

## MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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**Capt. Chris Kimrey    Mount Maker Charters    (252) 324-0464    [www.mountmakercharters.com](http://www.mountmakercharters.com)**

Chris' range is expansive, targeting waters from the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound to Atlantic Beach's inshore and nearshore waters all the way out to the Gulf Stream. He decks everything from reds and speckled trout to gag grouper to blue marlin, all from his 22' Pathfinder bayboat and his 24' Pathfinder Deep V (with twin 150s).

**Capt. Jim Sabella    Plan 9 Charters    (910) 367-2224    [www.topsailfishingcharters.com](http://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, trolling, and bottom fishing.

**Capt. Jeff Cronk    FISH'N4LIFE Charters    (336) 558-5697    [www.nccharterfishing.com](http://www.nccharterfishing.com)**

Jeff has been professionally fishing the waters of the Crystal Coast for over 30 years and specializes in both inshore and nearshore light tackle fishing using both artificials and live baits.

**Aaron Abbott    Oceanana Pier    (252) 342-4648    [www.oceananapier.com](http://www.oceananapier.com)**

Aaron, recently made Pier Manager of Oceanana Pier, has been fishing in the salty surf for 40 years and enjoys teaching new anglers and offering suggestions to seasoned anglers. He emphasizes the basics (the fundamentals) for anglers to improve methods and understand how complex finding feeding fish and targeting them can be.

**Capt. Jodie Gay    Blue Water Candy Lures    (910) 270-3718    [www.bluewatercandylores.com](http://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.

**Capt. Justin Ragsdale    Breakday Fishing Charters    (252) 732-0990    [www.breakdaycharters.com](http://www.breakdaycharters.com)**

Justin is a lifelong angler with 37 years of experience in the inshore and coastal waters from Virginia to the Crystal Coast. He specializes in light tackle inshore and nearshore adventures from the marshes of the Neuse River to the nearshore wrecks and reefs off Beaufort Inlet.

**Capt. Nick Nance    Chasin' Tails Outdoors    (252) 240-3474    [www.chasintailsoutdoors.com](http://www.chasintailsoutdoors.com)**

Nick has been with the Chasin' Tails charter fleet for 7 years, and he also works retail and provides the shop with all its live bait needs. From catching chopper bluefish in the spring to giant bluefins in the winter, Nick has done it all.

**Capt. Joe Tunstall    Carolina Traditions Guide Service    (252) 342-2000    [www.CTGuideCo.com](http://www.CTGuideCo.com)**

A Crystal Coast native and full-time professional waterman, Joe co-founded Carolina Traditions in 2012 which evolved into a guide company in 2017. His passion is to guide clients in their pursuit of the most thrilling inshore species that NC has to offer on light tackle or fly.

**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.

**Capt. Matt Littleton    Friendly City Fishing Charters    (910) 330-4764    [www.friendlycityfishing.com](http://www.friendlycityfishing.com)**

Matt was born and raised in Swansboro and has spent his life fishing the waters of the Crystal Coast. He's a tournament winning angler and has been a fishing guide for almost a decade. Matt fishes primarily inshore, specializing in redfish, speckled trout, black drum, and flounder, as well as some nearshore species like kings and spanish.

**Capt. Jeremy Hicks    Calypso Sportfishing Charters    (252) 996-0977    [www.fishcalypso.com](http://www.fishcalypso.com)**

Jeremy's a veteran blue water captain with plenty of hours both at the helm and in the cockpit. He's fished professionally from Cape May, NJ, to the Bahamas with proven tournament, as well as everyday charter, success. He has been charter fishing sixteen years full-time out of Hatteras and finishing two of them as Top Billfish Boat out of the inlet's fleet.

**Capt. Cody Garner    Reel Time Charters    (919) 621-6715    [@REELTimeCharters1](https://www.instagram.com/REELTimeCharters1)**

In his third year as a charter captain, Cody primarily operates out of Atlantic Beach on a 31' Custom Carolina, where he chases pelagics (such as mahi, wahoo, and tuna), as well as bottom fish (such as snappers, triggers, and grouper).

**Capt. Brad Smith    Gunny B Outdoors    (803) 920-5501    [www.gunnyboutdoors.com](http://www.gunnyboutdoors.com)**

Brought to NC via the Marine Corps in 2002, Brad has a passion for the outdoors and has been fishing the Crystal Coast since 2005. He's been guiding since 2020 from Sneads Ferry to New Bern and does everything inshore, nearshore, and even the occasional offshore trip. He also fishes competitively for redfish and trout.

