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MSC Newsletter September 2011

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Pete Arcidiacono, President



Dedicated to fishing in and around Collier County

President's Message

September 2011



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Only one month until the Redfish VI Rodeo, sponsored by Walkers Marine. Last chance deadline for the \$30

per member pricing is September 1st. Then the price goes up. Find a partner and get ready to fish!

Just a reminder, this tournament is a team event. No matter what your skill level, you have an equal chance of winning. Our response so far has been positive, so get on board.

September will offer 3 fishing events: **the Buddy Trip on the 9th**, **Gilligan's Island** (off shore) and the *World Series of Snook* on the 29th (this is catch and release only). Information and sign up on all of these events will be at the meeting on 9/1 and later on website.

September's meeting event will be our very informative "**Backwater in-house clinic**". We will have our members sell custom tackle as well as a variety of tables showing equipment, charting, knots and much more. All the information at this clinic will help you get ready for **Redfish**

VI as well as the **World Series of Snook** which is part of the three month long and three species **Triple Crown**.

The picnic this month on 9/28 will be our last indoor picnic of the year. It will be held at the Sand Bar with great snacks and lots of fun. Speaking of picnics, the Dave and Susie team will be back at the Worlds Best Picnic helm starting in November with their theme picnics. Can't wait!

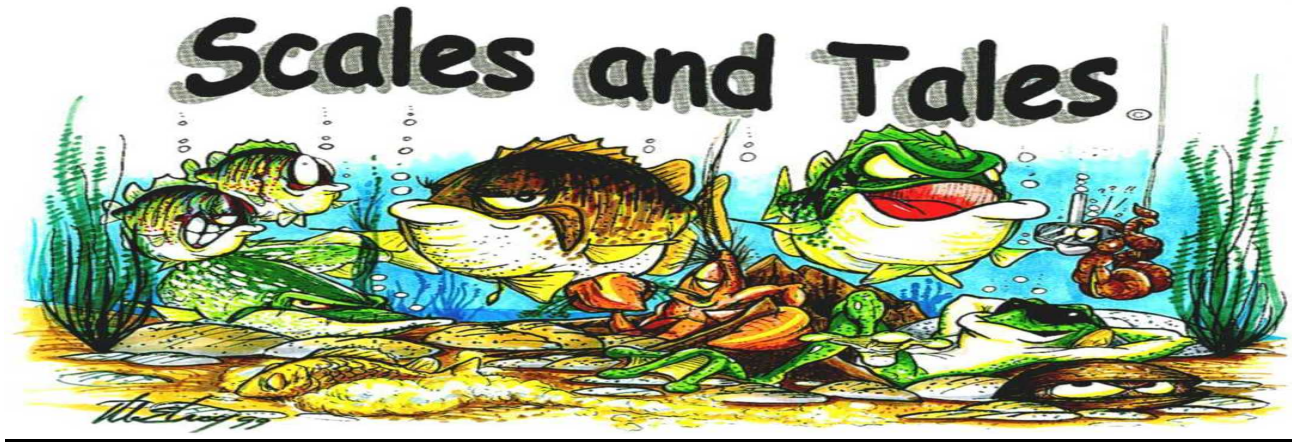
Lot's of fishing action going on. Get your **Triple Crown** fish registered contest ends October. Redfish is coming and the tarpon should start to migrate through if they haven't already.

Summer is almost over and fall fishing begins, don't miss out!

Remember, it doesn't matter how you fish just as long as you fish.

See ya' at the bait shop!
Pete A

***BE ALL YOU CAN BE,
JOIN THE 2012 MSC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS***



Redfish VI Update

As of Mid August, 15 boats and 34 -35 anglers signed up for Thursday / Friday Tournament. 24 anglers and 11 guides signed up for "Guided Tuesday". One guide needed. Walkers Marine is providing Shrimp for Oct 22-Tuesday's Angler Meeting.
Schedule of Events at end of this letter.

Buddy List Outing and Dinner

There is an outing planned for **Friday, September 9, 2011**. It will be a pied piper trip. This trip will head south of Goodland around the White Horse Key area. Boats will keep in touch on **channel 78**.

In the evening, the group will meet with their wives/significant others for **cocktails and dinner at Cocomo's Grill**.

Please sign up ASAP so that we can make boat assignments. **Also, let Joe Perino know if you will be attending dinner.**

As always, all club members are invited and encouraged to participate.

If you have any questions/comments or wish to be on the Buddy List contact **Joe Perino** rivpress@aol.com

Interested In A Future Off Shore Charter Out Of Marco Marina?

Email Capt Pete, peterarchie@comcast.net if you would like to be put on a charter boat outing list. You would then be contacted if a date becomes available, to book a charter, along with others to split the cost.

A typical Charter is \$1000 TO \$1200 PER DAY. (The cost will be divided by the amount of anglers on the trip). Most boats take up to 6 anglers. That would be a day long charter for \$200 Per Person!

Pete is in the process of arranging a Charter Trip for September 13. **Sign up Today!**

Recent Catches

John Cavanagh, Mike Mueller and Jerry Collins were aboard the "Fast Dance" for some Smooth Summer Off Marco Grouper, Permit and Snapper fishing. Grouper from 25" to 30". John Caught and 29.5" and a 34.75" Permit. He now is in Lead on Leader Board. Great catch guys!



