

# MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



## President's Message for September 2019



Hi fellow Club Members

I will be continuing to fill in for our president this fall as he regains his health. The good news is that there have been several Pete sightings on the Island in the recent days.

Well fall is coming, and I am getting ready for some cooler weather. I must admit I could use a little dryer weather also. This is when things become even more exciting in our club. Because we are not having a Marco Sportfishing Club meeting this month, this month's newsletter will be

extra important in keeping you up to speed, so you don't miss out.

You will find attached to this letter signup sheets for some of our major fall events. The Sept. Double Dose Backwater event, in early Oct. the Redfish Two Man Tournament and the Redfish Team Event in late Oct. So, get your Signup sheets filled in, your checks written and send them in. Or you can come to the Triple Crown Pulled Pork Picnic (9/11) and sign up there. We will be able to answer all your questions. Remember the earlier you signup the better opportunity we have to bring in enough FISH for the events.

Also, in the coming weeks you will be getting information on our annual Christmas party (12/4). This Holiday party is almost always sold out so don't wait too long. Hard to believe I am already talking about this year's Holiday season, but the months fly by and soon we will be going to the Tree lighting and Christmas parade.

This is also the time of year we look to you to volunteer for MSC Board positions and to just generally help out. Over the years new members have asked me how to get to know club members better, meet new fishing partners and learn local water skills. I always tell them the best way is to get on the Board or agree to run an event. We need your help and you will quickly form friendships that will last for years. I can also tell you that the Older Members (though they often will not admit it) could use a little help in dealing with our computer driven society, particularly Excel, Power Point and Word. You help us with our computer needs and we will be glad to share our fishing Hot Spots and techniques. Just email us or stop us at an event and let us know you want to get involved. Right now, the hunt for a Membership Chairman is one of our top priorities. I am sure you can see why I mentioned Excel skills.

Though the Backwater fishing has been slowly returning to normal we cannot say the same for our near shore reefs and our deep-water Red Grouper fishing. We need to find ways to take some pressure off the Grouper Population and redirect some of our events. Ed Shebert has been working long and hard on this subject and all suggestions are appreciated. Your Ideas and input are critical to the long-term success of our club. We/you can make a difference.

So, sign up, help out and get involved you will be glad you did.

Hope to see you on the water

Ed Vesely

**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 August**

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

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## **Offshore Report**

by Ed Shebert



## **Offshore Events-SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC**

**Offshore Conditions:** Last year we eliminated all offshore events from October through December as our tainted waters seriously affected 'catches' of most all species of fish. Currently, we are looking at another predicament, mainly from the Grouper standpoint. Waters less than 80' have produced few, if any, Grouper keepers or shorts alike.

A review of our deeper waters in the 100' range our MSC offshore captains, select guides and charter captains reveal notable declines of the Red Grouper action...some trips getting none. Last year this lasted 4 months, hopefully we see a recovery soon. Keep your lines in the water, just re-focus your targets, and let us know conditions through blogs.

**September:** Labor Day Classic, runs Aug 25- Sep 1.

**October:** Take a break and check out the Redfish Tournament. No Event

**November 18-22:** Gag Grouper skill event

**December-** Super Grouper II, details TBA, may be delayed if conditions persist.

# August “No-Bait” Backwater Event Results

**3-days of unpredictably storm weather made the No-Bait event a challenge. Through perseverance, rescheduling, and in some cases bravery, we made it through despite the havoc mother nature bestowed upon us. The final results are as follows:**

- Initial Registration: 26 anglers @ \$260.00
- 4 members elected not to fish, their entry fee will be refunded @ -\$40.00
- Final # of anglers: 22 @ \$220.00 - Club provided funds portion from backwater budget = \$200.00
- **Total Net Prize Pool** including the \$40 in refunds = **\$420.00** (\$220 + \$200)

**Note:** There were a few larger trout and redfish caught that are not shown in the standings.

18” Trout (Ed Brown) - 17.5” Trout (Mike Larsen) // 23.5” Redfish (Mike Larsen) // 18” Snook (Jay Jones)  
The anglers who caught them won first place in a category, so these other fish do not reflect in the standings. **One prize per angler** as per the event rules.

## **Redfish:**

1. Ed Brown – 33.5” - \$65.00
2. John Baker – 23.25” - \$45.00
3. Ron Scriver – 19.75” - \$30.00

## **Snook:**

1. Mike Larsen – 20.25” - \$65.00
2. Victor Ordija – 17” - \$45.00
3. Dave Rizzo – 16.75” - \$30.00

## **Spotted Sea Trout:**

1. Jay Jones – 18.5” - \$65.00
2. John Moore – 15.25” - \$45.00
3. Larry Heinemann – 14.75” - \$30.00

- **Prizes will be awarded at the Triple Crown Picnic in September.**

Glad to have this nonsense month of weather behind us! On Wednesday, the originally scheduled fishing day, Howard Laskau, John Moore and Mike Larsen paddled all the way across Chokoloskee Bay and fished for a few minutes only to have lightning chase them off the water.

