



MSC Tackle Box

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Allan Bristow, President

Dedicated to Safely Fishing in and around Collier County

April 2014

President's Message by Allan Bristow



Hi anglers, Its **Rootin' Tootin' Red Grouper** time again! Our third annual RTRG tournament kicks off this week. Hopefully, we will have calm seas and hungry fish! Thanks to Howard and Keith for all the work they have done in making the **RTRG** tournament happen. Please take a look at the April calendar to find out specific information about events related to this tournament.

Walker Marine's 2nd Annual Silver King Tarpon Tournament will be held on April 19th. All proceeds will be donated to the Michael R Raisor Foundation to support Brain Cancer research. Let's show our support for a great cause. For more information please call Captain Sean Black at 239-642-6764 or go to the Walker's Marine Showroom on Bald Eagle Drive. On another Walker's Marine note: MSC members can stop by the Walker's Hide Away Marina location to pick up their discount card. The card will provide you with special discounts on gas, frozen bait and selected Ship's Store merchandise.

Spring breakers won't be the only ones showing up along our beaches in April. This month will bring back the bait fish. That means the Redfish and Snook won't be far behind! Working the beaches with your favorite lures can bring high rewards.

Fishermans tale:

Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths.

See you on the water,

Allan Bristow



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March, 2014 Buddy Trip by Joe Perino

The March Buddy Trip was to take place on the 13th of the month but because of very high winds and small craft warnings it was postponed until the 15th. We started out with 12 boats and 34 people signed up for fishing and 45 for cocktails and dinner on the 13th. However, this shrunk to 8 boats, 24 fishing and about 30 for cocktails and dinner. Although some people could not make the new date we had to make the change because safety is issue number one.

This Buddy List outing was to the southern part of the island out past and around Coon Key, Cape Romano, Blind Pass, Morgan River and Sugar Bay. We tried to find places where we could duck the wind. We had warm temperatures and moderate winds with some high gusts. Among the fish caught were: whiting, silver trout, sugar trout, spotted sea trout, jacks, lady fish, sea robins, lizard fish, black drum, snook, and snappers. Unfortunately, we also caught many pesky catfish on this trip.

As always, the camaraderie that filled the cocktail hour and dinner that evening made the Buddy Trip event a wonderful, memorable experience.

The next Buddy Trip will be April 24, 2014.

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





Freshwater Kayak Fishing for Largemouth Bass by Vic Ordija

Six kayakers participated in an impromptu kayak fishing event for Largemouth Bass on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

We fished the freshwater canal that drains into the Faka Union Canal located at the Port of the Islands. The lower portion of the freshwater canal is approximately 200 feet wide and 8 to 10 feet deep with very clear water and lots of submerged vegetation. There appears to be a good bass population and the group caught 35 Largemouth Bass in the outing. Most of the fish are about one to two pounds and were caught on weighted plastic worms. Some of the kayakers used night crawlers but the bass did not

want live bait. We did catch numerous Mayan Cichlids on crawlers. These fish put up a good fight for their size. They are reportedly a non-native fish that have become well established in South Florida and are well regarded as a food fish.

Several small alligators were spotted during the event. Undoubtedly there are larger reptiles in these waters, however none were seen and since it was not mating season we had no expectation that the alligators would be aggressive.

This outing was a change in pace for us and the group experienced a fun filled event.



RECENT CATCHES- Submit Photos of Your Catch!
March 19th Offshore Charter aboard Findictive

John Dolansky, Mike Verrastro, Jim Chaffee, Jerry Brown, Clarence Gdowski, Dennis Faroul



Kim's Korner



Hi, MSC newsletter readers! On Tuesday, March 25, 2014, it was all about the *"BAITING BEAUTIES"* event. We were closely watching the weather the night before the planned 9:00am fishing start when NOAA was predicting 11 mph winds climbing up to 20 mph at the 1:00pm fishing end. Winds alone would have kept most or all of us in the backwater, but then there was that pesky rain forecast . . . After much hand-wringing and email-flurrying, at 7:30am we called off the fishing to keep everyone safe, **but kept the party!**

No one was disappointed. With enthusiastic MSC spirit, volunteers showed up to get ready, bring and serve the food. Marion Hamilton did a fabulous job of obtaining donated prizes for all of the Anglers, plus a bonus gift bag for each. Since we didn't go fishing, we just pulled names for prizes. Pete A. was a superb MC and kept the sound system going in spite of a couple of light rain showers. After cake and the 50-50, I can't even tell you how many expressions of delight, support, and enjoyment were shared among the picnic guests.

