

# MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island

## President's Message for October 2021



October – Can you say “Redfish”!! The weather is getting cooler and so is the water temperature. The afternoon rains should start to abate. We can return to full day fishing outings. Redfish will be the focus for our backwater anglers with our “Redfish Week” slated for later this month.

We did not hold a membership meeting in September, but we enjoyed a spectacular picnic in its place. While the competitive aspect of the picnic was removed, the members in attendance dined on Pulled Pork with all the barbecue fix'ins. Our Chef, Dave Schott, the Triple Crown Event Leader, prepared all the Smoked Pork Butts and everyone went back for seconds. The picnic was organized and run by Jerry Defibaugh with help from his wife, Linda Hollander, and John Baker. Be sure to read the event report in this edition.

We did hold our September Backwater Event – the “Double Dose” where our anglers sought to catch both Redfish and Snook. The weather and tides made the event interesting, but our anglers fared very well. This event is both a warm-up for the Redfish events in October and an opportunity to improve your catch in the “Triple Crown”. If you missed it this year, be sure to sign up in 2022.

Speaking of the “Triple Crown” it is in its final month and there is still plenty of excitement as more anglers begin reporting fish. Tarpon are hard to find, but are still being caught. Two were caught on September 21<sup>st</sup>, congratulation. Now the fun begins as the competitors try to improve the size of their catch. The winner and the other top slots can change often as the tournament ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our October general meeting will be on the “first Thursday of the month” (Oct 7th) at 7:00 pm at Mackle Park. Doors open at 6:30 pm

Our speaker, Capt. Steve Dall, will share his knowledge about fishing for Redfish and should provide tips to be used during Redfish Week. Capt. Dall's presentation will be followed by a raffle for a charter fishing trip with Capt. Dall. Be sure to see John Marchetti, our Speaker Chairman, to obtain your raffle ticket(s). For more information about this presentation see the article in this edition

In November, we have Capt. Ken Chambers on deck. Capt. Chambers will share his knowledge on fishing for Tarpon, Redfish and Snook. The November presentation will be accompanied by a charter raffle. There is more information about Capt./ Chambers in this edition.

The “Offshore Slam” continues even though NOAA threw us a curveball when they closed the Red Grouper

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season on September 15<sup>th</sup>. You can still catch Red Grouper, but they are catch and release in Federal waters. Anglers participating in this tournament need to catch all 4 species to win, regardless of whether you can keep the grouper.

“October Redfish Week” kicks off with a Captains’ meeting on October 18th. The “Two-Angler Event” and “Team Competition” will be held during that week. Ron Linn’s flyer and entry form for the “Two-Angler” event are in this edition and on the website. I spoke to John Mueller about defending his two-year reign as the winner of the event and he assured me that his lovely wife Kate, will look to make this a “three-peat”. Sign-up now to get into the action.

Be sure to see Ed Vesely’s report on Redfish XVI also in this edition. Following these fishing events, we have the Redfish XVI picnic and awards presentation. The picnic at Sarazen Park is open to participating anglers from both events and their guests.

Our kayak group fished the freshwater lake at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, the infamous Bass Hole. In October they return to one of their favorite venues - Shell Island/Rookery Bay. Want to learn more or join the group – contact Howard Laskau, the MSC Kayak Events Coordinator.

Be sure to read the flyer for our annual Holiday Party in December in this edition. I know it may seem like rushing the Holiday Season, but we will begin to accept reservations soon. We return to the same venue as last year, Eagle Creek Country Club. This “gala” should be on the top of your holiday calendar.

Remember: Membership is “open” for new members. Don’t forget to tell your fishing friends to join our club.

If you can, get out and fish!

October’s Fishing Quote. **“You can’t buy happiness, but you can buy fishing gear and that’s kind of the same thing.”** – Earl Dibbles Jr

Tight Lines,  
Keith

## **LEADER BOARD Updates as of September**

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Leader Board](#)

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

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Fish of the Month](#)

# Offshore Update – October 2021

## What's Happening Offshore...

For those of you who haven't heard, NOAA recently announced the closure of Red Grouper fishing in Federal waters (9 miles and further) for the balance of 2021, reopening Jan 1, 2022. Gray Triggerfish are also closed in Federal waters for the balance of the year and for the seasonal closure in January & February 2022, reopening March 1, 2022. Time to change strategies...