They took shelter on Cabin Island (yes, there is a real cabin still there) to dodge the lightning bolts prior to a frantic & scary paddle back to the launch. We had watched the weather forecast at 4:30am on Wednesday, and ALL THREE local stations forecasted spotty showers ending around 7:30-8:00am, then clear until early to mid-afternoon. They sure missed that one! Thankfully nobody got hurt, despite the conditions not being great on any of the days. This is summertime, with storms in the afternoon, not morning! Better days are ahead...☺

Thanks to everyone for your participation and continued support of our backwater program.

Congratulations to all the winners. Be sure to sign up for Double Dose, our September backwater event!

Mike Larsen

Backwater Events Coordinator

## Artificial Lures – Treble Hooks or Single In-Line Hooks

By Keith Wohltman

The recent "No-Bait" event brought an ongoing debate to a head... should you swap out your lure's treble hooks for single in-line hooks. There are proponents for both camps and I thought that we could explore some of the pros and cons about the topic. I am by no means an expert in this regard, so I sought help, on-line, from various sources that have far more experience than I. Salt-Strong has instructional videos regarding the process required to make the switch, if you decide to follow that choice. I will provide some links at the end of this article.

What I did find was a very good article outlining the pros and cons and I thought I would share that with you this month. I contacted the author, Markos Vidalis and obtained his blessings for sharing his research. It may not sway you one way or the other, but it is insightful.

### **Spinning: Single hooks VS treble hooks: The great dilemma!**

By Markos Vidalis <http://imanangler.com/>



Some of you love them, some of you look at them suspicious and some don't even wanna look at them. The story goes for the single hooks, a more recent "fashion" that even if it appeared before many years, only now started to be more regular on lures straight from the factory and not as an alchemy experiment by individuals. We are about to see the advantages and disadvantages of them and if it worth to replace the 9 points of a three treble hook lure with only 3.

## Treble hooks

There are many types in the market to fit to all our needs. Light, razor sharp, extra strong, extra wide and many more, each for a purpose and all to fit on lures, usually hard ones. Let's see the advantages:

### Advantages

1. **Excellent hook up:** The three points of each treble hook are remarkable guardians and often grab the attacking fish, no matter the side. Also during the run, free trebles tend to hook also on the fish, securing it. When two or more treble hooks manage to hook on the fish, they destroy its swim and make it easier to land. So treble hooks are really effective, and we must never forget how many fish we have captured from the back, the tail or the sides, result of a bad strike or an effort of the fish to simply push the "intruder" out of its territory.

### Disadvantages

1. **Hook offs:** This is another result of the very easy to hook character they have, since some hook ups are very frivolous and end up by tearing the skin or flesh. So, the "land" to "lose" ratio especially on the bad days might be equal.
2. **Finish wear off:** The treble hooks may be the masters of "hooking" but this same advantage carries a lot of disadvantages. First and most important is the scratching of the finish. Even lures with strong finish tend to wear off to the spots the trebles scratch while in use and lures with weaker finish show remarkable damage even from the first day. The sharper the trebles are, the larger the problem becomes. This wear off appears on the lures with an arch or "rainbow" shape.
3. **Visibility:** Another problem has to do with visibility. A treble hook due to its mass, is really something that is hard to hide it, and two or more trebles on a slim lure are a big deal.
4. **Noise:** As someone can figure out, two or more metallic things with their splits on a "swimming" lure, make a hell of a noise! Some of you might say that lures do have balls inside to produce noise, but I'm about to inform you that is different a noise that is produced from the inside of the lure than from outside. This problem gets bigger when the sea is calm. Well this might sound like not a big thing for many of you but for me is a top priority one.
5. **Snagging:** If you are a fan of using sinking lures close to the bottom, you will know what I mean. Sometimes you lose the lure from the first "sit" on the bottom. And no matter how much you will pull and shake it; it will never let go of the rock.
6. **Stowaways:** Treble hooks are masters to take souvenirs in their way like pieces of plastic, weeds etc. And we all know that when we have something on our lure, two things happen. The lure does not act properly, and nothing bites it.
7. **Setting the hook:** Usually the power and tense of the rod are not enough to push deep two or more points that happened to touch the fish while striking, so it is necessary to set the hooks on the slightest touch of it.
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### Single In-line hooks

They are not like ordinary hooks. They are designed to fit on lures, and this is why they have the ring on parallel position with the hook so they can stay properly. They are light, sharp and very strong!



