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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### MSC Newsletter July 2013

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*

July 2013

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

Hi Everyone,  
HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: OUR GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> - REGULAR PLACE AND TIME.**

Please remind your fellow members when you see them of this change since do not change meeting days often.

July will bring us some great events as well as improved fishing.

We will have our Summer Indoor Picnic at the Sand Bar Restaurant on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. This is lots of fun and most importantly its AIR CONDITIONED.

Serious anglers it's time to get ready for the MORGAN STANLEY TRIPLE CROWN. Tournament starts August 1<sup>st</sup>. The details are in newsletter.

Your Club could use some help. At the end of this year we will need to recruit new board members. We are looking for someone with accounting background and someone who help promote our merchandise at certain events. If anyone is interested and would like more information, please let me know and I would be happy to help.

It has been announced. **SNOOK SEASON WILL FINALLY OPEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2013. EVERYONE, CHECK YOUR LICENSE AND INSURE YOU HAVE A SNOOK STAMP.**

Ok everyone, stay cool.

Remember: Fish early, go to happy hour early and get home before the afternoon rain.

Remember: 4 months 'til REDFISH VIII

See ya' at the bait shop, Pete A



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## **June General Meeting Topics** by Paul Milici

### **Education and Boat Safety**

Ed Shebert announced that MSC has partnered with the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron which has agreed to provide two courses (ABC's of Boating and Seamanship) and all of their seminars to MSC members. The only cost to MSC members will be the cost of books for the courses. Ed noted that the courses will be available this fall.

Ed also announced that the Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary will perform vessel safety inspections at no charge. Ed advised the members that sign-up sheets were available at the back of the room.

### **Meeting Event – Goliath Grouper, Presented By Dr. Chris Koenig**

Dr. Koenig began by describing the distribution of Goliath Grouper and noted that the population is currently "endangered" worldwide, with the exception of Florida, where its current status is near "recovered" as a result of a moratorium on the harvest of Goliaths put in place in 1990. Dr. Koenig explained that population decline resulted from several factors, including overfishing, mangrove loss, and poor water quality.

He noted the importance of the 10,000 Islands as a nursery for the Goliaths where they spend five to six years maturing before joining the adults on the shelf reefs. He noted that high profile rocky, as opposed to coral, and man-made reefs were the preferred habitat for adult Goliaths. Dr. Koenig also addressed the diets of both juveniles and adults which, contrary to the belief of many fishermen, did not normally include other grouper and snappers.

Of perhaps even greater surprise to the audience was his statement that as the number of Goliaths on the reef increases, the number of other fish species on the reef, including snappers, increases. Dr. Koenig also discussed the need to gather more data on the age of Goliaths and he solicited the help of MSC members in doing so. Dr. Koenig concluded his presentation by answering several questions from the audience.

### **FOM (Fish of the month)** by Ed Shebert

There were six updates for the LEADERBOARD in May. FOM was King Mackerel and Mike Mueller caught a 49" King at the T Tower. Other catches that made the LEADERBOARD were; Keith Wohltman-61" Blacktip Shark; Mike Kropp-78" Tarpon; and Jack Walsh-34" Black Drum. Congrats to all!

Check MSC website for latest update and to register your

## Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament Update by Vic Ordija

Attention MSC anglers! The Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament will begin August 1, 2013. This is a tournament that will test the skills of our best backwater anglers. The contest targets three fish species; Tarpon, Snook and Redfish.

This year we are going to make it easier and safer to register a Tarpon. The angler needs only to bring the Tarpon to the boat, have the leader touched and a picture taken of the fish; the Tarpon may then be released by cutting the leader. The photo must clearly identify the fish as a Tarpon. No measurement will be required and gaffing the fish is strictly prohibited. An angler that meets these requirements will be awarded a 5.5 foot Tarpon regardless of the fish caught, except that the fish must be greater than 30 inches long. This change will minimize stress to the fish, reduce mortality and also lower risk of injury to both the fish and the angler.

