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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### MSC Newsletter August 2012

Meeting on the first Thursday at Rose Historical Auditorium

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# MSC Tackle Box

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Pete Arcidiacono, President



*Dedicated to Safely Fishing in and around Collier County*

August 2012

## President's Message by Peter Arcidiacono 821-7499

Hello Everyone, I know many of you remember the spring meeting presentation made by fellow members, Nurse Mary Werres and Dr Roland Werres regarding your health while fishing in the HOT Florida sun. Mary was kind enough to write a reminder for all of us about the things we need to think about BEFORE getting on the boat. Please read her advice that follows below:

This is the time of year it's important to remember some common sense precautions to stay safe and healthy as we enjoy boating and fishing in the great outdoors---the hot, humid, sunny outdoors!

Of course, you wear your PFD and someone knows your Float Plan; in addition, your checklist should include:

1. Test your VHF radio on channel 27, an automated free service provided by Sea Tow.
2. Make sure your cell phone is fully charged.
3. Lots of water and some Gatorade. Make it a habit to take "hydration breaks" throughout the trip, don't wait until your throat is parched or you feel lightheaded.
4. Ginger ale or crystallized ginger (not the chocolate-covered kind!) is good for the "queasies."
5. Crackers, pretzels, granola bars, and fresh fruit (melon chunks, seedless grapes, etc.) are good light snacks to keep the energy up. Better to have small frequent snacks than one big sub at noon.

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6. Large brim hat, lightweight long sleeved shirt and long pants. If you don't like the brim all-around idea, one of those cool "buffs" will keep your ball cap on underway and protect your skin.
7. Wear " Polarized Fit overs" even if you don't wear glasses; they protect on the side and top. The bright reflection from the water we experience here can accelerate the development of cataracts.
8. SUNBLOCK, SUNBLOCK, SUNBLOCK! RE-APPLY, RE-APPLY, RE-APPLY!!!  
Check out BullFrog in Green Bottle at Walmart. It has titanium oxide to reflect sun so it BLOCKS sun's rays, not just screens out some of the rays as most others do.
9. Bug spray.
10. Basic First Aid Kit.
11. Be educated about how any medications you, and those riding with you, take may be affected in the heat.

Two things I'm asked a lot about lately: the "new" CPR and aspirin in strokes.

1. The "new" CPR does not eliminate rescue breathing; it emphasizes the benefit of high quality compressions with minimal interruption. "Mouth to mouth" is still included in the training, so a pocket CPR mask is a great little investment. They are available at drugstores in fold-up form that comes in a small packet on a key chain ring.
2. The majority of strokes are caused by a clot. Although many people are started on aspirin and/or other "anti-clot" medication following a stroke, aspirin is not advised during stroke symptoms as it sometimes is for symptoms of a heart attack. Some strokes are caused by bleeding in the brain rather than a clot and aspirin would not be appropriate. The cause of the stroke (clot vs. bleeding) must first be determined by Professionals.

The two most important and powerful things you can do to help someone is:

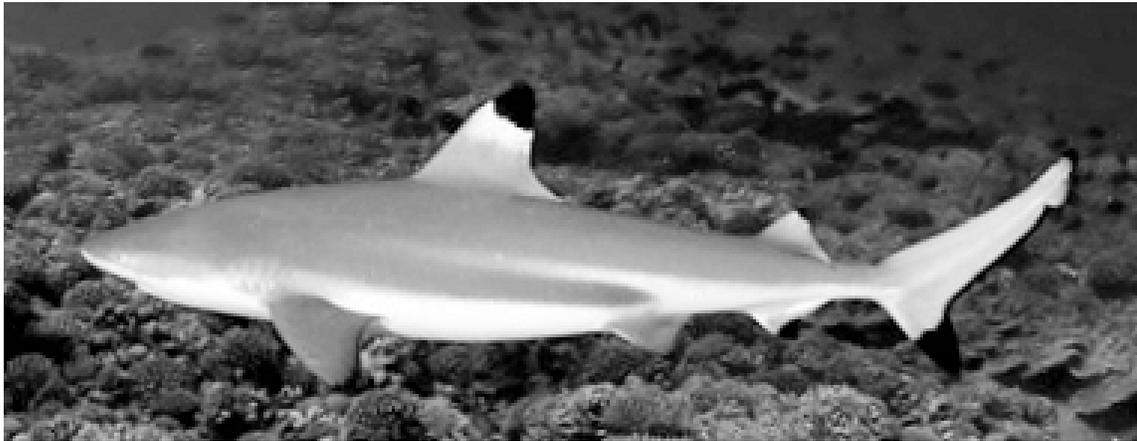
1. ACTIVATE THE EMS SYSTEM---PERIOD. Time is (heart) muscle; time is (brain) tissue.  
Be sure to COMMUNICATE; the person on the other end of the line is trained to walk you through the real-time situation you find yourself in. The more info you can give them the more they can help you.
2. Learn CPR. Just having that tool will help you stay calm and take the right steps, one at a time. Besides, the life you save may be MINE! If we all think that way, we'll all learn and stay current, right?

