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MSC Newsletter June 2009

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Frank Sroka, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

May 2009



So what kind of people are members of Marco Sportfishing Club—

Well, some MSC members are serious fisherpeople. In the past few weeks, we have reports of grouper, permit, cobia, king mackerel, tarpon and snook. It seems that each week, a nice fish on the leader board is replaced by yet another larger fish. John Cavanagh is now on record with a 31" Permit and Dwight Gosley with a 72" Tarpon.

Our recent King Mackerel tournament was quite a success with the Lindner and Rafes boats claiming the two largest King Mackerel. There was also an unrecognized award to Dave Rasmussen for most chili eaten at the post tournament celebration.

And we look forward to the upcoming off-shore Nite Bite and backwater No Bait events in June.

Some members are social animals. Club picnics and post General Meeting Porky's events continue to be quite popular and oftentimes gregarious. Dave Walsh has planned a Mexican themed picnic at Sarazan Park on May 27 which will be the last large MSC outdoor picnic until cooler temperatures return in the fall. We will also be co-sponsoring an access-by-water picnic on June 5 at Cape Romano with the Power Squadron. It's a BYO everything and take home everything (Boy Scout clean campsite rules).

We are also exploring having some indoor Happy Hours for MSC members during the July, August, September period. If anyone would like to volunteer to organize these Happy Hour events, please contact me.

And some MSC members are especially socially responsible citizens. Myron Witlin, John Ruane, Gene Stillwell and Ron Larsen participated in the fishing clinic for children in Naples wherein kids were given rigged rods and reels and casting and fishing instructions.

Club Vice President of Public Affairs Jim Maguire reviewed the proposed management plan for the Everglades and provided written comments to governmental representatives which will hopefully have some impact and lead to a rational management plan for this important resource.

Club members also reviewed the requested waiver submitted to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency which would lead to higher levels of ethanol in gasoline (including the gasoline we use in our boats), and submitted an opposition letter to the agency. Both the Everglades Management comments and ethanol opposition letter can be seen on our website.

So, what kind of people are members of the Marco Sportfishing Club ? ---active people, fun people, good people, that's who.

Frank

JUNE EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	June 4th	Learn the lures for the back
Board meeting 9:30 AM	June 8th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Offshore Fishing-	June 11	Nite Bite
Backwater Day—No Bait	June 16	No bait
No bait picnic for participants only time TBD	June 16	Beer and plastic worms
Picnic—Cape Romano with the Power Squadron	June 5th	Boats needed
Fish of the Month	Permit	

JULY EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	July 2	
Board meeting 9:30 AM	July 13th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Offshore Fishing-	July 16	SHARK!!!
Man Bites Shark picnic (event participants)	July 17	Residents beach
Backwater Day	TBD	
Fish of the Month	Blacktip Shark	

SAVE ON BOAT REGISTRATION

Although your renewal form will come from Collier County—you are not required to purchase your sticker in your county of residence. Some counties are much cheaper. Hendry County, for example was about 30% less in a recent quote. The bigger the boat, the bigger the savings. Hendry's phone number is 1-800-675-5280. They'll even take the Collier form!! Just correct the price!! Worth a look!!

LEADERBOARD STANDINGS

SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE	SPECIES	ANGLER	SIZE
Amberjack					
Cobia	Sroka	38	Sheepshead	Wittlin	21.5'
Black\Gag Grouper	M. Mueller	31"	Lane Snapper	Bullock	18
Red Grouper	Renkel	31'	Mangrove Snapper	Bullock	24"
Kingfish	Aronson	52"	Yellowtail Snapper	Zilch	26"
Spanish Mackerel	Kouhi	29"	Snook	Shudes	37
Permit	Cavanagh	31.5	Blacktip Shark	Kropp	61"
Pompano	Wittlin	18"	Tarpon	Grahl	76"
Redfish	Kropp	35.5"	Tripletail		
Spotted Trout	J. Mueller	21"	Triggerfish	Bullock	15.5

FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month winner for April is Ben Aronson with a 52" King Mackerel.

FISH OF THE MONTH AND LEADER BOARD RULES*

Fish either gulf or backwater, anytime, for any species. Fish must be caught on hook and line within 60nm of Marco, no charters, and use of guides is prohibited. All fish must be either boated, or immobilized alongside the boat and measured with a tape or ruler. Swim by guesstimates are not accepted. Fish are to be measured either with pinched tails or fork length as per FWC size limit rules. Fish not specified as pinched length will be measured to fork length (e.g. shark).

Use MSC Website, www.MarcoSportfishingClub.com, to report your catch. In case of a tie, the first entry reported will win. Use of the website is the preferred reporting method since it will time stamp all entries and automatically send you an email confirmation. Entries reported by other means will be recorded when they are received and acknowledged, not when they are sent. If you do not have access to the website, you can send your entry to alanmusicco@embarqmail.com or call 239-642-9729. The following information is needed: Name, Email Address (or phone number), Species, Size in Inches, Bait or Lure Used, Location (ex. Cape Romano, 5Mile Reef etc.), Fishing Method (ex. Casting, Drifting, Anchored, Chumming etc.), Tide (ex. Incoming, Outgoing etc.). Entries with incomplete or missing information will not be eligible. Entries are counted toward both contests.

Entries must be reported by 12 Noon on the 1st day of the month following the catch .Winners of both the Fish of the Month Contest and the new Leader Board entries will be announced at the following Monthly Members Meetin

Details of each catch are available on the website including method, bait, location, tides etc. Learn how the *experts* fish.

EXPERT ADVICE FOR JUNE from John Cavanagh

Permit – what to use

- Medium/heavy spinning rod
- 30 – 65 lb. test line, braided is best
- 40 lb. test leader, 5' fluorocarbon is best
- No lead, surface fish
- 2/0 sharp hook
- 2" live crabs a must, lively shrimp if no crabs
- Cast in front of school
- Bait must swim freely, Permit spook easily
- Must be quick to keep them out of structure
- Crabs are important, crabs are important

Permit



- Like wrecks, towers and heavy structure
- Can be spotted in schools at surface, if you see them cast in front of the school
- Summer thru early fall
- Permit are STRONG
- Most SWFL Permit are 20-40 lbs 28-36"
- One over 20"(fork) per angler, two per vessel

BITS, PICS AND PIECES

Want to get a DEEP discount at the local West Marine? The club now has a discount program. Contact Bert Hoell-Canapakman@aol.com

SAVE MONEY-BE SAFE

Members get a discount on SEATOW membership. Members report fast and courteous service. Don't leave

YOUR CLUB IN ACTION!!!

Jim Maguire is the club's VP for Government Affairs and Public Relations. He has put our oar in the water on proposed restrictions in Everglades National Park. Frank Sroka has reached out to authorities on the use of Ethanol—which they want to increase to 15%. Read the letters on the website.