



Fishing school set for March 19

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North Carolina Sportsman and South Carolina Sportsman magazines are sponsoring a saltwater fishing school in conjunction with the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo in Wilmington, N.C., on Saturday, March 19, that will feature top guides and charter captains from both Carolinas, as well as experts in a number of fields related to saltwater fishing.

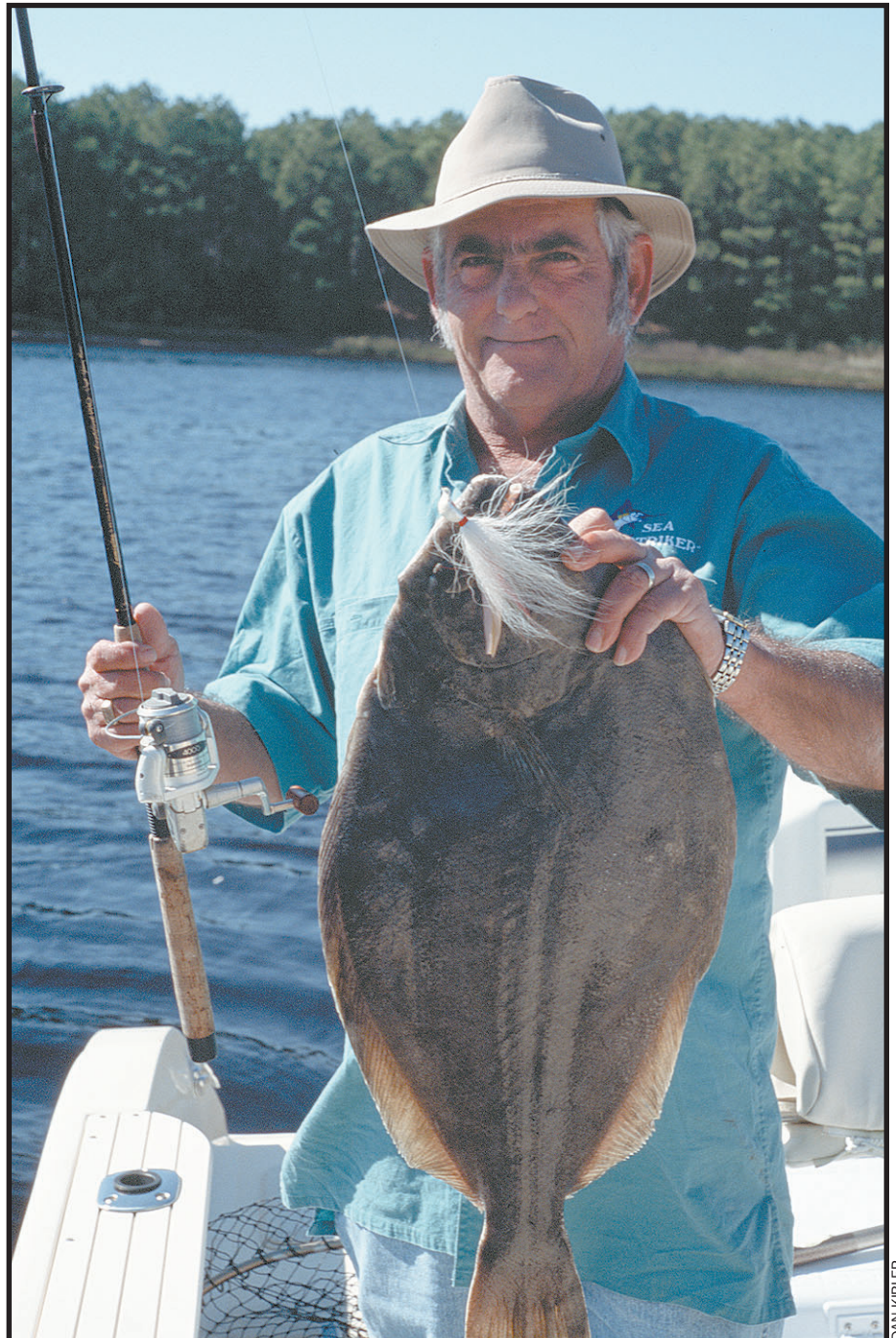
The fishing school and Expo will be held at the new Wilmington Convention Center in downtown Wilmington. The school will run from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m., with hourly seminars from captains and guides on offshore and inshore fishing, rigging, electronics, chart reading, knot tying and cast-net throwing. Pre-registration is available, and on-site registration for the school will begin at 7:30 a.m.

All sportsmen who attend the fishing school will receive a 3-day pass to the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo, a catered lunch, a package of manufacturer's samples, a year's subscription (or renewal) to *North Carolina Sportsman* and an entry into door-prize drawings, including one for the grand prize: a fishing trip for two to Costa Rica. Also, the first 100 adults to register for the school will receive a spinning rod from Star rods. Cost for the school is \$100, with additional family members costing \$60.

Leading seminars will be some of North Carolina's top fishing guides and charter captains, including Ken Dempsey from Hatteras, Greg Voliva and George Beckwith from New Bern, Ray Massengill of Harkers Island, Rick Patterson of Morehead City, Ricky Kellum of Jacksonville, Lee Parsons and Rick Bennett of Wrightsville Beach and Jimmy Price and Butch Foster of Southport. Other seminar leaders will be Jerry Dilsaver, a former SKA national champion, knot-tying expert John Knight, map specialist Chip Berry and lure manufacturer Jody Gay. In addition, Capt. J.R. Waits from Charleston and Capt. Rod Thomas from Georgetown will provide expertise regarding South Carolina fisheries.

Seminars will be held in different classroom areas, with multiple sessions each hour. Seminars are designed to put an instructor in front of a relatively small group of fishermen, with question-and-answer sessions a major part of each seminar. Instruction will meet the needs of fishermen ranging from novices to advanced.

In addition to seminars on fishing techniques specific to certain areas and species, instructors will also teach on marine electronics, basic safety and navigation, knot-tying, trailers and towing, cast-nets, fly-fishing and surf-casting.



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The fishing school is a part of the 3-day Cape Fear Wildlife Expo, which features wildlife art and decoy displays, book-signings by regional authors, hunting and fishing products, boats and accessories, truck and ATV displays, fly-fishing and decoy-carving demonstrations, conservation exhibits and booths featuring hunting and fishing guides and outfitters. ➔

Capt. Jimmy Price of Southport is among captains and guides who will serve as instructors at *North Carolina Sportsman's* fishing school in Wilmington next March 19.