

# MSC Tackle Box

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/> Keith Wohltman – President



Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and around Marco Island

## President's Message for January 2023



Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and are ready to start the new year off with much enthusiasm. MSC has plenty of exciting things planned for 2023.

We certainly closed out 2022 on an up-tempo swirl of activities. We kicked off December with our general meeting right out of the starting block on December 1<sup>st</sup>. That meeting featured Captain Chris Turner, who shared several fishing techniques and answered a slew of questions. He was followed by the presentation of the 2022 Triple Crown Awards, the Redfish XVII, and Redfish Two Man awards.

Not wasting any time, we held our Christmas Tree Lighting tailgate party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. A few days later we celebrated the Holiday Season with our hugely successful Holiday Party at Eagle Creek Country Club.

Many members of our club participated in the Christmas Island Style Street Parade on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our float, a 23' Sea Hunt, donated by Walker's Marine Group, won the award for "Best Lighting Display". Many thanks to all those who volunteered in the decoration of the float and participated as marchers in the parade. Kudos to John Baker for a well-run and successful event.

Turning our eyes to what is in store in January, we waste no time with the kickoff of the year-long "2023 Offshore Slam, Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina" on New Year's Day.

We have a very special meeting speaker lined up for the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at St Mark's Parish Hall. Luke Simmonds, one of the two brothers who founded Salt Strong, will entertain and educate us about winter fishing in Southwest Florida. You won't want to miss this presentation.

We will also vote on our Board of Directors' candidates. Each of the candidates will sign up for a two-year term to help run our club.

Taking a cue from December, we waste no time jumping into the rest of a very busy month.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we hold our first Captains meeting of 2023 for the "Pompano Double Down" event. Be sure to see the flyer in this edition. Charlie Schwalje has a few new wrinkles in this event. The event runs from January 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> with captains selecting their choice of the best day to fish.

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In midst of that fishing window, we have our first “Buddy Trip” of 2023, scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>. Buddy trips provide new members with an opportunity to fish with seasoned captains and anglers during the day and then attend a social happy hour and dinner with the spouses or significant others in the evening. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Perino.

We will hold our first kayak event on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Hell’s Gate and Palm Bay. If you’d like to join our kayaking anglers, please contact Howard Laskau.

Also, another first for 2023, on January 18<sup>th</sup> we have the “Welcome Back Snowbirds” picnic. See the flyer for the picnic in this edition, or on the website, and sign up for a fun afternoon at Sarazen Park.

Following the picnic, we have the captains meeting for the always challenging “Whack-a-Whiting” tournament in the late afternoon on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The fishing event will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun fishing event followed by a social event at the home of the event leader, Joe Perino. For more details, see the event flyer in this edition.

Just a reminder, there is still time to renew your membership for 2023. The renewal period technically closes at the end of December, but we will provide a grace period up to the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting night. The fee to renew is still only \$40/family. Just to be clear, the club membership is a family membership. That means spouses, or significant others, living in the same household are all members for that one membership fee. If you have any questions, please contact our membership chairman, Jim Gloster, before you pay more for your membership than we require. We encourage you to use the credit card renewal as that sends the funds immediately to the club and provides you with an instant receipt of your payment.

Remember to add in your spouse or significant other’s email address so they can receive all the club communications.

This Tackle Box will be my last one as President of the MSC. After three years at the helm, it is time to step down and allow someone else the privilege of leading our club. It was fun at times and frustrating as hell at others. Having Covid pretty much coincide with the start of my term ranks as one of the most frustrating aspects. But through it all I was blessed to have a fantastic supporting cast. The Board of Directors, Event Leaders and all the volunteers during these three years really “ran” the club activities. Their enthusiasm and dedication made my time as president an enjoyable experience. However, I won’t be going too far, as I will continue to serve on the board as the past president. A new president will be elected at the January 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. With your support, they will keep the club moving forward.

Tight Lines

Keith

## **LEADER BOARD & Fish Of the Month Updates**

Get updates using the link below.

[Leader Board & Fish of the Month](#)

# January General Meeting

Salt STRONG

## Luke Simonds



First Thursday of the month!

