

# MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



## President's Message for April, 2017



Spring is here! Even though winter this year was rather mild, the upcoming longer days with warmer air and water temperatures are sure to provide our anglers with plenty of opportunities to go out in search of their favorite fish. It doesn't matter if you prefer backwater or offshore fishing, because in April, MSC is providing you with choices! The month begins with a "Spring Slam," scheduled for Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do to get bragging rights is catch a snook, redfish and spotted seatrout. Give it a try! This event takes place before the April meeting, so if you plan to participate in this one, you need to sign up quickly. See the information in this newsletter, or check on the website. For our offshore enthusiasts, at the end of the month MSC will be holding its annual "Super

Grouper" Tournament. With two divisions (up to 60 ft depth and 60 – 120 ft. depth), our Captains can select where they want to fish for red grouper. Winners will be determined by the heaviest red grouper brought to the weigh-in immediately after the day of fishing. If you are interested, please see the details in this newsletter or go to the website. And, just in time for the Grouper Tournament, MSC's Captain Sam Young will be our guest speaker at the General Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Sam will provide some special tips and techniques that our offshore anglers are bound to appreciate.

Even though bad weather cancelled one day of fishing, the Baiting Beauties IV event held earlier this month was a huge success. Chris Laimbeer and her event team did a great job organizing both the fishing event and the awards picnic. Thank you to all the MSC "Baiting Beauties" who participated this year. I have heard that a few of our "Beauties" haven't stopped telling fish stories since the event ended!

Please note: The April meeting will be the last time the MSC Ship's Store will be open until the fall. If you need T-shirts, performance shirts, hats or any other MSC clothing or merchandise that is in stock, this will be your last opportunity for a while. Make sure your MSC wardrobe is complete and up-to-date! Also, Quartermaster John Marchetti, has informed us that he will be "retiring" at the end of 2017 after several successful years of running the Ship's Store. If anyone is interested in taking over the role of Quartermaster in 2018, please let me know and we can discuss the details.

I look forward to seeing you out on the water.

Get hooked!

*Howard*

Thought for the month: People are like fish hooks...some are sharper than others!

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## **LEADER BOARD Updates as of March**

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

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

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

## **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Naples Kids' Fishing Clinic**

**by Tony Saputo**

This free clinic took place on March 11th at the Naples Pier from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. A total of 158 kids registered for the event. Kids had to be between the ages of 5 and 15 to participate and be accompanied by an adult.

The kids went through 6 different learning stations and practice casting before they went on the pier to fish. There were quite a few fish caught including five pelicans and two sea gulls. FWC was on the pier and handled the release of the pelicans and sea gulls. It was a great way to learn from the experts how to release a bird that got

hooked. Kids got to keep their donated fishing pole compliments of the sponsors.



Many thanks to the following MSC members for volunteering: Howard Laskau, Jerry Keyes, Harry Wilson, Jay Terzis, Charlie Schwalje, Mike Larsen, John Mueller, Keith Wohltman, Victor Dichiara, Lee Konecke and Ceil and Tony Saputo.

Lunch and a drink was provided by the sponsors to all volunteers after the clinic ended.

A great time was had by all, especially the kids. Their smiles when they caught a fish said it all.

If you have never volunteered at a kids fishing clinic you are missing a great experience and a good feeling after.

# Big Cypress Kids Fishing Clinic by Tony Saputo

We were asked to help at another kids' clinic. This clinic took place on March 14 and 15 at the Burns Lake Campground. A total of 40 kids (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) from Naples YMCA and Naples Girls and Boys club took part in canoeing, archery and a fishing clinic. They also got to fish in Burns Lake (fresh water).

In Burns Lake kids were fishing for Largemouth Bass, Oscar, Mayan Cichlid and Spotted Tilapia. Only one Largemouth was caught.



Worms were the only bait used for fishing. One girl asked me if she could name her worm, I said of course, so Eugene went fishing. We were surprised that many of the kids wanted to bait their own hooks once they were shown how to bait them. Some were more interested in having the worms

crawl on their hands and felt sorry for the worms when they were placed on a hook. A few wanted to take a worm home for a pet.

