MSC Tackle Box

http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com Keith Wohltman - President

Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island

President's Message for June 2021



June 2021 Tackle Box

June is here and soon the afternoon thunderstorms will be rolling through. As we move toward the warmer and wetter months, we need to keep a weather eye out and plan our fishing trips more carefully. We also need to

pay attention to the weather systems that will be moving through the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

May brought us some decent weather, perhaps a bit too windy at times. Our game fish were back and biting, although Redfish were scarce. The "Spring Slam" had several boats record all three fish species and it was great day on the water. Tarpon have been sighted and "Jersey" (aka John Marchetti) landed a good-sized fish on light tackle in May. The kayak group were closed out in May due to small-craft warnings, but they will be back and fishing the Halfway Creek Loop in June.

Looking ahead to June events, we target Snook in the backwater in the always exciting "Snooky Hooky" event. Our Offshore anglers continue to put fish on the "Offshore Slam" leaderboard. As a quick reminder, anyone wishing to participate in this event has until the end of June to sign up. Twenty-six anglers are competing in the event thus far and there is plenty of time left to fish.

Our general meeting will be held at the YMCA on Tuesday, June 1st at the regular meeting time of 7:00 PM. This will be an interesting and informative meeting as we have brought together a panel of the club's premier offshore anglers to talk about finding and catching offshore species several of which are upcoming FOMs: Grouper, Cobia, and Permit. As an added feature we will have Mike Sipos, the Florida Sea Grant Agent - UF/IFAS Extension for Collier County, here at a table, discussing several methods to





release offshore species suffering from Barotrauma.

Our picnic this month is the long awaited "Steak Picnic" to be held at noon, June 16th at Sarazen Park. You will not want to miss this event. Check the flyer in this edition for all the details.

Just on the horizon we will embark on the four-month-long "Triple Crown Tournament" which kicks-off on July 1st. Sign up now at the discounted fee of \$20 and use the credit card payment option to ensure you are registered before June 30th. Be sure to see the flyer in this edition.

We do need a few volunteers to help keep the club running smoothly in 2022. We will need someone to run the "Sheepshead Tournament" and someone to become the club's Quartermaster. Gloria Robertson who did an outstanding job with both of those positions for the past 4 years will step down at the end of 2021. Gloria will help anyone stepping up get started in either, or both activities.

If you can, get out and fish!

June's Fishing Quote. **"It doesn't matter if the rod is or isn't bent. Time spent fishing is time well spent."** – Justin Morgan

Tight Lines,

Keith



Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

Leader Board

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of May

Get FOM updates using the link below. Fish of the Month

Offshore Update – June 2021

What's Happening Offshore ...

The Red Grouper still being caught in deeper water, expect them to begin to move shallower as the water gets warmer. The Snapper are out there on the wrecks and ledges, spawning is underway and will end soon, it's a good time to fish the full moon with lots of chum (don't forget to bring your barracuda repellant!). Cobia and permit are around on the nearshore and offshore reefs and towers, good catches of permit have been reported. The best fishing will usually occur on the better tide days and windows – use your solunar activity tables. That said, my neighbors and I had an epic permit day a few weeks ago (check out the photo below) with a bad tide in between moon phases, so unless you are fishing you won't be catching. 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 – ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 30! 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 is 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 many nice fish entered so far, but no Slam's...yet. 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 26 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. Remember to email your entry photos to me for the standings within 24 hours of catch.

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 Fall 2021 – Save the Date, we will be planning the Fall Super grouper tournament in December 2021, fishing window TBD. We will have a captains meeting and awards lunch assuming no major change in COVID status.

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 - Mueller 4

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Permit		Cobia		Slam	Total
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Y/N	N Length
Jim	Scarpa	28.00	Scarpa	15.25	Scarpa	29.75	Scarpa			N	73.00
Jim	Parent	29.00	Heckler	15.25	Heckler	17.00	Parent			N	61.25
John	Cavanagh	27.75	Mueller			29.00	Mueller			N	56.75
Allan	Bristow	33.25	Mueller	20.25	Costley					N	53.50
Mike	Kropp	30.25	Pucci	18.00	Kropp					N	48.25
Mike	Mueller	31.00	Mueller							N	31.00
John	Heckler	29.25	Heckler							N	29.25
Don	Richards	28.50	Richards							N	28.50
Jeff	Kaczka	28.50	Petersen							N	28.50
Steve	Schwindt	28.25	Schwindt							N	28.25
Ralph	Crowell	27.50	Crowell							N	27.50
Keith	Wohltman	24.25	Crowell							N	24.25
Francisco	Garcia									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
John	Ryckman									N	0.00



Captain Jim Scarpa and crew (Pawel & Phil) with their limit of Permit, several others were released unharmed



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.



