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MSC Newsletter May 2013

Meeting on the first Thursday at Rose Historical Auditorium

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Pete Arcidiacono, President



Dedicated to Safely Fishing in and around Collier County

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President's Message by Peter Arcidiacono 821-7499

Hi Everyone, Our season is winding down. I believe we had more member participation in our events this season and I think that's terrific. I hope it only gets better!

I would like to thank all those who stepped up and chaired some of our events and activities. I would like to see more membership participation; so if you have an idea, let me hear it and we will help put it together.

Our May meeting will bring us Mr. Peter Flood, who heads up the artificial reef program in Collier County. Peter will bring us up to date with the proposed artificial reefs off Marco and the way the \$500,000 grant will be used from BP. Please try and make an effort to attend this meeting as the outcome could be very advantageous to us and our fishery.

As you all know Walker's Marine had their 1st Annual Tarpon Tournament with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. It was held on April 20th. The winner of the recreational division was our fellow member ED BROWN with a Tarpon weight estimated at 180 lbs. CONGRATULATIONS ED! (Please feel free to ask ED of the experience, he will be glad to tell you). We all now have 1 year to gear up for the 2nd Annual Tournament.

Remember: May not only brings little tiny bathing suits to the beach it also brings REDS AND SNOOK! See you off the beach

See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A



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April General Meeting by Paul Milici

Snapper Platter Awards – Tony Saputo noted that, due to weather, only two boats actually went out and that the tournament's entry fee of \$10 was refunded to the anglers who did not participate. Tony then announced the following prizes for the boats that did fish:
Captain Ed Shebert: \$100 for the second largest Yellowtail Snapper (13")
Captain Jeff Erickson: \$150 for the largest Yellowtail Snapper (16 ¼") and \$150 for the largest Mangrove Snapper (13 ¾").

Seatrout Shootout Awards - Ed Vesely noted that 13 boats went out and that \$780 in prize money was distributed in two categories (1) most total inches per boat and (2) individual angler awards. Of the five boat awards, totaling \$400, the top award went to Captain Pete Arcidiacono's boat (\$120), of the six largest Seatrout awards, totaling \$230, the top award went to Pete Arcidiacono and Lyle Wise who each caught 17" fish and received \$85 each, the award for most inches by a single angler went to Dick Yeaton with 47 ½" (\$60), and the wildcard fish award went to Ed Vesely with a 25" Redfish (\$50).

Meeting Event – Offshore Grouper Fishing Presented By Captain Mike Avion

Pete introduced Captain Mike Avion, an MSC member and local charter captain. Captain Mike covered a wide range of subjects surrounding offshore Grouper fishing. He began with a series of slides of sonar readings and explained what they were showing and what we should be looking for when viewing sonar. He noted that the boat should be moving at 5 to 6 knots when using sonar to best identify likely fishing spots. Captain Mike continued with discussion of hook types and sizes, leaders, sinkers, baits, rigs, and venting. Tips included: use hard baits such as Pinfish when fish are aggressive and soft baits such as Sardines and Squid when fish are lethargic, anchor rather than drift unless over a very large area of fish-holding bottom, and use a "chicken rig". He concluded by answering several questions from the members.

Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Tournament Results by Howard Laskau

The Rootin' Tootin' Grouper Tournament may go down in history as one of the longest tournaments in MSC history. Due to weather delays, the scheduled awards ceremony ended up being a "kick off" event, taking place on Monday night, April 8th with the tournament finally taking place on Tuesday, April 16th. After 2 weather delays, 19 boats and 80 anglers finally got the chance to go out and bring back some grouper. There were 2 separate divisions in this tournament: a 15 mile division and a 50 mile division, with the weigh-in at the Old Marco Lodge in Goodland being held right after the full day of fishing. The weigh-in started slow, but just as the anglers started arriving with their fish, a 30-minute downpour put the festivities on hold. When the rain cleared, the weigh-in resumed and some really nice fish were brought to the scales. Since no wildcard fish (King Mackerel) were caught, a 4th place was awarded in each division.

