

MSC Tackle Box

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President's Message for June 2018



Hello Everyone,

Well we are in full Summer mode. What's Summer mode you ask? It's the same as Winter mode except fewer people.

First and foremost, by the time you get this Dave and Susie's final picnic for the season is over. I would like to thank them for their hard work and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to next season.

Our June meeting will have repeat guest speaker "Brian the Bait Guy", owner of Serenity Bait in Naples. Brian spoke last year and was one of our best speakers. I guarantee you will learn things about handling and keeping bait alive for your upcoming fishing trips at this meeting.

Our off-shore gang will head out again this month for their second event. We have been getting very positive feedback from those who have been participating. If you would like to get additional information regarding off-shore, please let Ed Shebert or me know and we will get you on the list.

Backwater action will start at the end of month with Snookie Hookie and July 1st will start the "MARCO SPORTFISHING CLUB ULTIMATE CHALLENGE", the TRIPLE CROWN. For those who don't know about this event, it lasts four months and within these four months you must catch a Tarpon (30" or greater and only 1 fish needed), Snook and Redfish. As you catch Redfish and Snook you register the size and keep upgrading as they get bigger. You receive points and at end of four months the one with the most points win. This event is lots of fun for all; so buck up your skills and signup!

Remember: It's never too late to learn, go fishing and have fun!

See ya' at the Bait shop

Pete A

PS. Help me make our club even better. Please email me any thoughts you have for future speakers or fishing events. We are always looking for ways to improve.



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LEADER BOARD Updates as of May

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Fish of the Month (FOM) as of May

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“Double Dose” Redfish/Snook Event

Final Tally

Our May Double Dose Event took place on Wednesday, May 23rd. The weather finally cooperated with the rain holding off until late in the day, and reasonable winds. As always, all the anglers enjoyed a fun and most interesting day on the water with good friends. 24 anglers on 11 boats participated. Cash Prizes to be awarded at the June general meeting.

Boat/Team Results:

1. Jim Doench/John Marchetti – Snook/Redfish – 48” - \$110.00
2. Allan Bristow/Mike Mueller – Snook/Redfish – 31” - \$90.00
3. Chris Hutchings/Tricia Burdette – Snook/Redfish – 26 ½” - \$70.00
4. Barry French/Jerry Keyes/Phil Madonia – Redfish – 8 ¾” - \$50.00

Individual Results:

- Largest Snook – Jim Doench – 36 ½” - \$40.00 - (*honorable mention – John Marchetti – 31”*)
- Largest Redfish – Mike Mueller – 11.5” - \$40.00
- *Note! We had a tie! - Jim Doench also caught an 11 ½” Redfish, but per the event rules of one largest fish prize per angler, Mike Mueller is awarded the largest Redfish prize. Jim won the Snook category.*
- Bonus Fish – Trout – John Baker – 22 ½” - \$40.00

A hearty thank you to all the participants, and for your continued support of our backwater program. Our next event, Snookie-Hookie, will be held on Tuesday, June 26th. Sign up at the June general meeting. All the event information including the flyer and entry form are available under the coming events calendar on the Marco Sportfishing Club website. Come join in the fun!

“Remember, you can’t catch a fish, unless you have a line in the water”

*Mike Larsen
Backwater Events Coordinator*



Offshore Report by Ed Shebert



We have refilled our tanks and restarted our off-shore fishing events. We have redesigned the events to provide a week of fishing days (as weather can be problematic) including selected target fish such as FOM (Fish of the Month) when appropriate. Prizes can be awarded for the target fish caught, based on event criteria, announced prior to the event.

We have also established three distinct fishing divisions—up to 50, 80 and 120 feet deep. Captain's are responsible for establishing their own crews. Signups can be done at the regular meetings or emailed directly to me. If needed, Captains' meetings will be scheduled and announced well in advance of the event.

Offshore Crew Signups: As always, it is the Ship's Captain that appoints the crew. However, there are opportunities for crew signups at the regular meetings at the Offshore Table. Your name and contact info will be given to the Captains enrolled in the event. Another thing that may help your chances of joining a crew is to come to the event Captains Meetings,

Recent and Current Events

April Event: 19 boats signed up, 16 made it out. Grouper catch solid in the 120' division but you had to work for your catch. Strong Yellowtail catch, same pockets as Grouper. The 50' and 80' divisions did get a few undersized Grouper, but many boats capitalized by catching Lane Snappers. Warmer waters will aid the keeper grouper catch in the 50' and 80' divisions.

May Event: 10 boats signed up, however tropical disturbances forced cancellation of the trip.

June Event: Grouper, Snapper, Permit (FOM) Target Fish, Slam scheduled for the week of June 11th, Captains meeting Monday the 11th at 4 PM at the Crazy Flamingo. Skilled event designating Permit and Kingfish. Captains call for prizes.

