

SOUTHPORT FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS/GUIDES

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.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

Capt. Tripp Hooks **Captain Hook Outdoors** (910) 540-7332 www.capthookoutdoors.com
Tripp, the son of David Hooks who has over 40 years of experience in the area, started mating for his dad at the age of 10 and has been working on a charter boat ever since. Now, Tripp is on the water over 300 days a year targeting both inshore and offshore species.

Capt. Russell Weaver **Blue Water Candy Lures** (910) 803-2262 www.bluewatercandylures.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. Jeremy Hicks **Calypso Sportfishing Charters** (252) 996-0977 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 eighteen years full-time out of Hatteras and finishing two of them as Top Billfish Boat out of the inlet's fleet.

Capt. Mark Henderson **Liquid Fire Fishing Team** (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. Hunter Williams **Dockside Fishing Charters** (704) 207-6384 facebook.com/DocksideFishingCharters
Hunter obtained a degree in Fish and Wildlife Management from North Carolina State University in 2020, and since graduating, he has spent a majority of his time fishing in the Oak Island/ Southport area. His favorite targets include redfish, speckled trout, spanish, and kings.

Capt. Steve Von Voigt **Reel Em Up Charters** (910) 352-1030 instagram.com/reelemupcharters

Tom Roper **Slam Custom Rods** (910) 471-3494 www.slamcustomrods.com