

# MSC Tackle Box

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## President's Message for February, 2017



The 2017 season is in full swing, and the Marco Sportfishing Club is ready! Elections were held at the MSC Board meeting in January. Please see the second to last page of this newsletter for the updated 2017 listing of MSC officers, assistants, event leaders, helpers and all others whose hard work make this club what it is. If you have any questions about any MSC functions, events or specific areas, please contact the appropriate person.

Our "membership season" is drawing to a close. Renewals were due on December 31<sup>st</sup>, while new membership applications will close on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our 2017 membership numbers will be announced in next month's newsletter.

If you haven't signed up for the 2017 Sheepshead Tournament yet, you need to act quickly. This event, which had nearly 100 participants last year, looks like it is going to be very popular

again this year. Tournament directors Allan Bristow and Jim Mueller have added an additional "twist" this year with a pirate-themed awards party. Not only can you win prizes for catching sheepshead, but awards will be given out for best costumes also. Grab your sword, eye patch, scarf and buccaneer shirt and join in on the fun. Aaaaarrrrrrrrr!

Be sure to check the calendar of events for February to see all the other great events that are planned. There's a Buddy Trip, Kayak event, offshore event and the famous FeBREWfest picnic, just to mention a few. And, please make note that Baiting Beauties 4 will be taking place in early March, so if you are planning on being a part of that popular event be sure to get your entry in.

Our guest speaker at the meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Capt. Rob Modys. Capt Rob is the host of ESPN's "Reel Talk" radio show, heard locally on Saturday mornings from 7-10 AM on FM 99.3. Capt Rob will be sharing information with us on how to catch our February fish of the month... Sheepshead. He will also share his "secrets" with us on the best ways to catch other popular winter species such as Pompano and Seatrout.

Thank you to Capt. Sam Young and the MSC members who showed up at the Marco Island Waterways Committee Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Sam's presentation helped highlight the issue of Marco Island's water quality. Based on the data presented and discussions at the meeting, it looks like this issue is going to be a priority in 2017. Stay tuned...we will let you know when we need your help and support! (see article on page 2)

I look forward to seeing you on the water. Get Hooked!

*Howard*

**Thought for the month: Old fishermen never die...they just smell like they did!**

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**Water Quality**  
**Public Relations/Community Outreach Report**  
**by Tony Saputo**

On January 19, 2017, a group of Marco Sportfishing Club members attended the Marco Island Waterways Advisory Committee meeting at the Marco Island Community room, in support of Sam Young, MSC's Director of Fisheries Management. Sam was there to present concerns to the Committee over the water quality around Marco Island and especially in our canals.

Sam presented each committee member with a packet of information and recommendations to consider.

A number of issues were discussed, including: fecal coliform and nitrogen above acceptable limits; quarterly testing of water vs monthly; need for a comprehensive water management plan; need for a full time staff environmental specialist; storm water run offs and filters/lack of filters; and...are our canals safe to swim in and eat fish that are caught in them?

Several MSC members and others in attendance spoke to the committee regarding their personal observations of a decline in marine life and water clarity in their canals, especially in the years since the city converted to sewers.

Everyone acknowledged that water quality is key to our quality of life on Marco Island, and means even more to those who fish.

The Waterways Committee made a special point to thank the members of the Marco Sportfishing Club for showing up to support this important issue.

Water quality will be the topic of additional committee meetings and possibly City Council meetings during 2017. MSC members will be notified of these meetings in advance. It is hoped that members will show up in large numbers to show support for this important issue.

## **LEADER BOARD Updates as of January**

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

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

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

## **Are you a new member?**

If you are, welcome to the Marco Sportsfishing Club. As a new member, you probably have a number of questions as to how the club operates, what the club offers, and how to sign up for what interests you. The answers to these questions, and more, will be provided on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM at a "New Member Workshop". This meeting will be held prior to the General Meeting that begins at 6:30 PM. The New Member Workshop will be held in the Rose Auditorium . . . the same place at the general meeting.

Board members, Event leaders from our fishing events and those responsible for MSC communication (email and website) will each give a brief description and explanation of what services they provide and how you can make sure you can sign up and get involved with what interests you the most. There will be a question and answer session after the meeting and plenty of time for you to have one-on-one discussions with any of the presenters before the General Meeting begins.

If you plan to attend, please [CLICK HERE](#) and let us know, to give us an idea of how many people to expect!

