

# **MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL ITINERARY**

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7:30-8:30:	Registration / Breakfast	12:00-1:00:	Chicken / BBQ Lunch
8:15-8:30:	Group Introduction	1:00-2:00:	Session IV
8:30-9:30:	Session I	2:15-3:15:	Session V
9:45-10:45:	Session II	3:30-4:30:	Session VI
11:00-12:00:	Session III	4:30-5:00:	Door Prizes / Wrap Up

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## **8:30-9:30—Session I**

### **Main Seminar I—Speckled Trout**

More and bigger trout; Patterning behaviors; Artificial and live bait strategies that produce.

Featuring: Capt. Matt Littleton; Capt. Joe Tunstall; Capt. Jeff Cronk (m)

### **Main Seminar II—King Mackerel**

Utilizing live bait for smoker kings; Dead bait strategies; Slow trolling insights and anchoring options.

Featuring: Capt. Nick Nance, Capt. Chris Kimrey; Capt. Jodie Gay (m)

Hands-On A—Inshore/Nearshore Jigging for Gray Trout, Blues, & Black Drum w/ Capt. Daniel Griffee

Hands-On B—Citation Red Drum w/ Capt. Brad Smith

Hands-On C—Deep Dropping Beyond the Break w/ Capt. Byron Shults

Hands-On D—Sheepshead Strategies w/ Capt. Jack Jackson

Hands-On E—Nearshore AR Fishing w/ Capt. Matt Paylor

Hands-On F—Grouper and Other Bottomfish w/ Capt. Jim Sabella

Hands-On G—Mahi 101 Spreads w/ Capt. Cody Garner

Hands-On H—Spanish and Bonito Tactics w/ Capt. Noah Lynk

Hands-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Capt. Hunter Bolton

## **9:45-10:45—Session II**

### **Main Seminar I—Flounder**

Landing flounder under pressure; Trophy flounder tactics; Live bait and artificial lure strategies.

Featuring: Capt. Rob Koraly; Capt. Jeff Cronk; Capt. Justin Ragsdale (m)

### **Main Seminar II—Offshore Bottom Fishing**

Bait and lure tactics; Live and dead baits; Anchoring v. drifting; Locating structure and relief.

Featuring: Capt. Chris Falcone; Capt. Jim Sabella; Capt. Byron Shults (m)

Hands-On A—Kayak Fishing 101 w/ Rod Olsen

Hands-On B—Live Baiting for Big Spanish w/ Capt. Nick Nance

Hands-On C—Black Drum on Structure: Nearshore & Inshore w/ Capt. Noah Lynk

Hands-On D—Speckled Trout Basics w/ Capt. Hunter Bolton

Hands-On E—Techniques for Big Kings w/ Capt. Russell Weaver

Hands-On F—Artificials for Redfish w/ Capt. Tanner Lynk

Hands-On G—Tactics for Blackfins & Yellowfins w/ Capt. Jeremy Hicks

Hands-On H—Light Tackle Surf & Pier Fishing w/ Aaron Abbott

Hands-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Capt. Will Gilligan

## **11:00-12:00—Session III**

### **Main Seminar I—Red Drum**

Analyzing current, structure, and surroundings to find feeding fish; Artificial v. natural bait strategies.

Featuring: Capt. Matt Littleton; Capt. Brad Smith; Capt. Rob Koraly (m)

### **Main Seminar II—Spring Blue Water: Wahoo, Yellowfins, Blackfins, & Mahi**

Bait and artificial trolling; Fishing from the surface to the seafloor; Simple spreads.

Featuring: Capt. Cody Garner; Capt. Jodie Gay; Capt. Jeremy Hicks (m)

Hands-On A—Skinny Water Kayak Fishing w/ Rod Olsen

Hands-On B—Black Drum & Sheepshead w/ Capt. Will Gilligan

Hands-On C—Offshore Bottom Fishing: Location, Rigs, & Techniques w/ Capt. Chris Falcone

Hands-On D—Spanish Casting and Trolling Strategies w/ Capt. Tanner Lynk

Hands-On E—Cobia Casting and Baiting w/ Capt. Chris Kimrey

Hands-On F—Artificials for Trout w/ Capt. Joe Tunstall

Hands-On G—Nearshore AR Fishing Top to Bottom w/ Capt. Justin Ragsdale

Hands-On H—Reading the Surf Shoreline w/ Aaron Abbott

Hands-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Capt. Daniel Griffee

## **12:00-1:00—Chicken / BBQ Lunch (catered by Smithfield's)**

## **12:15-12:45**

Cast Nets w/ Capt. Tanner Lynk and Capt. Cody Garner (on the back deck)  
Kayak Fishing Gear & Rigging w/ Rod Olsen (Hands-On A)  
Successful Inshore Knots w/ Capt. Hunter Bolton and Capt. Jack Jackson (Hands-On D)  
Successful Offshore Knots w/ Capt. Will Gilligan and Capt. Matt Paylor (Hands-On E)  
Cape Lookout Wade Fishing for Winter Reds w/ Capt. Noah Lynk (Hands-On F)

## **1:00-2:00—Session IV**

Main Seminar I—Black Drum & Sheepshead

Locating productive areas; Best bait choices depending on season; Boat positioning.