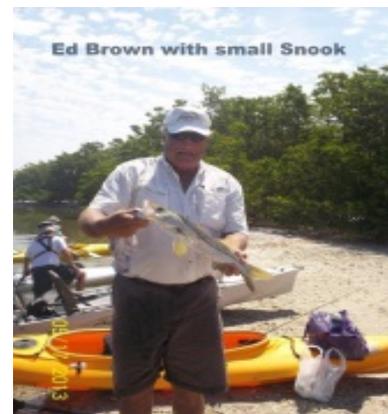
New rules for the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament will be sent by e-mail to the membership in the near future and sign up for the contest will begin at the general meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2013. A participation fee of \$15 is required and will result in as many as five cash awards at the end of the three month long tournament.

## Kayak Fishing in Chokoloskee Bay; May 17, 2013 by Vic Ordija

Kayakers had one of our best outings fishing Chokoloskee Bay on May 17, 2013. Six kayakers set out from the Gulf Coast Visitor Center in Everglades City on a calm Friday morning. We caught a variety of fish over the oyster bars. The day's tally included two Redfish, eight Snook, ten Spotted Seatrout and two Blacktip Sharks.

Ed Brown recorded a 20 inch Snook and Vic Ordija had a 21 inch Redfish. Both fish are presently registered in the 2013 Kayak Fishing Challenge and eligible to win a \$100 cash prize. The largest Snook and Redfish caught in the kayak fishing events will receive a \$100 cash award at the end of the year.

We topped off a wonderful day on the water with cold beers at the Seafood Depot in Everglades City.



## **OFFSHORE MACKEREL OUTING REPORT** By Tony Saputo

Eleven boats and 27 anglers met at the 2mile reef on May 23 at 8:00 am to fish for Spanish and King Mackerel. A few boats caught some Spanish Mackerel at the 2 mile reef. The seas were supposed to be less than 2 ft. and winds 5-9 knots out of the South but the seas were 2- 3 ft and wind out of the North West.

No bait schools around the 2mile but a few Spanish Mackerel were caught fishing on or near the bottom. Not much action at the 2mile so a few boats headed to the 5 mile, some to the 7 mile and some to the 9mile reefs.

We kept in touch by radio and exchanged fishing reports. Grouper, sharks, whiting, jacks, blue runners, redfish, grunts and pin fish were caught. Victor Ordija had a brief hook up with a tarpon. Based on the radio reports, 21 Spanish Mackerel were caught but no Kings.

Most of the anglers headed for home around 1pm, the seas were building and the wind increasing. At 4 pm, 23 people showed up at the Crazy Flamingo for fish tales, refreshments and snacks. The service was excellent and the onion rings and chicken wings were delicious! The snacks kept coming until everyone was stuffed! When I left at 6:45, 6 people were still there! STAY SAFE AND SEE YA ON THE GULF!



Vic Ordija was “confused” and thought this was a Mackerel! Small Shark- Released



Fish Tales at Crazy Flamingo

## **Redfish VIII Update!** By Howard Laskau

The dates for MSC’s annual Redfish competitions have been set. Make your plans!

As has been the case for the past few years, there will be two separate events...a 2-person/boat event followed by the Redfish VIII team competition. There will be separate entry forms/fees for each event.

If you are making plans for the Fall, here are the dates you want to be aware of to be sure you don’t miss out on any of the activities:

**Wednesday, October 9** – Captain’s meeting for “Redfish Saturday” and “Redfish VIII” (Captains and Crew only) – Location/time to be announced

### **Saturday, October 12 – “Redfish Saturday”**

- 2 person teams only. No guides.
- All boats will leave from Walker’s Coon Key Marina at the same time in the morning (time to be announced)
- All boats to return to Walker’s Coon Key Marina at a specified time for a “live fish weigh-in”- Only “slot-sized” Redfish will be weighed

### **Tuesday, October 15 – Wednesday, October 16 – Redfish VIII- Boat, individual and team competition. “Sun-up to sundown” fishing on Tuesday. 1/2 day fishing on Wed.**

- “Happy Hour” on Wednesday afternoon. Turn in Redfish VIII paperwork. Location to be announced.- Times for all activities to be announced

### **Thursday, October 17 – Awards banquet**

- Redfish VIII Captains, Redfish VIII crew and guests (prior reservations required for guests)- Location/time to be announced

These are the dates we are planning on, but as we know all too well, the weather has to cooperate also, so we are all going to have to be a little flexible...just in case.