## **Kayak Fishing McIlvane Bay**

**December 27, 2016**

**by Mike Larsen**

On a balmy December, morning, eight MSC kayakers drove into the Shell Island entrance for the highly anticipated final event of the season only to find the gate locked. After waiting an hour with the gate still not open, the group called an audible and proceeded to the Capri Paddle Park to fish McIlvaine Bay.

The group caught numerous Seatrout, Snook, Snapper, and at least two redfish one of which was 24" landed by John Baker. John Moore and Jay Jones also caught and released legal flounder. In the final 10 minutes of the event, a 17 1/2" Seatrout was landed by John Baker which moved him into the lead for the Seatrout category in the year-long kayak fishing challenge.

The weather could not have been nicer for our last event of the season, and despite the last minute change of venue everyone enjoyed a beautiful day on the water with a nice variety of fish caught.



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 next General Meeting.

# POMPANO "FROSTER"

January 10, 2017

by Jerry Keyes



The Pompano "Froster" sure lived up to its name. After a cold, and windy weekend, the winds let up, but the early morning, low temperatures, were still with us. John Baker showed up at the dock, Tuesday morning, ready to take on the elements.

We had 14 boats, and 34 brave anglers, trying to overcome the low temperatures, dirty water, low tide, and catch some elusive Pompano and Spotted Seatrout. Jeff Erickson, on Team WACKO, caught the largest Pompano, 12 ¼", and Mick Halderman, on

Mack Delauro's boat, caught a 10 ½" Pompano for second place, Ed Vesely, of team ED/FRED, caught the largest Spotted Seatrout, 17".



The 1<sup>st</sup> Boat Prize went to team MACK/ED, with 28.375 inches per angler, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boat Prize went to team NOBODIES, with 22.375 inches per angler, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Boat Prize went to team JOHN/CHARLES, with 16.25 inches per angler.

1 Boat – No Report

5 Boats – No Pompano, or Spotted Seatrout

2 Boats – One Pompano each

6 Boats – One, or more, Spotted Seatrout

# Dr. Joe's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "WHACK-A-WHITING"

January 17, 2017

by Jerry Keyes

Paul Milici's brain child, of a Dr. Joe's Whack-A Whiting event, came together quite well. We were blessed with a great day of fishing, warm weather, moderate winds, going to light winds, after the tide change. We had 13 boats, 40 anglers, and the typical, "spot" fishing results, for the targeted Whiting, and Silver Trout. The boats that found the sweet spots, did very well. Joe and Diane Perino, graciously, had 62 Whiting enthusiasts, to their house, for an after event, cocktail party, which provided the anglers an opportunity to tell lies about their "Secret Spots". Fortunately for the hosts, most participants, after a day on the water, retired by Marco Midnight, and not, a Long Island Midnight. Thanks again Paul, for the idea, and Joe and Diane, for your hospitality.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Boat:** Team WAHOO, with Dennis Enstrom, and Dale Rod, pulled in 25 Whiting and 0 Silver Trout, for a total of 269", averaging 134.5" per angler.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boat:** Mark De Lauro's team, with Charllie Schwalje, and Mick Halderman, pulled in 21" of Whiting and 261.5" of Silver Trout, for a total of 282.5", and an average of 94.167" per angler.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Boat:** Paul Milici's team with, Ed Vessely, and Jerry Keyes, pulled in 2 Whiting, and 11 Silver Trout, for a total of 150.75", and an average of 50.25" per angler.

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Boat:** Joe Perino's team, with Victor Ordija, Larry Heinemann, Keith Wohrtman, and Jay Terzis, caught 5 Whiting and 13 Silver Trout, for a total of 209", of targeted fish, averaging 41.8" per angler.

**5<sup>th</sup> Place Boat:** Team DIGGERS BEST, with Bob Horst, Charles Oliver, and Ron Amann, pulled in 11.5" of Whiting, and 101" of Silver Trout, for a total of 112.5", averaging 37.5" per angler.

**6<sup>th</sup> Place Boat:** Mark Tanner's team, with Ed Brown, and Ralph Crowell, caught a 12 ¼" Whiting, for an average of 4.0833" per angler



**Buddy Trip**  
**January 17, 2017**  
**by Joe Perino**

This was a beautiful day for a buddy outing. The weather was perfect with warm temperatures and gentle breezes. Two boats from the north side of the island met four additional boats about 500 yards off Coon Key. There were 19 anglers on the trip.

