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MSC Newsletter March 2013

Meeting on the first Thursday at Rose Historical Auditorium

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Dedicated to Safely Fishing in and around Collier County

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President's Message by Peter Arcidiacono 821-7499

Hi Everyone, Join in YOUR Club Activities!

What do you think of our new email format? Pretty fancy! In case you haven't seen it yet, it has easy access web links to areas of most interest to members.

Its part of our new email service that promises to make things better; no bounce backs and stuff getting stuck in spam. Hope everyone likes it. Comments appreciated!

So far, our club activities during season, are doing very well. We had a tremendous turnout at last month's DEAL OR NO DEAL at Walkers Marine, with over 400 attendees! Thanks to Walkers for hosting this great event. All the feedback so far was very positive.

Hey folks, YOUR club needs a little help. We have started a new position of "Meeting Greeter". These are people who greet our new members and guests at the door when they arrive at our meeting and help them get orientated and feel welcome. We will have three Greeters during the busy season, two in the off season and would like to rotate the personnel so you only have to do it once. If you would like to help out please contact Allan Bristow, or me. "See Help Wanted" below for other help we need. Thanks.

We have a great line up of March activities and two club sponsored fishing Tournaments!

We continue to grow year over year and welcome **Your** feed back on how we can make it even better!

Remember: Stay safe and join your friends catching fish! See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A



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February Meeting Highlights

Pete introduced FWC officers Lt. Mahoney and Lt. Barrett. Lt. Barrett explained that they would be covering three areas: fishing regulations, fish measurement, and firearms on boats. With regard to regulations, the FWC officers began by explaining federal vs. state fishing boundaries and rules. He then discussed circle hook and venting requirements. This was followed by size and bag limits for Grouper, Snook, Pompano, African Pompano, and Permit. With regard to fish measurement, the FWC officers described the difference between “total” and “fork” measurements, how to measure Stone Crabs, and how to measure Lobsters. The FWC officers then explained the rules governing open carry of firearms. In short, open carry of a firearm is legal when fishing and when going to or from such activity. The FWC officers concluded by answering questions from the members. Rules change to help manage or fishery for generations to come.

Leaderboard Changes – Pete instructed members to go to the club website to view the leaderboard changes.

FOM – Pete noted that the Fish Of Month for January was Pompano and that Howard Laskau won with a 16 1/2” Pompano.

Master Angler Award – Pete introduced Al Musico who explained the Master Angler program and the award. The award, a special jacket, was then presented to John Cavanaugh. He is the club’s first recipient of this prestigious award. Congrats John! Wear it with Pride!

March Madness in the Backwater:

Pete announced that the club would be holding a raffle to win a backwater charter trip with Member Captain Ron Hueston with the proceeds going towards the 2013 Christmas party. Event tickets, which can only be purchased by club members, will cost \$5 each and be available for purchase at the March 7 general meeting. Possible fishing dates are March 27-29 depending on weather and schedule.

March Fishing Madness by Ed Vesely@aol.com

There is going to be a lot of great fishing activities going on in the month of March, so get your calendar out and plan ahead. Read the published Calendar of Events carefully and be ready to respond to E/Blasts and to the sign-up sheets at the General MSC Meeting on 3/7. There are Buddy trips and Kayak trips planned for earlier in the month. Check your calendar.

There will be **TWO** club sponsored Tournaments in March. During the week of 3/18(date based on weather) we will hold the ever popular **Snapper Platter** Gulf fishing contest. Get your boat shined up, save your chum, (If your neighbor has gone north already, use his freezer) and line up your crew. This event is always popular and you don’t have to run out 45 miles to be a winner. Don’t forget these are great eating fish.

On March 21st the club’s Backwater Spotted Seatrout Tournament is scheduled. These colder water fish love to be caught in these cooler March waters and are found in schools. So when you find them, you are in for some serious action. As they don’t lay up right against the shore and like the open waters, this is a great opportunity for those of

you with Bay Boats. Get a crew member or two lined up and you are ready to go. By the way, these are some of the best eating fish we have in Florida. Both of these events have some Free(Club) money's to be won, keep your eyes peeled for the E/Blasts and signup sheets.

Kayak Fishing Held in Johnson's Bay Feb12 by Vic Ordija

Nine kayakers set out from the Blue Heron Restaurant to fish the backwaters of Johnson's Bay. Fishing was poor possibly due to Red Tide as dead fish, primarily Mullet, were sighted during the event. Nevertheless, a number and variety of fish were caught with George Stein catching a nice but undersized Gag Grouper.

