

MSC Tackle Box

www.marcosportfishingclub.com Howard Laskau - President

Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Collier County

President's Message for February, 2016



I am looking forward serving as president of the Marco Sportfishing Club. I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill (literally and figuratively), as Allan Bristow, our past-president, has stepped down after two years of dedicated leadership that has brought our club to where it is now. On behalf of all Marco Sportfishing Club members...we are grateful. **Thank you, Allan!**

With 75 new members this year and more than 425 family memberships in total, the Marco Sportfishing Club has grown to become one of the largest, if not the largest club in Southwest Florida. Whatever your interests are..... backwater fishing, tournaments, kayaking, offshore fishing, or anything in between...chances are there is something here for you. We are a 100%

volunteer organization and rely on our members to create, plan and execute all of the events and activities we hold every month. Please take a look at the calendar of events in this newsletter and you'll see what is being offered this month. Participate in any and all events that interest you. This club has a core group of people, who, for the past several years, have been spending their free time managing these events. Their names and functions are listed on the last page of the newsletter. During the upcoming year, hopefully, more of our members, new and old, will get involved in the day-to-day running of the club. If you have ideas for new activities or events, or if you would just like to help out at one of our functions, please let me know. We can always use the help.

Now that Allan has some free time on his hands, he's putting it to good use. Teaming up with Jim Mueller, the two of them are running one of our Club's most popular events...the annual Sheepshead Tournament. This year, the event promises to be bigger and better than ever. It's scheduled to take place on February 17th, and is sponsored by Sunshine Stitchers and the Old Marco Lodge. Each tournament entry includes a catered Captain's meeting, a custom tournament T-shirt and an awards dinner "shindig" with live entertainment! Entries for this event are coming in fast, and it looks like we are on the way to set a record for participation. If you're thinking about entering, don't wait much longer...entries close on February 8th. Go to the website, download your entry form, and join in on the fun.

Besides the Sheepshead tournament, there's a Buddy Trip, an offshore fishing trip to the new Marco reefs, a Kayak outing, a trip to Miami for the boat show, the FeBREWfest XI picnic, and...if you've ever wanted to shoot off a flare gun, this is your chance. There is a live flare demonstration on February 2nd. Check the calendar of events to get additional information on any of these activities. Get involved...and have fun!

I look forward to seein' you on the water.

Get Hooked!

Howard

Thought for the month: Try to make it a point to only fish on days that end in "Y"



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LEADERBOARD/FOM Updates as of January

Leaderboard

The updated board can be accessed using the link below.

[Link to Leaderboard](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) January 2016

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

Update From the Editor

January has been a tough month weather wise and fishing wise. February has got to be better!! Just a few quick comments regarding MSC events and the individuals who plan and execute them. It takes an enormous amount of time to put together these events, no matter simple they appear to the membership. As such the club leadership would appreciate your cooperation in signing up early and keeping your commitment to participate. On the behalf of all the event leaders, THANK YOU.

Want to make a comment or have a question, contact Phil Wanzenberg your Editor pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.

Kayak Fishing Report by Victor Ordija

With acceptable weather, nine hardy kayakers' got out to fish Goodland Bay and Palm Bay on the 21st. The group caught ladyfish, jacks and a small spotted seatrout. Neither snook nor redfish could be enticed to strike, given the 60 degree water. The most interesting activity on the trip, was John Baker trying out his new sail, check out the pictures on the website.

Sign Up! Kayak Fishing

The next trip is at McIlvane Bay on the 23th.

Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 (home) or 239-628-7971 (cell) to sign up for the trip. You can also register at the upcoming general meeting to be held on January 7, 2016.

Buddy Trip January 2016 by Joe Perino

The outing consisted of five boats and seventeen fishermen. It was a tough weather day, as January has been all month. We began fishing at a deep hole near Coon Key and moved on a drift into the channels from Shell Key Bay to Dismal Key Pass. We tried to stay out of the wind, without much luck.

Despite the weather we managed to catch a plethora of fish. There were a good number of seatrout including some keepers. Barry French landed a Leader Board speckled seatrout at almost 21 inches. In addition to the seatrout we caught some silver trout, whiting, snappers, jacks, lizard fish, sea robins and of course, the scourge of the sea, catfish.



That evening the tired anglers forgot about the heavy clothing and rough weather and enjoyed a great social event of cocktails with dinner at Mario's. Twenty eight people enjoyed the friendly environment and fish talk. All in all it was a great day to be among fishing buddies.

The next Buddy Trip is scheduled for February 15th, details to follow. If you have any questions/comments or wish to be added or removed from the Buddy Trip list contact; Joe Perino email rivpress@aol.com.

Offshore Report January 2016 by Tony Saputo

Offshore boundaries have been expanded to give all offshore anglers more flexibility to fish.

Effective January 13, 2016
North of Marco Island as far as Gordon Pass
South of Marco Island as far as Cape Sable
Out to 20 fathoms (120 feet) from shore

Harvest of Red Grouper reopened on January 1, 2016 in Federal waters and remain open in State waters. Bag limit remains at 2 per angler. Minimum size 20 inches.