### Advantages

1. **Better buoyancy:** In comparison with the treble hooks, single hooks show a much less resistance during use and this enhances the lures action in most cases. Sometimes lures that normally cannot act properly in strong tides, with single hooks can.
2. **Perfect finish:** You guessed right! No actual wear-off on the finish of the lure and this is a great advantage if someone cares for it!
3. **Strong hook up:** When a single hook grabs a fish, it grabs and won't let go. The large curved shape they have, tend to go deep even on the bones and hold perfectly. When all of the rods power gathers on a single point the hooking penetration is huge. Normally single hooks grab fish from the mouth and because of their shape and lightness during strike they enter there.
4. **Safer bottom contact:** Single hooks are a better choice when you want to meet your lure with the bottom. Even if it snags on it, you still have some serious chance to snag it out with some rod shaking.
5. **Less noise:** It is natural! Less metal rubbing on the lure, less noise produced.
6. **Setting the hook:** Usually the power and tense of the rod are more than enough to make the single hook to enter deep. So even on a sudden strike that we are not aware; the rods power is enough to secure it.
7. **Float:** It is better to choose single hooks of equal weight with the primary treble hooks in order to not change the sinking / floating type.

### Disadvantages

1. **Failed strikes:** Yes, it is the number one disadvantage. Single hooks do hook up well, attacking ferocious predators but not the lazy ones. So, attacks in the style "get out of my territory" usually are failed. Also, the rest of the single hooks during a fight, only rarely manage to secure the fish with a second hooking.
2. **ID Changing:** If you have a suspending lure and you change the trebles with single hooks, don't be surprised if you end up with a floating one. The different weight can have serious changes on each type of lure, and some might not work properly (rare cases).

I hope this helped you with your decision to swap out the treble hooks for single in-line hooks. The orientation of the hooks is also critical to your success. The two hooks have the points facing in opposite directions front to back as illustrated in this photo.



To select the proper sized hook – rest the treble hook you are replacing on a flat surface and make sure the distance between the two barbs is equal to your replacement in-line hook. Also, check the relative weights – the treble and in-line hook should closely match in weight.

In addition to making catch and release easier, you may avoid this disadvantage of treble hooks.

Yes, this is my hand after a snook decided to share a treble hook with me.

It prompted me to switch out my treble hooks.

Here's a link demonstrating the way to replace your hooks <https://youtu.be/v-pPmOqM33I>

Here's a link to show how to select the correct sized in-line hook to replace your treble hooks <https://youtu.be/TngE-umS36k>



## **Triple Crown Tournament Update** **Ron Scriver Director**

The 2019 Triple Crown Tournament is at the halfway point. Twenty-nine of forty-two participants have submitted fish for the contest.

Current standings have Ed Brown in first place, with Dave Rizzo, Allan Bristow, Bobbie Ordija and Dick Larson rounding out the Top 5. Ed has caught the largest Redfish at 33.5 inches. Allan has landed the largest Snook at 41 inches. Mike Larsen has the largest Redfish not in the Top 5 at 23.5 inches. Al Jennings has the largest Snook not in the Top 5 at 39 inches. Two months remain to get out there and catch those big ones!

The September meeting and picnic, with the annual club BBQ contest, will be held at 4:00PM on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Sarazen Park. The deadline for submitting your reservation form (available on MSC website) and fees is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Mike Larsen: 23½" Redfish**

# Kayak Fishing Chokoloskee Bay

August 23, 2019

by Victor Ordija

A calm and sunny day greeted the small group of kayakers that fished Chokoloskee Bay. The long eight hour plus outgoing tide kept the group from venturing deeper into the mangroves. The kayakers fished the oyster bars and the mangroves islands bordering the bay. While no large fish were caught, several smaller Redfish, Snook and Spotted Seatrout were landed by the kayakers. Mike Larsen caught a 22.5" Redfish, the largest one caught this day and John Baker landed a 21" Redfish with multiple spots. John Moore reported a Marco Slam (Redfish, Snook and Trout) and Howard Laskau needed a Spotted Seatrout to complete a slam. Victor Ordija hooked a four foot plus Tarpon, but the fish broke the 30# leader on the third jump. On a cautionary note, Larsen, Laskau and Moore were stopped by park rangers and were checked for fish and the now required park pass.





