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Frank Sroka, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

August 2009

As usual, the Man Bites Shark event turned into an atypical day.



While a number of small sharks were boated, not many large sharks seemed interested.

Fortunately Ed Vesely, Pete

Arcidiacono and Seaweed caught some Blacktips which were turned into delicious table fare at the picnic by Chef Al Musico. Brian Mordecai and Andy Battaglia caught a bunch of legal Red Grouper within 10 miles of shore. A number of boats are reporting very good Red Grouper catches.

It's funny how some boats seem to set new standards for diverse fishing experiences.

While Capt. John Cavanagh was fighting a Permit, a large shark (estimated at 10 feet) took off after the Permit. John expertly played the fish, letting him take off to keep some distance from the shark, and then worked him near the boat. John's first mate (let's call him Darrell) then used a short hand gaff to pull the Permit out of reach of the shark. Dumb first mates are worth their weight in beer.

And then another Permit struck and took out a lot of line before the line broke at the reel. Within minutes, in a nearby boat, a fisherman somehow got John's broken line (and still hooked Permit) tangled with his line. The fisherman played the fish until John's line became hopelessly tangled

in his rod guides, at which time an associate played the fish by hand until it could be netted. It just wasn't that fish's day.

Looking forward, don't forget the fall Redfish tournament October 21 and 22. Same format as last year. Enter boats with pre-selected crews. We will try to accommodate stragglers. There will also be a Captains meeting at Porky's the day before to draw two teams of boats, probable daily Fish Tales after fishing, and an awards picnic on Saturday. Contact Seaweed or Pete A to sign-up.

Social clubs such as ours rely on people stepping forward to volunteer their time and skills to both help the club exist and for members to enrich their lives by working hand in hand with others. We are in need of candidates for:

- 1) MSC Board members and officers
- 2) Individuals with modest spreadsheet skills
- 3) Individuals with higher computer skills who could run a website or blog
- 4) Individuals who would be willing to spend half a day on October 17 in Port of the Islands teaching underprivileged youths how to fish. Last years crew found it a very rewarding experience and would like more volunteers to reduce the ratio of students to mentors.

Please step-up and reply to me at fsroka@marcocable.com

Frank

AUGUST EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	August 6th	MSC's famous Snook panel
Board meeting 9:30 AM	August 10th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Fish Anywhere day	August 20th	
Happy Hour Indoor Picnic	August 19th	3PM- Sandbar— Captains meeting also
Fish of the Month	Snook	

SEPTEMBER EV ENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	September 3rd	
Board meeting 9:30 AM	September 14th	5 th \3 rd Bank
Fish anywhere half day\ With Gilligan's Island Picnic	September 17th	
Happy Hour Indoor Picnic	TBD	
Fish of the Month	Tarpon	

REDFISH IV

**GET READY!!!! IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE
YOU KNOW IT**

OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND

The Club's premier TEAM fishing event

**Captains and crews are divided into two teams to
compete—all skill levels welcome get it in gear!!!**

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	32"	Blacktip Shark	Kropp	67"
Pompano	Wittlin	18"	Tarpon	Grahl	76"
Redfish	Kropp	35.5"	Tripletail	Aldrovandi	24
Spotted Trout	J. Mueller	21"	Triggerfish	Bullock	15.5

FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month winner for June was Permit, won by John Cavanagh at 32". Leader Blacktip for July so far is Ed Vesely with a 36" Blacktip.

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 JULY

Snook fishing is hot!

During the summer you can find snook on the beaches, only a few feet off shore. Go early in the AM and cast you artificial or fly parallel to the shoreline and keep you eyes open, very often you will see the fish first.

Another method for catching is to fish mangroves with live bait, greenbacks or threadfins. Fish are being caught in the shallows on a moving tide. This type of fishing should only get better as the summer progresses.

Please remember, you are only as good as your shrimp.

Regards,

Pete A

BITS, PICS AND PIECES LET'S GET SNOOKED THIS MONTH!!!!!!!!!!