The Snapper are out there on the wrecks and ledges, Mangroves are in the middle of their summer spawn and should be happy to eat. Permit continue to be found on the nearshore and offshore reefs and towers, good numbers are being reported. Cobia are starting to show up in greater numbers recently and we expect them to continue to move through the area when the water temps begin to drop in the early fall...plan accordingly to complete your Offshore Slams. The best fishing will usually occur on the better tide days and windows – use your solunar activity tables. Focus on catching and upgrading your 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** – Thank you to the 26 anglers that have signed up, focus on completing your slam and upgrading fish as the year progresses. The final day of fishing is Dec 31, 2021 and the final day to enter a fish is Jan 1, 2022. Don't forget to email me the measured photos of your entries within 24 hours of catch along with the name of your captain.

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

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.

See attached table with the current standings. John Cavanagh continues to be the only angler to complete the Slam and is our current leader. Several anglers are close...waiting for the Cobia. Mike Mueller is currently running away with the Captain's Award with 8 fish on the board.

**Super Grouper Fall 2021** – Given the closure of Red Grouper in Federal waters we have decided to cancel the December Super Grouper Tournament. We are working on another offshore event in December...stay tuned.

## 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! Have not been receiving many reports, so please take a few minutes to send them when you are offshore.

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 as of September 21, 2021**

Captain's Award Leader - Mueller 8

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Permit		Cobia		Slam Y / N	Total Length
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Captain		
John	Cavanagh	29.50	Mueller	15.00	Mueller	32.00	N/A	27.00	N/A	Y	103.50
Jim	Scarpa	30.50	N/A	21.25	Doppelt	29.75	Scarpa			N	81.50
Mike	Mueller	31.00	Mueller	23.25	Mueller	22.00	Mueller			N	76.25
Jeff	Kaczka	28.75	Mueller	14.00	N/A	24.00	Mueller			N	66.75
Jim	Parent	29.00	Heckler	19.25	Parent	17.00	Parent			N	65.25
Allan	Bristow	33.25	Mueller	20.25	N/A					N	53.50
Kevin	Krygier	21.25	Vines					32.25	Vines	N	53.50
Mark	Staley	30.50	N/A	18.25	N/A					N	48.75
Mike	Kropp	30.25	N/A	18.00	Kropp					N	48.25
Joel	Rohletter	25.00	N/A	17.25	N/A					N	42.25
John	Heckler	29.25	Heckler							N	29.25
Don	Richards	28.50	Richards							N	28.50
Steve	Schwindt	28.25	Schwindt							N	28.25
Ralph	Crowell	27.50	Crowell							N	27.50
Chris	Vines					25.25	Vines			N	25.25
Keith	Wohltman	24.25	Crowell							N	24.25
John	Ryckman	21.50	Crowell							N	21.50
Francisco	Garcia									N	0.00
George	Vlasuk									N	0.00
Jeff	Erickson									N	0.00
Paul	Doppelt									N	0.00
Jeff	Michaels									N	0.00
Ed	Shebert									N	0.00
Bill	Canty									N	0.00
Donna	Deeter									N	0.00
David	Held									N	0.00

**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.

**Captains Meeting: 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.**

## TRIPLE CROWN TOURNAMENT UPDATE

By Dave Schott

Breaking News: The Triple Crown Tournament has taken an abrupt swing these past few weeks. After a lull in the action during the dog days of August, September has brought renewed activity to the Marco Island area fisheries. Several new & upgraded entries have been posted recently and many anglers have made their way up the leaderboard standings – congratulations! Notably, Dana Sacks and her navigator husband Steve hooked into a big 37.50" snook near Keewaydin Island. Dana was elated and said that she never anticipated catching a fish over 36". As a result she's now purchased a 60" fish ruler and can't wait to "test it out". Also, Dave Dodd made his way to the upper echelon of the standings with some incredible catches. Dave recently returned to the area after summering in Indiana and quickly hit the water. Dave typically fishes on any day that ends with a "Y". His persistence has paid off by recent submissions of a 40.25" snook and 29.25" redfish!