**January 6, 2023**

**St Mark's Parish Hall**

**Quartermaster Table**

**Sign Up Tables**

**50/50**

**Doors open at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

**Luke Simonds from Salt Strong will be talking catching redfish, seatrout, and snook in the winter months with lures. Focusing on finding the fish and how to select the right lure based on where the fish are holding.**

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# Marco Sportfishing Club 2023 Board Candidates

We introduced both new and current board members seeking election for a two-year term at the December General Meeting. Voting for these candidates will be held at the January 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. At the Board Meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, the board will elect the MSC officers for 2023.

Donna Deeter, Phil Madonia and Brent Paulson are new candidates running for election in 2023.



Donna Deeter



Phil Madonia



Brent Paulson

The following current board members have reached the end of their two-year term and are seeking re-election to a new two-year term.



John Baker



Jim Scarpa



Ed Vesely



Ron Linn



Chris Vines

# Offshore Update – Jan 2023

## What's Happening Offshore...

Red Grouper and Lane Snapper re-open January 1, 2023 in state and federal waters. Pick a day with decent weather and run out to your favorite fishing spots and get in on the action.

There continue to be some nice snapper caught at all depths (bigger fish usually being in deeper water), including some nice Muttons, near reefs / wrecks and on ledges. Also, there have been a decent amount of Gag Grouper being caught of late from 5 miles on out near reefs / wrecks and ledges – if you haven't been actively targeting these fish, they are worth a try now that they seem to be in our waters in greater numbers than the past few years. Keep an eye on the crab traps nearshore and out to about 65' of water for Tripletail laying under the buoys, they cannot resist a live shrimp freelined or under a small float. Cobia are still in the area migrating south and have been seen / caught on several of the nearshore reefs / wrecks and towers, keep a live bait or big jig handy in case one pulls up behind your boat (they are not the smartest fish in the ocean). African Pompano can be found typically near structure and as shallow as 80'. AJ's are around structure as well but season is closed through April 30, 2023. Spanish Mackerel schools are feeding on the bait schools nearshore on out, look for surface activity and working birds to locate them, they are lots of fun on light tackle – don't forget the wire leader! Trolling lures or drifting larger live baits on the outer edges of the Spanish Mackerel schools may find a hungry King too. Speaking of Kingfish, they have started to make their winter appearance now that the water temp is down in the low 70's, it's a good idea to keep a live bait on the surface behind your boat when drifting structure or live bottom, or while anchored and chumming. Permit have left for winter, they will be back in spring.

Pick a calm day and get out there and have some fun...and be safe.

## Offshore Events...

### MSC Offshore Slam 2022, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

**December is the FINAL MONTH to complete your slam and upgrade, fishing window ends Dec 31, 2022.** Don't forget to measure / photograph your catch and email them to me for entry. I will not be posting updated standings this month to keep everyone in suspense – I will say that we have had a few recent entries and things are getting interesting...we now have 3 anglers that have completed their Slam and several others that are close...get out there and work on your Slam and upgrades

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 on fishing tackle / bait too.

**Super Snapper Nearshore Fall 2022** – We had 11 boats and 38 anglers signed up for the event, my thanks to all who participated. We had some impressive fish caught as well with the largest being 23.5" and 6 fish above 20". The Mangrove Snapper seemed to be the star of the show. The results are attached. Congratulations to the winning captains and crews!

### MSC Offshore Slam 2023, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

Don't forget to sign up for next year's Offshore Slam, the event rules and signup sheet are on the MSC website. We made a few improvements for this year...we added several additional species to the list to make it easier to complete a Slam and are again allowing fish that are not in season or of legal size to be entered – please handle these fish with care and get them back in the water healthy.

**Super Grouper Spring 2023** – Get ready...we are planning this event for March 2023, details to follow in next newsletter!

