fountain Center Console and is the current Southern Kingfish Association National Champions for 2023.