At the top of the standings, Ed Brown and John Marchetti had been tied for first place for quite a while until Ed struck again this week with several redfish entries that grew inch by inch until settling at 27" just enough to break the tie and nudge him into the lead – for now!

So the take away from this update is that the fish have returned, they're not sitting in just one area, and the leaderboard standings are constantly shifting. Take advantage of these excellent conditions and get on the water. Tight lines!

Questions? [MSCTripleCrown2021@gmail.com](mailto:MSCTripleCrown2021@gmail.com)

## Triple Crown Smoked Pulled Pork Picnic

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Marco Sport Fishing Club held its annual Triple Crown Pulled Pork Picnic at Sarazen Park. The event was hosted by Jerry Defibaugh with a lot of assistance from his wife Linda Hollander. The picnic was well attended by 50+ people who enjoyed pulled pork, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and cake. In the past, the pulled pork was prepared by 7-8 cooking competitors and was judged with the top three (3) pork butts being awarded trophies. However, in an effort to maintain safety, due to continued Covid concerns, the picnic committee elected to have one of its members (Dave Schott) smoke all the pork butts and had servers' dish-out the food. Also, John Baker was in charge of providing the side dishes, which included his special baked beans. With all this great food and extra safety measures, there was a relaxed environment enjoyed by all attendees. The committee looks forward to returning to the smoked pork butt competition next year.



Chef Dave Schott

Pictured below are some of the picnic attendees. The ladies and men seemed to enjoy eating at their own tables, for the most part. A good time was had by all.







## **"Double Dose" Redfish/Snook Event Final Results**

We held our annual Double Dose on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. There was some rain and wind at times that created less than ideal conditions. As always, the MSC anglers demonstrated great skill and persistence with most teams catching at least one of the target species, and 4 teams catching the Double Dose! Event results and the winners are posted below.

- A total of 19 anglers on 9 teams fished the event.
- Angler entry fees totaled \$195.00 + Club backwater portion of \$200.00
- **Total prize pool = \$395.00**

### **Results:**

1. **Don Richards & John Mueller – Redfish/Snook – 50.5" - \$158.00**
2. **Allen Bristow & Victor Ordija – Redfish/Snook – 47.25" - \$118.50**
3. **Kevin Krygler & Chris Vines – Redfish/Snook – 46" - \$79.00**
4. **Ed Brown & Brian Kamp – Redfish/Snook – 45.75" - \$39.50**

**Total prizes to be paid out = \$395.00**

Moving forward, October brings us the annual redfish events. Be sure to grab a partner and get registered! The weather will be cooler, and the fish will be active.

Thank you to all of you who continue to participate in our monthly events, and for your support of our backwater program. Remember, you can't catch a fish unless you have a line in the water!

Tight Lines everyone!

Ron Linn



Victor Ordija with half of the 2nd place finish

## September MSC Kayak Group Trip

### The Bass Hole

The day started out great. Blue skies, no wind, water temperature 83 degrees. A great day to be at the Bass Hole. A few of the kayakers even reported catching a few small bass within the first few minutes on the water. Things were looking good. Unfortunately, it didn't get much better. A few more small bass, and that was it.

Several years ago, an average day at the Bass Hole would mean each angler would catch at least 25 bass, with plenty of big ones mixed in. Several anglers had days with catches of more than 50. What happened?

Unfortunately, not everyone who fishes the Bass Hole practices CPR (catch-photo-release) as we do when we fish there. Add to that the fact that there are no minimum or maximum length limits and quantity limits have not been enforced. We asked some questions and found out that some "anglers" have been coming to the Bass Hole with the sole intention of taking home as many bass as they can, and they do. This has resulted in total destruction of what used to be a great place to enjoy a fantastic day of fishing. Based on what has happened here, I doubt whether there will be any future kayak trips made to the Bass Hole.