## Other Important Stuff...

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

**Offshore Captains – Offshore Fishing Report submissions have slowed down again. 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



# 2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

## Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, [jscarpa@ymail.com](mailto:jscarpa@ymail.com)

Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2023

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

Snapper (Mangrove, Lane,  
Yellowtail, Mutton,  
Vermillion)

Permit

Cobia

Kingfish

African Pompano

Amberjack (Lesser & Greater)

Almaco Jack

Porgy

Must catch a Grouper and Snapper  
plus any 2 of these species to  
complete the SLAM and qualify  
to win

Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers (must be an active MSC member to enter)

**Click here for Sign-up Sheet and Changes for 2023**

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2023-OffshoreSlam2023/2023-0101-OffshoreSlam2023.pdf>

## 2nd Annual MSC American Patriot Long Range Charter 2023



The Second Annual American Patriot Long Range Fishing adventure will be taking place on April 24- 27, 2023. In 2022 20 club members ventured out for several days of action packed fishing (and dining) aboard the 135' long range fishing vessel.

### 2023 Almost Sold Out- Limited Spots Available

The cost for the 4-day Pulley Ridge trip is \$1300, plus gratuity. Electric reel rentals are available for \$226 for the trip. A tackle package is also available for those that don't want to tie their own rigs. Total "guesstimate" of \$1800.

Because of last minute (health related) cancellations last year, we had to scramble to fill our obligatory 20 anglers to secure the entire boat at our discounted price. We will build a reserve (waitlist) list once all spots are full.

If this is something you may be interested in, talk to one of last year's anglers or give John (Jersey) Marchetti a call (201-446-5611) or email ([jvmarch@msn.com](mailto:jvmarch@msn.com)) to join the trip or be added to the reserve list. American Patriot Website: <https://americanpatriotfishing.com/>



# Marco Island Beach Clean up!!!

The club will be sponsoring the beach clean up on March 2023. Please come out and join us and show your support. Bring your friends and family and be sure and wear some Marco Sportfishing Club swag.

**JOIN US MARCO ISLAND!**

## BEACH CLEAN UP

**Saturday 3/18/2023**

**8:00 am – 10:00 am**

**South Beach, Marco Island**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Bring the kids! Teach them the importance of stewardship and the impact of trash on our beaches!*

We only pick up **non-organic** (abiotic) material. Plastic, paper, straws, food wrappers, cigarette butts, and general TRASH!  
*We do not remove sea life or naturally occurring marine debris.*



For more information email:  
kggrigsby@cityofmarcoisland.com  
City of Marco Island  
Beach & Coastal Resources  
Advisory Committee



Donations from

**MICA, Leadership Marco Alumni, CJ's on the Bay**  
and **Marco Island Yoga** provide bags, gloves, and a limited supply of buckets and grabbers for use by cleanup volunteers.  
If you have one, bring your own grabber, bag or bucket!



Thank you to this Month's Volunteer Organization:



**Marco Sportfishing Club**







# Pompano Double Down

(Ver 1.0.2023)



**Fishing Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
You pick the Day!

**Capt.'s Meeting:** Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm at the Sandbar

**Fishing Hours:** 6 Hours – “Flex Time” – You pick the 6 hours you prefer to fish!

**Event Target Fish:** Primary-Pompano Secondary-Spotted Sea Trout

**Prizes:** Team prize – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> – Total inches of your four longest Pompano and Sea Trout

You do not need to catch a Pompano to win. However, **a Pompano will count as double its actual length.** For example, a 15” Pompano will count as 30”

**Individual Prize –** individual prizes awarded for each of the longest Pompano and Trout caught during the event

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

Enter by mail, at the January membership meeting or at the Captains Meeting

*Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS up to \$300 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-no fishing in Everglades National Park.
- Photos required for all fish entered for team & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Turn in Tally Sheet and photos, to Charlie Schwalje, no later than 5:00 PM, the day after you fish.

For questions regarding the event, and to submit pictures/tally of your catch:

Charlie Schwalje

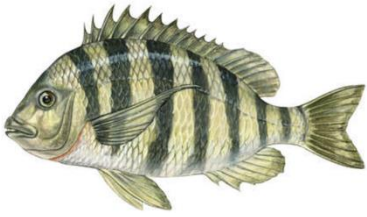
Email- [c.schwalje@comcast.net](mailto:c.schwalje@comcast.net)

Cell- 732-570-8450

**Click here for Registration form and Tally Sheet:**

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0106-PompanoDoubleDown-REGISTRATION.pdf>

[http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0106-PompanoDoubleDown-TALLY\\_SHEET.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0106-PompanoDoubleDown-TALLY_SHEET.pdf)



# 2023 Sheepshead Shindig Fact Sheet



All MSC Anglers: Come one and come all to the 2023 Sheepshead Shindig!