May 2021 Spring Slam Results

Submitted by Charlie Schwalje

The Spring Slam was held on Tuesday, May 11th. Angler participation was light with only ten teams competing. Fishing conditions were good with light winds, a good tide and water temperatures in the low 80's. A total of 15 fish were tallied – 6 snook, 5 redfish and 4 trout. Four teams completed the slam. Three other teams tallied fish but weren't able to catch all three species. Here are the results...

- 10 teams totaling 19 anglers participated
- 19 anglers: 18 members 1 guest for a total of \$195.00 in entry fees
- Club funds \$200.00 Total Prize Pool = \$395.00

Team Awards:

 1^{st} - Ken Robertson, Mike Larsen – 30.25" snook, 21" redfish, 16.5" trout -Total 67.75" - \$85.00 2^{nd} - Jim Mueller, Jay Jones – 18.75" snook, 25.75" redfish, 18.75" trout -Total 63.25" - \$70.00 3^{rd} - Ralph Crowell, John Ryckman, Keith Wohltman – 23" snook, 22.5" redfish, 16.75" trout - Total 62.25" - \$60.00 4^{th} - Victor Ordija, Gary Costley – 19.75" snook, 26" redfish, 16.25" trout -Total 62" - \$50.00 5^{th} - Allan Bristow, John Baker – 22" snook - Total 22 " - \$40.00

Individual Awards for Longest Fish:

Snook – Ken Robertson - 30.25 " - \$30.00 Redfish – Victor Ordija- 26"- \$30.00 Trout – Jim Mueller- 18.75" - \$30.00

Total Prize \$ Awarded = \$395.00

Thank you to everyone who participated!



Vic Ordija holding longest redfish

Be sure to register for the summer backwater events.

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!

June General Meeting

Live and In-Person

Marco Island YMCA – "Airnasium"

June 1st at 7:00 PM

Offshore Panel Discussion: Finding and Catching Grouper, Permit and Cobia – upcoming FOMs

Sign Up Tables

Ship's Store

50/50

Special Barotrauma Display

Gates open at 6:30 PM

May 25, 2021



Coming Events

JUNE

The General Meeting is June 1st see attached flyer for more information

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

Steak Picnic is June 16th see flyer and sign-up sheet this Newsletter

Kayak Event see Website for details

JULY

The General Meeting is July 6th details to follow

Fishing Events Offshore Slam Continues no more sign-ups Start of Annual Triple Crown Tournament Man Bites Shark see flyer the Newsletter

Kayak Event see Website for details

Be sure to check the MSC Website for the latest information regarding the noted Events



Update from the Editor June 2021

Your editor was back attending the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting. There are several new members including former councilman William Trotter. The focus of the meeting was on water quality issues, including recent test results, circulation improvements, and enforcement of the existing code regarding property runoff.

The April tests results showed a decline in nitrogen levels, most likely due to the lack of rain and resulting minimal runoff into waterways over the last several months. Regional testing showed the Marco Island results to be the same as those from the Ten Thousand Island waters, but slightly higher than results from Rookery Bay.

The project to install large pipes under San Marco Road to enhance tidal circulation has been approved and funded. Installation should happen next year. A similar project is happening along Route 92 heading towards Goodland and beyond.

The discussion regarding code enforcement centered on waterfront homes which discharge roof and yard runoff directly into adjacent channels. This is a code violation which is not being enforced. The recommendation is to survey via boat, noting homes with violations. Following the survey there would be a "Door Hanger" champagne which would place at the homeowners' door a Bulletin containing code information and detailing environmental damage caused by the direct discharge of runoff into our channels. The goal is to get voluntary compliance regarding this sensitive issue.

The above is a sample of what the Committee is all about. More support of the committee by MSC members would help them as they present their recommendations to the City Council. The Committee works hard on environmental issues and we all should hope their efforts will lead to action by the various City Departments. The next meeting should be July 15th, 9AM at the City Meeting Room.

