MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



President's Message for May 2021



May 2021 Tackle Box

May is one of the nicest months on Marco. The days are longer, warmer, not so humid and the crowds are smaller, both on the water and on the island. The water temperatures are also rising and that means our prized game fish are back and the bite is on! Snook, Redfish and Seatrout are

more aggressive, and an occasional Tarpon has been seen rolling in the area. It is a fun month to fish.

As we bid farewell to April, we can recall several events that challenged our anglers. The backwater "Back to Normal" event spanned the entire month of April and focused on getting our members out to enjoy fishing with their friends. Offshore, we had the Super Grouper/Snapper tournament and some uncooperative gulf weather conditions. Our anglers made the most of it and managed to get offshore to find fish. Our Kayak fishing group went to the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park for some freshwater fishing and struggled to find the bigger fish that lake usually holds. Check out all the event reports for more details.

The club also held its second in-person meeting at the YMCA and an impressive number of members came to the meeting. In addition to event awards presented for the "Trout Spotacular", they were treated to a great presentation by Brandon Acosta and his team of Captains from "Everglades City Fishing Charters". Highly informative indeed. As a bonus, we held a raffle for a charter fishing trip. A report on the trip will come next month.

On the social scene, Dave and Susie Walsh held their annual "Taste of Italy" picnic at Sarazen Park. Even a passing drizzle could not dampen the spirits of the attendees. The food was excellent. Kudos to Dave and Susie and all the servers!! It sure was great to see everyone enjoying the event. They will quickly follow up this picnic with their "Cinco

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de Mayo" picnic, held appropriately on May 5th.

May's backwater event will be the "Spring Slam". Anglers will try to score a "Slam" by catching all three of the targeted species - Snook, Redfish and Seatrout. Offshore we continue with the year-long "Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina". And our Kayak group will head to the Isles of Capri Paddle Park and fish Johnson's Bay. Kayak anglers are also competing in the year-long "Kayak Slam Challenge" and will look to add Snook, Redfish and Trout to improve their standings. "Slam" seems to be a theme for this month.

Our monthly meeting will be held at the YMCA once again on Tuesday, May 4th, and feature Captain Kevin Bellington of "Sea Gone Fishing", as the speaker. A raffle will be held for a charter trip with Capt. Bellington.

If you can, get out and fish!

May's Fishing Quote. **"There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there's always a new place, always a new horizon."** - Jack Nicklaus

Tight Lines,

Keith

LEADER BOARD Updates as of January

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Fish of the Month (FOM) as of January

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Offshore Update – May 2021

What's Happening Offshore...

The Red Grouper bite is still hot, many limits being reported, especially in 100'+. The Snapper are out there on the wrecks and ledges, spawning should start be starting at the late April full moon and into May – it's a good time to try chumming them up at night. Cobia and permit are around on the nearshore and offshore reefs and towers. The best fishing will usually occur on the better tide days and windows – use your solunar activity tables. Focus on catching your trophy fish for the "MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina". Get out there and have some fun…and be safe.

Offshore Events ...

MSC Offshore Slam proudly sponsored by Rose Marina – The Offshore Slam is a full calendar year tournament so there is plenty of time to catch your Slam of Grouper, Snapper, Permit, and Cobia and win the trophy and some \$\$\$. We also have an award for the boat captain responsible for the most Offshore Slam fish entries. This tournament will be the Offshore version of the highly successful Triple Crown tournament the Inshore guys enjoy. The deadline to enter is June 30, 2021, but you cannot enter a fish caught before you enter, so sign up now before you catch that monster fish and wish you were entered! We have a couple nice Grouper entered so far...don't miss out.

Thanks to Rose Marina, the club and the entry fees paid, have ample budget for additional prize money, trophies, swag, and an awards party.

We have 25 anglers signed up so far and a total event budget of over \$3000 which will continue to grow as additional anglers sign up. What are you waiting for??? Sign today, it's worth the \$25...I promise.

See attached table with the current standings.