The majority of the kids had never fished before.

Many thanks to Keith Wohltman, Ron Scriver, John Mueller, Bob Schneider, for volunteering.

The kids also saw an alligator in the lake. The park ranger on duty made sure it didn't come near the kids fishing. Big Cypress also had a live Python on display.



We received many thanks from the kids and the Big Cypress employees.

## Fishing Charter Etiquette

As you know, the Marco Sportsfishing Club no longer has an individual who books charters for our members. However, we are aware that some of our members do, from time to time, take backwater and/or offshore charters on their own. Poor behavior on our members' part can reflect negatively on the Marco Sportsfishing Club, even given that MSC did not book the charter.

To prevent problems and misunderstandings, members who take charters need to know their charter captain's deposit and cancellation policies. For many, it is 2 weeks prior to the scheduled fishing day. For others the cancellation period may be shorter or longer. In any event, if a cancellation is made after the Captain's specified cancellation date the deposit usually is forfeited. Cancellations due to weather are up to the Captain. The reason for this is that the Captain has the knowledge it takes to decide if the day is "fishable" or not. In our local area, we have immense backwater areas to fish when fishing may not be possible in other, exposed areas. This is true even on windy days. If you are booked on a charter and the weather is questionable, please be aware and respect the fact that the Captain is the one who makes the final "fish or not to fish" decision.



### **Baiting Beauties 4** **by Chris Laimbeer**

The 2017 Baiting Beauties was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was the fourth year for this backwater fishing event that pairs our MSC lady anglers with captains and crew for a fun day of fishing. This year's event saw 47 women fishing with 19 captains – a record number!!

Unfortunately, the windy weather cancelled the second day of fishing, however the awards picnic at Sarazen Park went on as scheduled with great food, lots of cash awards and drawing prizes for participants and fabulous fish tales!!

My deepest thanks to my committee members, Elisabeth Rehtin and Anna Hutchings, for all their time and effort and to all the volunteers that





helped make the picnic such a success! I want to also give a special thank you to all the captains who volunteered their boats, their time and most importantly, their fishing expertise. This event it would not be possible without your support and participation!! We are looking forward to making the 2018 event the best yet!!

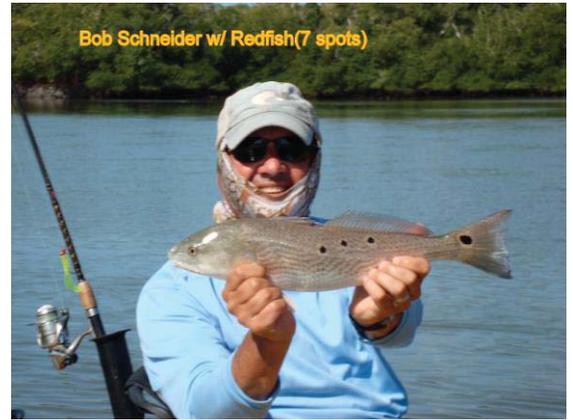


# Kayak Fishing Hell's Gate

March 9, 2017

by Victor Ordija

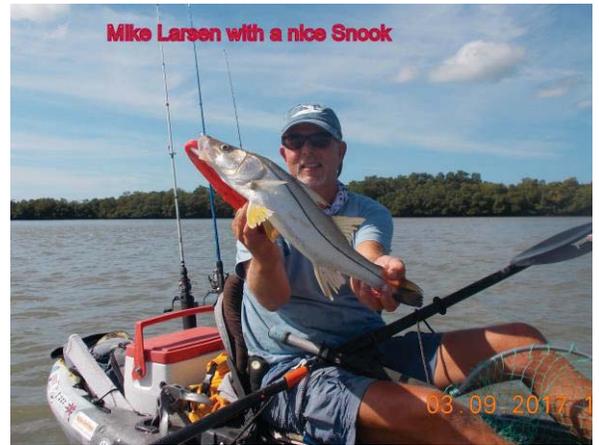
Ten kayakers fished the Hell's Gate area which is a pass between Goodland Bay and Palm Bay. During a strong tide, which was the case on this day, the current rips through the narrow passage and requires constant attention by kayakers to potential hazards in the waterway. Water clarity was good this day even after several days of windy weather. The kayak group had another successful fishing outing with over 15 Snook, 12 Spotted Seatrout and 2 Redfish caught by the participants. Mike Larsen had an exceptional day catching 8 Snook. Dave Dodd recorded a 25.75" Snook, the largest caught that day and Jay Jones had the largest trout measuring 18.5".