And don't forget to catch the big one!

Thank you Mary for this important information and concern for the health of our members. Remember: Fish early, take a nap and go to air conditioned Happy Hour! Have Fun

**See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A**

# Again-Man Catches Shark and Man Eats Shark by Ed Shebert



Our July offshore event was a huge success! We had eight boats and 35 anglers. First prize went to Bruce Robinson with a 36 inch, and second prize went to Ed Brown with a 28", both Black Tips. Alan Bristow caught/released a 38 1/4" Redfish, and Andy Battaglia caught a 38" King Mackerel.

We enjoyed a picnic at Sarazen Park the next day feeding all the hungry anglers, and had enough fish to take home later for dinner. All of the picnic attendees' raved about the fresh grilled fish and the condiments brought by the anglers. So.....looks like we will do this again next year!

## Recent Catches



**Allan Bristow's 38.35" Redfish. Practicing for October's Redfish Tournament!**



**Ed Brown's 62" King Mackerel. Nice Fish!**

## **MSC Master Angler Award**

The Master Angler Award acknowledges proficiency in catching multiple species over a multiple period of years. One point is awarded each time a member finishes the month with the winning entry for the FOM contest, or finishes the year with the leading entry for a particular species on the Leader Board. A total of 10 points will qualify the member for this special award. Points are tabulated at the end of each calendar year. The limit of this contest is 5 years.

## **Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament** by Vic Ordija

Aug 15, 2012 thru Nov 15, 2012

The Triple Crown is a challenging tournament that will test the skills of our best backwater fishermen. The contest targets three fish species; Tarpon, Snook and Redfish. The contest period will run from August 15, 2012 thru November 15, 2012.

The top three fishermen will each receive a cash prize and the winner will have his or her name engraved on an individual name plate attached to a substantial trophy or plaque

sponsored by the firm of **Morgan Stanley**. Each year the trophy/plaque shall be passed on by the prior year's winner to the new Triple Crown winner.

This year the rules will change somewhat so as to allow for more participation by easing the restrictions placed on the size of fish that are caught. Also in order to make the tournament more competitive, initially all entrants will be deemed to have caught a small fish from all three fish species. As the tournament progresses and as fish that are caught are reported, a standings table based on a new and simplified point system will be maintained to show the relative position of all anglers that are participating in the tournament.

Contact Victor Ordija at [vicord1@comcast.net](mailto:vicord1@comcast.net) or call 203-906-7328 (cell) to register for the contest. An entry fee of \$10/angler is required to participate. A registration signup sheet will also be available at the MSC general meetings.

### *AUGUST EVENTS*

<b>MSC General Meeting 7PM Tarpon fishing speaker, Teddy Naffel. Morgan Stanley to be recognized and Presented with Triple Crown Trophy. Dan Grahl, 2011 Winner, to be presented trophy.</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum</b>
<b>MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>5th\3rd Bank</b>
<b>Triple Crown Tournament, sponsored by Morgan Stanley, Kickoff and Capt's Meeting. Ed Vesely Victor Ordija</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Tarpon Hunt-Tournament, sponsored by Morgan Stanley. Ed Vesely Victor Ordija</b>	<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Offshore</b>
<b>InShore Tournament. "Every Catch Counts" Ed Shebert</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>Backwater</b>
<b>"Eat it All" Fish Picnic. Ed Shebert</b>	<b>Aug 24</b>	<b>Location TBD</b>
<b>Fish of Month</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Tarpon</b>