Please show your appreciation to the great team at Rose Marina by giving them your business, and use your MSC membership card to get your club discount too.

The event Flyer and Sign-up Sheet is included in this newsletter and posted on the MSC website. Enter today!

Super Grouper / Snapper April 2021 – The weather didn't completely cooperate for us and several boats did not make it out. Those that did, caught some decent grouper but not many snapper were entered. Thanks to all who entered the event.

Congratulations to the winning Captains / Crew – see attached table with the complete results and some cool pictures. The biggest grouper was a 33.25" fire truck caught by Allan Bristow of Team Mueller. Team Mueller also won first place in the 120" Grouper division with a three Grouper total of over 93", followed by Team Lopez, and Team Hillyer. Team Erickson wonf the 120" Snapper division, and Frank Troha won the 80' Grouper division.

Other Important Stuff ...

Check out the Offshore Fishing reports on the MSC website, they are on the Offshore Homepage.

Offshore Captains - don't forget to send me your Offshore Fishing Reports and photos of any remarkable catches when you return from fishing!

If you fish offshore and want to be added to our offshore email distribution, please send me a request via the link on the Offshore Fishing homepage and I will gladly add you to this exclusive team.

If you have any ideas, or want to volunteer to help with offshore events, feel free to contact me anytime.

Tight Lines

Jim





2021 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Current Standings

Captain's Award Leader - Heckler & Mueller tied at 3

		Grouper		Snapper		Permit		Cobia		Slam	Total
First	Last	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Y/N	Length
Mike	Kropp	30.25	Pucci	18	Kropp					N	48.25
Jim	Parent	29	Heckler		Heckler					N	44.25
Allan	Bristow	33.25	Mueller							N	33.25
Mike	Mueller	31	Mueller							N	31.00
John	Heckler	29.25	Heckler							N	29.25
Don	Richards	28.5	Richards							N	28.50
Steve	Schwindt	28.25	Schwindt							N	28.25
John	Cavanagh	27.75	Mueller							N	27.75
Ralph	Crowell	27.5	Crowell							N	27.50
Keith	Wohltman	24.25	Crowell							N	24.25
Francisco	Garcia									N	0.00
Jim	Scarpa									N	0.00
George	Vlasuk									N	0.00
Joel	Rohletter									N	0.00
Jeff	Erickson									N	0.00
Paul	Doppelt									N	0.00
Jeff	Michaels									N	0.00
Ed	Shebert									N	0.00
Mark	Staley									N	0.00
Bill	Canty									N	0.00
Donna	Deeter									N	0.00
Chris	Vines									N	0.00
Kevin	Krygier									N	0.00
David	Held									N	0.00
Jeff	Kaczka									N	0.00

Marco Sportfishing Club Super Grouper / Snapper Spring 2021 - Winners

			Snap Total	oper				Gro Total	uper	
Division	Place	Captain	Length	Prize S	Note	Place	Captain	Length	Prize S	Note
80'	1 2					1	Frank Troha	41.50	\$ 75	
	2					2				
	3					3				
120"	1	Jeff Erickson	43.50	\$ 383		1	Mike Mueller	93.25	\$ 383	
	2					2	Mike Lopez	82 25	5 251	
	3					3	Bill Hillyer	76.25	\$ 130	
	Notes:	Prize Pool - \$123	2							



Frank and John with the Team Mueller Haul

Allan with the 33.25" Fire Truck



2021 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2021

Offshore Slam Species: Grouper (Red, Gag, Black)

Snapper (Mangrove, Lane, Yellowtail)

Permit

Cobia

Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers

Prizes: Based on number of anglers participating, maximum one prize per angler

- Total combined length of the largest fish of each Offshore Slam species entered by the angler.
- Angler must catch and enter one fish of each species to qualify to win.
- All fish entered must be caught by the angler entering the fish without assistance.
- Angler may upgrade any fish entered if a larger specimen is caught within the tournament timeframe.
- This is an individual angler tournament and is not tied to a specific captain or boat. The angler may fish on anyone's boat at any time (like the Triple Crown).
- Offshore Slam species Grouper (Red, Gag or Black), Snapper (Mangrove, Yellowtail or Lane), Permit, Cobia.
- In addition to the Offshore Slam prizes, the largest fish of each individual species will be awarded a prize, as will the boat captain with the most entries caught.
- Any fish caught during this event will also qualify for MSC Leaderboard and Fish of the Month entry.