Bob Schneider w/ Redfish(7 spots)



Dave Dodd w/ 25.75" Snook



Mike Larsen with a nice Snook

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.

## Super Grouper VI

Hi to all our anglers

This promises to be a great tournament beginning with our Captains meeting on Friday 4/21, Super Grouper VI on 4/24 with alternate dates of 4/25 and 4/26. Finally a wonderful Awards dinner of prime beef and chicken marsala at the Olde Marco Lodge on Thursday 4/27. Buffet doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner served at 5:30 PM, followed by the awards presentation. Music provided by DJ Ken. So for \$30 you're getting a Captains Meeting, Dinner, Awards and a long sleeve performance T-shirt. Bring a guest - that cost is \$28. There will also be a costume party award for the best Jimmy Buffet/Caribbean costume. Come join us!

Phil Madonia



# Marco Sportfishing Club's Super Grouper VI



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## Team Entry Form

Target Fishing Date: April 24, 2017

Team Entries Only – Individual entries will not be accepted

MSC Members Only

\$30 entry fee for all participating anglers includes dinner and T-shirt  
Fee for dinner guest - \$28 (one guest per angler)

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Team name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Division (need to select one) \_\_\_\_\_ up to 60 ft \_\_\_\_\_ 60 – 120 ft

Dinner guest? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Guests' name \_\_\_\_\_

Crew member #1 name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner guest? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Crew member #2 name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner guest? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Crew member #3 name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner guest? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Crew member #4 name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner guest? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Please send entry forms and checks made out to MSC by April 13 to  
Phil Madonia 1011 Swallow Ave #302 Marco Island, FL 34145



# Marco Sportfishing Club's Super Grouper VI



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## FACT SHEET

### Dates/Times/Locations:

Friday, April 21

- Captain/crew Meeting
- Sarazen Park – 4:00 p.m.
- Refreshments & food will be served! - \$5.00 pp

Monday, April 24

- Fishing day (4/25 or 4/26 in case of bad weather)
- Lines in – Captain's choice
- Lines out – Captain's choice

### Weigh-in

- 6:00 p.m. on day of fishing – scales close at 7:00 p.m.
- Walker's Hideaway Marina – Elkcam Circle
- Winners will be announced at the weigh-in
- Prizes will be awarded at the dinner

### Entries and Costs:

- Captains & Anglers \$30.00 each
- Maximum of 5 total members per boat/minimum 2 per boat
- MSC members only
- Entries to be submitted by Captains only. Individual entries will not be accepted.
- MSC “no guide rule” is in effect

### Target:

- Largest red grouper (by weight)

### Divisions and Awards:

- MSC offshore boundaries apply
- 2 divisions...up to 60 ft and 60 – 120 ft
- Boat awards only (shared among the crew)
- At least 3 boats required per division to award prizes, then an additional boat award for every 3 boats in each division
- Total amount of tournament prize money determined by actual number of participants in each division

### Dinner - Thursday, April 27:

- Open only to participating anglers & ONE guest
- Old Marco Lodge- doors open 5:00 dinner served 5:30 pm
- Key West attire - best costume prizes (male/female)
- Spouse/Guests \$28.00

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS & PAYMENT TO:  
FINAL REGISTRATION DATE April 13<sup>th</sup>

