

# MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



## President's Message for September, 2016



Hold on for just a few more weeks! The cooler weather is on it's way. And, if you've been fishing in this area for a while you know what that means...the Redfish will be here soon. Redfish, and the annual MSC Redfish Tournaments that go along with them, will be our focus for the next few months. If you've never caught a Redfish or haven't ever entered one of our Redfish Tournaments, this is your chance to participate in the Marco Sportfishing Club's signature events. Please take some time to review the information in this newsletter and/or go to the website to get additional information. Entries will be closing soon. Don't miss this opportunity.

**As a reminder, there will not be a General Membership Meeting in September. Instead, we will hold our annual BBQ Cook-off and picnic on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer and make your reservations for this fun-filled event.**

I am pleased to announce that Capt. Sam Young has taken over the "Advocacy" role for the Marco Sportfishing Club and will be actively looking out for our best interests when it comes to fishing regulations, conservation, clean water and related issues. With the sheer size of MSC behind him as support, Sam will be communicating with key environmental, marine and political figures to make MSC's positions known in order to ensure that correct decisions are made. Sam's experience as a charter captain allows him to bring a unique perspective to his new role with the club. For the past year, Paul Milici had been handling the Advocacy role in addition to acting as Fishing Committee Chairman. On behalf of the Club, thank you, Paul, for all the time you spent working in both of these key areas.

With this as an excellent example, the Marco Sportfishing Club is only as good as the people who step up and take on the responsibilities that are needed to run it. MSC is a 100% volunteer organization. Planning for 2017 is now in full swing. Several of our members who have been involved in helping to run the club will be "retiring" at the end of 2016, opening up opportunities for others. We need the involvement of our members, old and new, to keep the variety and quality of our activities where they are now. If you are interested in spending some of your spare time helping to keep **your** club running smoothly, please let me know. We can use the extra help. Your fellow members will appreciate it!

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Get Hooked!

*Howard*

Thought for the month: Fishing is fun...but catching is always better!



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## **LEADER Board Updates as of August**

The updated leaderboard can be accessed using the link below.

[Link to Leaderboard](#)

## **Fish of the Month (FOM) as of August**

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

## **Surprise Catch of the Month**



## **Tarpon Hunt Report by Pete Arcidiacono**

Our Tarpon Hunt turned out to be quite successful, just ask John Baker and Allan Bristow (pictured above). Talk about luck, these guys fished together and both caught a qualifying Tarpon for the MS Triple Crown Tournament. However, I can not get the truth out of either of them, on who caught the bigger fish.

The Hunt included about 8 boats fishing various locations around Marco. There were reports of "Hook Ups" and a few Sharks, but no other Tarpon was landed that day. Thanks to all the participants, it was a fun day all in all.

Click on the link to see information about the upcoming No Bait and Nite Bite events:

[Click here for No Bait and Nite Bite info](#)



## **ATTENTION ALL MSC MEMBERS!**

There will NOT BE a regular general meeting of the Marco Sportfishing Club on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016.

In its place, we will have our third

### ***Annual Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Picnic***

*Place: Sarazen Park on Marco Island*

*Date & Time: Thurs., Sept 8 at 4:00 PM*

*Cost: \$7 member \$11 guest*

*Bring: your own drinks & a chair if you want- a good appetite and a great attitude!*

*Menu: Back by popular demand- This will be a Bar-B-Que Smoked Pork Cook-off!!! Meat will be prepared by our own club members-served with all the fix'ins and judged by a select panel of **Celebrities!***

*Activities: Casting contest, horseshoes, 50/50, other stuff*

**All MSC members are welcome to come celebrate the mid-point of the Triple Crown Contest with our sponsor, Morgan Stanley!**

If you want to enter to compete for best chef, call John Baker at 239-970-0296

Fill out the reservation form on page 2 and **mail today**

### **RESERVATIONS**

**Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Picnic Sept. 8, 2016**



**Sarazen Park 4:00 PM – Bring your own drinks**

**Member names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members @ \$7 each**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests @ \$11 each**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to MSC and mail to:**

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**DEADLINE IS MONDAY, AUG. 31**

## Kayak Fishing in Hell's Gate July 18, 2016 by Victor Ordija

This kayak/fishing outing, originally planned for Lover's Key, was moved to Hell's Gate as a result of the outbreak of blue-green algae that has significantly affected water quality in Estero Bay.

Eight Kayakers were able to make the event and fished the winding channels of Hell's Gate. The kayakers had to deal with warm and humid weather, but the cloud cover and light breeze kept the anglers reasonably comfortable. In fact by midday, winds picked up and kept the kayakers out of the open bay.

Many Mangrove Snappers were caught by the group, but most were undersized. A couple of Snook were caught with the largest being 25 inches and landed by Mike Larsen. Mike is now the leader in the Snook category of the **Kayak Fishing Challenge!**

Contact Victor Ordija at [vicord1@comcast.net](mailto:vicord1@comcast.net) to sign up for the Kayak Group and receive information regarding upcoming trips. You can also sign up at the upcoming general meeting.



