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Frank Sroka, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

September 2009



It's summertime in Marco -- the living is easy and the fishing is good.

For easy living in hot afternoon weather, Pete organized a Happy Hour at the Sandbar. It seemed popular so we will have another one at 3 PM on August 19 at the Sandbar with Al Musico in charge. This will also serve as an informal captains meeting for the onshore/offshore fishing event the following day. For that event, fisherpeople are encouraged to bring their catch to Porky's for dinner with participants. For the less successful, a menu will be available.

And speaking of fishing, Captains Hoell, Sajdak, McIntosh and Mordecai-Battaglia report lots of action with Red Grouper within 10 miles of shore. Captain Cafferelli reported his crew limited out on Red Grouper within an hour 40 miles off-shore. Permit are still being caught on crabs at the usual spots and large snook are turning up at nearshore structures. Schools of Spanish Mackerel can be found lots of places, especially in the 5 mile offshore zone.

In the backwater, there are mixed results. Some days are good, some aren't. Some fisherpeople

catch fish, some don't. I hope you were in the audience at the August General Meeting when Messrs. Grahl, Vesely and Seaweed shared the type of information on Snook fishing which could move you out of the later category.

Now that we learned how to catch Snook, we decided to have an event on opening day (September 1st) with an optional \$10 pool for the largest snook. Contact Pete if you are interested.

Redfish are starting to turn up. And speaking of Redfish, it's time to contact Pete Arcidiacono or Seaweed to sign up for Redfish IV. Put together your own boat of anglers, or ask Pete to help. Each boat of anglers will be placed on one of two teams by blind drawing. Due to prior year irregularities, I will conduct the drawing. The team with the most linear inches of Redfish per angler is the winner. Cash will be distributed to each boat on the winning team based on performance (yes—this tournament is performance based, not needs based). There will also be prizes for numerous categories such as largest Redfish and Snook irrespective of team affiliation.

This is a fishing club—call a friend and go fishing

Frank

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Snook season mini-tournament	September 1st	Big fish pool-contact Pete
General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	September 3rd	
Board meeting 9:30 AM	September 14th	5 th 3 rd Bank
Gilligan's Island—fish in the morning- raft up for lunch	September 17th	
Happy Hour Indoor Picnic	September 16th	3PM- Sandbar— Captains meeting also
Fish of the Month	Tarpon	

OCTOBER EVENTS

General Meeting 7:00PM doors open at 6:30	October 1st	
Board meeting 9:30 AM	October 12	5 th 3 rd Bank
REDFISH IV Captains	October 21	Sandbar 4PM
REDFISH IV EVENT	October 22-23rd	
REDFISH IV AWARDS and PICNIC	October 24	
Fish of the Month	Redfish	

REDFISH IV

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!!!

CONTACT PETE A. NOW

to enter your boat or sign on as crew

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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	Granneman	37.5
Permit	Cavanagh	32"	Blacktip Shark	Kropp	67"
Pompano	Wittlin	18"	Tarpon	Grahl	76"
Redfish	Kropp	35.5"	Tripletail	Aldrovandi	24
Spotted Trout	schudes	23.5	Triggerfish	Bullock	15.5

FISH OF THE MONTH

The Fish of the Month winner for July was Ed Vesely with a 36" Blacktip Permit, Leader so far in August is Rick Granneman with a 37 ½ inch Snook!!!

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 SEPTEMBER

Where are the reds going to be?—Depends. For the most part hunting for reds in October is a backwater thing, done around shallow oyster bars and mangrove points. Watch for ambush opportunities where the reds can sit in still water and suck down immature crabs and fish draining out of a creek or inlet. Reds can also be found in the grass and in the shallowest of flats, where their tails make wakes in the water, and they can be spotted from a poling platform. Later, the bigguns' will move to the surf and offshore.

Live bait choices include shrimp and small crabs, and sardines are worth their weight in silver. Since Reds are smell- feeders don't overlook a chunk of smelly mullet. Gold spoons are the standard lure, but jigs and minnow imitations work too. Remember that reds have turned down mouths and present accordingly.

BITS, PICS and PIECES



Not a redfish—but worth a big smile

CLUB CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE

CAPS--\$10

POLOS--\$20

WINDBREAKERS---\$22

Come to the meeting and pick yours!!