Phil Madonia  
1011 Swallow Ave #302  
Marco Island, FL 34145

**Buddy Trip**  
**March 8, 2017**  
**by Joe Perino**

The day was just beautiful with gentle breezes in the company of sunshine and more sunshine. Seven boats with 19 fisherman left the dock. The boats from the north met at marker 26 and traveled south to meet the southern boats at Coon Key, We fished for Whiting and Silver Trout by Coon Key but the catch was sparse. The group moved on to Whitehorse Key but the luck did not improve much. We generated some Silver Trout, Spotted Trout, Snappers, Ladyfish, Sheepshead and too many catfish to count,

On this trip there was an opportunity to harvest oysters, Joe Perino and his crew of Keith Wohltman, Ed Crane and Dave Walsh abruptly ran aground. The sounder stated that we had 2.7 feet of water, however, it did not account for the oyster bed below. We all got in the water and tried to push with no luck. Ken and Gloria Robertson made an attempt to pull us off but to no avail. Finally, as we watched the water disappear due to a falling tide and the oysters becoming more prominent, we called Sea Tow. When the captain arrived he yanked us off the almost dry land like the boat was a toothpick. He said the job would have been \$713 if I did not have insurance. Unfortunately, we were not able to harvest any oysters since none of us had a permit to do so. We left a very nice bed of mollusks behind that would have made a very nice soup. Because of this incident I might find it difficult to find crew for future Buddy Trips.

That evening people spoke of the grounding, yet, in spite of that, 37 people enjoyed cocktails and dinner at Old Marco Lodge & Crab House. Although there was a grounding and the fishing was not great, the evening was a wonderful combination of laughter and friendship. The camaraderie that filled the restaurant more than made up for the day's events.

The final Buddy Trip of the season will be April 29, 2017.

If you have any questions/comments or wish to be added to the Buddy List contact Joe Perino [rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com)

# 2017 SPOTTED SEATROUT TEASER

March 27, 2017

By Jerry Keyes

The 2017 Spotted Seatrout Teaser was held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 boats, and 38 anglers participating. Weather, and seas, were favorable, the Spotted Seatrout proved to be "Teasers" to locate, as usual.

The final results are as follows:

## **BOAT PRIZES:**

1st	Ed Brown & Mark Tanner, 4-legal fish limit, 69"	\$100.00
2nd	Dave Dodd & Mike Larsen, 4-legal fish limit, 65"	\$90.00
	John Marchetti & Jim Doench, 4-legal fish limit,	
3rd	63.5"	\$80.00
	Dick Yeaton, Phil Madonia, Bill Welter, 3-legal	
4th	fish, 47.75"	\$70.00
	Charlie Schwalje, Jim Dorris, Ben Aronson, 2-	
5th (tie)	legal fish, 33.25"	\$55.00
	Robert Horst, Ron Amann, Ken Horst, 2-legal fish,	
5th (tie)	33.25"	\$55.00
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		\$450.00

## **LARGEST FISH PRIZES:**

1st	Dave Dodd, 18.25"	\$80.00	
(Tie) 2nd	Robert Horst, 18"	\$65.00	
(Tie) 2nd	Ed Brown, 18"	\$65.00	
	4th	Charlie Schwalje, 17.5"	\$50.00
(Tie) 5th	Victor Ordija, 16.5"	\$23.00	
(Tie) 5th	Bill Welter, 16.5"	\$23.00	
(Tie) 5th	Mark Tanner, 16.5"	\$23.00	
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		\$329.00	

The prize money will be given out at the April Meeting. Thanks to all those who participated in the event. Thanks to Paul Milici, Mike Larsen, Ed Brown, Jim Mueller, Pete, and the others who assisted me in tweaking the rules, and format, to make this a fun event for everyone.

One sad story goes to Pete and Jim, on team Knot-Head. Pete caught a 22" Trout (\$80.00 fish), 10 minutes before the starting time of 10:00 AM, and Jim caught a 33"+ Snook (just over the slot). Two great fish, two great Sportsmen, and a great, but sad story guys!