We started fishing around the Coon Key area but the whiting and the silver trout were not very cooperative. We were disappointed because both species are fun to catch, easy to clean, and make a very tasty dinner. We moved out on to a variety of keys where we caught some pompano, Spanish Mackerel, spotted Seatrout, Snappers, Sheepshead, and ladyfish. No Buddy outing would be complete without the invasion of catfish. This trip was no exception, as we caught more than we could count.

That evening when the sun came down there was an atmosphere of relaxation and camaraderie, as the anglers and their significant others met for cocktails and dinner at the Old Marco Lodge & Crab House. It was a fantastic evening of dinner with friends after a wonderful day of fishing. The crowd totaled 30 people.

The next Buddy Trip will be on February 4, 2017. If you wish to join the ***Buddy List***, email Joe Perino at [rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com).



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## February Events

<b>Fish of the Month</b>		<b>Sheepshead</b>
<b>New Member Workshop 4:45PM – 5:45PM General Meeting 6:30PM Doors Open at 5:45 Speaker is Capt. Rob Modys discussing “Seasonal Fishing”</b>	Feb 2	Rose Hall at Marco Museum
<b>Buddy Trip</b>	Feb 4	See Website
<b>Sheepshead Captains’ Meeting</b>	Feb 6	Location TBD
<b>MSC Board Meeting 8:30AM Doors Open 8:15AM</b>	Feb 6	CG Aux. Bldg. Caxambas Park
<b>Sheepshead Tournament Fishing Day</b>	Feb 7	See Attached Flyer
<b>Sheepshead Awards and Pirate Bash 5:30PM to 8:00PM</b>	Feb 9	Old Marco Lodge See Attached Flyer
<b>Kayak Event Imperial River</b>	Feb 14	See Website
<b>“FeBREWfest” Picnic</b>	Feb 15	See Attached Flyer
<b>Walkers Bus Trip to Miami Boat Show</b>	Feb 17	Contact Walkers
<b>MIYC “Blessing of the Fleet”</b>	Feb 18	MIYC
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	Feb 23	
<b>Offshore Event BP Reefs</b>	Feb 27	See Website

## March Events

<b>Fish of the Month</b>		<b>Spotted Seatrout</b>
<b>General Meeting 6:30PM Doors Open at 6:15 Speaker Representatives from FWC and NOAA</b>	Mar 2	Rose Hall at Marco Museum
<b>Baiting Beauties Fishing Days – one fishing day per entrant</b>	Mar 2 or 3	Location TBD
<b>Baiting Beauties Picnic 3:30PM to 6:00PM Pre-Paid individuals only</b>	Mar 3	Sarazen Park
<b>MSC Board Meeting 8:30AM Doors Open 8:15AM</b>	Mar 6	CG Aux. Bldg. Caxambas Park
<b>Kayak Event Hells Gate</b>	Mar 9	See Attached Flyer
<b>Pied Piper Trip Marco to Naples</b>	Mar 10	See website
<b>Buddy Trip</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>MSC Picnic Sister Kaite</b>	Mar 15	See Attached Flyer
<b>Trout Teaser Captains' Meeting</b>	Mar 23	Location TBD
<b>Trout Teaser Fishing Day</b>	Mar 27	Details to Follow
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	Mar 29	

### Updates from the Editor February 2017

MSC has many activities going on now that we are in Season. However, I wish to make a special request that all members attend the March General Meeting. Our guests at the meeting will be officials from NOAA and FWC discussing attendees' concerns and questions in an open ended format. Issues could range from regulations and fishery management to Global Warming. Attend and get your questions and concerns addressed!!

I hope you have noticed the improved appearance, organization and convenience of this current News Letter. Thanks go to a very skilled club member, who wishes to remain anonymous for now. I hope this new format works better for all the club members.

Should you wish to contact the Editor I can be reached at [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com).



