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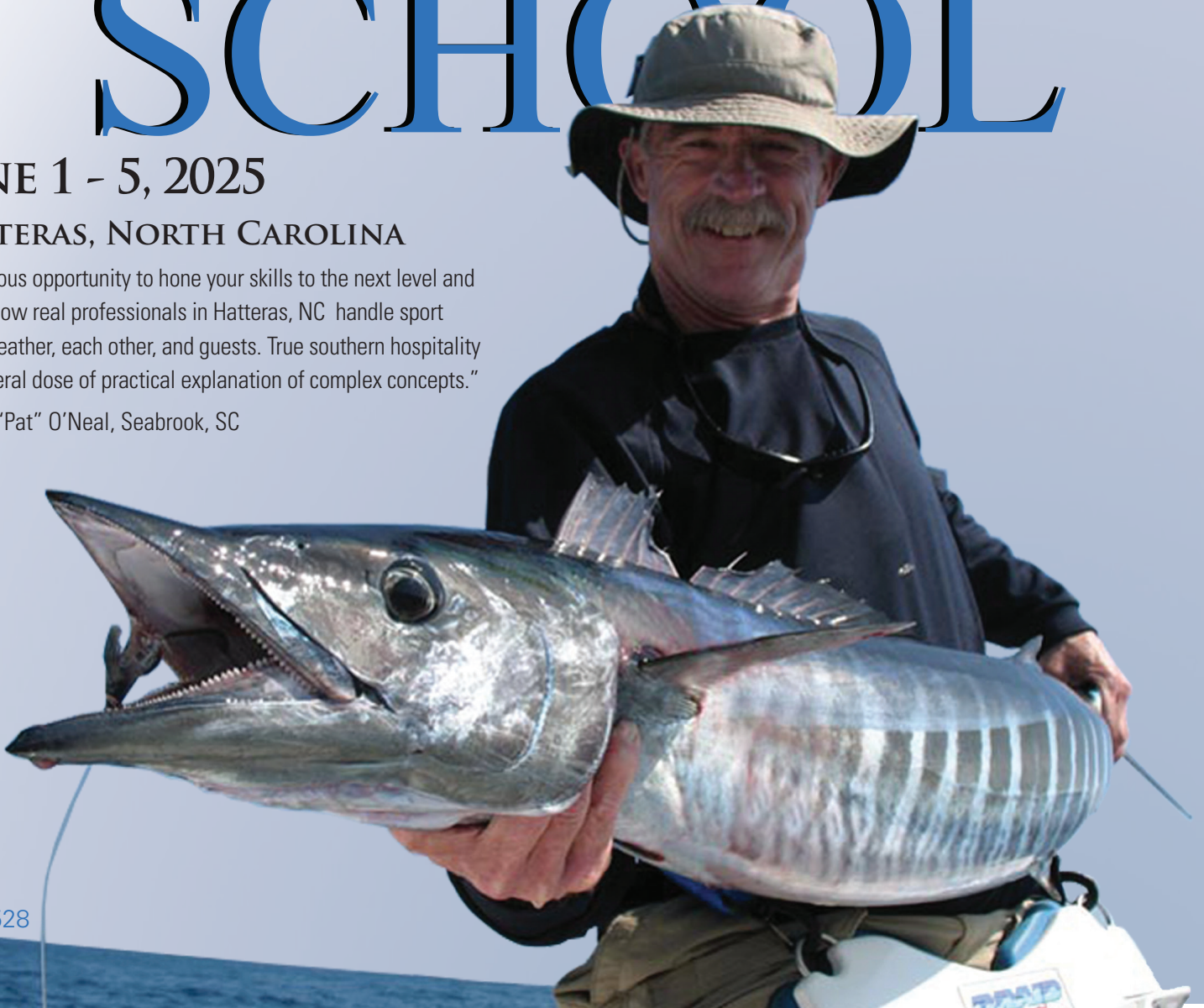
SPORT FISHING SCHOOL

JUNE 1 - 5, 2025

HATTERAS, NORTH CAROLINA

"Tremendous opportunity to hone your skills to the next level and discover how real professionals in Hatteras, NC handle sport fishing, weather, each other, and guests. 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 **71st Annual Sport Fishing School** is a great opportunity for you to learn more about offshore and inshore sport fishing! Hobbyists, retirees and vacationers are invited to attend and experience fishing at its best along the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

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

For more information and to see photos from past schools, visit go.ncsu.edu/fishing

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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 a 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 2025 Sport Fishing School will be:

Breakwater Inn (at Oden's Dock)
57896 NC Hwy 12
PO 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

\$2,795 per person if you register prior to March 1, 2025
\$2,995 per person if you register on or after March 1, 2025

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.

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Learn from Our Experienced Faculty



Captain Ernie Foster, a native of Hatteras Village, owns and operates the oldest charter fishing fleet in North Carolina, the Albatross Fleet. 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 is a retired educator.



Captain Rom Whitaker has been fishing the waters of the North Carolina coast since he was a young boy. He has been fishing for a living in Hatteras since 1986 and 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 recently named as one of the 50 Top Charter Captains in the country by Saltwater Sportsman magazine. Captain Rom's philosophy is that how you are treated, how much you learn, angler participation, attitude of the crew, catching your target species, and just watching all 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, School Director, is on the faculty at NC State University in the Institute of Advanced Analytics and served as the Vice President of Education for SAS Institute until his recent retirement. His career has been devoted to training and he has been a lifelong, 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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Sport Fishing Sponsorships

The Sport Fishing School by NC State Continuing and Lifelong Education has a long history of being a part of the Hatteras, NC community. As a trusted community partner, we also seek to partner with a sponsor each year to enhance the attendee's experience.

If you or your business are interested in supporting the Sport Fishing School, please reach out to us! Connect with Chris by email (castarbi@ncsu.edu) or phone (**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*	/
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Mailing Address				
City		State	Zip	
Email				
Have you ever fished offshore? Y N				
Emergency Contact		Relationship	Phone	

* This program is available to individuals over the age of 18.

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\$2,995 per person if you register on or after March 1, 2025

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. Discount may not be combined with other promotions or discounts.

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, 2025. Cancellations must be received in writing by March 1, 2025 for a full refund. After March 1, 2025, 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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