Featuring: Capt. Jeff Cronk; Capt. Brad Smith; Capt. Nick Nance (m)

Main Seminar II—Mahi: Nearshore & Offshore

Identifying the day's available targets; techniques and strategies that use the entire water column.

Featuring: Capt. Cody Garner; Capt. Jeremy Hicks; Capt. Jim Sabella (m)

Hands-On A—Backwater Tactics w/ Capt. Jack Jackson

Hands-On B—Spring Bonito & Fall Albacore w/ Capt. Daniel Griffie

Hands-On C—Dead Bait & Artificials for Kings w/ Capt. Matt Paylor

Hands-On D—Spring & Summer Redfishing w/ Capt. Matt Littleton

Hands-On E—Nearshore AR Variety Fishing w/ Capt. Chris Falcone

Hands-On F—Mixed bag ocean Fishing (20+ miles) w/ Capt. Justin Ragsdale

Hands-On G—Trout Throughout the Year w/ Capt. Hunter Bolton

Hands-On H—Surf & Pier Fishing for Variety w/ Aaron Abbott

Hand-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Capt. Russell Weaver

## **2:15-3:15—Session V**

Main Seminar I: Bonito & Spanish & Albacore

Finding surface & sub-surface fish; Sight casting; Clarkspoons/Deep Divers; Slow trolling live baits.

Featuring: Capt. Tanner Lynk; Capt. Chris Falcone; Capt. Joe Tunstall (m)

Main Seminar II—Summer Blue Water: Blackfins, Mahi, Sails, Whites, & Blues

Bait and artificial trolling; Fishing from the surface to the seafloor; Simple spreads.

Featuring: Capt. Chris Kimrey; Capt. Jeremy Hicks; Capt. Jodie Gay (m)

Hands-On A—Sheepshead 101 w/ Capt. Jack Jackson

Hands-On B—Mahi: Bailers to Gaffers w/ Capt. Cody Garner

Hands-On C—Live Bait King Mackerel Fishing w/ Capt. Russell Weaver

Hands-On D—Grouper, Grouper, and More Grouper w/ Capt. Byron Shults

Hands-On E—Bait Fishing for Slot Reds w/ Capt. Daniel Griffie

Hands-On F—Finding & Following Speckled Trout w/ Capt. Rob Koraly

Hands-On G—East of the Shoals: Sea Bass, Triggers, and Beeliners w/ Capt. Noah Lynk

Hands-On H—Bottom Fishing in the Turning Basin w/ Capt. Nick Nance

Hands-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Aaron Abbott

## **3:30-4:30—Session VI**

Main Seminar I—Inshore Variety Fishing

Finding available targets no matter the season/conditions; Bait and artificial options to locate feeding fish.

Featuring: Capt. Hunter Bolton; Capt. Justin Ragsdale; Capt. Rob Koraly (m)

Main Seminar II—Nearshore/Offshore Variety Fishing (12+ miles)

Trolling and bottom fishing w/ baits and lures; Versatility and options throughout the calendar.

Featuring: Capt. Matt Paylor; Capt. Byron Shults; Capt. Chris Kimrey (m)

Hands-On A—Kayak Fishing Around Structure w/ Rod Olsen

Hands-On B—Topwater Fishing w/ Capt. Joe Tunstall

Hands-On C—Gulf Stream Spreads w/ Capt. Jeremy Hicks

Hands-On D—Bluefin Tuna Possibilities w/ Capt. Will Gilligan

Hands-On E—Black Drum Opportunities All Season Long w/ Capt. Jeff Cronk

Hands-On F—Making King Mackerel Fishing Easy w/ Capt. Jim Sabella

Hands-On G—Popping Corks for Citation Red Drum w/ Capt. Brad Smith

Hands-On H—Advanced Surf Fishing Strategies w/ Aaron Abbott

Hands-On Back Deck—Cast Nets w/ Capt. Noah Lynk

## **4:30-5:00—Evaluations / Door Prizes / Wrap Up**