January MSC Kayak Group Trip

Rookery Bay/Stopper's Creek Loop

After a one-day delay due to strong winds, 5 of MSC's finest kayakers ventured out early on Sunday, January 17th for the first MSC kayak outing of 2021. The air was a little cool starting out, but as the sun got higher in the sky it was a great day to be on the water. Shell Island was the launch point for this trip, and provided easy access to Rookery Bay. From there, the kayakers made their way to the mouth of Stoppers Creek and followed the winding waterway to its end at the northern end of Rookery Bay. Then it was just a matter of taking Rookery Bay back to the starting point.

This trip kicked off the 2021 Kayak Challenge in which MSC kayakers try to land the largest Redfish, Snook, Trout or Bass during one of the scheduled kayak outings. The kayak angler with the largest of each of those 4 species at the end of the year wins "bragging rights" as well as an MSC Kayak Angler shirt. It didn't take long for the first entry to be caught! Mike Larsen landed a 19" Trout to kick off the 2021 Challenge and put him on the board. Interestingly, Mike landed a 19.5" Trout last year during the January, 2020 kayak outing, and that fish was big enough to hold up all year and grant Mike "bragging rights" for the largest Kayak Trout in 2020. Let's see what happens this year!

To learn more about the MSC Kayak group and the 2021 Fishing Challenge, please visit the MSC website. While there, check out the articles on past outings taken to a variety of different locations. When you see what can be caught in a kayak, it just might surprise you! If you want to be placed on the Kayak Fishing Mailing List or if you have any questions, please use this link to contact Howard Laskau, the MSC Kayak Events Coordinator: <u>https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/email-form-ContactOfficer.htm</u>

In February, the MSC monthly kayak event will take us to one of our more popular destinations... Hell's Gate/Palm Bay. If you want to catch some fish, have fun and enjoy some beautiful scenery give it a try and join us. Hope to see you there!

