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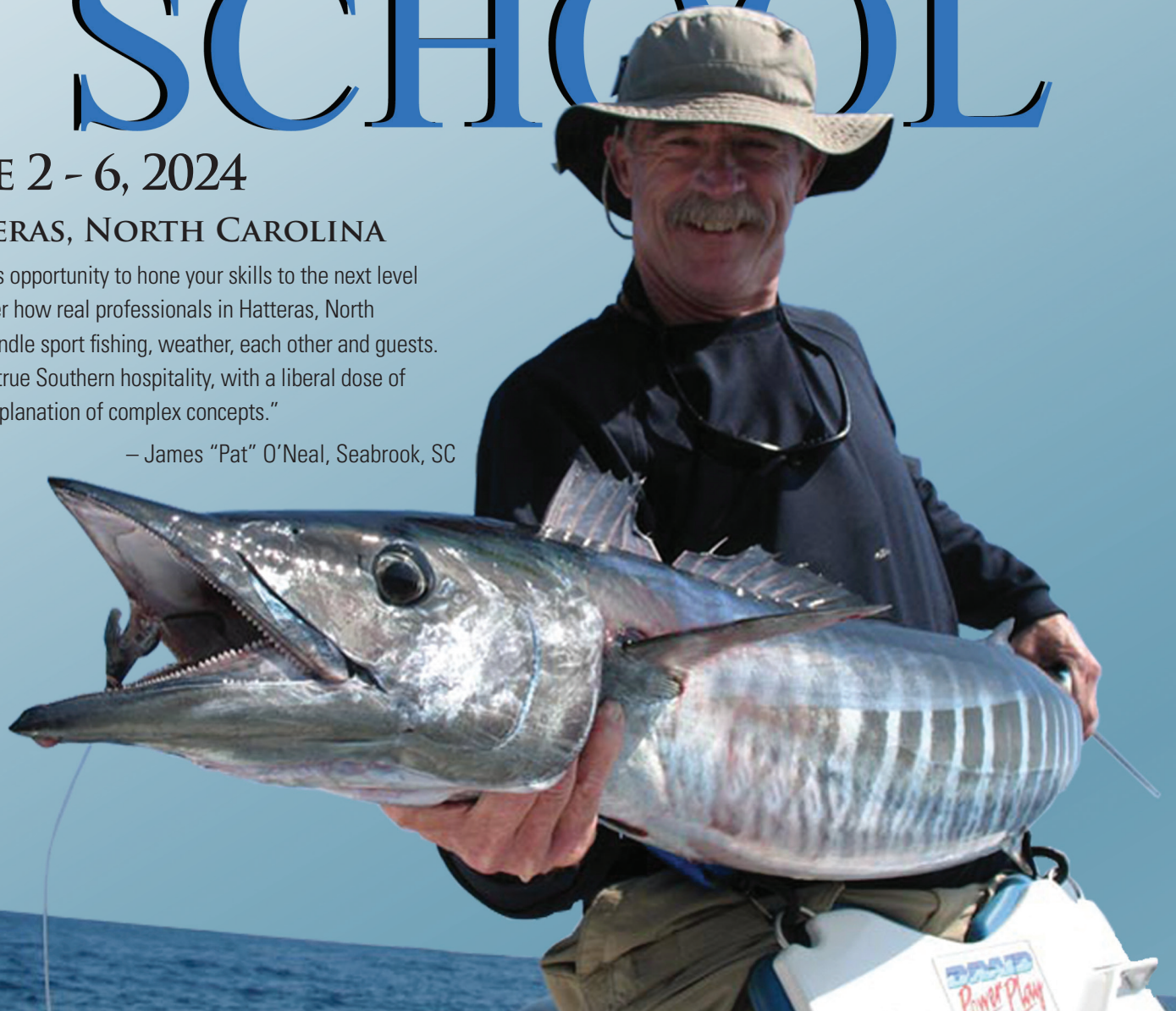
SPORT FISHING SCHOOL

JUNE 2 - 6, 2024

HATTERAS, NORTH CAROLINA

"Tremendous opportunity to hone your skills to the next level and discover how real professionals in Hatteras, North Carolina handle sport fishing, weather, each other and guests. [You'll get] true Southern hospitality, with a liberal dose of practical explanation of complex concepts."