Regarding the various Club activities checkout the other pages of this newsletter. As always, your Editor welcomes interesting pictures and short "Fishtails" regarding same. I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.

SNOOKY - HOOKY

SIGN UP via mail – Mail your entry form and check made out to MSC 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					

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



The "Man Bites Shark" picnic is only open 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 19th Captains' Meeting at Crazy Flamingo 4:00 PM.
- Catch Shark Tuesday, July 20th, in the Mud Hole or another location of your choice. (Wednesday, July 21st, Alternate fishing day)
- Eat Shark Thursday, July 22nd, 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 Paul Milici. paul.milici@gmail.com All Picnic Fees must be paid no later than Monday, July 19th.

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July 2021 "Man Bites Shark" Entry Form

Fishing Day: Tuesday, July 20 th (Alternate Fishing Day, Wednesday,
July 21)
Entry / Picnic Fee: \$5 per person
Captain's Name (Must be MSC member):
Cell Phone:
Email:
Crew #1:
Crew #2:
Crew #3:
Crew #4:
Crew #5:

Sign up at the July General Meeting, the Captains' Meeting, or by mailing check made payable to MSC to:

Paul Milici

1615 Santiago Circle

Naples, FL 34113

Email: paul.milici@gmail.com Cell: (901)413-9646

May 18, 2021

SUMMARY of PARKING RULES at SARAZEN

MSC picnics are generally held at Sarazen Park (check picnic flyer). Sarazen Park is a private park located at the SE corner of the Collier Blvd. and Swallow Ave. It is controlled by The Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) and parking in the park requires a member's pass. MICA membership is available to owners of improved property on Marco Island or yearly renters. Each adult member is issued a membership/beach pass card.

JOIN MICA to avoid any parking problems. If you live on the beach and don't belong, consider joining for the other benefits MICA provides. Besides use of Residents Beach and Sarazen Park, there are activities such as free concerts, plus discounts at restaurants and other venues.

Car pooling is suggested to provide more spots for fellow MICA members.

PARKING IN SURROUNDING SWALES IS SUBJECT TO A FINE

The normal fine for parking on a swale within the vicinity of Sarazen Park is \$95, however due to City Covid-19 restrictions the fine could be \$200 with the possibility your vehicle could be towed.

If you cannot get a MICA pass because you are a short term renter or have moved off the island there are alternatives:

- If you do not have a pass you can walk in and pay \$5/person (new rule). See below for suggestions on where to park.
- 2) Obtain a Collier County beach parking pass and park in the Collier County beach parking lot, which is adjacent and east of the MICA lot. The stickers are free to Collier County residents and available at the Marco Island Library and other sites throughout the County. You cannot park in the MICA lot with this sticker. Note that in season on good beach days, the Collier County lot could be full by mid-morning. MICA \$5 walk-in fee applies.
- Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of \$8 (correct change required).
- Have a MICA member give you a ride into Sarazen. Suggested meeting places are: Publix, San Marco Catholic Church, the former big Publix, or the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.

 See <u>New Parking Rules</u> for additional info: https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/RU LES-Picnics/2021-0420-PicnicParkingRules.pdf 11th Almost Annual Steak Cook Out WEDNESDAY June 16, 2021



Sarazen Park 12 Noon

\$16 (\$19 Guests) Each* *19 (\$22 Guests) RECEIVED after June 9

NO Walk-ins (We don't buy extra steaks) Steak, Baked Potato, and Salad

Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water Included

MICA has confirmed picnic is OK

If your name doesn't appear on the Picnic Paid List (emailed a few days before the picnic) or you are sending a check late: Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

AND

Confirm with an email: <u>daveandsusie2010@AOL.com</u> with "Picnic" in Subject. Otherwise a steak will not be ordered for you.

------ Cut here RESERVATION for June 16, 2021 Steak Cook Out

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

@\$16/\$19 each @**\$19/\$22 after June 9** 5_____S

Mail check made out to MSC to:

Dave Walsh 1530 Caxambas Ct. Marco Island, FL 34145

5/19/2021

Two Man Redfish Save The Date October 19





MARCO SPORTFISHING CLUB

Save the Date: Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

Attn: All MSC Members

Mark your calendars...The MSC Holiday Party will be held on Thursday December 2nd at Eagle Creek Country Club-Naples. Cocktails and dinner 5:30-10 p.m. Additional information about the party will be sent out in a few months.





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Triple Crown Tournament Director

Other Activities

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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.