Veteran fisherman Ed Brown decided to try kayak fishing and managed very well using John Baker's Pro Angler Hobie Kayak. Bobbie Ordija and Harvey Brion, both relative newcomers to kayak fishing, also joined the group today. More the merrier!

Jay Jones had a bit of a mishap as he attempted to dismount his kayak, slipped neck deep into a drop off and had to be pulled back into the shallows. No harm done and Jay was able to quickly dry off in the midday sun.

According to Jay, the group traveled 3.8 miles during the event. The group had a great day on the water followed by beer at the Island Gypsy Café. Grab a yak and join us!

The next kayak fishing event will be held on 3/14/13 at a location to be determined.



George Stein with released Gag Grouper

Feb 8 Deal or No Deal? by Mike Kropp

That was the Question. The answer was that 400 plus people made up of members, vendors, and guests showed up looking to make the deal, and, the deals were made all night long. Rods, reels, tackle, knives, jerky, photos, coolers, services and so much more were available to all who attended. Captains signed up members for charters, Sea Tow renewed memberships, and fuel will be delivered to new customers. The sound of knife sharpening went on for hours. People shopped, negotiated, and purchased throughout the night while socializing, and enjoying the great food and the cold beverages along with the live music, which were so generously provided by Walker's Marine who proved to be a first class host for this event.

Hundreds of people saw and photographed "The Marco Mermaid" or were photographed by Mary Kay and Evelim Elias of FunPhotography. This was a very unusual Fish of the Month. She was released right after the event, far away from the current Red Tide outbreak.

This was once again, the largest club event of the year, so far and plans are already in the works to make it bigger and better next year. On behalf of the MSC Board, a big thanks goes out once again to Walker's Marine for hosting, all the members and vendors who had tables, and of course all the members and guests who showed up to make this event a really Big Deal! Photos below:





FOM (Fish of the month) by Ed Shebert

For every month during the year, the Fishing Committee picks a specie that coincides with a fishing event or a seasonal migration. For many years we have run this program by recognizing the angler with a \$25 cash prize for the largest fish measurement.

The **FOM** for January was Pompano, and the fishing event for both the backwater and offshore competed for the same fish. Tony Saputo, the event leader, states “we had 20 boats and 57 anglers—28 Pompano were harvested, the largest being 16 ½ inches caught by Howard Laskau”..

The FOM for February was Sheepshead....and, Keith Wohltman was leading the “Sheepshead Shootout” contest at press time. Again, a prize will be awarded for the person catching the largest Sheepshead this month.

LEADERBOARD by Ed Shebert

The Leaderboard is an annual representation of the person catching the largest fish. The board is wiped clean every year and starts fresh at January 1. The person catching the largest fish for the year wins a prize at year end.

You **MUST REPORT** your catch for both the FOM and Leaderboard on the Website. It is easy. Just go to www.marcosportsfishingclub.com and on the home page you will find the links. While you are there take a peek at the LEADERBOARD, as you will learn a lot about the reported catches. We are in the middle of February as I write this, and there are still no reports on all of the Snappers, Black Tip Shark, and Spotted Seatrout...c'mon guys!!!

YOU MUST REPORT YOUR CATCH THE SAME MONTH. SO SNOOZE 'n LOOSE applies here.

Buddy Trip February 19, 2013 by Joe Perino

This **Buddy List** outing was to the southern part of the island out past and around Coon Key and Sugar Bay. The weather was perfect; the temperature was pleasantly warm and the wind was gentle. Among the fish caught were: Whiting, Silver Trout, Sugar Trout, Spotted Sea Trout, Jacks, and Lady Fish. Fortunately, we did not catch many Catfish on this trip. The group consisted of 8 boats and 27 anglers.

That evening 42 people enjoyed cocktails and dinner at Ristorante La Piazza. Our host, Mario made us a special menu for **The Fishermen of Marco**. During the festivities we sang happy birthday to one of the best fishermen around, Keith Wohltman. He is now a senior citizen and a Medicare recipient. It was a perfect end to a wonderful day of fishing with an evening filled with a fantastic combination of laughter and friendship. The camaraderie that filled the restaurant always makes the Buddy outings an extraordinary experience.

The next Buddy Trip will be March 14, 2013. If you have any questions/comments or wish to be added to the Buddy List contact Joe Perino rivpress@aol.com



(L-R) Jay Jones, Keith Wohltman, Sheldon Porter, Joe Perino



Member-Gary Roth Catches 70# Cobia!

It was reportedly caught 50 miles west of Sanibel Island. Gary caught it on a live blue runner over a public wreck-TW Barge. Fish was last seen being eaten at Cocomo's.

All we can say is it was HUUUUUGE!