### *SEPTEMBER EVENTS*

<b>MSC General Meeting 7PM</b>	<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum</b>
<b>MSC Board meeting 9:30 AM Doors open at 9:15</b>	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>5th\3rd Bank</b>
<b>Indoor Picnic at SandBar Bert Hoell Coordinator</b>	<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Backwater Event Gilligan's Island. Fishing and Picnic at Sand Dollar Island afterwards. Ed Vesely Coordinator</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>	
<b>Fish of Month</b>		<b>SNOOK</b>

## **2012 LEADERBOARD STANDING CHANGES-as of 7-28.**

**Ed Brown caught a 62" King Mackerel. See photo above.**

### **Fish of the Month**

**The July FOM was Permit.** John Cavanagh has the only entry so far with a 31.5 inch Permit caught 7/9. At this point he is the leader and only entry for FOM.

**Buy-Sell-Trade** More Info on MSC Website

**2006 PROLINE 26' Offshore Center Console Boat ***NEW LOWER PRICE!!!!*****

Twin Evinrude E-Tec 200 H. P. motors (320 hours) with transferable warranties, T-top  
Garmin GPS/Fishfinder. **\$29,900.** Call Dan Moll at 773-368-7200 (cell)

### **How To Catch FOM-Tarpon**

Tarpon can grow quite large some ranging over 8 feet long weighing 300 lbs plus. Their large mouths and massive tails make them a very impressive catch to brag about to your friends. They are an anadromous fish, which means that they can live in both freshwater and saltwater. They use their air bladder to help them with buoyancy as well as an additional air supply while they are in waters with low oxygen. They are found mostly in saltwater, but can be found in freshwater rivers and marshes. Their very large flashy scales make them very distinguishable especially when they come to the surface and "roll" to grab a gulp of air. Many anglers that study Tarpon anticipate this behavior and use it for their advantage while trying to locate Tarpon.

Tarpon are known to be cannibalistic but will feed mostly on other fish species like mullet, minnows, menhaden, mackerel or whatever bait-fish is plentiful at the time.

They do not have any teeth which makes them easier to handle once out of the water. Anglers often hoist them from the water by their lower jaw using only a glove. Never attempt this with a bluefish or other species that you know has razor sharp teeth..

Their overall length is also an asset to them as they can use their lateral line system to hone in on a struggling fish's vibration.

## **How to catch Tarpon**

Tarpon can be caught by a variety of methods. One such method is called “live lining” which involves attaching a live bait to the end of the line. Such bait could be Menhaden, Crabs, Pin fish or Mullet. Most anglers will try to hook a medium sized hook behind the dorsal fin of the bait fish. Tarpon will attempt to swallow their meals headfirst with one large gulp as they do not have teeth to chew their meals. Some anglers will place their hook a few feet down from a float bobber so they can keep an eye on their line when a big one bites. Depending on how deep the fish are will determine if you need a bobber or a small weight. They generally are not found very deep in the water column however so try to keep your bait near the surface.

Once caught they put on quite the acrobatic display leaping many feet in into the air. Many anglers lose a fish when the fish leaps into the air. It is best to “bow to the king” which means lower rod and extend arms to give more slack line so the fish is less likely to land on a tight line and have the hook pull out of their hard mouth lining

Tarpon can also be caught trolling or casting. Casting is the preferred method as they can be easily spooked by a running motor. Any larger multicolored plug or swim-bait can be effective. Most Tarpon can be found within a few miles from shore.

## **When is the best time to catch Tarpon**

Tarpon are a nocturnal species so they are best caught in either the early morning or late in the evening. On a full moon they can also be caught throughout the night. Many anglers feel that the spring and summer months are the most active times to catch Tarpon.

Look for artificial lights when night fishing as they are attracted the light and they can easily spot prey fish with their good vision in low light conditions.

After taking a photo of your fish, release quickly to ensure the fish’s survival.