# 2017 Sheepshead Tournament and Pirate Bash Entry Form



*Team Entries Only --- Individual entries will not be accepted*

Team Captain (must be a MSC member) \_\_\_\_\_

Team name \_\_\_\_\_ Captain's cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's email address \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member  Yes      Entry fee  \$35      T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Name of guest at Pirate Bash \_\_\_\_\_

Guest fee (member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$23      or      Guest fee (non-member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

### Crew #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 entry fee      or      Non-member \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 entry fee

Name of guest at Pirate Bash \_\_\_\_\_

Guest fee (member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$23      or      Guest fee (non-member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

### Crew #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 entry fee      or      Non-member \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 entry fee

Name of guest at Pirate Bash \_\_\_\_\_

Guest fee (member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$23      or      Guest fee (non-member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

### Crew #3

Name \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 entry fee      or      Non-member \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 entry fee

Name of guest at Pirate Bash \_\_\_\_\_

Guest fee (member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$23      or      Guest fee (non-member) \_\_\_\_\_ \$33

Please send completed entry forms with payment (checks made out to MSC) to:  
Jim Mueller, Sheepshead Tournament Director  
P.O.Box 2104  
Marco Island Fl. 34146-2104

### NOTE: ENTRY FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED BY CAPTAINS ONLY

- All completed entry forms/fees must be submitted and ***paid by February 2, 2017***
- Because T-shirts need to be ordered/printed in advance, T-shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for entries received ***by January 6, 2017***

### Tournament Directors:

Jim Mueller [jmueller1944@gmail.com](mailto:jmueller1944@gmail.com) and Allan Bristow [aesj2323@aol.com](mailto:aesj2323@aol.com)

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# **WALKER'S MARINE**



## 2017 Sheepshead Tournament and Pirate Bash Fact Sheet



### Attention All MSC Anglers:

Come one and come all to this newly up-scaled fishing event

### Amenities with Entry:

- A classy tournament - A chance to win high-dollar cash prizes - A 5-star upscale tournament T-shirt  
- An entry to the Pirate Bash at the Old Marco Lodge in Goodland...dinner, live music by Rose as well as fishing awards and prizes for the best Pirate costumes!

- \$35.00 entry fee per angler for MSC members
  - \$50.00 entry fee per angler for non-members (**must** ride with member on member's boat)
  - \$5.00 fee for attendance at Captains meeting (pay at Captain's meeting)
  - \$23.00 Pirate Bash guest fee for MSC member spouse or guest. (1 guest per entered angler)
  - \$33.00 Pirate Bash guest fee for non-member spouse or guest (1 guest per entered angler)
- Pirate Bash attendance limited to anglers entered in the tournament and their guest**

### Dates and Times:

*Captains Meeting*..... Monday, February 6, 4:00 PM at TBA  
*Tournament*.....Tuesday, February 7, Lines in at 7:30 AM. Lines out at 2:00 PM  
*Weigh-in*..... Tuesday, February 7, 4 - 5 PM at Sarazen Park (no amenities)  
*Pirate Bash*.....Thursday, February 9, 5:30 – 8:00 PM at Old Marco Lodge, Goodland

### Sign-up:

January 5th General Meeting; February 2nd General Meeting, or send completed entry form with payment (checks made out to MSC) and mail to:

**Jim Mueller, Sheepshead Tournament Director**  
P.O. Box 2104,  
Marco Island, Fl. 34146-2104

**NOTE:** *Entry forms to be submitted by Captains only.* All completed entry forms/fees must be submitted and **paid by February 2nd.** Because T-Shirts need to be ordered/printed in advance, T-shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for entries received by **January 6th.**

### Prizes for Fishing:

There will be a total of 10 Awards. Prize money will be determined by the amount of participation.

**Boat Prizes:** for 1st – 8th place based on total weight of 2 heaviest Sheepshead per boat

**Individual Prizes:** First place: Heaviest fish caught by an individual angler on one of the top 8 boats

Second place: Heaviest fish caught by an individual angler on a non-winning boat

### Rules:

- FWC rules and MSC Backwater boundaries apply
- MSC Guide rule in effect - No fishing from docks
- Must fish from a boat with 9.9 HP motor or larger

### Tournament Directors:

Jim Mueller [jmueller1944@gmail.com](mailto:jmueller1944@gmail.com)  
Allan Bristow [aes2323@aol.com](mailto:aes2323@aol.com)

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# WALKER'S MARINE



## **“Baiting Beauties 4” Ladies’ Fishing Event March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

Back in 2014, the “Baiting Beauties” Ladies’ Fishing Event was created to encourage more women’s participation in the Marco Sportfishing Club, educate female members about boating and Sportfishing, and have FUN!

The past 3 events were tremendously successful and now we’re planning “BB4” with fishing on either Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the picnic and awards to follow on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sarazen Park!

Women of all skill levels participate, from complete beginners to women anglers who appear on the Club’s Leaderboard competing with the men – and they’ll be there to mentor the beginners along with the Captains. And, you don’t have to bait your own hook or unhook fish unless you want to!