Winners in the 15-mile division (one legal red grouper per boat) were:

1st place: Team Pursuit 7.56 lbs - Captain Tony Saputo, crew: Carl Bressan
2nd place: Fish Assassins 6.66 lbs – Captain John Wood, crew: Maureen Wood, Rich Massa

3rd place: Team Contender 5.92 lbs – Captain Ralph Crowell, crew: Pete Arcidiacono, Ed Brown, John Baker, Mark Tanner

4th place: Sea Hunt 5.78 lbs – Captain Joe Perino, crew Barry French, Jerry Keyes

Since the 1st place and 2nd place teams did not enter the Captain's Calcutta, a very happy Captain Ralph Crowell walked away with all the winnings in that division.

Winners in the 50-mile division (two legal red groupers each boat) were:

1st place: Team Mueller 30.00 lbs - Captain Mike Mueller, crew: John Cavanagh, Jeff Erickson, Frank Sroka

2nd place: Team Ludwig 26.36 lbs – Captain Al Jennings, crew: Mike Ludwig, Ed Ludwig, Cornel Irimies, Steve Macko, Frank Renkel

3rd place (tie): Team Rona 24.80 lbs – Captain Roger Linder, crew: John Burbach, Harv Perusse, Gary Lamotte

3rd place (tie): Grouper Troopers 24.80 lbs – Captain Ed Shebert, crew Leo Sutera, Bryan Mordecai

Captain Mike Muller and his crew also went home very happy. Not only did they win their division...they also won the Captain's Calcutta in the 50 mile division.

Congratulations to all who competed in the event, and special thanks to our tournament sponsors, **Walker's Marine, Mercury Outboards and Pursuit Boats** for helping to make this a first-class tournament!



Kickoff at Ole Marco Lodge. Athletes are preparing for Contest.



Capt Pete with Ralph Crowell's Team Contender in Uniform



Awards Dinner at Bistro Soleil



Allan Bristow Announcing Rain Soaked Winning 50 Mile Team-Team Mueller!

WALKER'S MARINE		WALKERS MARINE	
GROUPEE		MARCH 10th SHOOT OUT GROUPEE	
15 MILE DIVISION	50 MILE DIVISION		
PURSUIT 7.56	TEAM MUELLER 30.00		
FISH ASSASSINS 6.66	TEAM LUDWIG 26.36		
TEAM CONTENDER 5.92	TEAM RONA 24.80		
SEA HUNT 5.78	GROUPEE TROOPERS 24.80		

Winning Teams!



Frank Sroka Holding Winning Fish From 50 Mile Division-Team Mueller!



Winning Grouper-50 Mile Division



Team Mueller Taking Home the 50 Miler and Captains Calcutta Winnings!



Team Rona's Capt Roger Lindner and Crew



Team Contender's Ralph Crowell and John Baker taking home 2nd Place!



Team Seahunt's Joe Perino with Check and Berry French and Gerry Keys.

Kayak Fishing in Everglades Turner River; by Vic Ordija

Nine kayakers set out on Thursday, April 18, 2013 from a launch point on the Chokoloskee Causeway to fish the Turner River. We fished the oyster bars in the lower portion of the river and worked our way upstream to Hurddles Creek. While the bite was generally slow, several Spotted Seatrout were caught. John Baker had the largest; a nice 20" trout. Howard Laskau was a bit unlucky. He lost two Redfish; one was about 22 inches which broke off when his line got tangled on a rod holder. All in all, a very nice day on the water.

We topped off the day with cold beers at the Seafood Depot in Everglades City.



Vic Ordija leading Yaks



John Baker with 20" Trout!

Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 (home) or 203-906-7328 (cell) to sign up for the next trip. You can also sign up for the event at the upcoming general meeting.