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<b>September 2019</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Snook</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
September 1	Offshore Labor Day Event Ends	
September 5	There is NO General Meeting	See Triple Crown Picnic Flyer
September 9	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
September 10	"Double Dose" Captains Meeting	4PM Crazy Flamingo
September 11	Triple Crown Picnic and General Meeting	See Attached Flyer for Details
September 12	"Double Dose" Fishing Day	See Flyer Attached Flyer for Details
September 13	"Double Dose" Alt. Fishing Day	
September 21	Kayak Trip Hells' Gate	See Website for Details

Special Note Last Day to Sign Up for Triple Crown Picnic is September 7<sup>th</sup>!!

<b>October 2019</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Redfish</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
October 3	General Meeting Topic Redfish Speaker Guide Ken Chambers	There Will Be a Raffle for a Trip with Ken 7PM Rose Hall Auditorium Doors Open 6:30
October 7	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
October 7	Captains Meeting Two Man Redfish Tournament	Location TBD at 4PM
October 9	Two Man Redfish Fishing Day	See Attached Flyer
October 10	Two Man Redfish Alternate Fishing Day	
October 21	Kayak Trip MacIivine Bay	See Website for Details
October 25	Captains Meeting Redfish Team Event	Location and Time TBD
October 28 or 29	Redfish Team Event Fishing Days	Pick a Day See Attached Flyer
October 30	Redfish "Spooktecular" Team Picnic	Details to Follow
October 31	End of Triple Crown Tournament	

<b>November 2019</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Gag Grouper</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
November 7	General Meeting Speaker Jim Scharpa Topic TBD	7PM Rose Hall Auditorium Doors Open 6:30
November 8	Captains Meeting Turkey Slam	3:30 at Crazy Flamingo
November 11	Board Meeting	8:30 Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
November 12	Turkey Slam Fishing Day	See Attached Flyer
November 13	Turkey Slam Alternate Fishing Day	
November 14	Kayak Trip Fakahachee Strand	See Website for Details
November 18	Offshore Gag Group Event Starts	See Offshore Report this Newsletter
November 22	Offshore Gag Grouper Event Ends	



## **Update from the Editor September 2019**

August was a slow month, “the dog days of summer”, but going forward activities will be picking up. Buddy Trips should re-start, regular picnics and perhaps Pied Piper Trips. The Redfish Tournament has been divided into two distinct events. The Two Man contest starts October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Team Event is at the end of the October. Carefully review the attached forms, so that you fill out the form(s) for the event(s) you wish to participate in.

I am always looking for pictures of what you have caught along with a brief “fishtale”. Send it in and it may appear in the next News Letter. I can be reached at [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com).

# **IMPORTANT! Registration Info for Double Dose**

## **Event Date: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Due to no general meeting in September, you may register for our September Backwater Event “Double Dose” at either of the following:**

- **Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Picnic on Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Sarazen Park.**
- **or**
- **Captain’s Meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Crazy Flamingo at 4pm.**

**The detailed event flyer and registration form are available on the “Coming Events” page of the MSC website. Mike L. will also have flyers and forms at both venues/dates above.**

**Double Dose is a team event, with the goal to catch one each of redfish and Snook. Team prizes will be based on the total inches of each team’s largest redfish/snook. This is a fun event, so grab your fishing partner(s) & sign up at one of the locations/dates listed above.**

**Tight lines to all!**

**Mike Larsen – Backwater Events Coordinator**



## **“Double Dose” Redfish/Snook Event**

(SIGN UP AT THE **AUGUST** or **SEPTEMBER** MEETING, OR THE CAPT'S MTG)

**Date:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Backup Date:** Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Captains Meeting:** Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo – Marco Towne Center

**Fishing Hours:** 6-Hour Flex-Fish –Any 6-hour window between 7:11am (sunrise) and 7:34 pm (sunset)

**Tide Info at Coon Key:**

Low Tide:	7:36 AM	(1.3')
High Tide:	1:24 PM	(4.1')

**Solunar Activity:** Very High Activity from 12:25 pm to 2:25 pm

**Sunrise:** 7:11am

**Event Target Fish:** Redfish & Snook

### **Prizes:**

**Team Prizes:** Total Combined Inches of 1 Largest Redfish and 1 Largest Snook **1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Place**

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus \$200.00** in club funds.

Prizes to be given out at the October General Meeting.