— James "Pat" O'Neal, Seabrook, SC



Who Should Attend

Whether you are a fishing fanatic or a first-timer, the **70th Annual Sport Fishing School** is a great opportunity for you to learn more about offshore and inshore sport fishing. Hobbyists, retirees, families, vacationers and others are invited to attend and experience fishing at its best along the Outer Banks. If you are under the age of 18, you must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Why You Should Attend

- We will provide a day and a half of classroom instruction, taught by seasoned offshore and inshore captains and mates who will cover all aspects of fishing equipment, bait and techniques.
- You will be able to take the classroom to the boat deck and turn your knowledge into hands-on experience as you spend two full days fishing in the Gulf Stream, one of the most

productive offshore waters in the world for blue marlin, white marlin, dolphin, wahoo, sailfish and yellowfin tuna.

- You will enjoy a half day of charter fishing inshore, with experienced captains who have been fishing the sounds and inlets near Hatteras for years.
- You will be able to experience small fishing groups, which add to the enjoyment of inshore and offshore fishing, as well as captains and mates willing to assist further with your learning experience.

Angler's Agenda

Sunday evening, your experience will begin with the Fish Tales Meet & Greet at the Hatteras Civic Center in Hatteras Village. The evening will include a special presentation by Captain Ernie Foster on why Hatteras fishing is special and the history of charter fishing in Hatteras.

Monday, you will start early at the Hatteras Civic Center, with a continental breakfast and a day of classroom instruction by captains and mates on the following topics:

Offshore Basics

- Collecting info:
Weather and fishing reports
- Making mono and wire leaders
- Hands-on bait rigging
- Lures and teasers
- Trolling spreads
- Fast trolling
- Flying a kite
- Deep-water jigging

Inshore Basics

- Trout, Redfish, Cobia and Flounder
- Location and tides
- Structure
- Lures and popping corks
- Bottom-fishing
- Sight-casting

After class, head to the docks to locate your boat for the Tuesday offshore trip.

Tuesday, bright and early, you will meet your fishing team at your boat for an exciting day of offshore fishing. Your captains and mates have been hand picked to enhance your learning experience. Who knows what your catch may include — dolphin, amberjack, tuna, sailfish or maybe even a marlin?



"Excellent opportunity to learn from the pros.
What an incredible experience — from rigging for cobia,
drum, tuna, mahi and many other species to how to clean and care
for your catch."

"The experience, which was my first ever of going offshore and inshore
fishing, has been life changing."

— Jay Reed, Winston-Salem, NC

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Wednesday morning, it's back to the docks to board the boats for a half day of inshore fishing in the sound or inlet for trout, red drum or maybe cobia.

Wednesday afternoon, you will return to the classroom to cover:

- Hands-on with the cast net
- Live-bait fishing for king mackerel
- Trolling, casting and jigging for Spanish mackerel and bluefish
- Casting for little tunny (bonito)

After class, you will experience a fish fry provided by the Hatteras Fire Department.

Thursday, you will enjoy another full day of Gulf Stream fishing with a different boat and captain, allowing you a chance to observe and discuss different approaches to offshore fishing. After taking care of your day's catch, you will be treated to a banquet at the Hatteras Civic Center. You can share your fish tales and receive your diploma from the school.

If you are staying **Friday**, the staff will be glad to assist you with arrangements for another day of fishing on your own. Early June is typically an excellent time to fish for cobia, red drum and Spanish mackerel near shore or offshore if you choose to take another trip.

If you have a disability and desire devices, services or other accommodations to participate in the School, please contact the Office of Professional Development at **919.515.2261** or **continuingeducation@ncsu.edu** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern) at least two weeks in advance of the program start date.

Lodging Information

Lodging headquarters for the 2024 Sport Fishing School will be:

Breakwater Inn (at Oden's Dock)
57896 NC Highway 12
P.O. Box 489
Hatteras, NC 27943
Phone: **252.986.2565**
Toll free: **888.544.8115**
breakwaterhatteras.com

Be sure to identify yourself as an NC State Sport Fishing School participant in order to get the discounted rate.



Registration Fee

- \$2,595 per person if you register prior to March 1, 2024
- \$2,895 per person if you register on or after March 1, 2024

Save \$300 with the friends-and-family discount. For more information about registration and discounts, see Page 5.

Lodging is not included in the fee.

For more information, visit **go.ncsu.edu/fishing**

Learn from Our Experienced Faculty



Captain Ernie Foster, a native of Hatteras Village, owns and operates the oldest North Carolina charter fishing fleet, the Albatross. Captain Ernie has worked in the charter fishing business in Hatteras every season since 1958, when his father put him to work as a full-time mate. He is a graduate of NC State University and a retired educator.



