



## Ladies' Fishing Event

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and Picnic March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

1. **MSC's "No Guide Rule" applies.**
2. **Captains: Captains must be MSC members.** Captains and male crew members may fish in this event, but fish caught are not eligible for prizes in the *Baiting Beauties 5* Fishing Event. Fish caught by Captains and male crew members that are eligible to be entered in the Leaderboard and Fish of the Month (FOM) may be entered under established MSC fishing rules. Captains are responsible for the safety of their passengers and have overall command of their vessel. Captains are requested to maintain contact with other anglers by monitoring Channel 78.
3. **Fishing days:** Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> *or* Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. ***Participants may choose to fish one of the two days, but not both.***
4. **Event hours:** Captains may choose any 4 hour time period between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. A fish hooked prior to the end of that 4 hour window may be fought, landed, and measured.
5. **Fishing License:** A State of Florida saltwater fishing license is required. A license may be obtained at Ace Hardware Stores, Walmart, local marinas and on the FWC website. **PLEASE NOTE** - To keep a legal size Snook a Snook Permit (\$10) must be purchased with your FL saltwater license. You may catch, measure and release a Snook without a Snook permit. *If you are a Florida resident and are over 65, you do not need a fishing license or a Snook permit. However, you are required to have proof of residency and age such as a driver's license*
6. A signed and dated **WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION** form is required to be on record for all *non-member anglers and crew* who will be aboard a boat on either day of the event. Forms are available from Chris Laimbeer 248.935.0457
7. **Backwater Fish Species:** For this event, participants will target the following six backwater fish species: **Pompano, Redfish, Snook, Spotted Seatrout, Mangrove Snapper and Sheepshead.** Backwater fish species caught should be identified, measured and recorded on the official tally sheet. *An undersized fish is eligible to be measured and recorded but must be released alive.* One "Other" category consisting of **Catfish** and **Ladyfish** combined is also included. Participants that catch these species need only to count the number of fish caught. **Warning! Do not attempt to measure Catfish. Handling Catfish is a hazardous activity.**

8. **Fishing Boundary: MSC Backwater boundaries apply.** The approved fishing area are the backwater boundaries established by the MSC Fishing Committee:  
*Northbound:* Gordon's Pass  
*Westbound:* three nautical miles into the Gulf including Gullivan Bay  
*Eastbound:* west of US Highway 41.  
*Southbound:* For this specific fishing event, the South boundary will be Camp Lulu. Fishing for *Baiting Beauties 5* is allowed around Camp Lulu, but not past it. Once past Camp Lulu you are in Everglades National Park – the Park is out of bounds.
9. **Leaderboard Fish and Fish of the Month (FOM):** Any fish caught by female participants that are eligible for entry in the MSC Leaderboard or Fish of the month (FOM) must be aligned along a ruler with the entire fish visible and photographed as required by MSC rules.
10. **Measurements:** Measurements of fish caught by female participants will be the responsibility of the Captains and will follow appropriate FWC regulations. *Please ensure that all undersized fish that are measured are released alive!* Measurements are to be recorded in ¼ inch intervals on the official tally sheets. Circle the largest fish of each caught fish species. Again, Catfish and Ladyfish need only to be counted and *NOT* measured!
11. **Reporting:** Completed tally sheet information must be emailed to Chris Laimbeer [chrislaim@comcast.net](mailto:chrislaim@comcast.net) by 9 PM on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Awards:** Awards will be determined based on largest fish measured in each backwater fish species category and number of combined fish (Catfish and Ladyfish) caught in the “Other” category. Only one award will be given to individual female participants. In the event of a tie, awards will be combined and split.
13. **Inclement Weather:** Safety is paramount for all MSC sanctioned events. All entered captains and anglers will receive an email alert if the weather on either day of fishing is deemed by NOAA to be unsafe. If this alert is posted, no fishing will be allowed on that day. Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM will be the backup day **only** if fishing needs to be cancelled on Monday or Tuesday. The picnic at Sarazen Park, however, will be held rain or shine!!
14. **Miscellaneous:** Remember to bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, drinks and snacks. Most of all enjoy your day on the water and the company of great friends. Our MSC Captains are the best. This event would not be possible without their participation, their love of fishing and knowledge of the water. We wish you a fabulous fishing day and wonderful memories of the *Baiting Beauties 5* fishing event!
15. **Entries and picnic reservations are due by March 1, 2018**