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, due by no later than the **Captain's Meeting, Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

### **EVENT RULES**

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- All non-member guests must be on the same boat as their MSC sponsor.
- MSC Backwater Boundaries – North to Gordon Pass - \* (South only to ENP Boundary – Camp Lulu)
- **"No Guide"** Rule applies. – **"2-Line"** Rule Applies
- Must fish from a boat with minimum of 9.9 HP motor – (no shore fishing & kayaks are not eligible to participate)
- Photos of the largest fish are required for Team and Largest Fish Prizes. - Measure fish to nearest 1/4"
- All fish caught during the event are eligible for entry into Triple Crown Tournament & Leaderboard Contest
- **E-mail tally sheet and photos**, to Mike Larsen, by **5:00 PM, on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**(no late entries accepted)

For questions, and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen

Backwater Events Coordinator

[mike\\_larsen@keysight.com](mailto:mike_larsen@keysight.com)

Mobile: 239-315-9235



## Double Dose - Registration Form

MSC Sponsored Backwater Event

Fishing Day: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Entry Fee: \$10 for MSC Members - \$15 for non-MSC Members**

- Non-members only allowed if fishing on a MSC member's boat, no individual non-member boat or kayak entries accepted

**Captain's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew #3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

## **2 Man Redfish – Fact Sheet**

- Keeping with current MSC rules, current or former for-hire Florida charter fishing
- guides/Captains are not eligible to participate in this tournament.
- Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Staggered "Shotgun Start" at Walker's Coon Key Marina or Jolly Bridge.
  - All boats start and leave from Coon Key Marina or Jolly Bridge
  - Check-in opens at 7:15 AM, closes at 8:00 AM.
  - Boats not checked in by 8 AM are disqualified. Official start at 8:00 AM.
  - At the start, 3 boats will leave at one time (by starting number). There will be a 30 second interval between each group of 3 boats
- Trailering of boats to a different location after the start is not allowed
- **MSC North boundaries apply, SOUTH to WEST PASS. BE ADVISED! There is No Tournament Fishing in EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, (catch and release only).**
- 2 people per boat. No extra passengers or observers allowed onboard.
- Weigh in is at **Coon Key Marina**, Scales for weigh-in open at 1:00 PM sharp and will close at 3:00 PM. Penalties apply (4 oz. per 5 min) after 3:00 PM. Boats not back at the marina by 3:30 will be disqualified
- When returning for weigh-in, please call in on VHF channel 68 when in the vicinity of channel marker "Red 6" (in the channel near the Marina). Use your entry number for ID.
- To account for all boats, please check-in, even if you have no fish to report
- At the dock, you will be given a basket to place your redfish into for weighing
- Only slot-sized redfish (18" – 27") will be weighed. Submission of smaller or larger fish will result in disqualification. Weigh-in is open. Captains of each boat will be asked to verify the weight of their entry on the scale.

# **“2 Man Redfish” Entry Form**

## **October 09, 2019**

Make checks out to MSC and mail to Ron Linn 844 Milan Ct. Marco Island 34145

***2-person teams only***

***Individual entries will not be accepted***

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Captain's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Email \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member \_\_\_\_ yes (Team Captain must be a MSC member in good standing)

Indicate Starting Point Jolly Bridge \_\_\_\_ Coon Key Marina \_\_\_\_

\$40 - “2 Man Redfish” entry fee per person

Crew member \_\_\_\_\_

MSC Member \_\_\_\_ yes

MSC member \_\_\_\_ no

\$40 - “2 Man Redfish” entry fee

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Additional \$ 25 - MSC non-member fee

**“Redfish ”** entry fee entitles each angler to:

- Compete for cash awards. (Exact amount and number of awards to be determined by number of entries received. Full details will not be available until entries close)
- Attend the Captain's Meeting on Monday, October 07, 2019 (Place to be announced)
- Attend the live “weigh-in” at Walker's Coon Key Marina after the 1-day event
- Deadline for entries is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Captains Meeting

**Note: Entries for “2 Man Redfish” do not entitle the angler to attend or receive any REDEFISH “SPOOKTECLAR” activities, events, materials or benefits.**



## **REDFISH XIV**

### **Spooktackular**

**This year's Redfish Team event (Black vs Orange) will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>, only a few days before Halloween. Only one of the two days will be fished, and that day will be selected by each Captain. Which 6 hours on the selected day will be decided by the boats Captain as well. For this contest, we will be totaling the **NUMBER** of Redfish, Trout and Snook caught by each boat and Team. There will also be individual prizes for the biggest fish.**

**The cost of this event are as follows; a MSC Member sign up will cost \$25, a non-Member sign up will be \$35 and the cost of a guest attending the Picnic will be \$10. Considering Team, Boat and Individual prizes we have set aside \$1,200 in prize money. We can guarantee that each Angler has at least a 50% chance of winning. To be sure to get the shirt sizes in time, the last sign-up date will be October 16.**