Lobster Mini Season off Key Largo

Al Musico and Ed Crane went diving off Key Largo and caught their legal limit of 6 lobsters each for the day. Congrats on safe and productive day of Diving!





Ed Vesely's Backwater Triple Crown Update



The first every Backwater Triple Crown event is off to a flying start. The contest runs from August 1st and ends on October 31st. During that period each angler needs to catch and record a Tarpon (48"0), Snook (28") and a Redfish (18") catch, the winner will have the highest average Percent over the base requirement. This is not going to be easy, but as of mid August, 25 Anglers have signed up.

The September MSC General meeting will be the last date which an individual can sign up. So if you want in, E/Mail Ed at evesely@aol.com.

He will be sending out updates as we proceed and after each month's Backwater Event we will hold an All Participant Captains Meeting to share stories and plans. The three months of this event and the three tough fish species makes this a true challenge. Winner Crowned Nov 1!
This is going to separate the fisherman from the bait soakers!

2011 LEADERBOARD STANDINGS-as of 8-14(No Changes this month)

| SPECIES | ANGLER | SIZE | SPECIES | ANGLER | SIZE |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|----------------|------|
| Cobia | S. Aldrovandi | 60" | Mangrove Snapper | Frank Renkel | 22.5 |
| Black\Gag Grouper | S. Aldrovandi | 31 | Yellowtail Snapper | Ken Bullock | 25.5 |
| Red Grouper | Frank Renkel | 33 | Snook | John Cavanagh | 36 |
| Kingfish | John Cavanagh | 38 | Amberjack | K. Bullock | 56 |
| Spanish Mackerel | H. Handlesman | 22 | Triggerfish | You?? | |
| Permit | John Cavanagh | 34.75 | Blacktip Shark | J. Erickson | 70 |
| Pompano | D. Pace | 18.5 | Tarpon | Mike Kropp | 74 |
| Redfish | Leslie Shade | 33.5 | Tripletail | S. Aldrovandi | 30 |
| Sheepshead | Jeff Erickson | 22" | Spotted Seatrout | Mike Bonaguidi | 26 |
| Lane Snapper | Frank Sroka | 12" | Gulf Flounder | Ron Shudes | 17 |

July-August Fish of Month Standings as of 8-23

Bill McIntosh won the July-Blacktip Shark FOM with a 53" fighter
As of 8-23, Peter Arcidiacono, aka Capt Pete is in the lead for August with a 48" Tarpon catch and release. Still time to beat it! Your chance to collect \$25!

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 Meeting.





Good Reason to Not Water Ski Off Marco - Boca Grande Hammer Head!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| <p>Impromptu Fishing Events are Encouraged to be organized by members.</p> | | <p>Contact Pete to get word out. Get home before afternoon storms!</p> |
| <p>General Meeting 7:00PM <u>Signup Deadline for Redfish VI Without Penalty.</u> Sign up and Posters at Meeting. Table set up to sign up and clothing sales. Meeting Topic is Snook Fishing. Tables set up to help catch more Snook. Tables include Equipment, Knots, Jigs, Best Locations, etc. Great way to kick off Fall Season!</p> | <p>Sept 1</p> | <p>Jewish Temple on Winterberry</p> <p>Be There!</p> |
| <p>Buddy List Trip Whitehorse Key Area. Followed by Dinner at Cocomo's. Contact Joe Perino rivpress@aol.com. More newsletter info below.</p> | <p>Sept 9</p> | <p>Great way to share a boat and fish trip costs.</p> |
| <p>MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15.</p> | <p>Sept 12</p> | <p>5th\3rd Bank</p> |
| <p>Offshore Charter Boat Trip- Contact Pete</p> | <p>Sept 13</p> | <p>Marco Marina Charter</p> |
| <p>Offshore Fishing- "Gilligans Island". Contact Capt Pete</p> | <p>Sept 22</p> | |
| <p>Indoor Picnic-Eat With Your Fingers! At Sandbar Restaurant-Contact Al Musico. Flyer Below.</p> | <p>Sept 28</p> | <p>Finger Food Picnic</p> |
| <p>Backwater Fishing-Second Leg of Vesely's Triple Crown. SNOOK! World Series of Snook Fishing Recap Meeting to Follow. Contact Ed Vesely for details.</p> | <p>Sept 29</p> |  |
| <p>Kayak Trip-Date TBA</p> | <p>Sept TBA</p> | |
| <p>Fish of the Month</p>  | <p>Sept</p> | <p>SNOOK! Sorry, you can't keep them until next year.</p> |