**Capt. Byron Shults    Going Bogue Outdoors    (252) 240-0570    [www.goingbogue.com](http://www.goingbogue.com)**

Byron grew up on the water and has been devoted to learning and engaging with the ocean, especially his passion for bottom fishing. Byron and his 27' Onslow Bay are equally comfortable carrying charters shallow water fishing for gag groupers to deep dropping for blueline tilefish (or trolling for wahoo and mahi).

**Capt. Daniel Griffie    Chasin' Tails Outdoors    (252) 240-3474    [www.chasintailsoutdoors.com](http://www.chasintailsoutdoors.com)**

Daniel has been fishing his entire life, starting out in the freshwater lakes and streams around Hickory and Boone and now in the waters from New Bern to Cape Lookout. He's been competing in inshore tournaments since 2009, became a licensed guide in 2018, and loves chasing red drum, trout, striped bass, and flounder.

**Capt. Matt Paylor    Sound N Sea Charters    (252) 241-2604    [www.soundnsea.com](http://www.soundnsea.com)**

Matt started fishing the inshore waters of Carteret County as soon as he could hold a fishing rod. Now, when Matt's not running charters, you can find him commercial fishing (typically for king mackerel or giant bluefin tuna).

**Capt. Tanner Lynk    Noah's Ark Fishing Charters    (252) 723-7414    [www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com](http://www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com)**

Tanner is a 5th generation fisherman from Harkers Island, with ancestry going back to ancestors from Diamond City on Shackleford Banks. He's been guiding in Core, Pamlico, and Bogue sounds since 2014, and his specialty species include red drum, speckled trout, flounder, and chopper bluefish.

**Capt. Jack Jackson    Fin Chasers USA    (252) 876-2815    [www.finchasersusa.com](http://www.finchasersusa.com)**

Jack's been fishing the waters surrounding Beaufort, NC, for more than 20 years and has been a licensed guide for over a decade. He fishes aboard a 198 Intruder and specializes in redfish, speckled trout, striped bass, and flounder.

**Capt. Chris Falcone    Spooled Rotten Charters    (252) 646-1541    [www.spooledrottencharter.wixsite.com](http://www.spooledrottencharter.wixsite.com)**

Chris (recently retired from the US Coast Guard after close to 26 years) has always been required to adapt his fishing skill sets throughout different regions and species. He has managed to find his edge locally in offshore and nearshore fishing, honing his expertise on grouper, triggerfish, beeliners, snappers, and jacks.

**Capt. Rob Koraly    Sandbar Safari Guide Service    (252) 725-4614    [www.sandbarsafari.com](http://www.sandbarsafari.com)**

Rob is a light tackle guide who grew up fishing in the Swansboro/Emerald Isle area and has been a licensed guide in the area for over 20 years. His Sandbar Safari Guide Service runs a fleet of Bayrider skiffs inshore and nearshore specializing in live bait and light tackle fishing for everything from flounder/redfish to king mackerel and grouper.

**Capt. Noah Lynk    Noah's Ark Fishing Charters    (252) 342-6911    [www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com](http://www.noahsarkfishingcharters.com)**

Noah's been chasing everything that swims inshore along the Crystal Coast and Cape Lookout, but his specialties include flounder, speckled trout, and red drum inside, as well as spanish, false albacore, and a host of other nearshore pelagics and bottomfish in the Atlantic Ocean.

**Rod Olsen    Trusty Sail and Paddle    (252) 499-9911    [www.trustysailandpaddle.com](http://www.trustysailandpaddle.com)**

Rod and his Toad Fish Mafia Fishing Team bring decades of combined experience with inshore, nearshore, and offshore fishing to the world of kayak fishing. They routinely target a multitude of species with a variety of artificial baits in both tournament and recreational settings.

**Capt. Will Gilligan    Chasin' Tails Outdoors    (252) 240-3474    [www.chasintailsoutdoors.com](http://www.chasintailsoutdoors.com)**

Born and raised in Carteret County, Will comes from a large family where fishing was second nature. He's been a member of the Chasin' Tails charter fleet for three years, running both inshore and offshore charters (and commercial fishes in the winter months).

**Capt. Hunter Bolton    Chasin' Tails Outdoors    (252) 240-3474    [www.chasintailsoutdoors.com](http://www.chasintailsoutdoors.com)**

Hunter has been fishing in North Carolina his whole life and enjoys targeting almost anything that will bite. He's a full time inshore and nearshore charter captain and enjoys sharing his passion with newcomers and seasoned veterans alike.