Actually watching a great fishing resource completely die off in a matter of less than 2 years is cause for concern. Size limits and enforcement of bag limits would have helped preserve this resource, but it looks like it is too late for the Bass Hole now. If you think about what is happening with salt-water fishing, there are some similarities. For the past few years, there have been reports of reductions in the number of fish being caught in both offshore and backwater locations. While some of the reductions may be from "over-fishing" a large part of it is more likely due to loss of sea grass and declining water quality. There are things that we can and must do to ensure that our water quality improves. The future of recreational fishing depends on it. Let the demise of the Bass Hole be an example for all of us. Get involved in efforts to clean up our water and help make a difference while we still can!



## **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.
- Tuesday October 19th Staggered "Shotgun Start" at Walker's Coon Key Marina or Jolly Bridge. Captains meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sandbar 4:00
  - 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 determined by date of entry). 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.
- Prizes determined by entries plus \$200.00 in Sandbar gift cards and club money

# **“Redfish Tuesday” Entry Form**

**October 19, 2021**

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)

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

MSC Member \_\_\_\_ yes

MSC member \_\_\_\_ no

\$40 - “Redfish Tuesday” entry fee

\$50 - non-member entry fee

“Redfish Tuesday” entry fee entitles each angler to:

- Compete for cash awards. (Exact amount and number of awards to be determined by number of entries received and \$200.00 Sandbar gift cards. Full details will not be available until entries close)

Please make checks and entry forms, payable to - Marco Sportfishing Club

Mail check for your Team, along with this entry form, to:

**Ron Linn, 844 Milan Ct., Marco island, FL 34145**

**Entries close October 18th, 2021**





# **REDFISH XVI**

## **Time to Sign Up**

### **It isn't over till it's over**

**Its time to sign up for the biggest Backwater Event of the year. This event has been held every year for the past 16. The Hurricane season should be winding down, the dry season should be starting up, and the Redfish will be migrating through our area. What's not to like.**

**The snapshot below covers most of the key facts, but additional information can be found on the Clubs web site. If you need additional info contact me at [evesely@aol.com](mailto:evesely@aol.com).**

- 1. Fish either Oct 22 or 23 for 6 hours**
- 2. Teams Red or Blue wins on total fish caught**
- 3. Any size Redfish count 2, Trout and Snook count 1**

- 4. Largest Fish of each species per team wins prize**
- 5. Entry fee \$30, winning team fishes free**
- 6. Odds of winning over 60%**
- 7. Most fish per boat - each team wins prize**
- 8. Each Goodie Bag retail value estimated over \$30**
- 9. An individual can win 2 team prizes and one individual prize**
- 10. Picnic Oct 25 for all event participants and their paid Guests. Two Man "Pro" event participants and their paid guests are included as well. Event BYO Beverage**
- 11. This is a club supported event**
- 12. See Redfish XVI Team Competition Tournament Rules for more specifics on our web site**
- 13. Captains Meeting Oct 21- location to be announced and teams assigned**
- 14. Picnic location to be Sarazen Park and sign-up and payment sheets for Picnic guests to be distributed early Oct.**
- 15. Prizes to be distributed at our Nov. MSC General Meeting**

**May the Tide be with You**

**Ed Vesely**

# **REDFISH XVI**

## **2021 Team Event Entry Form**

**Oct. 22nd or 23rd**

**\*Entry Deadline Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

**Entry Fee \$30** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPTAIN FEE ENCLOSED: \$**\_\_\_\_\_

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

**MSC Member Fee \$30----Non-Member Fee \$40 (Circle One)**

**CREW #1 FEE ENCLOSED; \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MSC Member Fee \$30----Non-Member Fee \$40 (Circle One)**

**CREW #2 FEE ENCLOSED; \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MSC Member Fee \$30----Non-Member Fee \$40 (Circle One)**

**CREW #3 FEE ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Make check out to MSC and send to**

**Ed Vesely – 35 Gulfport Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145**



# **October General Meeting**

**First Thursday of the month!**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Mackle Park  
Bald Eagle Room**

***Presentation by Captain Steve Dall  
Poseidon's Choice Fishing Charters***

**“Redfish”**

***Sign Up Tables***

***Wyze Guyz Tackle Store***

***Charter Raffle plus “special 2<sup>nd</sup> prize”***

***50/50***

***Doors open at 6:30 PM***



# October Redfish Mania

For the October meeting we will be featuring local guide and Florida Sportsman writer, Captain Steve Dall.