**Being a Non-Sponsored event, we will be announcing the awards at a Pre Halloween-Picnic held at noon on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at Sarazen Park. Food and Desert will be served, though you will each be providing your own beverages (BYOB).**

**Being a Redfish event the number of redfish caught will be doubled by your Admiral and the Prize Money for Redd fish will be double the award for Trout and Snook. Remember, it is your responsibility to read and understand the Redfish Team Event Rules which are attached.**

**So get your Crew, check the tides and sign up.**

**Fleet Admirals**

**Ed Vesely and Jerry Keys**

### **Tournament Fast Facts:**

**A) Fishing Hours:** Six Fishing Hours on the date selected by the Captain. A fish hooked before the "Lines Out" time, but not yet landed as of that time, can be landed and included on the "Boat Tally Sheet".

**B) Tournament Fishing Waters:** North to the Gordon River and South to Camp Lulu. If fishing in the Camp Lulu area be careful to not enter Everglades National Park (**No fishing in Everglades National Park**).

**C) Tackle, equipment and fishing methods:** The selection of baits used (natural or artificial) is up to the discretion of each participant. All fish must be caught by hook and line. Spearing or netting is not allowed. Catch and release is strongly encouraged.

**D) Boat Cancellations:** If, for any reason, a boat is unable to compete, the captain must notify the Tournament Director ASAP. Boat cancellations **will not** be accepted after 12:00 noon on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and there will be **no refunds** of tournament entry fees or dinner guest fees after October 25<sup>th</sup>.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, if a boat is not able to operate on the day of the tournament, the Tournament Director must be contacted immediately. If an alternate boat is available, it may be used, but only if the Tournament Director is notified and approves of the replacement.

**E) Crew Cancellations: (Note: Each boat will be charged with the number of anglers listed on the official entry form regardless of whether or not all anglers fish.)**

If, for any reason, a crew member needs to be replaced, **the captain is responsible for securing the replacement angler** for his/her boat and ensuring that one of the following procedures is followed, depending on when the cancellation occurs:

#### **(1) Replacement angler added prior to the Captain's Meeting:**

a. The captain must advise the Tournament Director of the change by October 25<sup>th</sup> so that the official tournament rooster can be updated. The replacement angler will pay the \$25 tournament entry fee, and the \$35 non-member fee if applicable, to the captain, who will, in turn, reimburse the crew member who dropped out of the tournament. If the angler being replaced is a MSC member, but the replacement angler is not a MSC member, the captain will submit the \$35 non-member fee to the Tournament Director by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

b. The replacement angler will be entitled to attend the Captain's Meeting and the awards dinner, will receive a T-shirt, and will be

eligible to compete for awards. So Pick a replacement the same size as the original angler.

c. The crew member who dropped out of the competition will have his/her name removed from the tournament roster and will not be entitled to any awards or benefits associated with the tournament.

**(2) Replacement angler added after the Captain's Meeting, and prior to the start of the tournament:**

a. The captain must advise the Tournament Director of the change by October 27<sup>th</sup> so the official tournament roster can be updated. The Tournament Director, captain, original angler and the replacement angler will work out an equitable monetary solution.

b. The replacement angler will receive a T-shirt (But Size will be availability) and will be entitled to compete for awards and attend the awards Picnic.

c. If the replacement angler is not a member of the Marco Sportfishing Club, the replacement angler must pay the non-member fee of \$35 to the Marco Sportfishing Club, unless already paid by the original angler. This payment is to be given to the captain who will, in turn, submit it to the Tournament Director. Payment must be received by the Tournament Director by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Crew members who register for the tournament and attend the Captain's Meeting, but do not fish in the tournament will have their name removed from the tournament roster and will not be entitled to any additional benefits, awards, or attendance at the awards picnic.**

**Note: No refunds of tournament entry fees or awards picnic guest fees after October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**F) Measuring and Recording Fish Caught:**

All Redfish, Snook and trout should be counted. Slot size or bigger fish can be measured and Photographed for the largest Fish Prizes. If you already have a bigger fish you do not need to take additional Measurements of that species. Fish are to be measured to the nearest ¼" (less than 1/8" round down, more than 1/8" round up). Total "average Fish per boat" is calculated by dividing the total number of fish per boat by the number of anglers.

**NOTE:**

1. "Boat Tally Sheets" must be submitted to the Admirals by 6 PM the day they fish.

2. Digital or print photographs of Redfish, Trout and Snook (showing actual measurement and the entire fish with mouth closed and tail pinched) **must** accompany the "Boat Tally Sheet" presented to the team's Admiral.