Special thanks also to Allan B., John B., Cathy B., Bill and Cathy L., Lynn N., Bobbie O., Dave and Susie W. and *ALL* of the Baiting Beauties Anglers, Captains, Crew and Friends. Get ready to sign up for "BB2"!



Organizers
Marion, Kim, Cathy & Bobbie



Kim



“Baiting Beauties” Anglers



Captains and Crew



Food Served by Expert MSC Staff



Crane, Riley & Walsh "Fish Heads"



"Fish Heads" Dining



Baiting Beauties Cake



Susie Walsh selling 50-50 Tickets



Dave Rasmussen Wins 50-50



Marion handing out Prizes.

APRIL EVENTS

Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout III – Kickoff event at Bistro Soleil. Time TBA	Apr 2	
MSC General Meeting 7PM. : “All About Grouper” (Speakers: Capt Mike Avinon and possibly one or two club members who are experienced grouper fishermen). Greeters: Victor Ordija and Paul Milici	Apr 3	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
Offshore Charter – Weis Guy	Apr 4	
Rootin Tootin Red Grouper Shootout III (Externally sponsored offshore event) Weigh-in and awards location and time TBA. Note: 4/8, 4/9, and 4/10 are alternate dates for the tournament. The event will take place on the “best day” for offshore fishing during those four days.	Apr 7	
Offshore charter – Findictive in Naples	Apr 10	
MSC Board meeting 8:30 AM Doors open at 8:15.	Apr 14	CG Auxiliary Bldg Caxambas Park
Tax Day	Apr 15	
Picnic After Tax Day Celebration	Apr 16	See Flyer Below
Captains’ meeting for Walker’s Silver King Tarpon	Apr 18	Tentative Date
Walker’s Silver King Tarpon Tournament (Sign-up at Walker’s Marine on Bald Eagle Drive)	Apr 19	New Date!
Last day for May Newsletter Submissions	Apr 21	Send to editor by email
Kayak trip (Rookery Bay) Event coordinator: Victor Ordija	Apr 23	
Buddy Trip Contact Joe Perino	Apr 24	
Fish of the Month		Red Grouper

<i>MAY EVENTS</i>		
MSC General Meeting 7PM. : FWC Update on Regulations and Future. Greeters: Victor Ordija and Paul Milici	May 1	Rose History Auditorium at Marco Museum
Fish and Dine Outing	May 2	Sign up at meeting
MSC Board meeting 8:30 AM Doors open at 8:15.	May 5	CG Auxiliary Bldg Caxambas Park Trailer
Picnic 6 de Mayo. See flyer below	May 6	Sarazen Park
Kayak Trip. Contact Vic Ordija	May 8	Sign up at Meeting
Pied Piper trip to Dismal, Panther, and Four Brother's Keys. Event coordinator: Howard Laskau	May 14	Sign up at Meeting
Domestic Harmony Guys and Gals Fish (Club sponsored backwater event). Captains' meeting TBA	May 15	Sign up at Meeting
Hard Bottom Rodeo captains' meeting	May 19	at Vandy's at 4:00 pm
Last day for June Newsletter Submissions	May 21	Send to editor by email
Hard Bottom Rodeo (Club sponsored offshore event)	May 22	Sign up at meeting
Fish of the Month		King and Spanish Mack
Buddy Trip	May ??	TBA

MSC 2014 Backwater & Offshore Charter Schedules

Check MSC website for latest listings.