Captain Steve brings many years of experience to the table. A guide in the Midwest at the age of 20, his passion has grown thru the years. He has been a guide, educator, and champion tournament fisherman throughout the 10,000 Islands for 23 years.

Captain Steve not only puts you on the fish, but he also prides himself on explaining the **Why**, **Where** and **How** to be a consistent angler.



He keeps his finger on the pulse of local fishing by writing a column each month for “Florida Sportsman”. Garnering the input of other local guides for up-to-date reports. Always a friend of MSC, several members of our club have been featured in his column.

He has also started the famous “Wyze Guyz Tackle”, specializing in plastics baits for snook and redfish that work. We have been also fortunate to see Steve at our biannual “Deal or No Deal” tackle sale. On his website, WyzeGuyzTackle.com, he offers a special discount to MSC members.

As an added benefit we will be raffling off a guided trip with Captain Steve at the meeting (1 ticket for \$5. And 5 tickets for \$20.) For the first time we will have a second place picked for this raffle! A package of “Wyze Guyz Tackle” for your own future trips.

Be sure to be at the October meeting for this special night.



Wyze Guyz Tackle <https://wyzeguyztackle.com/>

# **November General Meeting**

**First Thursday of the month!**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Mackle Park  
Bald Eagle Room**

*Presentation by Captain Ken Chambers*

*Backcountry Guide Service*

**“Backwater Insights”**

*Sign Up Tables*

*Charter Raffle*

*50/50*

*Doors open at 6:30 PM*

# Marco SportFishing Club Speaker Series

Each month MSC strives to bring our members the best local guides from Southwest Florida. Each of these selected guides have years of experience fishing for the same fish you fish for. They do it every day, with success.

By attending the monthly meeting, besides improving your skills, you can purchase a raffle ticket (or 5) to have the opportunity to learn from the masters firsthand.

October was Captain Steve Dall to discuss Redfish techniques, prior to our Redfish Tournaments.

**For November, we are honored to present Captain Ken Chambers of “Backcountry Guide Service”.**



Captain Ken grew up fishing on Marco Island and has been guiding for over 20 years. Highly respected amongst other guides and past clients, Captain Ken’s expertise include spin fishing with plugs, live bait or fly fishing. Catering to the anglers fishing abilities.

Capt. Ken is an Orvis recognized professional guide. Tarpon, snook and redfish are but a few of the gamefish he will share his insight on, so be sure to attend our November 4th meeting at Mackle Park. Doors open at 6:30PM come early to purchase your raffle ticket.

**Backcountry Guides Service - <http://www.backcountryguideservice.com/>**

# **New 2022 Membership Option**

***In previous years, MSC held open enrollment for new members starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. New members joining on, or after that date, could receive up to two months of membership in the current year, in addition to the following year.***

***New for 2021 - open enrolment began on September 1<sup>st</sup>!***

***New members will pay their dues for 2022 and are entitled to membership for the remainder of 2021. That could mean up to 3 months of “free” membership if they join now.***

***Already a New Member?***

***Contact our New Member Liaison,***

***‘Chicken’ Jay Terzis***

***[squan409@gmail.com](mailto:squan409@gmail.com) or (973) 945-1788***

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## **Coming Events**

### **October**

The General Meeting will on the 7<sup>th</sup> see Flyer this Newsletter

Fishing Events Offshore Slam Continues  
 Triple Crown Tournament Ends the 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Redfish 2 Man Event see Flyer this Newsletter  
 Redfish Team Event see flyer this Newsletter

Kayak Event see Website for details

### **November**

The General Meeting is the 4th see Flyer this Newsletter

Fishing Events Offshore Slam Continues  
 Turkey Day Event see Flyer this Newsletter  
 Buddy Trips Returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> Details to Follow

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 October 2021

There was a very interesting Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The City Manager was attending and made numerous comments, in particular regarding the long awaited Harper Report. The report details Water Quality (WQ) issues, concerns, and recommendations for improving the WQ going forward. The Manager noted that the City Council will review the report at its' meeting Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the City would take a "layered" approach to addressing WQ issues. The WAC will start its' formal review of the report at the meeting of October 21<sup>st</sup>. Other issues recently discussed by WAC such as residential stormwater discharges into our channels, Public Education regarding WQ, and use of non-potable water from our Sewage plant for irrigation on Collier Blvd., Golf courses and condo lawns, will all be impacted by the report. Any WAC recommendations regarding these issues will follow the review of the Harper Report. As one can see from my brief summary, the WAC meetings are getting more focused. I encourage everyone to attend the meetings in person or on line, checkout the City website for details.