Please sign up now for “Baiting Beauties 4” if you are:

- a female Angler
- a female would-like-to-be Angler
- a male boat Captain with a boat
- a male boat Crew member
- a friend/supporter of the Baiting Beauties who wants to follow the happenings and attend the picnic (a friend is an invited guest, whether Club member or non-member).

Here are some details:

- Anglers may fish in the “BB4” Ladies’ Fishing Event on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - lines in at 10:00 AM and lines out at 2:00 PM.
- Anglers may fish in the “BB4” Ladies’ Fishing Event on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - lines in at 10:00 AM and lines out at 2:00 PM.
- You may fish either Thursday or Friday - **but not both**.
- The awards picnic will be held at Sarazen Park on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

- Angler entry fee for MSC members is \$20.00, which includes an event gift and a picnic ticket. You may make payment by check (payable to MSC) or cash (call Chris Laimbeer for contact details).
- The picnic is **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Beverages!) - Food is provided by MSC.
- Picnic fee for crew and MSC member friends is \$5.00. Picnic fee for non-member friends who would like to attend is \$10.00. **Angler picnic fee is included in their entry price and captains are free!**
- PLEASE NOTE, let us know if you can **volunteer** to help out with the picnic or anything else the BB4 planning committee might need, thanks!

More information to follow about fishing rules (backwater boundaries apply), targeted fish species, reporting, and prizes.

Thanks for signing up and helping to make “Baiting Beauties 4” a great event!

Chris Laimbeer 248-935-0457 [chrislaim@comcast.net](mailto:chrislaim@comcast.net)  
Elisabeth Rechtin 239-389-1456 [erechtin@gmail.com](mailto:erechtin@gmail.com)  
“Baiting Beauties 4” Chairpersons





## ENTRY FORM

Member Angler Entry Fee (includes picnic)	\$20.00	
Non-Member Angler* Entry Fee (includes picnic)	\$25.00	*Waiver must be completed
Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends)	\$5.00	
Non-Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends)	\$10.00	

**Would you be willing to volunteer to help in some manner? Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

### CAPTAIN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ FREE!

### CREW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ANGLER(S)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIENDS (picnic only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Entry Form to: Chris Laimbeer  
 470 Gray Court, Marco Island, FL 34145

[chrislaim@comcast.net](mailto:chrislaim@comcast.net) 239-970-0693 (home) 248-935-0457 (cell)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# *Baiting Beauties 4*

**Fishing - March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 - 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**Awards Picnic – Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 to 6:00 PM Sarazen Park**

## **FISHING EVENT RULES**

**Goals:** The primary goals of this event are to encourage women to participate in fishing activities in a safe manner, to educate, and to have fun!

- 1. Fishing days:** Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. ***Participants may choose to fish one of the two days, but not both.***
- 2. Event hours:** Lines in at 10:00 AM and out at 2:00 PM. A fish hooked before 2:00 PM can be fought and landed after 2:00 PM.
- 3. Fishing License:** A State of Florida saltwater fishing license is required. A license may be obtained at Ace Hardware Stores, Walmart, local marinas and on the FWC website. **PLEASE NOTE** - To keep a legal size Snook a Snook Permit (\$10) must be purchased with your FL saltwater license. You may catch, measure and release a Snook without a Snook permit. *If you are a **Florida resident and are over 65**, you do not need a fishing license or a Snook permit. However, you are required to have proof of residency and age such as a driver's license*
- 4.** A signed and dated **WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION** form is required to be on record for all *non-member anglers and crew* who will be aboard a boat on either day of the event. Forms are available from Chris Laimbeer 248.935.0457
- 5. Backwater Fish Species:** For this event, participants will target the following six backwater fish species: **Pompano, Redfish, Snook, Spotted Seatrout, Mangrove Snapper and Sheepshead**. Backwater fish species caught should be identified, measured and recorded on the official tally sheet. *An undersized fish is eligible to be measured and recorded but must be released alive.* One “**Other**” category consisting of **Catfish** and **Ladyfish** combined is also included. Participants that catch these species need only to count the number of fish caught. **Warning! Do not attempt to measure Catfish. Handling Catfish is a hazardous activity.**
- 6. Fishing Boundary:** The approved fishing area are the backwater boundaries established by the MSC Fishing Committee: *Northbound:* Gordon's Pass *Westbound:* three nautical miles into the Gulf including Gullivan Bay *Eastbound:* west of US Highway 41. However, for this specific fishing event, the South boundary will be Camp Lulu. Fishing for *Baiting Beauties 4* is allowed around Camp Lulu, but not past it. Once past

Camp Lulu you are in Everglades National Park, and subject to a different set of fishing regulations and rules.