MARCH EVENTS

MSC General Meeting 7PM Presentation on Safety/First Aid by Dr. Werres– Know what to do in a boating emergency. Greeter Allan Bristo	Mar 7	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Board meeting 9:15 AM Doors open at 8:45	Mar 11	5th\3rd Bank San Marco
Kayak Fishing Outing. Location TBA	Mar 14	Contact Victor Ordija
Buddy Trip. For those who have or need a boat Contact Joe Perino	Mar 14	No excuses for not fishing today!
Backwater-Snapper Platter Capt Meeting	Mar 18	Porky's 4 PM
Picnic-St. Patricks with Sister Kaite See Flyer	Mar 20	Sarazen Park
April Newsletter Deadline to Editor	Mar 21	Got Article and Photos?
Offshore/Backwater-Snapper Platter Tournament (Club sponsored event with \$500 in prizes. Event leaders: Tony Saputo and Ed Shebert.) One day event to be scheduled to suit weather. Watch for email blast.	Mar 19-23	Snapper Anywhere
Seatrout Shootout Captains Meeting 4pm Porkeys	Mar 25	
2nd Backwater Tournament-Seatrout Shootout. Club sponsored event. Contact Ed Vesely.	Mar 28	Backwater Tournament
Raffle March Madness Trip with Capt. Ron Hueston. Purchase Tix at March 7 meeting. Club members only. Contact Capt Pete for more info.	Mar 27-29	Backwater Trip. See article above.
Fish of Month		Speckled Sea Trout

APRIL EVENTS

MSC General Meeting 7PM Presentation by Offshore Grouper Captain. Howard Laskau	Apr 4	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Board meeting 9:15 AM Doors open at 8:45	Apr 8	5th\3rd Bank San Marco
Offshore Tournament. World Famous Rootin Tootin Red Grouper II. Week long activities. Entry Deadline April 1. Allan Bristo or Howard Laskau.	Apr 8-15	See Article in next month's newsletter.
Rootin Tootin Red Grouper II Capt Meeting. Sarazen Park. Capt and Crew only. Time TBA	Apr 8	Tournament Bags Distributed
Rootin Tootin Red Grouper II Tournament First Fishing day is 4/10 with second day 4/9, 4/11-13 as alternates, depending on Weather.	Apr 10-13	
Rootin Tootin Red Grouper II Awards at Biestro Soleil. Time TBA	Apr 15	Got to Fish it to Win it!
Picnic. Second Amendment Picnic. See Flyer	Apr 17	Sarazen Park.
Buddy Trip Date TBA	Apr	
Kayak Trip	Apr 18	Location TBA
May Newsletter Deadline to Editor	Apr 21	Got Article and Photos?
Fish of Month	Apr	Red Grouper!

HELP WANTED: Offshore Event Leader

Tired of same old routine? Want to meet other good looking professional fishing members like yourself? Want to be your own Boss? No experience necessary! Will Train. Part Time or Full Time.

Seriously, we are looking for a person to help with the offshore fishing events. You will help organize these events with the Captains and Crews. +++++ if you are a full time resident. Move to the front of the line if you have an offshore boat!

Call Ed Shebert 914.564.6638 or

eshebert@savatree.com<<mailto:eshebert@savatree.com>>

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Contact Editor, David Rasmussen to Post Ad. drasmussen@mdaturbines.com

Bryan A Fluech (fluech@UFL.EDU) who is our Florida Sea Grant Representative, passed this along for MSC members to review and comment:

Proposed Season and Modify the Recreational Shallow Water Gag Grouper Closure

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on a proposed rule that would establish a 2013 gag recreational fishing season that opens on July 1 and closes when the annual catch target is projected to be caught. **The rule would also continue the February 1 through March 31 shallow-water grouper closure, but restrict the closure to depths deeper than 20 (120 feet) fathoms. (Near shore would still open April 1? Editor.)** The proposed rule will publish in the *Federal Register* on February 21, 2013, with the comment period ending March 25, 2013.

Gag Recreational Season

The proposed rule would open the (20 fathom and deeper areas) recreational gag season on July 1, 2013, and the season would close when the annual catch target is projected to be caught. Based on a 2013 annual catch target of 1.287 million pounds, preliminary projections, assuming compatible state regulations, indicate the season would be able to remain open until sometime between November 11 and December 3. A 2013 closure date will be projected after more complete 2012 recreational landings data are made available. If at any time during the gag season the landings are projected to exceed the 2013 annual catch limit of 1.495 million pounds, fishing for gag would close.