There will be a total of 8 cash awards:

1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards for the 2 heaviest sheepshead per boat regardless of number of anglers. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Place awards for the heaviest sheepshead caught by individual angler.

- \$25 entry fee per angler for MSC Member Fishing Only. Dinner & Fishing fee \$50
- \$30 entry fee per angler for Non-Member Fishing Only. Dinner & Fishing fee \$55  
(Non-Members MUST RIDE WITH MEMBER ON BOARD)
- Dinner guest fees are \$35 for MSC member & \$40 for Non-MSC member.

Dates and Times:

Captain's Meeting.....Monday, February 20, 2023, 4:00 PM at Sarazen Park  
 Tournament.....Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6-Hour Flex Time  
 Weigh-In.....Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:30 to 5:00 PM Sarazen Park BYOB  
 RAIN DATE.....Thursday, February 23, 2023, 6-Hour Flex Time  
 Awards Dinner.....Monday, February 27, 2023 6:00 to 8:00 PM, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

NOTE: Entry Forms to be submitted by Captains ONLY.

All completed entry forms & fees must be submitted and paid by February 20, 2023  
Once capacity of the Church is reached no more dinner reservations will be accepted.

Rules:

- \* FWC rules & MSC backwater boundaries apply except West to include 5 mile reef.  
South only to Everglades National Park boundaries (Camp Lulu).
- \* MSC Guide rule in effect - No fishing from docks or beaches.
- \* Must fish from a boat with 9.9 HP motor or larger.

Enter at General Meetings or send completed entry form with payment (checks made out to MSC) and mail to:

Gloria Robertson  
 8225 Xenia Lane  
 Naples, FL 34114  
 (860) 620-3635  
 Grob8225@gmail.com

**LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM**

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2023-SheepsheadTourny/2023-0221-SheepsheadShindigRegistration.pdf>



**Ladies Fishing Event**  
**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park**  
**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4–6 P.M.**

The “Baiting Beauties” Ladies Fishing Event was created to encourage more women’s participation in the Marco Sportfishing Club, educate female members about boating and Sportfishing in and around Marco Island.

The past 9 events have been tremendously successful, and we are now planning *Baiting Beauties 10*. **This year’s fishing event will be held Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the Awards Picnic will be held on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** The picnic will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. at Sarazen Park (rain or shine). MSC will provide the food, water, and soft drinks.

Women of all skill levels are invited to participate from complete beginners to women anglers who appear on the Club’s Leaderboard competing with the men. Male/Female Captains and crew will be there to mentor, teach, or just stay of the way! You can bait your own hook and unhook your catch, but it is not required.

**Format:** Volunteer Captain with a boat, lady angler(s), and crew. Lady Anglers who want to captain their own boat are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to individual anglers based on their catch – this is not a team event.

**Fishing:** CHOOSE one day of fishing -- **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**  
Captains may choose any 4-hour time period – lines in and lines out.

**Entry Fees:**

<b>Member Angler Entry Fee plus picnic</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Non-Member Angler* plus picnic</b>	<b>\$40.00 Waiver Required</b>
<b>Member Picnic Fee (Crew &amp; Friends)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Non-Member Picnic Fee (Crew &amp; Friends)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

***All entries must be received by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023***

Click this link for the **Rules:** [http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-EVENT\\_RULES.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-EVENT_RULES.pdf)

Click this link to **Register:** [http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-ENTRY\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-ENTRY_FORM.pdf)

Click this link for the **Non-Member Waiver:** <http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-WAIVER.pdf>



## **DEAL, NO DEAL 2023**

**March 11, 2023 11:00am-3:00pm**

**It's back and it's going to be bigger and better than ever. Once again this event will be held at the Marco Island YMCA where there is plenty of free parking. This is a family friendly event so bring the wife, kids, the grandkids, your neighbors, best buddies and all your fishing friends. Admission is free! If you come alone be prepared to make new friends!**