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

New Lower Price!! Hurricane Deck Boat. Fun Deck 211 Center Console type with 200 HP Four Stroke Efficient Honda Engine. 120 Hours. Fishing option with Bimini. Porta potti in console, Alum tandem Trailer. Stored indoors. No bottom paint. **\$18,250**
Contact David Rasmussen 239 642 5522.

New Listing! 1998 2270 Pursuit Center Console with 1998 225 hp Yamaha saltwater series ox 66 (2 stroke) Excellent condition and equipped with vhf radio, Garmin 498 gps, live well, wash down, trim tabs, compass, cushions in great condition covers for engine, center console and helm seat. Bottom not painted and lift kept. Asking \$15,000. Please call Tony Saputo at 239-595-1988

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

MSC Club members are now offering dockside fuel delivery.

Call 239-389-2012 or email at mail@paradisefuel.com. Go to website WWW.ParadiseFuel.com and click on Order Tab. (25 gallon minimum)

Boat For Sale: New Price! 1999 Cobia. 24'7 Walk around with cuddy cabin. 250 hp Yamaha with 600 hours. T-Top, Bimini Windshield and canvas, kept on lift, excellent condition, asking \$19,900k Call Al at 239-389-0037

Boat For Sale: 1998 Intrepid 339 Walkaround. Twin 250HP 4 Stroke Suzuki engines (around 550 hours), this boat spent most of its life as a yacht tender and is lift kept. Cabin AC, windlass, microwave, fridge. Clean and all needed updates are done. Check it out! \$72,000. Trades considered. Email: sean.adams@jmagroup.com.

For Sale: Minn Kota Riptide 80 24V 52" Shaft Trolling Motor. Several Years old, it works well. First reasonable offer will be accepted. Contact Dave Henderson 717-951-2064.

New Listing! Universal Kayak Carrier (Mako Aero) for cars with factory racks/Yakima Rollers/Yakima Saddles/ #450 Thule crossroad rack. Complete with instructions and a Thule non-skid vehicle protection mat. This car system is 1 year old and in excellent condition and the best you can buy. \$200 takes it. Call Al Jennings 908-303-4362

Free Postings for Members' Boats, Member Want ads, Fishing Gear and Other Good Stuff.

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

According to most recent member survey, ALL BUT ONE member reads the newsletter! Send me your recommendations for improvement.

After Tax Day Picnic Sarazen Park

Wednesday April 16

Starts at Noon, Helpers set up at 11:00

\$10.00 Each

**\$13.00 after April 11
or \$16 at the door**



**Picnic only \$10 Cost Because You
Might Be Strapped For Cash**



**A selection of gourmet meats that taste
like Chicken. Beans, and Salad**

**2 flavors of beer, 3 flavors of wine, pop,
soda, ice tea and water included**

Note: New Parking Rules Apply
Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

Cut here RESERVATION for After Tax Day Picnic
MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$10.00 each \$ _____
@\$13.00 after 4-11 \$ _____

Make Separate checks per picnic payable to **MSC**

Mail to:
Dave Walsh
1530 Caxambas Ct.
Marco Island, FL34145

Seis de Mayo Tuesday



Sarazen Park **TUESDAY, May 6**

Set up at 11:30, start at noon

\$13 Each Members*

\$16 Each Guests**

*\$16 Members after May 1

**\$19 Guests after May 1

or \$23 and \$26 respectively at the door

Mexican Fajita Bar

Seasoned Chicken and Beef, Mexican Rice,
Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour
Crème, Tortillas, Corn Chips and Salsa

**Beer, Light Beer, Wine,
Ice Tea, Pop and Water Included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

Cut here RESERVATION for Seis de Mayo
MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number attending _____

@\$13 and \$16 \$ _____
@\$16 and \$19 after 5/1 \$ _____

NEW PARKING RULES APPLY

Note: Parking in County Lot is \$8 w/o sticker

**Need SEPERATE checks payable to MSC
for each event**

One envelope OK!!!!

**Mail to Dave Walsh 1530 Caxambas Ct.
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