Entries for “Redfish Saturday” and “Redfish VIII” will open in July. Within the next few weeks, additional information will be available via email, on the website and at the MSC monthly meeting on July 3rd.

## **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC) by Ed Shebert**

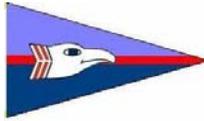
We encourage all boaters to have your vessel(s) inspected by a US Coast Guard approved Examiner. Items that will be looked at include Registration Doc’s, PFD’s Visual Distress Signals, Fire Extinguishers, Marine Radio, Navigation Lights and a host of other items that are both required and recommended. Passage of the inspection will get you a current VSC Decal to prominently display on your boat. Jet Ski’s and Kayaks should also be inspected. There is no fee associated with the inspection and if something is lacking, there is no penalty. Just here to help keep you safe!

I have a boat, two Jet Ski’s, and two Kayaks and it takes less than an hour.

Both the **Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron** and the **U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 95** perform the examinations. Contact **Dave Dumas** (MISPS) at 239.389.2677 or **Keith Wohltman** (USCGAF 95) at 239.300.8096 to set up an appointment. Both Dave and Keith are Marco Sportfishing Club members.

## **Indoor (Air Conditioned) July 17<sup>th</sup> Picnic by Bert Hoell**

A Cool Invitation to all Marco Sportfishing club members and guests! Join us on Wed. July 17th at 12 noon for our Indoor picnic event at the Sandbar restaurant. We will Have a finger food menu, Wings w/celery and blue cheese, mini burgers w/cheese and grilled onions, BBQ pork, oysters and a surprise to be announced! Ice Cold Domestic and Imported Beer also red and white wine for those of you over 21! So mark your calendar. Cost \$16-per person at the door. RSVP Bert Hoell, 389-5546 or email [canpakman@aol.com](mailto:canpakman@aol.com). Leave your Name and Number in your party.



## Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Education Program Fall 2013



<u>Course</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u># Days</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
ABCs of Boating	M,Th, F	6:00 PM	11/4 - 11/15	5	Lt. Bill Hughes, AP 239.394.3484
Seamanship	Tu, Th	1:00 PM	11/19 - 12/19	8	Lt. Bob Beliveau, SN 239.393.2133
GPS/Charting	M, Tu	6:00 PM	12/9 - 12/10	2	PC Jin Olmes, SN 239.394.5415

The Marco Sportfishing Club has made arrangements with the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron to enhance our membership's educational opportunities by participating in the above courses at nominal fees. Call the instructor listed for the course for more information, or see Ed Shebert to sign up. Times/dates are subject to change. **Stay safe and enjoy boating and fishing!**

## Shark Bite-Man Bites Shark by Tony Saputo

Eight boats with 18 anglers fished for sharks on June 20th. Despite choppy seas in Gullivan bay and near shore, a total of 9 black tips sharks were caught. Ed Shebert volunteered again to prepare all the filets. Twenty five people enjoyed the grilled shark on the 21st and we enjoyed the variety of side dishes and the delicious desserts in Goodland at Goodland Park. Good food, good company and a nice day!



Ed Shebert was the Master Chef again this year!



Goodland Park had great picnic area to enjoy a shark steak lunch!

## Recent Catches from Members



Bert Hoell, Ed Vesely, Paul Milici and Pete (L-R) were fishing 22 miles southwest of Marco in 65 ft water. Their biggest fish was 28 ½" landed by Pete. Some of the other red groupers were 22 to 27".



Some Nice Dorados! (aka Dolphin) Fishing down in the keys. MSC members Left to Right, Ed Adams, Jim Mueller, Pete Arcidiacono, Allan Bristow and Victor Ordija,