Signup for June's Event now or at the Meeting.
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Tip of the Month – Visit www.tides4fishing.com (thank you to Mike Mueller) and let me know your thoughts. Just drop in Caxambas Pass and review the entire ap. The best thing about it is that it gives you the best “lunar” days and times for catching fish.

If you have a “tip” please forward it to me for publication and recognition!

Kayak Fishing in the Fakahatchee Strand State Park

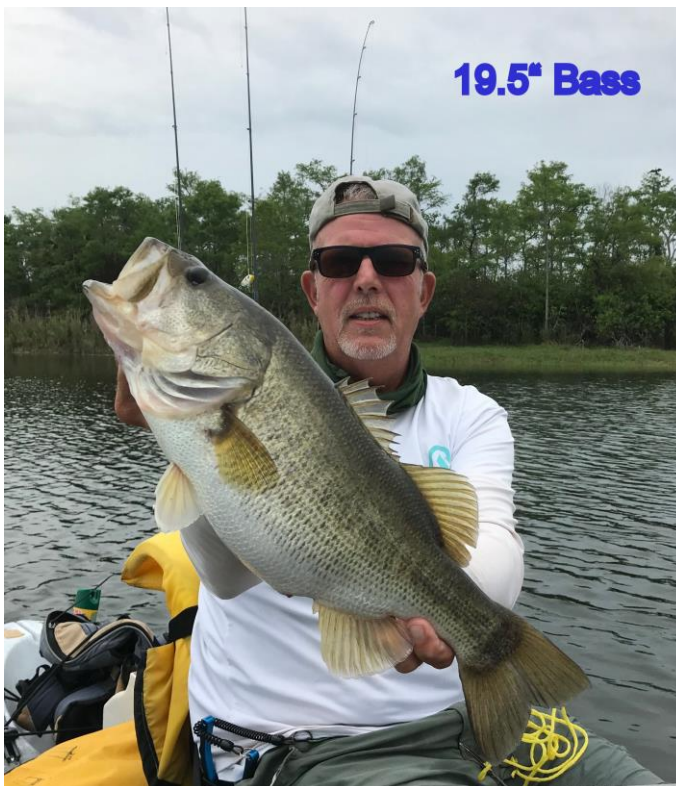
May 17, 2018
by Victor Ordija

The Fakahatchee Strand State Park is a new venue for MSC kayakers located just 2.5 miles North of US 41 on CR 29. This fishing area is a former quarry composed of several lakes that hold a good population of Largemouth Bass, Bluegills and Mayan Cichlids.

Five kayakers fished on a overcast day with a light drizzle that turned into rain forcing the group to quit after three hours on the water.

Fortunately the bite was strong and the group landed close to 90 Largemouth Bass with Mike Larsen catching the largest fish measuring 19.5 inches. Bluegills and Mayan Cichlids were also caught. All the participants had an exciting morning and strongly indicated a willingness to return to the park.

Contact Victor at vicord1@comcast.net. The next trip is June 21st to Lovers' Key.





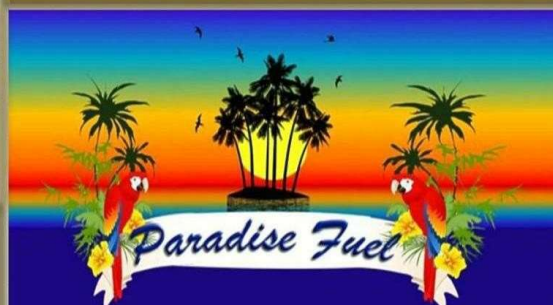
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June 2018		Fish of the Month: Permit
Date	Event	Information & Comments
June 6	Steak Picnic	Details to Follow
June 7	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: Brian from Serenity Bait
June 11	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
June 11	Offshore Captains' Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
June 12 thru 16	Offshore Event	Pick a Day
June 21	Kayak Lovers Key	See Website for Details
June 25	"Snookie-Hookie" Backwater Event	Captains Meeting 4PM Crazy Flamingo
June 26	"Snookie-Hookie" Fishing Day	See Flyer, Alt. Day 27th
June 28	Newsletter Deadline	
June 28	Triple Crown Kick Off	See Flyer for Details

July 2018		Fish of the Month: Mangrove Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
July 1	Triple Crown Starts	See Flyer and Website
July 5	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
July 9	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
July 9	Man Bites Shark Capt. Mtg.	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 10	Shark Event Fishing Day	See attached Flyer
July 12	Man Bites Shark Picnic	See attached Flyer
July 16	Offshore Captains Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 18 thru 21	Offshore Fishing Days	Pick a Day
July 19	Kayak Trip	See Website for Details
July 23	Pick a Partner Capt. Mtg.	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 24	Pick a Partner Fish Day	Details to Follow
July 25	Newsletter Deadline	