- 7. Captains:** Captains and male crew members may fish in this event, but fish caught are not eligible for prizes in the *Baiting Beauties 4* Fishing Event. Fish caught by Captains and male crew members that are eligible to be entered in the Leaderboard and Fish of the Month (FOM) may be entered under established MSC fishing rules. Captains are responsible for the safety of their passengers and have overall command of their vessel. Captains are requested to maintain contact with other anglers by monitoring Channel 78.
- 8. Leaderboard Fish and Fish of the Month (FOM):** Any fish caught by female participants that are eligible for entry in the MSC Leaderboard or FOM (Spotted Seatrout) must be aligned along a ruler with the entire fish visible and photographed as required by MSC rules.
- 9. Measurements:** Measurements of fish caught by female participants will be the responsibility of the Captains and will follow appropriate FWC regulations. *Please ensure that all undersized fish that are measured are released alive!* Measurements are to be recorded in ¼ inch intervals on the official tally sheets. Circle the largest fish of each caught fish species. Again, Catfish and Ladyfish need only to be counted and *NOT* measured!
- 10. Reporting:** Completed tally sheet information must be brought to the *Baiting Beauties 4* picnic at Sarazen Park on Friday, March 3rd no later than 4:30 PM and given to Bill Laimbeer.
- 11. Awards:** Awards will be determined based on largest fish measured in each backwater fish species category and number of combined fish (Catfish and Ladyfish) caught in the “Other” category. Only one award will be given to individual female participants. In the event of a tie, awards will be combined and split.
- 12. Inclement Weather:** Safety is paramount for all MSC sanctioned events. All entered captains and anglers will receive an email alert if the weather on either day of fishing is deemed by NOAA to be unsafe. If this alert is posted, no fishing will be allowed on that day. The picnic at Sarazen Park, however, will be held rain or shine!!
- 13. Miscellaneous:** Remember to bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, drinks and snacks. Most of all enjoy your day on the water and the company of great friends. Our MSC Captains are the best. This event would not be possible without their participation, their love of fishing and knowledge of the water. We wish you a fabulous fishing day and wonderful memories of the *Baiting Beauties 4* fishing event!

## Spring Slam

**SIGN AT THE APRIL MEETING OR CAPTAINS' MEETING**

**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2017

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017

**Captains' Meeting:** Wednesday, April 5 4:00PM, Crazy Flamingo

**Fishing Hours:** 10:00 Am to 4:00 PM

**Tide Info at Coon Key:** Low: 8:18 AM (0.3')  
High: 2:10 PM (3.7')

**Solunar Activity:** Major Period (1:12 PM – 3:12 PM)

**Event Target Fish:** Snook, Redfish, Spotted Seatrout

**Prizes:** Angler - Largest Snook, largest Redfish, largest Spotted Sea Trout, with photo.  
Boat – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest inches of one each (Snook, Redfish, Spotted Seatrout) with photos.

**Angler can only win one largest fish prize.**

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants.

Prizes to be given out at the May Meeting.

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per person due at **the Captains' Meeting, Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM**

### Event Rules

Captains of all boats must be MDC members.

MSC boundaries apply.

No Guide Rule applies.

**Photos of the largest fish are required for the Largest Fish prizes.**

**Photos of the fish used for the Boat prizes are required.**

**Angler can only win one Largest Fish prize.**

Measure fish to the nearest 1/4".

Turn in Tally Sheet , and photos, to Jerry Keyes, or Mike Larson, by 5:00 PM on Wednesday.

