

## MOREHEAD CITY SALTWATER FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS

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**Capt. Chris Kimrey**    **Mount Maker Charters**    (252) 342-0464    [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.

**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 9 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) 803-2262    [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 over 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 eighteen 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    [www.reeltimechartersnc.squarespace.com](http://www.reeltimechartersnc.squarespace.com)

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. 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 blue line 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. 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. 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, false albacore, and chopper bluefish.

**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 redfish/trout to king mackerel and cobia.

**Rod Olsen**    **Toadfish Mafia**    **(252) 229-8914**    **[www.toadfishmafia.com](http://www.toadfishmafia.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 Gillikin**    **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. 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.

**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.

**Capt. Gary Wall**    **Coastal Life Outfitters LLC**    **(540) 846-4861**    **[www.go-clo.com](http://www.go-clo.com)**  
Gary is an IGFA-certified Captain/Guide with over 50 years of surf fishing experience and serves the beaches of the greater Wilmington, NC area. Gary targets all typical surf species with an emphasis on red and black drum, trout, bluefish, pompano, and sea mullet.

**Capt. Dave Hegel**    **Pamlico Pirate Fishing Charters**    **(252) 670-3499**    **[www.pamlicopiratefishingcharters.com](http://www.pamlicopiratefishingcharters.com)**  
Dave began fishing the Lower Neuse River, Pamlico Sound, and Cape Lookout during his time at East Carolina University. After decades of leadership roles in the marine industry, Dave now dedicates himself full-time to guiding and targets species such as old drum, striped bass, false albacore, cobia, and speckled trout.

**Capt. Mark Henderson**    **Liquid Fire Fishing Team**    **(910) 376-4144**    **[www.fishlf.com](http://www.fishlf.com)**  
Since 2005, Mark's family fishing team has racked up numerous wins and top 5 finishes, including an AOY title, chasing king mackerel throughout the Southeastern U.S. You can watch their adventures, including TROLL THE EDGE TV, at [www.youtube.com/@LiquidFireFishing](http://www.youtube.com/@LiquidFireFishing). Mark's current day job is SiriusXM Marine & Aviation Sales Manager.

**Capt. Jason Temple**    **Ali Kat Sportfishing Charters**    **(252) 503-9494**    **[www.templefamilycharters.com](http://www.templefamilycharters.com)**  
Based out of Morehead City, Jason has fished the NC and VA coasts since a very young age. Jason and the Ali-Kat family of boats/guides fish everything inshore, nearshore, and offshore for all the popular fish species.

**Capt. Jacob Boucher**    **Southern Tides Fishing Charters**    **(252) 424-2252**    **[www.stfcnc.com](http://www.stfcnc.com)**  
Jacob grew up in the Swansboro area and has fished the surrounding waters all his life. He specializes in inshore/backwater trips in the Swansboro and Emerald Isle areas. On those trips, Jacob primarily targets redfish, speckled trout, black drum, and sheepshead with live and cut bait on light tackle.

**Capt. Lee Winkleman**    **Top Gun Fishing**    **(757) 761-2167**    **[www.TopGunFishing.com](http://www.TopGunFishing.com)**  
Lee was introduced to fishing at age 8 while living in Alaska, and his passion for fishing stayed with him all his life. He now calls the Crystal Coast home and specializes in all inshore and nearshore species. Based out of Morehead City, Lee targets the inshore and nearshore waters and wrecks around Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, and Morehead City.