



2023 MSC KAYAK SLAM

Sponsored by Naples Outfitters

Rules and General Information

- The event will start and finish at the Isles of Capri Paddle Park (located just off Rt. 951 after making a left at the traffic light across from the boat ramp). From this location you have access to some great fishing areas in the protected waters of McIlvane Bay, lower Johnson Bay, upper Johnson Bay and Rookery Bay.
- The \$25 entry fee entitles each MSC angler to participate in the event with a chance to win prize money.
- Novice kayakers or those with little experience will be “teamed up” with experienced MSC kayakers for this event (by random draw) after entries close on April 24th. The only exception to this is that spouses can enter as a “team” and not be subject to the random draw. All entrants will be advised of their team members by email after the random draw takes place.
- All kayaks in this tournament are single person only. However, spouses entering as a team may utilize a tandem kayak if they desire. Please indicate this on your entry form if using a tandem kayak.
- At least one week prior to the event, novice kayakers who have signed up for the tournament will receive a checklist of items they should bring with them on the day of the tournament in order to be fully prepared and ready to go!
- Depending on the number of anglers entered and their experience level, it is possible that not all experienced kayakers will be “teamed” up. Those not “teamed” up will compete as individuals. Prize money will be adjusted as necessary to reflect a 1-person team. (everyone will be competing for the same amount of individual prize money). Similarly, if there are more novice/beginner kayakers than advanced kayakers, it may be necessary to have 2 novice/beginner kayakers teamed up with 1 or more of the advanced kayakers. (If this becomes necessary, a separate drawing will be held with the advanced kayakers to determine who gets teamed up with 2 kayakers and who gets 1) Again, if this becomes necessary, prize money will be adjusted as necessary for the three-person teams.
- Amount of prize money available for distribution will be determined after all entries have been received. **Entries close on April 24th, 2023.**
- **Launch and Parking fees:**
 - **There is a \$5.00 fee to launch a kayak at the Isles of Capri Paddle Park. However, if you have a current Collier County boat launch permit affixed to your car or trailer you do not need to pay a launch fee.**
 - **If you are renting a kayak, you do not need to pay the launch fee.**
 - **If you park your car at the Isles of Capri Paddle Park, you must have a current Collier County beach pass sticker affixed to your front windshield. If you do not have the Beach Pass sticker, a \$10.00 parking fee will need to be paid.**
 - **Launch and/or parking fees can be paid at the automated pay station at the launch site. (Credit card only)**
 - **If you need to pay a launch fee or pay for parking, please display receipt(s) on your front left dashboard so they are visible from the outside.**

- Teams (and individuals) will be targeting Redfish, Snook and Trout and trying to catch all three in a single day (a Southwest Florida Slam). The goal is to get the slam with the most inches. Target fish do not need to be of legal size in order to be included in the “Slam.” If no “Slam” is achieved, then most inches for two target species will be used. Total length of the target fish caught during the tournament will determine winners. Teams (and individuals) need only submit one picture of the largest Redfish, Snook or Trout caught by their team (no more than 3 pictures/team). A tally sheet will be provided to all anglers prior to the beginning of the tournament.
- High-resolution digital pictures of fish submitted must be sent to the Tournament Director as email attachments along with the tally sheet, by noon, on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023. Do not embed the photographs in the body of the email. Pictures must show the entire fish on a ruler with a vertical edge, with mouth closed and tail pinched. The nose of the fish must be flush against the vertical edge of the ruler. Pictures that do not conform to these requirements are subject to length adjustment by the Tournament Director. Late submissions will not be accepted. The file properties for each picture submitted must be able to be viewed.
- Teams and individuals are eligible to win only one prize.
- Tournament hours will be 8 AM to 2 PM (lines in and lines out). Check in begins at 7:15 AM. Kayak teams not renting kayaks may leave the launch earlier, but not before check-in at 7:15 AM. Teams leaving before 8 AM, must still fish a six-hour “window”. Please advise the Tournament Director if you plan to fish earlier.
- In accordance with current MSC Kayak Group safety practices, each “Team” consisting of an experienced kayaker and a novice will be required to have at least one VHF radio for communication. Any kayakers not “teamed up” will be experienced kayakers and will be required to have a VHF radio on board for communication
- There will be an outgoing tide in the morning until around 10:15 AM. This will help all kayakers get out into the bay, The incoming tide in the afternoon will help push us back to the launch
- If weather looks like it will be an issue on May 8, the event coordinator will send an email and/or text to all participants by 4 PM on May 7th with an alternate date or dates for the event to take place
- A brief Captain’s Meeting will be held at the launch site on Sunday, May 7th at 4 PM to distribute tournament bags, tally sheets, and to answer any questions. At least one member of each team must attend.

Kayak Rentals Available!

If any anglers would like to enter this event and do not have a kayak, our sponsor, Naples Outfitters, will make Hobie fishing kayaks available at the launch site on the day of the event.

Paddle kayak rentals will be \$30 and pedal kayak rentals will be \$65. Reservations will need to be made on the entry form, and paid in advance by April 24th. If you are renting a kayak, all you will need to do is show up at the Paddle Park on the day of the event. Your kayak will be waiting for you. Just leave it at the launch site when you return!

- There are a limited number of kayak rentals available. If you are going to rent a kayak from Naples Outfitters, please send in your entry and rental form as soon as possible
- Once the supply of available kayaks is depleted, a note will be sent out to all MSC members. If anyone still wants to compete in the event, but does not have a kayak, they will have to make alternate arrangements to secure a kayak on their own.

MSC Fishing Event Rules in effect for this tournament:

- 2-line rule (no more than 2 lines in the water at a time per angler)
- No current or former SW Florida fishing guides may compete in this event
- All fishing for this event must take place in McIlvane Bay, Johnson Bay, Upper Johnson Bay or Rookery Bay.
- This event is open to current MSC members only