3. The Admirals will need to turn in their consolidated Team Tally sheet & photos to the Tournament director by Midnight October 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### G) Awards:

**"Black and Orange Team Competition"** – The team, Black or Orange, with the highest number of total of fish (total fish (red fish counting twice) from all boats combined divided by the number of anglers all boats combined) will be declared the winner of the "Black vs Orange Team Competition". Each of the anglers on the winning team will receive \$25 in prize money.

**Boat and Individual Awards\*** - In addition to the Black Vs Orange Team Competition award, there will also be boat (per Team) and individual awards (per Team) totaling more than \$700\*. Prize money will be awarded for winners of the following categories:

- 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Boat (average number of fish on each team (redfish count twice)
- 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Boat " " " "
- 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual (for each species and on each team)
- 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual " " "

\* The Tournament Fleet Admirals reserve the right to increase or decrease prize amounts depending on the number of tournament participants.

In the event of a tie (Boat and Individual), a tie in 1<sup>st</sup> place will result in that prize and the prize below it being combined and split equally between the two competitors. In event of a tie where there is only one prize level (second place), the Prize will be shared.

Note: The maximum number of awards an individual can win is 2 Team Awards and 1 Individual Award.

- o Black vs Orange Team award
- o Team Boat award
- o Individual largest fish awards

#### H) Safety

Safe boating must be observed at all times. During the tournament, all anglers are required to comply with US Coast Guard, FWC, and local regulations and laws. Violation of such rules may result in disqualification from the tournament.

**Important:** The times of the tournament may be shortened, or the tournament may be cancelled, due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Interpretation of the tournament rules is left exclusively to the Tournament Committee. Decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. If there are any changes to the rules as printed, they will be communicated to participants at the Captain's Meeting or via e-mail if the change occurs after the Captain's Meeting. Each captain will be responsible for communicating the rule change to his/her crew member.

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**Captain's Corner:**

1. There will be a Captain's Meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the (XXXXXXXXXX) at 4:00 pm.
2. Black and Orange teams will be selected at the Captain's Meeting.
3. At least one member of each vessel entered in the tournament is required to attend the Captain's Meeting to pick up materials and handouts for each boat's captain and crew.
4. Participants who are unable to attend the Captain's Meeting are responsible for finding out what was discussed at the meeting.
5. **It is the responsibility of each captain to complete the "Boat Tally Sheet" for his/her boat and to submit the completed forms and photos to their Admiral by 6 PM the day they selected to fish. Failure to submit the forms and photos by the aforementioned time and date will result in forfeiture of any prize money.**
6. Rules and Forms will be e/mailed to each captain.
7. Results reported on anything other than the official "Boat Tally Sheet" will not be accepted.

**Admirals' Responsibilities:**

1. The Black and Orange team Admirals will select their boat teams via a random draw.
2. Each Admiral is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the "Boat Tally Sheets".
3. Each Admiral is responsible for verifying that fish measurements per the "Boat Tally Sheets" correspond to and agree with the associated pictures.
4. The Admirals must submit the "Boat Tally Sheets" and the winning measurements and photos for their teams largest and second largest fish in each category, preferably via e-mail, to Ed Vesely By Midnight October 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. **The Team Admiral will be responsible to double the Redfish count for each of their anglers and each boat.**
6. **Any rule interpretation and/or event decision will be the sole responsibility of the FLEET ADMIRALS.**

**Picnic Information:      Picnic Date October 30<sup>th</sup> Noon Sarazen Park**

1. All Anglers signed up to fish are included in the Picnic as part of their sign-up fee. Their guests can be included at \$10 each.
2. Redfish Two Man Tournament Anglers who did not sign up for the Team event can sign up for the picnic for \$10 and can sign up guests as well for \$10 each.
3. The Picnic will be a Bring Your Own Beverages event.

## Redfish XIV Entry Form

### Spooktackular Team Event - OCT 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>

**\*Entry Deadline Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Team Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CAPT. Name:(Must be MSC Member):**\_\_\_\_\_

**Capt's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email**\_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Name / Call Sign:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Capt. Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL (Circle One)**

**Entry Fee \$25** \_\_\_\_\_

**Picnic Guest: Yes or No - Guest Picnic Fee: \$10, Guest Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CAPTAIN TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew#1 Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **SHIRT SIZE S, M, L, XL, XXL**

**MSC Member Fee \$25----Non Member Fee \$35 (Circle One)**

**Picnic Guest: Yes or No - Guest Picnic Fee \$10\_\_\_\_\_Guest Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CREW #1 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew#2 Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **SHIRT SIZE S, M, L, XL, XXL**

