



# DropTyne



The Taylor family from Lee County, North Carolina formed DropTyne Amateur Sports Fishing Team which is based in Cedar Point, NC. As members of the Southern Kingfish Association(SKA), the team has the following proposed schedule for the 2014 SKA tournament season:

## *July*

### **RALEIGH SALTWATER SPORTFISHING CLUB'S 30TH ANNUAL KMT**

Division I

Date: Jul 25 - Jul 26, 2014

Location: Morehead City, North Carolina

Benefits: Take A Kid Fishing & Dale Ward Scholarship Fund

## *August*

### **THE ONSLOW BAY OPEN KMT**

Division I

Date: Aug 8 - Aug 9, 2014

Location: Swansboro, North Carolina

Benefits: Several Kids Charities, Abused Woman & Kids

### **23rd ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB OF SNEADS FERRY**

Division I

Date: Aug 15 - Aug 16, 2014

Location: Sneads Ferry, North Carolina

Benefits: Local Charities to include Student Aid & Scholarships

## *September*

### **KING OF THE CAPE OPEN KMT**

Division I

Date: Sep 12 - Sep 13, 2014

Location: Beaufort, North Carolina

Benefits: Methodist Children's Home

## *October*

### **US OPEN KMT**

Date: Oct 2 - Oct 4, 2014

Location: Southport, North Carolina

### **4TH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA TROOPERS ASSOCIATION SALTWATER CHALLENGE**

Division I

Date: Oct 17 - Oct 19, 2014

Location: Morehead City, North Carolina

Benefits: The North Carolina Trooper's Association Caisson Unit & Morehead City Little League



## *A Family Affair*



DropTyne Fishing Team is the result of feeding a passion evolved in a boy (soon to be man) shared closely by his younger brother and their love for the outdoors. A family with deep roots in central North Carolina, Joseph Taylor cultivated his skill for fishing at a very young age. The mysterious large-mouth bass lurking in a nearby pond piqued his interest. With his brother, Will by his side, they both spent many hours at the water, trying different line, using a variety of rods and reels, catching crickets, digging worms or using plastic ones. They learned what tools they needed to catch a fish in different types of weather. They figured out how to skillfully reel in the “big one” without losing it. Most of all, they acquired patience. Patience is how one harvests the wall hanging fur, feathers and fins. All of which the Taylor boys have accomplished...even when it comes to the ocean.



As youngsters, the annual week-long beach vacations were spent at the surf or on a dock, learning how to cast a net for bait or catch a flounder. They had very little interest in putt-putt golf or swimming. Their vacations were excursions seeking achievement with a big catch. The emerald waters of the Crystal Coast lured the Taylor family. Soon a camper was purchased. A few years later a 218 Carolina Skiff joined the family - the vehicle in which the love for trolling was discovered. It was named “DropTyne” in honor of the elusive buck with drop tine antlers that Ricky, the patriarch of the family, longed to harvest...and still hasn't.



It wasn't long before the desire to fish offshore was too much to control, so the Taylor family took the opportunity to purchase a 235 Kencraft Challenger – “DropTyne II”. A citation grouper caught by Joseph, some noteworthy wahoo and enough fish to fill two freezers has made the “big boat” well worth the investment.

With seven years of salt water fishing under the belt, Joseph encouraged the family to enter a few SKA tournaments in 2012. After weighing fish in all tournaments entered, “Team DropTyne” took the tournament trail in 2013. The team is excited about the possibilities for 2014. It is all about parents sharing in the enjoyment and supporting the passion of their children. It is all about family.



*Ricky Taylor - Captain*

Ricky spent his youth in the woods hunting or fishing in nearby ponds. He contributes his navigation and organization skills as team captain. What he loves next best to angling a fish, is driving the boat and coaching team members as they attempt to boat the “big one”.



*Kathy Taylor - Lady Angler*

Kathy figured out early on that if she wanted to spend time with her family, she was going to fish. It wasn't long before her love for the ocean, its beauty and wildlife keeps her wanting more. When she's not angling, she's photographing.



*Joseph Taylor  
First Mate*

Joseph is a senior in high school where he is a member of the National Honors Society and plays varsity basketball and baseball. He is headed to UNC Wilmington in the



*Will Taylor  
Junior Angler*

Will is finishing up his freshman year in high school. In addition to his academic achievements, he also is a basketball and baseball player. Up until a few years ago, he was the “baby brother”.

He has grown to contribute much more than just being the “bait boy” for his big brother. His angling skills are invaluable for the team.

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