OCTOBER EVENTS

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| <p>Impromptu Fishing Events are Encouraged to be organized by members.</p> | | <p>Contact Pete to get word out. Get home before afternoon storms!</p> |
| <p>General Meeting 7:00PM Redfish Guide to Speak! You won't want to miss this!</p> | <p>Oct 6</p> | <p>Jewish Temple on Winterberry</p> |
| <p>MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15.</p> | <p>Oct 10</p> | <p>5th\3rd Bank</p> |
| <p>Offshore Fishing</p> | | <p>TBA</p> |
| <p>Redfish VI! Sponsored by Walkers Marine. Allan Bristow and Howard Laskau Organizers. Other info in this newsletter and on MSC Website. Biggest and Baddest MSC RedfishTournament, So Far!</p> | <p>Oct 17-22</p> |  |
| <p>Backwater Fishing-Last Leg of “Vesely’s Triple Crown”. Time is running out! Winner Crowned Nov 1. Contact Ed Vesely for details</p> | |  <p>Redfish</p> |
| <p>Fish of the Month</p> | <p>October</p> | <p>Redfish of Course!</p> |

How to Catch Fish of Month-SNOOK!

There are a million ways and places to catch our FOM-SNOOK. You can catch them in the backwater in a boat, off the beach, during the day, at night under dock lights, with live bait, with lures, with jigs, with artificial bait and even off your dock!

My favorite spot is during day along the miles of mangrove shoreline at the water's edge; it all looks "snooky" but it's not. So how do you determine where to fish?

- First, are there baitfish swimming along the shoreline?
- Are there pelicans or cormorants? Birds of prey don't waste much time in a wasteland. In the absence of birds, are the mangrove leaves splashed with white? That would be bird poop. So at least birds do frequent the spot from time to time.
- Is there a strong tidal current? Finally, is there enough depth for snook at least during high tide? Is there a sharp undercut mud bank on the outside edge of a curve?

When current flows tight against the roots of a red mangrove shoreline, you can expect a change in depth along the roots that protrude into the current, or the ends of a mangrove island that points in the direction of water flow. In other words, if the incoming tide is flowing toward the east, the western end of a mangrove island is likely to have a deep cut right at the base of the mangroves. Zoom past a spot like that in your skiff and you risk blowing past the best snook hole of the day.

Having the right equipment to turn the fish quickly and avoid snags makes for a pleasant trip. A close inspection of such a channel or cut might reveal some other structure within that hole -- a submerged log, mangrove branch or other debris. As water rips through that cut, expect snook to be waiting on the down current side of the structure, waiting for prey to wash by.

Which phase of the tide is best for snook in the mangroves?

At high tide, the snook are back up in the mangrove roots and harder to catch. One option may be to cast DOA shrimp rigged weedless, as deep as possible in the small nooks and crannies in the trees. Cast sideways to skip the bait off the water and avoid the overhanging branches. It is hard to get the fish out of there without getting cut off on a barnacle or tangled up in the roots. I have even gotten out of the boat and walked up to the fish to avoid losing a big one.

I prefer a falling outgoing tide and skip the shrimp under mangrove branches along shorelines that have quick dropoffs. Cast upstream and let the bait bounce along the bottom as it moves past the snook hiding places. Another good spot on falling tide is on the downstream

side of a small island or passes where the water swirls. The snook can hang there with less effort and ambush the baitfish as they get swept by in the current.

The best snook mangroves have deep water nearby so the fish can take cover during extreme weather. Mangrove snook aren't necessarily large but you have to turn them quickly - it only takes one barnacle encrusted mangrove root to slice your line.

I prefer using a 7.5 ft medium power fast action rod with 8 or more eyes, a Shimano Stratic 4000 size spinning reel, 10-12 pound yellow braid joined by a Uni toUni knot to a 30 pound fluorocarbon leader and a live hooked weighted or free line shrimp or DOA Glow or Root beer Shrimp jig.

Got a cast net?? Live thread fins/greenbacks are like candy to a Snook! Throw a few live ones near the edge of the mangroves and lure the big ones out of the roots! Then cast one on a hook into the center of action.

Damn its Fun to Watch a hooked one Leap Out of the Water but keep your line tight and rod tip up or you will lose em!



Next Month's FOM is Redfish. Got any tips to share? If so, email me at drasmussen@mdaturbines.com. Thanks!

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Check will be divided among those attending - in the past this has run about \$15 Each

The Red Fish Rodeo

Schedule of Events

Monday October 17th: Redfish Rodeo Week Kickoff event Location: Bistro Sole Restaurant 4 PM – 6 PM (tentative) Attendees: Redfish Tuesday/Redfish 6 entrants and their guests

Tuesday October 18th: “Redfish Tuesday” Guided Tournament Start and finish location: Walker’s Marina, Goodland 7 AM – 2:30 PM (tentative) **Note: Entries for all 12 “tournament boats” have been submitted.**

Wednesday October 19th: Off day. This day will allow all anglers the opportunity to prepare for Redfish VI.

Thursday, October 20th – Friday, October 21st: Redfish VI Tournament Location: Waters surrounding Marco Island. See rules for specifics 7 AM – 2 PM **Note: Entries now being accepted. Entry cut-off is October 1st.**

Saturday October 22st: Awards Picnic. Location and time to follow Attendees: Redfish Tuesday/Redfish 6 entrants and their guests

July 22, 2011, rev B

Florida, Naples, Marco, Big Marco River

September 2011

N 25° 58.3' / W 81° 43.7'

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