

CAPT. DAVE NOLING

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PROFILE

PROFESSIONAL BOAT CAPTAIN SINCE 1982. GREW UP IN DESTIN, FLORIDA AND BEGAN WORKING ON CHARTER FISHING BOATS AT THE AGE OF 16, AS WELL AS PRIVATE SPORTFISHING BOATS AND COMMERCIAL FISHING BOATS. RECEIVED 100 TON CAPTAIN'S LICENCE IN 1982 AND BEGAN TRAVELING WITH BOATS AT THE AGE OF 22.

EXPERIENCE

I began working on boats when I was 16 years old...it's all I've ever done. In addition to working as "crew" on numerous boats for over 30 years...here are some I've run as Captain:

– **2012-2015 "Birdie Time" - 66' Paul Spencer (2+ years)** Gulf of Mexico - St. Thomas, USVI

– **2004-2011 "Double Trouble" - 60' Hatteras (3 years) - 59' Paul Spencer (4 years)**

Gulf of Mexico - Caribbean (St. Thomas, Dominican Republic, Venezuela) - Pacific (Cabo San Lucas, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama).

– **Spring 2004 "Tropic King" - 46' Merritt**

Venezuela

– **2002-2003 "Affinity" - 54' Ricky Scarborough**

Venezuela, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic

– **2000-2002 "Vintage" - 42' Rybovich**

Venezuela, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico

– **1995-1999 "Courtesan" - 48' Garlington**

Venezuela, St. Thomas-

– **1993-1994 "Outrageous" 52' Southern Cross**

Cozumel Mexico, Venezuela, St. Thomas

TOURNAMENTS & AWARDS

- 1st Place - 2012 Legends Tournament - Port Aransas, Texas
 - 1st Place - 2012 Bastante Tournament - Rockport, Texas
 - 1st Place - Ft. Walton Beach/Destin Open Tournament (474 lb Blue)
 - 1st Place - Ft. Walton Beach/Destin Leollios Tournament (500 lb Blue)
 - 1st Place - Ft. Walton Beach/Destin Leollios Tournament (478, 453, 278 lb Blues)
 - 1st Place - Ft. Walton Beach/Destin Leollios Tournament (378 lb Blue)
 - 1st Place - St. Thomas American Yacht Harbor Tournament
 - 1st Place - International La Guaira Venezuela Billfish Shootout Tournament
 - 1st Place - 2002 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-Isla Mujeres, MX
 - 1st Place - 2002 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-Punta Cana, DR
 - 1st Place - 2002 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-St. Thomas
 - 1st Place - 2002 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-Mayaguez, PR
 - 2002 Series Championship - ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)
 - 1st Place - 2003 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-Tortola, BVI
 - 1st Place - 2003 ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)-Mayaguez, PR
 - 2003 Series Championship - ESPN's BXRL (Billfish Xtreme Release League)
 - 1st Place - Poco Bueno Tournament Tag & Release - Port O'Connor, TX
 - 2nd Place - Poco Bueno Tournament - 503 lb Blue Marlin - Port O'Connor, TX
 - 1st Place - Los Suenos Signature Series Leg-One - Costa Rica
 - 2nd Place - Los Suenos Signature Series Leg-Two - Costa Rica
 - Series Championship - Los Suenos Signature Series - Costa Rica
 - World Billfish Series Championship - 2005 - Costa Rica
 - **4-Time Winner of AFTCO/IGFA Captain of the Year Award (*fished Venezuela & St. Thomas and released over 1031 blue marlin in a 4-year stretch, including 296 in a 1-year period which was the most ever caught in a year by a single boat*)**
 - 17 blue marlin, several whites & sails and 1 spearfish caught on the fly.
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REFERENCES

- Chris Howatt - Owner, "Birdie Time" - 281-743-0952 - chrishowatt66@gmail.com
 - Flip Pallot - Professional Sportsman & TV Personality - 321.403.4336 - www.flippallot.com
 - Capt. Norm Isaacs - Professional Sportsman & TV Personality - 305.304.5825
 - Dave Ferrell - Senior Editor, Marlin Magazine - 407.405.0088 - Dave.ferrell@bonniercorp.com
 - Jackie Bushman - Professional Sportsman & TV Personality - jbushman@buckmasters.com
 - Capt. Ronnie Hamlin - 305.302.0592- capthook124@gmail.com
 - Hans Kraaz - Owner, "Vintage" & Intercoastal Financial Group - 772.979.0308
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MISSION STATEMENT

My number one priority is to keep the owner's best interest **first**. I've been doing this type of work for about 30 years and there are many "learning curves" in this business. I'm not saying I don't learn something new every day...but there's just no substitute for experience.

I like to keep a boat in perfect shape...not just cosmetically...but all systems working perfectly, as well...something I like to call "bullet-proof." I'm not one to call a repair man at the first sign of trouble...most of the time, I can fix it myself.

As for the "fishing end" of things...I've had the pleasure of putting some really good and professional teams together...with some of the best mates and anglers in the world...which allows us to "fare really well" at sea...all the way around, whether it's in a big-money tournament or just a normal day of fishing.

One thing I have learned over the years, is that you can have the finest sportfishing boat...with the best owner...but it's only as good as its captain and crew.