**This year's event will take place both inside and outside. There will be a very interesting speaker in the YMCA activity hall. But, be forewarned, seating and capacity is limited and this will be a seminar that none of you have most likely ever seen before by a guy doing charter fishing trips you most likely have never even thought of before. He will also have a space at the event so you can talk with him one on one to book your trip. A fisherman and educator, be prepared to learn something new.**

**Make sure you stop at the local ATM before you get to the Y. There will be a 50/50 raffle, plus other raffles, some new retailers with some great prices on great new gear. Maybe a game of chance or two? There will be a sign up down the road here for members who have Quality Used Gear that they just have too much of or are looking to update as there is so much new and different gear on the market today. Price it to sell! You don't want to take it back home.**

**Hungry, ok, that's why I am looking at a food truck. Just got off the phone with the owner and I am hungry just talking about a menu with him. Come Hungry, he is in the process of building a new food truck to serve more people faster.**

**How can you help? Pretty sure you were thinking that just now. We will need some people to sell raffle tickets, work at the Casting Kids Contest, keep garbage cans available at the food truck, run some A/V gear inside and out, help with a little set up and take down and other things I have not even thought of at this time. Volunteering has its own rewards!**

**The gate will open to members and the public at 11 AM. Get there early, socialize and get something to eat.**

**See you there,**

**"Big Mike" Kropp**

**[klmnkropp@aol.com](mailto:klmnkropp@aol.com)**

# Whack a Whiting VI Thursday, January 19, 2023

Get ready for some whiting excitement. If you have not signed up, get your crew, and sign up at the meeting on January 5th.

Since I will not arrive on Marco until January 8th Marv Constanzer has volunteered to set up a table at the meeting to sign people up.

If you cannot make the meeting, you can email me at [rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com) to make other arrangements. The last day to register and to pay the entry fee will be at the picnic or captain's meeting both on January 18th. There will be a captain's meeting on January 18th at TBA.

## EVENT RULES

**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2023

**Backup Date:** None

**Capt.'s Meeting:** January 18, 2023, at TBA

**Fishing Hours:** Captain's choice: **Any 5 hours**

Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.

Only one line per angler

MSC backwater boundaries apply. South only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)

"No Guide" Rule applies. (You may not fish with a guide, or be on a guide's boat)

Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Joe Perino by 5:30 PM, on Thursday, January. 19th via email (not text)

[rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com) **Tally sheets will be sent to all captains before the event.**

Prize amounts will be determined by the number of anglers participating.

**Prizes:** Boat prize – 1st thru 6th - Total inches of whiting using up to 3 fish all on ruler at one time. **Do not put fish on ruler one at a time. Only entries with three fish on ruler will be counted.**

**There is no limit to anglers on the boat.**

**Entry Fee:** \$20.00 per MSC angler, \$25.00 per non-member, due by no later than day of picnic or captain's meeting (1/18/23). Anglers fishing with their spouse or significant other pay \$30 for the couple not \$20 each.

**Entry fee includes a chance for prizes and the party at Joe Perino's house at 6 PM that night. The fee includes a party for the angler and significant other or a guest.**

For questions and to submit pictures of your catch (please email photos, do not text):

Joe Perino [rivpress@aol.com](mailto:rivpress@aol.com)

## The party

**If the weather is poor and we do not fish the party goes on no matter what.**

It will be a cocktail type of party. There will be wine, beer and spirits along with hors d'oeuvres, and sandwiches. For those of you who attended in previous years, you will remember that it is not fancy, but the camaraderie is immeasurable.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 6 PM

Address: 1530 Buccaneer Ct., Marco Island

Mobil: 631 804-5341 Home Phone 239 389-2781

# Marco Sportfishing Club

## Super Snapper Nearshore - Dec 2022 Results

Snapper				
Place	Captain	Total Length	Prize \$	Note
1	Paul Doppelt	66.50	\$ 573	
2	Steve Jacobs	64.00	\$ 344	
3	Jack Fasciola	56.00	\$ 229	
<b>Biggest</b>	Rick Babuka	18.50	\$ 100	Largest not in top 3 above