<u>Captains Meeting</u>: Due to the virus, there will be no captains meeting. Please see instructions on Sign-Up Sheet below to submit your Sign-up Sheet and to make payment.

Awards Party: There will be an awards party at Rose Marina in January 2022 (date / time TBA)

Rules:

- 1. All anglers must be an active MSC Member.
- 2. MSC "No Guide Rule" applies No fishing with, or on, a guide's boat.
- 3. MSC "Offshore Boundaries" apply South to Lat N 25.10.0, North to Lat N 26.05.5120', must fish within these boundaries and at a depth of 120' or less.
- 4. "Two Line Rule" applies No more than two rods per angler.
- 5. All fish entered must be caught by the angler entering the fish without assistance from any other angler.
- 6. Each fish entered must be photographed individually on a vertical edge tournament ruler, mouth closed and tight against the vertical edge of the ruler (not following the measurement rules may result in a reduction in size if the measurement is not clearly evident). All entry photos must be emailed to Jim Scarpa at the email address above within 24 hours of being caught, please include the name of the boat captain as well.
- 7. Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee must be received by Jim Scarpa by June 30, 2021 or the angler cannot participate in the tournament. While tournament entry is allowed after fishing begins, no fish may be entered in the tournament that is caught prior to the angler submitting their Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee.

"Offshore Slam 2021" Sign-up Sheet

Email to: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Angler Name:_____

Angler Email Address:_____

Angler Mobile #:_____

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Make checks payable to Marco Sportfishing Club

Mail checks to Jim Scarpa, 308 Edgewater Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145

Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee must be received by June 30, 2021. Contact Jim if you want to drop off the check or have it picked up.

April MSC Kayak Group Trip Fakahatchee Strand State Park (AKA: The Basshole) Submitted by Howard Laskau

After waiting a few months for the water to warm up, the kayak group made their way back to the Basshole earlier this month for a fresh-water fishing adventure. There was a heavy fog/mist on the lake in the morning and the kayakers disappeared into it as they headed out in the morning. But, it didn't take long, and as soon as the air warmed up a little, the fog lifted.

The bite was a little slow to start, and a few small bass were reeled in. But then, Dave Schott felt a big pull on his line and reeled in the fish of the day....a 22" Bass. That fish put Dave on the 2021 Kayak Group Leaderboard for Bass. Besides Bass, the kayak anglers have a chance for bragging rights for the largest Snook, Redfish or Trout caught on an MSC kayak outing during the year.

Ken Robertson had his hands full with a fish he thought was a going to put him on top of the leaderboard, but he ended up with a Bowfin and picks up "strangest fish" of the day honors. These prehistoric-looking fish put up a big fight and have an impressive set of teeth! You never know what you will find at the end of your line when you are in one of these fresh-water lakes deep in the Everglades! There were a few "alligator sightings" during the day, but that is usually expected in these backwater areas.

To learn more about the MSC Kayak group and/or the 2021 Fishing Challenge, please visit the MSC website. While there, take a few minutes and check out the articles on past outings we have taken to different locations in this area.. When you see what can be caught in a kayak, it just might surprise you! If you want to be placed on the Kayak Fishing Mailing List or if you have any questions, please use this link to contact Howard Laskau, the MSC Kayak Events Coordinator: https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/email-form-ContactOfficer.htm

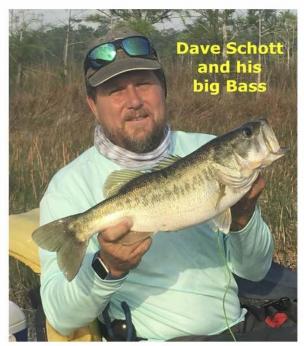
In May, our monthly kayak event will take us to the Isles of Capri Paddle Park for a fishing tour of McIlvane Bay, Johnson Bay and the many mangrove islands and trails that can be found in this area. If you want to enjoy some beautiful scenery, have a fun day on the water, and maybe even catch a few fish, please join us. Hope to see you there!