Captain Rom Whitaker has been fishing the waters of the North Carolina coast since he was a young boy and for a living in Hatteras since 1986. Captain Rom has won or placed in numerous offshore tournaments, including the Big Rock Tournament, the Hatteras Marlin Club Tournament and the Hatteras Village Offshore Open. He was named as one of the 50 Top Charter Captains in the country by *Salt Water Sportsman* magazine. Captain Rom applies a holistic philosophy to fishing: how you are treated, how much you learn, angler participation, the attitude of the crew, catching your target species and watching the other sea life offshore all go into making the charter trip a success.



Captain Ken Dempsey, the inshore instructor, has been a full-time fishing guide since 1986. His favorite catches are big redfish, cobia and speckled trout. He is a seasoned captain and instructor who has been featured in such publications as *Outdoor Life*, *Salt Water Sportsman*, *Wildlife in North Carolina*, *North Carolina Game & Fish* and the *Carolina Sportsman*. Captain Ken is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



Dr. Herbert Kirk, the live-bait instructor, is an NC State University faculty member at the Institute for Advanced Analytics, and served as the vice president of education for SAS Institute until his retirement. Dr. Kirk has devoted his career to training; and, he has been a lifelong and avid fisherman.



Skip Blaylock, school director, grew up fishing on the coastal waters of North Carolina. After a long career in law enforcement, he retired as the Knightdale Director of Public Safety. He spends his free time as assistant chief of Hopkins Fire Department and running his own construction company. According to Skip, any day on the water is a good day.



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Jump on Board and Be a Sponsor

Blue Marlin Sponsor – \$3,000

Benefits of Sail Fish and Dolphin levels below, plus be a Banquet Sponsor with signage and recognition at the event and receive a **complimentary registration to the NC State University Sport Fishing School.**

White Marlin Sponsor – \$1,500

Benefits of the levels below, plus be designated as a Meet & Greet Fish Tale Reception Sponsor with recognition and signage at the event.

Sail Fish Sponsor – \$500

Benefits of the level below plus your logo on the school T-shirt and all promotional materials.

Dolphin Sponsor – \$250

Sponsor product and/or literature in participant bag and logo on the Fishing School Facebook page.

To become a sponsor, call us at **919.515.2261**.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Please duplicate this form for multiple registrations. When submitting multiple registrations, please indicate each form's priority for registration and wait list processing.

First Name _____			Middle Initial _____		Last Name _____		Date of Birth* _____ / _____	
Home Phone _____			Work Phone _____					
Mailing Address _____								
City _____			State _____			Zip _____		
Is the participant under the age of 18? Y N								
T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL XXL								
Email _____								
Have you ever fished offshore? Y N								
Emergency Contact _____			Relationship _____			Phone _____		

* In lieu of SSN, your date of birth is required as a personal identifier for internal record keeping by this university.

Registration Fee: \$2,595 per person if you register prior to March 1, 2024
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Save \$300 with friends and family discount. Discount applies to individuals registered at the same time only. First person pays the full amount, and each individual after the first person receives \$300 off. Discount does not apply to the deposit.

Registration fee includes your classroom instruction, boat charters, tips, baits, equipment and tackle for two full-day Gulf Stream fishing excursions and a half-day inshore trip, as well as the Sunday evening reception, Monday's continental breakfast and breaks, Wednesday night fish fry and Thursday night reception and banquet. **Lodging is not included in the fee.**

Ways to Register & Pay

The easiest way to guarantee your place is to pay with a credit card:

Online:

go.ncsu.edu/fishing

Registering online is secure.

Phone:

919.515.2261

Pay by Check:

Make check payable to NC State University and mail payment and registration form to:

Registration Coordinator
NC State University
Office of Professional Development
Box 7401
Raleigh, NC 27695-7401

For more information, email
continuingeducation@ncsu.edu

A \$500 deposit is required at the time of registration. The remaining balance can be paid at any time, in any increments prior to March 1, 2024. Cancellations must be received in writing by March 1, 2024 for a full refund. After March 1, 2024, no refunds will be issued. For questions concerning registration or the School, please contact the Office of Professional Development at ContinuingEducation@ncsu.edu.

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"The knowledge gained and relationships made will stay with me forever."

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