Wildcard Fish - Barracuda				
Award	Captain	Result	Prize \$	Note
<b>Biggest Most</b>	Steve Jacobs	36.75	\$ 100	1 prize per captain

Notes: Notes: Prize Pool = \$ 1,345

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## Welcome Back Snowbirds Picnic



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**\$12 Members**

**\$17 Guests**

**(Same price as Last Year)**

**\$3 late fee after January 11**

**\$5 penalty for walk-ins (plus \$3 late fee)  
assuming event not sold out**

**Cuban Sandwich, Beans & Rice, Plantains Beer,  
Wine, Pop and Water Included**

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Member's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW MICA PASS**

Make checks payable to MSC. Mail to:

**Dave Walsh**  
1530 Caxambas Ct.  
Marco Island, FL 34145

**Do not leave checks in mailbox, place under  
doormat**

## PROBABLE FUTURE PICNIC DATES

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 FeBREWfest XVIII

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Jason's Sammich

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 TBD

Wednesday May 3, 2023 Tres de Mayo

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Steak Bar-B-Q

### **POLICY Summary**

- 1) Due to scheduling and caterer contracts, picnics will be held rain or shine (except in the event of named storms).
- 2) No refunds will be given for cancellations on the day of the picnic.
- 3) A list of paid attendees will be published several days prior to the picnic so there will be no confusion about who has paid or not paid.
- 4) In order to facilitate the above and allow proper notification to caterers, payment deadline is one week prior to the picnic.
- 5) Payment must be in the hands of the picnic chairman by the deadline, not in the mail (just like the banks, so be aware of holidays).
- 6) The late fee is \$3 per/person.
- 7) Walk-in fee is \$5 (plus \$3 late fee).
- 8) Guests cost more (other fees above also apply).

### **CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES**

Picnics are held at the MICA Sarazen Park (910 Swallow Ave.) and MICA membership is required to park. There are several alternatives if you do not qualify for MICA membership:

- 1) Collier County residents can get a Collier County beach sticker 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. Be aware that Park Rangers sometimes hassle you, claiming the parking is for the beach only, and will ticket you if you go to the picnic. **HINT: Don't make it obvious you're going to picnic (e.g. passing chairs over fence).**
- 2) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot (\$8).
- 3) Ride with a MICA member.
- 4) Have a MICA member ride with you.
- 5) Parking on the swales within a mile of South Beach Access or Sarazen Park is not permitted. The current fine is \$95.

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- \* Coffee
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MSC Quartermaster Gloria  
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Thank you for your donation.....Every little bit HELPS!



# Marco Sportfishing Club

## Christmas Island Style Street Parade

### Marco Island



On an absolutely perfect evening, MSC entered a float into the annual Christmas Island Style Street Parade. The float won the award for the Best Lighting Display.

A team of volunteers helped decorate the boat on the morning of Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>, turning a plain Sea Hunt into this “Christmas Special”. We thank the people who worked on the decorations: John Baker (lead), Gloria and Ken Robertson, Jay Jones, Jay Terzis, Steven and Jean-Anne McMahon, Bob and Cindy MacQuarrie, Pete Arcidiacono, and Keith Wohltman

At parade time, we had Betsy Wohltman and Diane Perino riding in the boat waving to the crowd. Accompanying the boat were a host of marchers handing out candy, proudly carrying the club banner and of course, our very own walking talking Christmas Tree, Gloria Robertson. Walkers: Ken Robertson, Joe Perino, Ricki and Jay Terzis, Brent Paulson, Howard Laskau, Dolores and Marvin Constanzer, Chris Hutchins, Steven and Jean-Anne McMahon, and Keith Wohltman. Carrying the club banner: Patty Arcidiacono and Anna Hutchins.

We would like to thank Kellie Nidweski of Walker’s Marine, “a OneWater Marine Company” for providing both the boat and the truck to pull the boat in the parade.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who made this possible, and all the members who lined the parade route and cheered us on.