April MSC Kayak Group Trip Pictures









April Back to Normal Monthlong Backwater Event

As you are reading this the winning fish have been caught and we are about to hand out the prizes. But as I am writing this, the month is not yet over so I can't tell you who has won. I am expecting to hand out the winnings at our May meeting on the 4th. I think there will be some surprises.

It was a tough and windy month and many of us spent more time with repair guys than fishing. But so far, we have all made it. We need to thank George Wittmann for dealing with all our entries and unusual photos. Holding the fish, getting them to stop moving and seeing your phone in Florida sun shine is no easy feat.

But at least, unlike our up coming "July Shark Bites Man Event" we did not have to worry about being eaten.

Thanks for participating

Ed Vesely





Big Snook

Ed's Snook



Pete's Redfish

May General Meeting

Live and In-Person

May 4th at 7:00 PM

Marco Island YMCA – "Airnasium"

Guest Speaker: Captain Kevin Bellington

Sign Up Tables 50/50 Special Raffle for Charter Trip

Gates open at 6:30 PM

New Member for 2021?

Contact our New Member Liaison, 'Chicken' Jay Terzis

squan409@gmail.com

(973) 945-1788

Learn more about the Marco Sportfishing Club!



Coming Events

MAY

General Meeting at Y see flyer this Newsletter

Fishing Events Offshore Slam see flyer this Newsletter Spring Slam see flyer this Newsletter

Kayak Event see Website for Details

JUNE

General Meeting June 1st or 3rd Details to follow

Fishing Events Offshore Slam see flyer this Newsletter Hooky-Snooky see flyer this Newsletter

Kayak Event see Website for Details

Be sure to check website for the most recent dates and times etc. for all events.



Your Editor is taking the month off, see you in June



Spring Slam

(Ver 1.1.2021)



Fishing Date: Tuesday, May 11th, 2021

Backup Date (due to bad weather): Thursday, May 13th ,2021

Capt.'s Meeting: Friday, May 7th, 3:00pm at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 6 Hours - "Flex Time" - You pick the 6 daylight hours you prefer to fish!

Tide Info at Coon Key:	Low Tide:	8:24 AM	(1.2')
-	High Tide:	2:00 PM	(3.9')

Solar-Lunar Activity: High activity Major Period: 10:48 am to 1:48 pm

Event Target Fish: Snook, Redfish, Spotted Sea Trout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 5th – Total inches of one each Snook, Redfish and Trout

The focus is on the "Slam". An entry of all three species beats an entry of one or two species regardless of total length.

Individual Prize – Individual prizes awarded for each of the longest Snook, Redfish and Trout caught during the event

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member

Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS \$200 in club funds

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member. "No Guide" Rule & "2-Line" Rule Apply
- MSC backwater boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- Photos required for <u>all fish</u> registered for team & individual prizes Measure fish to nearest 1/4"
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Charlie Schwalje, no later than 5:00 PM, the day after the event.

For questions regarding the event, and to submit pictures/tally of your catch: Charlie Schwalje Email- c.schwalje@comcast.net Cell- 732-570-8450





May 2021 Spring Slam Registration Form

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1 Snook/1 Redfish/1 Trout – Total Inches

Fishing Day: Tuesday, May 11th (Backup due to weather - Thur. May 13th)

Entry Fee:

\$10 for MSC Members - \$15 for non-MSC Members

 Non-members <u>only</u> allowed if fishing on a MSC members boat, no individual non-member boat entries accepted

Captain's	Name:
	e:
	If applicable)
	if applicable)

