

SOUTHPORT FISHING SCHOOL CAPTAINS / GUIDES

Capt. Rick Croson Living Waters Guide Service (910) 620-7709 www.livingwatersoutdoors.com
Rick is the Owner/Operator of Living Waters Guide Service and has proudly served the Cape Fear waters for the last 20 years running private charters on his custom 265 Tideline catamaran.

Capt. Jim Sabella PLAN 9 Charters (910) 367-2224 www.topsailfishingcharters.com
Jim has over 25 years of experience fishing the local waters 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. Ray Brittain Spring Tide Guide Service (910) 330-7344 www.springtideguideservice.com
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, as well as sight and bait fishing tarpon in the Georgetown and Charleston areas.

Capt. Chris Ossmann Fine Catch Fishing Charters (843) 655-6440 www.finecatchfishingcharters.com
Chris has been a fishing guide for 10+ 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. 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. 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. Hunter Williams Dockside Fishing Charters (704) 207-6384 www.docksidefishingcharters.com
Based in Southport/Oak Island, Hunter specializes in inshore and nearshore fishing, and he primarily targets speckled trout, red drum, sheepshead, spanish, king mackerel, and cobia.

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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 10 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.caphookoutdoors.com

Tripp, the son of David Hooks who has over 40 years of experience in the area, started fishing 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. Mark Henderson Liquid Fire Fishing Team (910) 376-4144 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. Mark's current day job is SiriusXM Marine & Aviation Sales Manager.

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

Over five years ago, Tom began building custom fishing rods, merging his knowledge of fishing with a dedication to craftsmanship. Specializing in freshwater and inshore/nearshore rods, Tom also has experience crafting standup and boat rods. He enjoys creating durable, high-performance rods for every fishing scenario.

Capt. Steele Park Catherine Anne Sportfishing (910) 620-9919 www.catherineannesportfishing.com

Steele has spent his life fishing the rivers, lakes, and offshore waters of Southeastern North Carolina, gaining an intimate understanding of the region's diverse fisheries. From inshore to the Gulf Stream locally, as well as marlin fishing the Bahamas, his experience spans decades.

Capt. Ryan Jordan Fugitive Charters (919) 616-4873 www.fugitivecharters.com

Ryan has been fishing Southeastern NC for over 20 years and currently operates Brunswick County's longest running offshore fishing charter. He has fished offshore from New York to Florida and specializes in offshore bottom fishing. He currently runs The Fugitive, a 33' Morgan sportfish out of the Oak Island/Southport area.

Capt. Bevan Hunter Chilly Water Fishing (843) 450-1338 www.chillywaterfishing.com

Bevan was born in Conway, SC, and has fished the local waters since he was a child. Most of his younger years were spent in the backwaters and inlets from Georgetown to Little River. Currently, he devotes most of his time offshore either bottom fishing, blue water trolling, and/or working nearshore reefs.

Capt. Josh Reynolds Maverick Charters (910) 477-3222 facebook.com/MaverickChartersFishing

Josh is a full-time inshore guide and the driving force behind Maverick Charters in Ocean Isle Beach. With six years of experience fishing the Brunswick County backwaters year-round, he's well known for his skill in catching trophy sheepshead and his love for chasing redfish, trout, black drum, and flounder.

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.