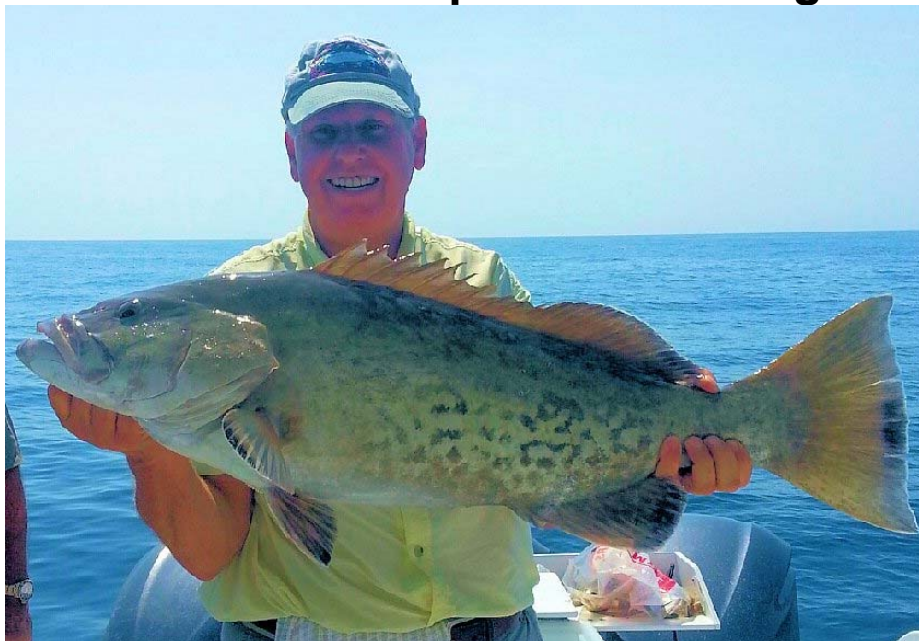
FOM (Fish of the month)_by Ed Shebert

FOM – March FOM was Seatrout and that there was a three-way tie between Ron Shudes, Jim Mueller, and Bill Welker who each caught 22 ½” fish. Jim was declared the winner as his fish was entered first. Ed then announced the following changes to the Leaderboard: As of 4-12 the April FOM-Red Grouper Leader was Alvin Jennings with a 33” fish.

LEADERBOARD CHANGES as of 4-14 by Ed Shebert

FISH	SIZE	ANGLER
Red Grouper	33”	Alvin Jennings
Lane Snapper	18 ½”	Ken Bullock
Triggerfish	16”	Ken Bullock
Snook	34”	Ron Shudes
Amberjack	55”	Jeff Erickson
King Mackerel	49”	Jeff Erickson
Spotted Seatrout	22”	Ron Shudes, Jim Mueller, Bill Welker
Cobia	52”	Jeff Erickson
Spanish Mackerel	24 ½”	Doug Smith
Tripletail	26 1/2”	Ron Shudes

Check MSC website for latest update and to register your catch!



Dick Larson with 34” Gag Grouper-Then Released. Pinfish for Bait



Ron Shudes with 35+# Momma Snook-Then Released

<i>MAY EVENTS</i>		
MSC General Meeting 7PM Tentative Speaker- Peter Flood-New BP Offshore Reef Building Project. Greeter Howard Laskau	May 2	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Board meeting 9:15 AM Doors open at 8:45	May 13	5th\3rd Bank San Marco
Buddy Trip Sign up at May Meeting	May 14	Contact Joe Perino
May Picnic - Quince de Mayo Noon	May 15	Sarazen Park
Spousal Abuse-Couples Event Contact Ed Vesely or Keith Wohltman. Info to be announced at May General Mtg and email blast.	May 16	TBA
Kayak Fishing Outing. Location TBA	May 20	Contact Victor Ordija
Non Club Tournament Holy Mackerel Capts Meeting. Location TBA 4 pm	May 21	
June Newsletter Deadline to Editor	May 21	Got Article and Photos?
Holy Mackerel Tournament. Non Club	May 23	

sponsored. Event Coordinators Ed Shebert and Tony Saputo		
Fish of Month		King and Spanish Mackerel

JUNE EVENTS

Picnic-Last Dave Walsh Event til Fall Steak Picnic. See flyer below.	Jun 5	Sarazen Park
MSC General Meeting 7PM Topic TBA Greeter Ed Shebert.	Jun 6	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Board meeting 9:15 AM Doors open at 8:45	Jun 10	5th\3rd Bank San Marco
Shark Bite Fishing Day	Jun 20	Offshore
Man Bites Shark-Picnic. Location TBA. Chefs Ed Shebert and Tony Saputo	Jun 21	
Fish Of Month		Blacktip Shark

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 NAPLES, FL. Contact JASON TRAVIS - 239-732-8800

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