 See the event flyer for specific rules and event times including Capt.'s mtg. and fishing day/time. Sign up by mail or at the May membership meeting or Captain's meeting

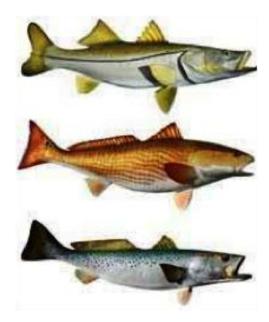
Charlie Schwalje

418 Driftwood Ct

Marco Island, FL 34145

c.schwalje@comcast.net

cell-732-570-8450



SPRING SLAM TALLY SHEET

CAPTAIN'S NAME:
NOOK: LENGTH
ANGLER
REDFISH: LENGTH
ANGLER
ROUT: LENGTH
ANGLER
Total Inches of one each- Snook, Redfish and Trout

• Measure fish from closed mouth to pinched tail – high resolution picture!

- Any fish counts towards 3 fish tally <u>doesn't need to be legal size</u>
- Measure to the nearest ¼"
- Photos required of all fish submitted for prize consideration
- All 3 pictures must be attached to the e-mail along with the tally sheet
- 6 Hour "Flex Time" 6 hours from lines in to lines out! You choose the times
- E-mail <u>Tally Sheet & Photos</u> to Charlie Schwalje by <u>5:00pm, the day after the</u> <u>the fishing event</u>
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e-mail to: c.schwalje@comcast.net

Questions: Charlie's mobile #: 732-570-8450



SNOOKY - HOOKY

SIGN UP <u>via mail</u> – Mail your entry form and <u>check made out to MSC</u> to: Ron Linn 844 Milan Ct. Marco Island, Fl. 34145

Date: Wednesday, June 9th

Backup Date: Thursday, June 10th (Entry form/fees must be received by Ron no later than the Captains meeting on Monday the 7th at The Sandbar 4:00 PM

Fishing Hours: 6 hour "flex fish" - fish any 6-hr slot between sunrise and sunset

Tide info-Marco River: Low Tide: +1.3' at 7:02am, High Tide: +2.8' at 12:52pm

Prizes:

Boat – 1st through 5th place. Total inches of Snook caught by boat/team 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 no later than Monday, June 15th._

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. "2-Line" Rule Applies
- Photos of all fish recorded for Team & Individual Prizes are required. Measure to nearest ¼^{*}
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- E-mail Tally Sheet, and photos, to Ron Linn, by 5:00 PM, the day after you fish the event.
- Even if you have no fish to report, please let Ron know as a courtesy, thank you!
- Final "rule" is be safe, & HAVE FUN...

Ron Linn Backwater Events Coordinator ronlinn1@gmail.com Cell: 239-227-9503

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JUNE 2021 - SNOOKY-HOOKY ENTRY FORM

TEAM ENTRIES ONLY-INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Team Captain:	(must be a MSC member)
Captains Mobile/Cell #:	
Captain's e-mail address:	
CREW #1:	
Name:	
CREW #2:	
Name:	
CREW #3:	
Name:	
\$10/Angler (Member)	
\$15/ Angler (Non-Member)	

Notes:

SNOOKY-HOOKY TALLY SHEET

BOAT/TEAM NAME:							
BOAT PRIZE: (1 st -5 th) TOTAL INCHES OF SNOOK CAUGHT BY TEAM							
CAPTAIN'S NAME:							
(SNOOK)							
CREW #1 NAME:							
(SNOOK)							
CREW #2 NAME:							
(SNOOK)							
Total Inches for Team =							
 Measure to the nearest ¼ 							
 Photos required of <u>all fish</u> submitted for prize consideration 							
 6-hour Flex-Fish – 1 continuous 6-hr period between sunrise to sunset 							
 Turn in Tally Sheet/Photos to Ron Linn by 5:00pm, Thurday, June 10th. 							
Ron Linn							
Backwater Events Coordinator							
ronlinn1@gmail.com 239-227-9503							



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