Seasonal closure for Black, Red, Gag, Yellowfin, Scamp and Yellow mouth grouper February 1 -March 31, 2016 beyond 20 fathoms (120 feet).

There is a size limit and closure change pending on Gag Grouper Size 22 – 24 inches. Closure from July 1 – December 2 to June 1 – December 31, 2016.

Gray Trigger fish season opened on January 1 in State and Federal Waters.

Coming up on February 11th Captains Choice to the new artificial reefs and dinner. Details will be announced at our general meeting on February 4th.

Backwater Events January 2016

The Pompano Pounder event was cancelled due to January's weather. Next month will be the Sheepshead Tournament. Weather will be the best.

The Pied Piper trip to Naples was cancelled. The next trip/event is scheduled for March 8th. The route will take the group to the Blackwater River. Want to join the Pied Piper Group? Visit the website and click the Pied Piper link on the home page.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Flare Demonstration at Marco Yacht Club	Feb 2	See website for more information
MSC General Meeting. 6:30 PM Event First Aid on the Water presented by Dr. Roland Werres and Mary Werres, RN	Feb 4	Rose Hall Auditorium at Marco Museum
MSC Board meeting 8:30 AM Doors open at 8:15.	Feb 8	CG Auxiliary Bldg. Caxambas Park
Captain's Choice Offshore Event Captain's Meeting	Feb 9	Mario's Time TBD
Captain's Choice Off-Shore	Feb 11	Fishing the new reefs
Buddy Trip	Feb 15	Details at General Meeting
Sheepshead Tournament Captains Meeting	Feb 15	Place and time TBD
Sheepshead Tournament	Feb 17	Get details and forms on the Website
. Newsletter Deadline	Feb 21	
Sheepshead Tournament Award Party	Feb 22	Old Marco Lodge 5:30 to 8PM
Kayak Event McIlvane Bay	Feb 23	See Article in this Newsletter
Picnic Event at Sarazan Park "FeBREWfestXI"	Feb 25	Get all Details and Forms on the Website
Fish of Month		Sheepshead

MARCH EVENTS

Fish of the Month		Spotted Seatrout
<u>There is no MSC General Meeting this Month</u> DEAL no DEAL	Mar 3	Marco YMCA See Website for details
MSC Board meeting 8:30 AM Doors open at 8:15.	Mar 7	CG Auxiliary Bldg. Caxambas Park Trailer
Pied Piper Event to Blackwater River	Mar 8	
“Trout Challenge” Captain’s Meeting	Mar 14	Time and Place TBD
St. Patrick’s Day Picnic with Sister Kaite.	Mar 16	Sarazan Park 12 noon
Kayak Event Shell Island	Mar 17	Details to Follow
“Trout Challenge” Backwater Event	Mar 18	Details to Follow
Beach Cleanup Howard Laskau Crew Chief	Mar 19	
Last Day to submit articles for April Newsletter	Mar 21	
“Baiting Beauties” Backwater Fishing Event Click Here for BB3 Info	Mar 21	Details and Forms See Website
“Baiting Beauties” Fishing Continuing Picnic/Awards At Sarazan Park	Mar 22	See Website for Details



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The board of directors has decided that ads older than 2 months will be pulled from the website. They can be renewed for another 2 months but you must contact the webmaster to renew.

Important Info On Future MSC Picnics by Dave Walsh

In order to better plan for future picnics, I am releasing the schedule for the first three months of 2016. This should provide everyone with adequate time to get their money in on time, thus minimizing issues of revising orders with caterers. As a reminder, all reservation forms and money must be in my hands by the deadline (just like the banks); postmarks don't mean a thing. For the November picnic I received almost ten checks the day after the deadline. Because it was the first picnic of the season and there wasn't the normal long lead information available, I waived **FOR ONE TIME ONLY** the \$5 late fee for all those received one day late. There can be no forgiveness in the future because we owe it to our caterers to give them firm numbers. Because of everyone's busy Christmas schedule and our Christmas party extravaganza, there will be no picnic in December.

Multiple reservations and checks can be included in the same envelope; however, **SEPARATE CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH EVENT!** There is no limit to the number of attendees on each check; just keep the picnics separate for banking purposes. There will be a \$5 returned check fee if I have to send you back a combined picnic check.

Please note that the date for the February picnic is not the normal third Wednesday of the month. **Because of the February Sheep Head tournament, FeBREWfest XI will be on THURSDAY, February 25th.**

[Click Here for Picnic Flyers](#)

MSC LOGO MERCHANDISE

Items	PRICES	
APRONS	\$9.00	
BUFFS	\$5.00	
BURGEES	\$25.00	
DECALS	\$0.50	
HATS-CAMO	\$14.00	
HATS-SHORT BRIM	\$12.00	
KOOZIES	\$1.00	
LICENSE PLATES	\$8.00	
MEASURING TAPES	\$6.00	
VISORS	\$9.00	
	S-XL	2XL
COLUMBIA FISHING SHIRT (SPECIAL ORDER)	\$50.00	\$52.00
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MEN'S V-NECK T-SHIRT (CLOSE OUT)	\$6.00	
"FULL OF BULL" Tournament T shirts (L - XXL)	\$20.00	

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