August 2018		Fish of the Month: Yellowtail Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
August 2	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
August 6	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
August 7	No Bait Captains' Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
August 8	No Bait Fishing Day	Details to Follow
August 9 thru 12	Offshore Fishing Days	Pick a Day
August 22	Kayak Trip Hell's Gate	See Website for Details
August 26	Newsletter Deadline	
	August Picnic No Date Selected at this Time	

Update from the Editor May 2018

The month is ending with a tropical storm Alberto, but we also need to create a storm regarding Marcos' declining water quality. It is of concern to me that I must report that the Water Advisory Committees' (WAC) next two meetings have been cancelled. The May meeting was also cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The City said that their committee support staff is busy on other matters, apparently more important than the Islands' surrounding water quality. The citizens of Marco, and especially MSC members need to get aggressive regarding water quality, so that hopefully the City will get focused on recognizing the problems and start solving the issues.

On a lighter note there are some fishing events coming up in July. The Man Bites Shark event is mid-July and the Pick-a-Partner event is at the end of July. Keep these events in mind and join in the fun!!

If you wish to send comments or fishing photos to the Editor, I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.



SNOOKIE HOOKIE

SIGN UP AT THE **JUNE** MEETING, OR THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 26th, 2018

Backup Date: Wednesday, June 27th, 2018

Captain's Meeting: Monday, June 25th, 4:00 PM, Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center

Fishing Hours: 8:00am – 2:00pm (may offer 6 hr. flex hours, to be discussed at Capt's mtg)

Tide info-Coon Key: Low Tide: +1.5' at 7:17am, High Tide: +4.0' at 12:57pm

Major Solar-Lunar period from **12:19pm – 2:19pm**, Very High Activity

Prizes:

Boat – 1st through 5th place. Total inches of Snook caught by boat/team

Angler - 1st-3rd, largest Snook, with a picture.

Angler can only win one largest fish prize.

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus \$200.00 Club money.**

Prizes to be given out at the July Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per guest, due by the **Captain's Meeting, Monday, June 25th, 4:00 PM** at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- **"No Guide"** Rule applies.
- Photos of all fish recorded for Boat Prizes are required.
- Photos of the largest fish are required for for the Largest Fish Prizes.
- Measure fish to nearest 1/4"

- E-mail Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 27th. Late entries not accepted.

Mike Larsen

Backwater Events Coordinator

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2018 Triple Crown Tournament

sponsored by: The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley



The Triple Crown Tournament will begin July 1, 2018 and registration for the contest will begin at the upcoming general meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018.

As in 2017, we are adding the month of July so that anglers have a better chance of landing a Tarpon when these fish are more plentiful in the area. An entry fee of \$20 is required to participate in this fun tournament that targets three fish species.....Tarpon, Snook and Redfish.

Seven cash awards will be given out at the end of the four month long contest. The winner will also have his/her name engraved on an individual name plate attached to a perpetual trophy plaque that will be displayed at Morgan Stanley; the sponsoring firm.

Interested anglers can sign up at the MSC General Meeting scheduled for June 7, 2018 or send an email to Victor Ordija indicating your interest in participating in the tournament.

A kick-off event will be held on June 28th at 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo. Tournament rules will be provided and discussed. Details regarding the kick-off will be provided at a later date.

While the Triple Crown Tournament is a challenging and competitive contest, it is also very laid back from the standpoint that it allows the individual angler to fish at his or her own pace. The angler can fish at any time; both day or night, anywhere within the backwater boundaries established by Marco Sportfishing Club and with any other angler or alone. It allows for experimentation by choosing different baits, both live and artificial as well as fishing techniques, presentation, etc.

The goal is to catch the largest fish with respect to Snook and Redfish and to also catch the elusive and hard to land Tarpon. At the end of the contest, the participant will be a better angler and gain additional respect for our environment.

This event is sponsored by: The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley

Get Ready for MSC'S Annual
"Man Bites Shark Event"



The "Man Bites Shark" picnic is open only to those MSC members who participate in the shark fishing segment of the event and their spouses/significant others.

"Man Bites Shark" Schedule of Activities:

- **Talk Shark** - Monday, July 9th - Captains' Meeting at Crazy Flamingo - 4:00 PM.
- **Catch Shark** – Tuesday, July 10th, in the Mud Hole or another location of your choice.
- **Eat Shark** - Thursday, July 12th, at Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon. Picnic fee \$5 per person; includes: Shark entree, beans, slaw, potato salad, etc. BYO drinks.

Sign up for the event at the July General Meeting or send an email to Pete A.
peterarchie@comcast.net

All Picnic Fees must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 10th.

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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 FOR PICNICS:

- 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. <http://www.marcocivic.com/applications/> 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, ie. 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 UP TO 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.

Note: These are these that latest rules as 1/23/2018. See the date-stamped [CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES](#) for any changes.