Recreational Shallow-Water Grouper Closure

The proposed rule would also convert the fixed February 1 through March 31 shallow-water grouper closed season into a time-area closure by eliminating the fixed closed season in federal waters shoreward of the 20-fathom (120 foot deep) boundary. This

allows grouper fishing to occur year-round while providing some protection to species that spawn during February and March.

Request for Comments

NOAA Fisheries must receive comments on this proposed rule no later than March 25, 2013. We will address all comments specifically directed to the framework action or the proposed rule in the final rule. You may obtain electronic copies of the proposed rule and the amendment from the NOAA Fisheries Web site:

<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sf/GrouperSnapperandReefFish.htm> or the e-Rulemaking Portal: www.regulation.gov.

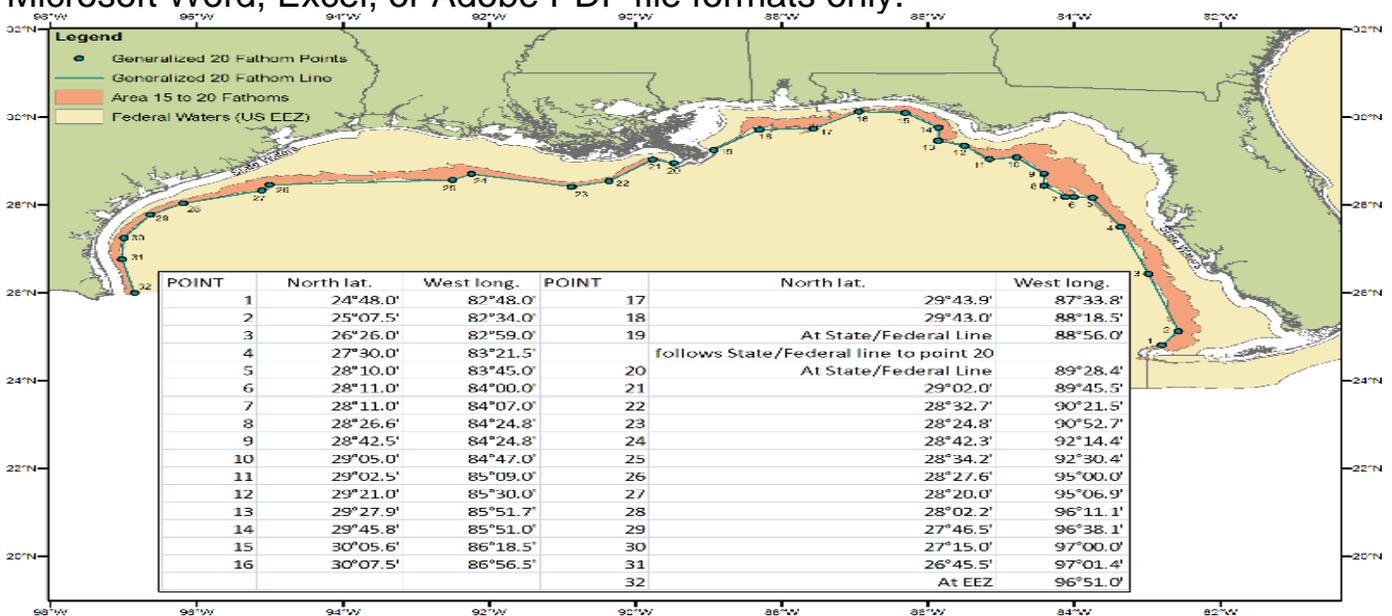
How to Submit Comments

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2013-0012, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0012, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail: Submit written comments to Peter Hood, NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Regional Office, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701-5505.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NOAA Fisheries. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NOAA Fisheries will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.



**St. Patrick's Picnic
With Sister Kaite**



**Sarazen Park
Wednesday, March 20**

Set up at 11:30, starts at noon

\$13.00 Each*

***\$16.00 after March 16**

\$20.00 at the door

Jason's famous New York Yankee Sandwich



Beer, Wine, pop and water included

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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RESERVATION for St Patrick's Picnic

NOTE: New Parking Rules Apply

check roster to see if you have a friend who lives near park

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$13.00 each \$ _____

@\$16.00 each \$ _____ after 3-16

Make check payable to **MSC**

Mail Separate Checks

per event to: (same envelope OK)

Dave Walsh

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**2nd Amendment Picnic
Sarazen Park
Wednesday April 17**

Starts at Noon, Helpers set up at 11:30



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Bring a dish to pass that
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get in **FREE**

Person with oldest
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Otherwise \$10.00 Each

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**A selection of gourmet meats that taste
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Fried Chicken available for non-gourmets

**2 flavors of beer, 3 flavors of wine, pop,
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Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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@\$13.00 after 4-13 \$ _____

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