The August Kayaking Event occurred after the newsletter deadline. It will be included in next month's newsletter.

The Morgan Stanley Fishing Challenge is on-going. See the attached flyer regarding a special picnic to denote the mid-point of the event. To get details and forms for this event [Click on the Triple Crown link](#).

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## September Events

<b>Fish of the Month</b>		<b>Snook</b>
<b>No Bait Backwater Event</b>	September 1	See Website and Flyer
<b>General Meeting 6:30PM</b> <b>There is no Meeting this Month!!</b>		Rose Hall at Marco Museum
<b>MSC Board Meeting 8:30AM Doors Open 8:15</b>	September 6 Tuesday!	CG Aux. Bldg. Caxambas Park
<b>BBQ Cook-off in lieu of General Meeting</b>	September 8	Sarazen Park 4PM
<b>Kayak Event Turtle Island Area</b>	September 23	Details to Follow
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	September 25	
<b>Nite-Bite Captain's Meeting</b>	September 26	Mario's 4PM
<b>Nite-Bite Event (Fish Till Midnight)</b>	September 27	See Website and Flyer

# October Events

Fish of the Month		Redfish
<b>General Meeting 6:30PM Doors Open at 6:15 Speaker is Capt. Steve Dall Redfish and Redfish Events</b>	October 6	Rose Hall at Marco Museum
<b>MSC Board Meeting 8:30AM Doors Open 8:15</b>	October 10	CG Aux. Bldg. Caxambas Park
<b>Redfish XI and Redfish Tuesday Captain's Meeting</b>	October 10	PM Time and Loc. TBD
<b>Redfish Tuesday – 2 Man Event</b>	October 11	Details see Website
<b>Redfish XI Red &amp; Blue Team Competition</b>	October 13	Details see Website
<b>Redfish XI Red &amp; Blue Awards Presentation</b>	October 17	Location to Follow
<b>Kayak Event Everglades City</b>	October 25	Details to Follow
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	October 25	

## Updates from the Editor September, 2016

To all MSC members, whether on or off the Island, have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Summer!! And good luck fishing wherever that might be.

If you have a comment, a question, or an article for your editor, I can be contacted at [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com)

The Flyer for **Redfish Tuesday** and **Red vs. Blue Team Competition** is noted below. For tournament rules and and forms hit the following link [Click here for Redfish forms](#)

# WANTED



## REDFISH

Also known as Red Drum or Sciaenops ocellatus

- Redfish has been known to prowl in local waters, has a reddish color body, distinguishing spots (mostly on the tail), and a voracious appetite.
- Approach with caution

Marco Sportfishing Club is offering rewards for the capture of REDFISH!

See details on next page on how to claim your reward...



# COMING SOON..

## *Redfish XI*

***Redfish XI*** is comprised of two events:

- “***Redfish Tuesday***” (2-man team competition)  
and
- “***Red vs. Blue***” (Team Competition)

Fish either event or both. Separate entry forms and checks are required for each event.

### ***Redfish Tuesday:***

- Captains Meeting: October 10<sup>th</sup> (MSC Captains and crew, only)
- Fishing Day: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Entry Fee: \$80. Boat fee (2 anglers)
  - If crew is not an MSC member, an additional \$25 is due unless entered in “***Red vs. Blue***”
- Entry Deadline: October 6<sup>th</sup> (October meeting)

#### **Particulars:**

- The competition begins with two-man teams departing Walker’s Coon Key Marina. Departure order is based on a random draw.
- Boats return to Walker’s by a designated time with up to two live, legal-size Redfish. Penalties will be assessed for dead fish.
- Prizes will be awarded based on the combined weight of the two fish.
- Except for expenses associated with hot dogs, drinks, and raffle prizes, all amounts collected as fees will be distributed as prizes.
- Guaranteed \$500 First Prize; subsequent prizes based on number of boats participating.
- All entered anglers, present at weigh-in, are eligible for raffle prizes. Three \$100 gift cards will be raffled off!!

### ***Red vs. Blue Team Competition:***

- Captains’ Meeting: October 10<sup>th</sup> (MSC Captains and crew, only)
- Fishing Day: Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Entry Fee: \$40 per angler (MSC members)
  - Non-members: \$40 plus \$25 non-member fee
- Entry Deadline: September 8 ( to ensure T-shirt size), October 6 ( no assurance of T-shirt size).

#### **Particulars:**

- The **Blue Team** and the **Red Team** are comprised of the “boat” teams entered (Captain, and 1-3 crew members).
- The **Blue Team** and the **Red Team** will be selected by the respective Admirals via a closed draft. The order in which the teams are drafted will be kept confidential.
- The teams will be announced at the Redfish XI captains’ meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Total prize money will be determined based on amount collected as entry fees plus money allocated by MSC, less expenses for T-shirts, food and drink.
- Prizes will be awarded per team (**Red** or **Blue**) and per boat based on “average inches” per angler. Individual prizes will also be awarded for the longest Redfish, Redfish with the most spots, and the longest Snook.

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