



FIRST MATE ACADEMY

Winter Programs 2026

SPECKLED TROUT MARINA

Dec 22-23 - Jan 2-4 - Jan 19th - Feb 16th



PROGRAM INFO ***Daily 8:30am-1:30pm *Ages 8-14**

Winter Clinic #1 (2 Days): Mon-Tue, Dec 22-23

Winter Clinic #2 (3 Days): Fri-Sun, Jan 2-4

MLK Day Clinic (1 Day): Monday, Jan 19

Presidents Day Clinic (1 Day): Monday, Feb 16

Program Fees:

\$200 (one day) - \$350 (two days) - \$450 (three days)

*Daily lunch included from **MOLLY GOODHEADS**.



"Today's Mates **FIRST MATE ACADEMY** Tomorrow's Captains"

Students experience what it takes to be second in command as the FIRST MATE aboard a charter boat while targeting a variety of inshore and nearshore species such as redfish, snook, trout, sheepshead, mackerel, flounder and more.

Led by experienced **USCG-licensed Captains**, students enjoy **exceptional 3:1 student-to-teacher instruction**, ensuring personalized guidance and safe, hands-on learning.

Check out this year's program opportunities on our **PROGRAMS** page.



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REGISTRATION

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PROGRAMS

FISHING SKILLS

- Cast Netting, Chumming
- Sabiki Jigging (catching live bait)
- Rigging (knots, hooks, weights, lines)
- Rod Casting
- Locating/Landing/Handling Fish
- Cleaning Fish
- Conservation Practices

BOATING SKILLS

- Safety/Emergency Equipment
- Rules of the Road
- Boat Prep/Cleaning/Wash Down
- Marine Terminology
- Boat Parts
- Directions Aboard the Ship
- Boat Launch Procedures