There are a few changes to the Newsletter content this month. Checkout the attached Leaderboard summary and the General Meeting flyers, which include information on the Guest Speaker. There are fish in our waters and out in the Gulf. Hope everyone can get out and do some "catching" and as Howard Laskau noted in the Kayak Report, "photo and release".

Your editor is always looking for short, interesting "Fishtails" with photos. If you have something you want to share, send it to [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com) Thanks.

**MSC LEADER BOARD 2021**



**Septmeber 23, 2021**  
**Red = New Entries**

Species	Min Size	Angler	Current Size (inches)	Bait or Lure	Method	Area	Tide
Cobia	22"						
Gag Grouper	24*	Rod Lashley	29 1/2 inches	Pinfish	Drifting	50 miles West of Marco Isl.	Incoming
Red Grouper	20*	Allan Bristow	33.25 inches	Pinfish	Drifting	45 miles west of Marco Island	Incoming
King Mackerel	24*	Bill Lambeer	48 1/4 inches	pinfish	anchored	Barfield Bay	Incoming
Tripletail	18*						
Spanish Mackerel	12*	Rod Link	22.5 inches	jig tipped with shrimp	Casting	South of Coon Key	Incoming
Permit	11*	JOHN CAVANAGH	32 in	Crab	anchored	West of Marco wreck	Outgoing
Pompano	11*	Ken Robertson	16 inches	Jig	Casting	Coon Key	Incoming
Redfish	18*	Ed Vessely	31.5 inches	jig head & plastic body	casting	Turtle Key	high
Sheepshead	12*	Bob Schneider	21 1/4 in	jig	Casting	Chokoloskee Bay	Outgoing
Lane Snapper	8"	Mark Staley	17.25 in	Shrimp	Drifting	40 miles west of Marco Island	Outgoing
Mangrove Snapper	10*	Mike Mueller	23.5 in	live pinfish	Drifting	55 miles w of Marco	outgoing
Yellowtail Snapper	12*						
Snook	28*	David Dodd	40.25	Surface Lure	casting	Turner River	outgoing
Amberjack	34*	Greg Puccl	42.5 inches	Pinfish	Anchored	100 ft of water S SW of Marco	Outgoing
Black Drum	14*	Michael Lopez	34 inches	Shrimp	Anchored	Marco River	Incoming
Spotted Seatrout	15"	Vic Ordija	24.5 inches	Badonk topwater	Casting	Chokoloskee Bay	High
Gulf Flounder	14*	Dick Yeaton	15 3/4 in	tipped jig	Casting	Southwest Gate	Incoming





The Marco Sportfishing Club cordially invites you to our  
**2021 HOLIDAY PARTY**



Thursday, December 2, 2021  
Happy Hour 5:30- 6:15 p.m.  
Dinner and entertainment 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
Eagle Creek Country Club  
11 Cypress View Drive, Naples

\$60 per person includes  
hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, dessert, coffee/tea

Beef Tenderloin OR  
Pan Seared Salmon with  
Tomato Salsa and Lemon Sauce  
Vegetarian option available

Entertainment by *Rose*  
**Credit Card only** @ Bar  
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**Reservations close November 19**

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Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (If you wish to be seated with specific friends AND you have confirmed they are attending, please indicate on the back of reservation form, we will do our best to accommodate you)

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER NOVEMBER 19**

## 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:

- 1) 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.
- 3) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of \$8 (correct change required).
- 4) 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.
- 5) See New Parking Rules for additional info:

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/RULES-Picnics/2021-0420-PicnicParkingRules.pdf>



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## Marco Sportfishing Club

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### 2021 Activity and Event Directors, Committee Chairs and Assistants Fishing related activities:

Fishing Committee Chair	Ed Vesely
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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.

April 12, 2021