**MSC Member Fee \$25----Non Member Fee \$35 (Circle One)**

**Picnic Guest: Yes or No - Guest Picnic Fee \$10\_\_\_\_\_Guest Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CREW #2 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew#3 Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **SHIRT SIZE S, M, L, XL, XXL**

**MSC Member Fee \$25----Non Member Fee \$35 (Circle One)**

**Picnic Guest: Yes or No - Guest Picnic Fee \$10\_\_\_\_\_Guest Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CREW #3 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL TEAM FEES: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to MSC - Send to Ed Vesely / 35 Gulfport Ct. / Marco Island FL / 34145**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual November Turkey Slam Backwater Event

**Date:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Backup Date:** Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Capt.'s Meeting:** Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 3:30PM at Crazy Flamingo

**Fishing Hours:** 6-Hour "Flex-Fish"

**Tide Info at Coon Key:**

<u>Low Tide:</u>	7:34 AM	(-.2')
<u>High Tide:</u>	1:49 PM	(3.8')

**Solunar Activity:** Major Period: 12:20PM to 2:20PM (Very High Activity!)

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

**Prizes:** - This is a **team event**, with the emphasis on teamwork, and most importantly to **HAVE FUN** 😊

- **Team/Boat Prize:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Place - Total inches of one each of target species

- **Individual Angler Prize – Turkey Bonus Fish!** Largest Jack Crevalle (measure mouth to fork of tail)

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus** a **minimum** of \$200 in club funds. (TBD)

*Awards to be presented at the December General Meeting.*

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, due by no later than the Captain's meeting on 11/8/19, 3:30 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

### **EVENT RULES**

- Captains of all boats must be an MSC Member. – **"No-Guide" Rule** applies. **"2-Line" Rule** applies.
- MSC boundaries apply. - Check MSC website for established backwater boundaries -
- Photos of all fish submitted for prizes required - Measure fish to nearest 1/4"
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by no later than 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Largest ONE each of Snook, Redfish, and Trout combined for total inches per boat for team prize.
- **And the most important rule.....HAVE FUN!**

→ For questions, and to submit your documented results: (see below)

**Mike Larsen**

**Backwater Events Coordinator** - [mike\\_larsen@keysight.com](mailto:mike_larsen@keysight.com) - Mobile: 239-315-9235



## ATTENTION ALL MSC MEMBERS!

There will **NOT** be a regular general meeting of the Marco Sportfishing Club on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019.

In its place we will have our

### *Annual Marco Sportfishing Club Triple Crown Picnic*

Place: Sarazen Park on Marco Island

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 4:00 PM

Cost: \$7 Member      \$11 Guest

Bring: **Your own beverages**, chair, and a good appetite!

Menu: **Back by popular demand – This picnic will again be a BAR-B-QUE Smoked Pork Cook-Off!!!**

Meat will be prepared by our own club members, served with all the fix'ns and judged by a select panel of **Celebrities!**

All MSC members are welcome to come celebrate the mid-point of the MSC 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!**

## MSC Triple Crown Picnic Reservations

Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
Sarazen Park, Marco Island, 4:00 PM

**Bring your own beverages**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ron Scriver  
133 Balfour Drive  
Marco Island, FL 34145

Questions? E-mail [Ronscriver2@gmail.com](mailto:Ronscriver2@gmail.com)

**Reservation Deadline is Saturday, September 7, 2019**

Last Updated July 8, 2019

## 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.

## Marco Sportfishing Club 2019 Board of Directors

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Russ Roe	Sheepshead Tournament Asst
Dave Dodd	Assistant Quartermaster
John Moore	Assistant Secretary
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\* MSC Officers

## Marco Sportfishing Club 2019 Activity and Event Directors, Committee Chairs and Assistants

### Fishing-related activities:

Fishing Committee Chair	Ed Vesely
Backwater Events Coordinator	Mike Larsen
Buddy Trips	Joe Perino
Kayak Events	Victor Ordija
Pied Piper Trips	Howard Laskau
Baiting Beauties	Chris Laimbeer
Triple Crown Tournament Director	Ron Scriver
Sheepshead Tournament Director	Gloria Robertson
Sheepshead Tournament Asst	Russ Roe
Sheepshead Tournament Asst	Dave Dodd
Offshore Events Coordinator	Ed Shebert

### Other Activities:

Quartermaster	Gloria Robertson
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Assistant Treasurer	Howard Laskau
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### Member Privacy Statement

Marco Sportfishing Club's Board of Directors has established a privacy policy concerning the distribution of its members' contact information. For security and confidentiality reasons...phone numbers, email and physical addresses will be distributed only to MSC board members and event leaders. The club roster will never be sold or provided to any individual member, sponsor, outside organization or business.

February 04, 2019

