

**Date:** 16 January, 2024 6-8 p.m.  
**Officer Attendees:** Barry Turano, Stewart Ochs, Harry Dutson, George Dale Jr., David MacMurray, Joe D'Amato, Rob Walsh  
**Regrets:** N/A  
**Location:** Kickback Jack's Restaurant, 418 College Rd, Wilmington, NC 28403

**Topics Discussed:**

Speaker: Rod Bierstadt – On My Way

Charters <https://www.facebook.com/OnMyWayChartersNC/>

- Rod is now performing consulting services. He will ride with you on your boat and give you hands on training
  
- If you'd like to charter please reach out to Rod's son who has a catamaran with a trolling motor
  
- Guatemala Trip:
  - Would like to shoot for a trip in October 2025
  - Will start disseminating info ~Oct 2024
  
- Current Fishing in and around the Cape Fear, What to do in the Winter Months: Preparation!
  - Inspect your leaders and your line
    - If they are dull, not shiny, slick = replace
  - Inspect your hooks. Rusty?
    - Can use Rustoleum Gel Spray: let sit for 30 minutes and wipe off
    - Use sandpaper to get rust off hooks but also to sharpen hooks
  
- Clark Spoons for Spanish Mackerel
  - Rod likes 'P line Fluor Clear' – 25-30lb
  - Dull clark spoons? Use 'Brasso' on a cloth and rub lure
  
- Rod's Offshore Fishing Schools:
  - Will be held in Feb 2024
  - Interested in having 2 classes: '101 offshore' and '404 More Advanced'; members of club voted in agreement to this idea
  
- Bottom Fishing – Sea Bass
  - Rod adds 'Glow Beads' to all of his bottom rigs, just above the hook
  - Recommends using a Rosco or Big Nic 4 ounce jib
  - Squid Strips – VERY small pieces
  
- Transducer settings

- Likes 200 feet @ 15 degrees for bottom fishing

**Board Members discussed having meetings every month and having a speaker every other month**

**Joe D's idea: Give a kid a pole and rig; take a kid fishing**