## Pied Piper Trip to Naples

March 10, 2017

by Howard Laskau

The MSC Pied Piper group had an outing with 6 boats, up the inland waterway to Naples, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and the winds that had been an issue a few days earlier had subsided. The group welcomed MSC Webmaster, Ed Crane, and crewmember Dave Walsh on their first official Pied Piper trip. After an early problem, Ed put on his mechanic hat and was able to get his boat “Cheeseburger in Paradise” up and



running again. The group made a stop on the way up to Naples to fish a little, and then headed north into Naples Bay. As expected, there were quite a few large boats cruising in the bay, putting out some fairly good size wakes. That was a good enough reason to

head straight into the Port Royal canals and do some sightseeing of the large homes, mansions and yachts that are found all over that area. Even if you have been there and seen it before, it's always an interesting and pleasant trip. When all the homes had been viewed, the group headed south, made another fishing stop on the way back, and headed back to Marco Island.

To find out more about MSC's Pied Piper trips, please visit the MSC website.



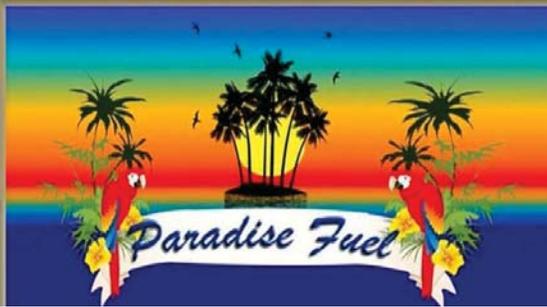
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<b>April, 2017</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Red Grouper</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
April 3	Spring Slam Captain's Meeting	Crazy Flamingo, 4 PM
April 4	Spring Slam	See website for information
April 5	Spring Slam (bad weather alt date)	
April 6	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker: Capt Sam Young—All About Grouper - Proper fish measuring techniques
April 10	MSC Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Caxambas Park
April 13	Kayak Event, Port of the Isles freshwater canal	See website for information
April 14	Walker's Tarpon Tournament Captain's Meeting	Contact Walker's Marine for information
April 15	Walker's Tarpon Tournament	Contact Walker's Marine for information
April 21	Super Grouper VI Captain's Meeting Location: Walker's Showroom	See website for information
April 21	Newsletter deadline	
April 24	Super Grouper VI Tournament – Scheduled Fishing Day. Weigh-in to take place immediately after fishing at Walker's Hideaway Marina	See website for information
April 25-26	Super Grouper VI Tournament – bad weather alt days	
April 29	Buddy Trip	See website for information
April 29	Kids Fishing Clinic at Walker's Coon Key Marina	See website for information
	No April Picnic	

<b>May, 2017</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Mackerel (Spanish or King)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
May 3	Tres de Mayo Picnic	See website for information
May 4	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker: not confirmed at this time
May 8	MSC Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Caxambas Park
May 9	Pick a Partner Invitational Captain's Meeting	Crazy Flamingo, 4 PM
May 10	Pick a Partner Invitational Backwater event	See website for information
May 11	Pick a Partner Invitational Backwater event (bad weather alt date)	
May 18	Kayak Event, Everglades City	See website for information
May 24	Newsletter deadline	

### **Updates from the Editor March 2017**

I wish to thank all the members who attended the March General Meeting. It was a great Presentation by NOAA and FWC representatives, followed by a serious Q and A session. To stay informed on waterway and water quality issues, Sam Young's advocacy efforts, and the latest MSC involvement, send Sam an email at [young456@aol.com](mailto:young456@aol.com).



### **March General Meeting NOAA and FWC Presenters**

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

# ***Tres De Mayo***



**Sarazen Park  
Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
\$10 (Guests \$13) Each  
\$15 (Guests \$18) received after April 26<sup>th</sup>  
\$20 (Guests \$23) at the door**

**Mexican Fajita Bar by Pedro  
(Imperial Meats of Naples)**  
Seasoned Chicken and Beef, Mexican Rice,  
Refried Beans, Lettuce Tomatoes,  
Cheese, Sour Crème, Tortillas,  
Corn Chips and Salsa

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

See [Tres de Mayo registration form](#) below  
See [HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN](#) below

# ***June Steak Cook Out***



**Sarazen Park**

**Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Noon**

**\$15 (Guests \$20) Each**

**\$20 (Guests \$25) received after May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**No Walk-ins (we don't buy extra steaks)**

**Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Salad,  
Baked Beans and More**

**Beer Wine, Pop and Water Included**

**Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 239 389 9755**

**See [June Steak Cook Out registration form](#) below**

**See [HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN](#) below**

## RESERVATION for May 3<sup>rd</sup> Tres de Mayo

Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Members/Spouses @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$13 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee @ \$5 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Separate checks required for each picnic, but can be sent in one envelope. Due to advance food orders and guarantees to caterers, late fees are imposed on all checks **DATED** or **RECEIVED** after the due date. There will be **NO** waivers!

Checks must be received by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to MSC and mail to:  
Dave Walsh  
1530 Caxambas Ct.  
Marco Island, FL 34145

## RESERVATION for June 7<sup>th</sup> Steak Cook Out

Name & Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Members/Spouses @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee @ \$5 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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There will be **NO** walk-ins!

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## CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES

Beginning in October 2016, MICA no longer issues stickers for vehicles, rather requires that vehicles have a person aboard with a current MICA membership card. In the past, as a courtesy to the club, they had allowed club members without MICA membership to park in the lot if they were attending the picnic. However, due to complaints from MICA members that the lot was full during picnics, we no longer have that luxury.

Please be aware that the fine for parking on a swale within the vicinity of Sarazen Park is \$95.

### **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. Application forms available [here](#). 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 instead?
- 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.

## Spring Slam

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

**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2017

**Backup Date:** Tuesday, April 5, 2017

**Captains' Meeting:** Monday, April 3, 4:00 PM, Crazy Flamingo

**Fishing Hours:** 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Tide Info at Coon Key:** High: 9:42 AM (2.7')

Low: 3:23 PM (1.6')

**Solunar Activity:** Major Period (8:18 AM – 10:18 AM)

Minor Period (1:55 PM – 2:55 PM)

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

**Prizes:** **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. **Fish do not have to be legal size. Combine fish from all anglers on the boat.**

**Angler** - Largest Snook, largest Redfish, largest Spotted Seatrout, with photo.

**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 MSC angler, \$15.00 per guest, due at the **Captains' Meeting, Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center

### EVENT RULES

Captains of all boats must be MSC members.

MSC boundaries apply. South only to Everglades National Park boundaries.

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.**

Measure fish to the nearest ¼".

Turn in Tally Sheet, **and photos**, to Jerry Keyes or Mike Larson, by 5:00 PM on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, in person or email.

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# BACKWATER

## “NEW SALT - OLD SALT” PROGRAM

This program is for the new boat owner, or fisherperson, to Marco Island, and the 10,000 Islands, who would like an experienced Skipper, to accompany them on their boat, to learn where, and how, to get through the Back Country to fish, or cruise. This would allow the “New Salt”, to lay down a track on their GPS, for future use, and a starting point for future exploration in the area. This trip should be scheduled during an incoming tide, and start at a 2’ tide level.

If you would provide the following information, we will match you up with an experienced Skipper (Old Salt) to go on your boat, and show you how to get around the area of your choice.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT - MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF “GPS”: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF TROLLING MOTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF POWER POLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA OF INTEREST: (A, B, or C) Label 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

- A. NORTH (Keewaydin Island, Rookery Bay, Johnson Bay, Addison Bay, Upper Addison Bay, Unknown Bay)
- B. SOUTH – WEST (Caxambas Pass, Blind Pass, Cape Romano, to Coon Key)
- C. SOUTH – EAST (Coon Key to Indian Key)

Choices: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

(Return this form to the BACKWATER EVENT LEADER.)

## **RECOMMENDED PHONE APPS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

TIDE GRAPH

FISH WEATHER

TIDES

FISH RULES APP

TIDES PLANNER

MOON

GOOGLE EARTH

**Note:** The tide graphs do not take into account the wind effect on the water level. This can be very dramatic in this area.

# MSC Logo Merchandise

## *General Items*

## *Prices*

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*

## **S - XL**

## **2XL**

<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.**