## *JULY EVENTS*

### **GAG** Grouper Season Opens! **AJ** Closes

<b>Offshore Charter. Weiss Guy. Contact Pete or Ralph King about openings.</b>	<b>Jul 2</b>	
<b>MSC General Meeting 7PM</b> Richard Heinrick to give presentation on hurricane preparedness for boats on lifts. Fishtales will be at the Sandbar. <b>Vic Ordija</b> Greeter <b>NOTE: Meeting is on WED this month.</b>	<b>Jul 3</b> <b>WED!</b>	<b>Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum</b>
<b>MSC Board meeting 9:00 AM</b> Doors open at 8:45 <b>NEW LOCATION!</b>	<b>Jul 8</b>	<b>CG Auxiliary Bldg Caxambas Park Trailer</b>
<b>Picnic-Indoors. Sand Bar Restaurant</b> See article Contact Bert Hoell or Ed Shebert	<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Offshore Fishing Event</b> Near and Further Offshore. More info at July 3 Meeting. Contact <b>Tony Saputo</b>	<b>Jul 18</b>	
<b>Last day for August Newsletter Submissions</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Send to editor by email</b>
<b>Co-ed Fishing and Picnic on South End.</b> Contact Ed Vesely.	<b>Jul 25</b>	
<b>Triple Crown Kickoff. Thru End of October. Tarpon, Snook and Redfish</b>	<b>Jul 30</b>	
<b>Fish of Month</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Permit</b>

## *AUGUST EVENTS*

Start of Morgan Stanley Triple Crown fishing tournament thru end of October	Aug 1	
<b>MSC General Meeting 7PM.</b> Topic Triple Crown Capt's Kevin Merritt and Ron Hueston Scheduled to talk on Redfish, Snook and Tarpon Ed V. Greeter	Aug 1 <b>Thurs</b>	<b>Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum</b>
<b>MSC Board meeting 9:15 AM</b> Doors open at 8:45. <b>NEW LOCATION!</b>	Aug 12	<b>CG Auxiliary Bldg Caxambas Park</b>
<b>Tarpon Event - Mudhole Mania</b>	Aug 15	
<b>Fishfry Indoor Picnic.</b> Location TBA.	Aug 21	
<b>Last day for August Newsletter Submissions</b>	Aug 21	Send to editor by email
<b>Fish Of Month</b>		Tarpon

## **Calling All Athletes!!!!** By Ralph King

“Available Bob” Trento, leading slugger for the MSC, has been called up to the Majors for summer and left me behind to manage the **2013 Summer Offshore Charter program**. Probably won't be as colorful as Bob, but we'll “git ‘er done”.

We are now planning offshore charters for July and looking for interest from Club members. If you are interested in summer charter trips please let me know by email ([ralphking@comcast.net](mailto:ralphking@comcast.net)), and be specific about which one(s) you are interested in. And if you have a significant other, friend or family member who wants to go, please include that information in your response (but Club members will of course have priority). Responding now will not commit you to anything, nor guarantee you a space, but once I have a better handle on who is around and interested we'll ask for checks on a *first come first served* basis.

### **Here are the basics of the summer offshore charters we're planning:**

**July 1: Gag season reopens July 1<sup>st</sup>, it should be like the 1<sup>st</sup> day of deer season - dummies, sitting ducks, shootin' fish in a barrel!!!** Wild Thing, leaving Rose Marina at 7:30 AM and returning around 4 PM, going 25-30 miles offshore, targeting gag and red grouper (kings and cobia if the opportunity presents itself – AJs out of season), cost will be \$240/angler with 6 anglers (price include tip, cleaning).

Four great opportunities to get out on the water, stock the freezer, and maybe meet some new friends. Don't miss out, be there or be square! If you don't respond now, you won't be on the 2013 summer charter list.

Hope to see you on the water! Ralph King (AKA “Ocean City”) 443-994-3158

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

**Boat For Sale: Sea Hunt 2009 Ultra 232** - 23' center console- with windlass Yamaha 2009 225 HP 4 Stroke engine. 2010 Continental Aluminum Trailer Asking price - \$39,500. Can be seen at: TRAPPER MARINE 2959 DAVIS BLVD NAPLES, FL. Contact JASON TRAVIS - 239-732-8800

**Boat For Sale: 2009 SEA FOX 205**, Only 20 hours! Like New! Great bay boat. Center Console 20'6", Garmin GPS and Fish Finder, Bait Wells, Canvas Cover, 115 HP Suzuki, 4 Stroke Engine. Asking price-\$17,999 Contact: [judihaig@earthlink.net](mailto:judihaig@earthlink.net)

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