Jerry Keyes  
167 Muirfield Circle  
Naples, FL 34113  
[Jkeyes3548@gmail.com](mailto:Jkeyes3548@gmail.com)  
616-890-0230

Mike Larson  
581 Elk Circle  
Marco Island, FL 34145  
[mike\\_larsen@keysight.com](mailto:mike_larsen@keysight.com)  
262-844-0467

## FeBREWfest.XII



**Sarazen Park**  
**Wednesday, February 15 Noon**  
**\$14 (Guests \$17) Each**  
**\$19 (Guests \$22) after February 8**

**\$24 at the door**  
**Brats and Sauerkraut, Roasted Chicken**  
**German Potato Salad and Red Cabbage**  
**Catered by Pepper's**  
**Beer, Coors Light**  
**Wine, Pop and Water Included**

See [FeBREWfest.XII registration form](#) below  
See [HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN](#) below

## **St. Patrick's Picnic With Sister Kaite**



**Sarazen Park  
Wednesday, March 15 Noon  
Set up at 11:00  
\$15 (Guests \$18) Each  
\$20 (Guests \$23) after March 8  
\$25 at the door**

**Jason's famous New York Yankee Sandwich**



**Beer, Wine, Pop and Water included  
Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 239 389 9755**

**See [St. Patrick's registration form](#) below  
See [HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN](#) below**

### HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN:

- 1) Marco Island residents can purchase an ID card at the MICA office (above the Mutual of Omaha Bank on San Marco and S. Barfield) for \$140. You will need a tax bill or homeowners insurance policy with your name on it. The ID for your wallet (or on a lanyard) allows you to park any vehicle in the lot. However, it appears that the ID card does not replace the old sticker, i.e. you can't let someone else drive your car, they will look at your card to make sure you are in the vehicle. Also, MICA has been leaving notices on cars (including convertibles) that the card must be left on the windshield (not on list of 27 rules or on MICA website). Be aware if someone steals your ID card for following this dumb rule, it will cost you \$25 to replace it. Maybe leave a copy of your card on the dashboard
- 2) Get a Collier County beach sticker from the library or Caxambas boat ramp, and park in the Collier County parking lot, which is adjacent and east of the MICA lot. You cannot park in the MICA lot with this sticker. The stickers are free to Collier County residents, but you need your car registration. Note that in season on very nice days, the Collier County lot could be full by mid-morning. \*
- 3) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of \$8 (correct change required).
- 4) Find a ride from someone who has a MICA card.
- 5) Be aware that MICA rule #15 states: "MEMBERS MAY NOT SHUTTLE GUESTS. MEMBERS MAY ENTER ONCE WITH FIVE PERSONS ONLY."
- 6) Park at a friend's house/condo that lives within walking distance. I'm not allowed to say who they are (we have many) but you can check the roster. Maybe buy him/her some beers at Happy Hour.

\* The Collier County rangers who sometimes patrol the Collier County parking lot, have been telling picnic goers that the lot is for "beach parking only" and not for attending picnics (I doubt if this has been tested in court). So if you park there you should appear as if you are going to the beach. Passing chairs over the fence will probably get you busted. Because of liability issues, ANYONE CLIMBING OVER THE FENCE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE PICNIC WITH NO REFUND.

**RESERVATION for February 15<sup>th</sup> FeBREWfest.XII**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

@\$14 (Guest \$17) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$19 (Guest \$22) after 2/8 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to MSC and mail to:

Dave Walsh

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

Separate checks required for each picnic, but can be sent in one envelope. Checks are not cashed until after the event.

**RESERVATION for March 15<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Picnic**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

@\$15 (Guest \$18) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$20 (Guest \$23) after 3/8 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Dave Walsh

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

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## *General Items*

	<i>Prices</i>
APRONS	\$9.00
BUFFS	\$5.00
BURGEES	\$25.00
DECALS	\$0.50
HATS – BAITING BEAUTY 2016	<b>\$5.00</b>
HATS-CAMO	\$14.00
HATS-SHORT BRIM	\$12.00
KOOZIES	\$1.00
LICENSE PLATES	\$8.00
MEASURING TAPES	\$6.00
VISORS	\$9.00

## *Clothing*

	<b>S - XL</b>	<b>2XL</b>
<u>ALL</u> SHORT SLEEVE TEE SHIRTS	\$12.00	
GOLF SHIRTS, BLUE, GRAY OR WHITE	\$20.00	
<u>All</u> LONG SLEEVED T SHIRTS	\$16.00	
LONG SLEEVED SWEATSHIRTS	\$22.00	\$24.00
LONG SLEEVED PERFORMANCE SHIRTS	<b>\$16.00</b>	
JACKETS-BLUE	\$30.00	
COLUMBIA FISHING SHIRT (SPECIAL ORDER)	\$50.00	\$52.00

**The “Ship Store” will be open at the February Meeting.**

**Watch for new items and special pricing in the months ahead.**