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**Make Your Boat  
A Safe Boat**



Your annual vessel safety check:

- Is a free service offered by America's Boating Club and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Is part of being a responsible boat operator
- Gives you peace of mind that your recreational boat has all required safety equipment



**What's Included in a  
Vessel Safety Check?**

**VSCs follow a standard checklist.**

Your vessel safety examiner is a friendly, knowledgeable person who will check for all items on this list that apply to your boat:

1. Display of numbers
2. Registration/documentation
3. Personal flotation devices
4. Visual distress signals
5. Fire extinguishers
6. Ventilation
7. Backfire flame control
8. Sound-producing devices
9. Navigation lights
10. Pollution placard
11. MARPOL trash placard
12. Marine sanitation devices
13. Navigation rules
14. State and/or local requirements
15. Overall vessel condition (as applies):
  - Deck free of hazards/clean bilge
  - Electrical systems
  - Fuel systems
  - Galley - Heating systems
  - Engine cutoff switch (ECOS)

Your examiner may also cover "recommended and discussion items" with you that contribute to boating safety but are not required as part of your VSC. During that conversation, feel free to ask your examiner any question that can help you boat more safely.

**Upon conclusion of your VSC:**

- If your boat passes, you will receive a VSC decal to mount on your boat that will be visible to other boaters and maritime law enforcement personnel.
- If your boat does not pass, your examiner will let you know what it needs to pass.



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**Safety Tips**

- Bring plenty to eat and drink – avoid dehydration. Don't consume alcoholic beverages while boating.
- Operate the boat in a safe and responsible manner.
- Always wear a life jacket.
- Take a boating safety course. Make sure your crew knows what to do in an emergency.
- Sun, wind, and temperature can be more of a factor than many boaters think. Take precautions to avoid boat operator fatigue and protect everyone on board.
- Annually, have a courtesy vessel safety check.
- File a float plan with someone who will take action if your return is overdue.
- Evaluate conditions – weather, your vessel, and the readiness of everyone on board – as part of your go/no-go decision.
- Local knowledge increases safety. Plan your trip – be aware of tides, currents, etc.
- Your lookout is key to situational awareness. When boating alone, that lookout is you.

**America's Boating Channel VSC Video**

Vessel safety checks are so important that one of our first safety videos was about VSCs. The video is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G732v7EWn5U>

In just 5:15 minutes, you'll learn how:

- A VSC can improve your understanding of the purpose of marine safety equipment and how it applies to federal, state, and local regulations.
- Your experience with your vessel safety examiner can not only ensure your boat is safe from bow to stern but also add to your boating enjoyment.

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<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FOM POMPANO</b>	<b>Event Leader</b>
Sunday, January 01, 2023	MSC Offshore Slam proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Thursday, January 05, 2023	MSC General Meeting - St Mark's Parish Hall - Renewals End - Board Elections - Salt Strong	Keith Wohltman
Friday, January 06, 2023	Pompano Double Down Capt Mtg	Charlie Schwalje
Monday, January 09, 2023	MSC Board Meeting - Willis Room - St Mark's	Keith Wohltman
Monday, January 09, 2023	Pompano Double Down	Charlie Schwalje
Thursday, January 12, 2023	Buddy Trip	Joe Perino
Friday, January 13, 2023	Pompano Double Down - Last Day	Charlie Schwalje
Monday, January 16, 2023	Kayak Event -Hell's Gate/Palm Bay	Howard Laskau
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	Welcome Back Snowbirds	Dave Walsh
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	Wack-A-Whiting Captian Meeting	Joe Perino
Thursday, January 19, 2023	Wack-A-Whiting Event	Joe Perino
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman
Snook closed till 2/28		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FOM SHEEPSHEAD</b>	<b>Event Leader</b>
Wednesday, February 01, 2023	MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Thursday, February 02, 2023	MSC General Meeting - St Mark's Parish Hall - Leaderboard Awards - American Patriot	TBN
Monday, February 06, 2023	MSC Board Meeting - Willis Room - St Mark's	TBN
Thursday, February 09, 2023	Kayak Event - Everglades City	Howard Laskau
Monday, February 13, 2023	Buddy Trip	Joe Perino
Wednesday, February 15, 2023	FeBREWfest XVII Picnic	Dave Walsh
Friday, February 17, 2023	Walker's Miami Boat Show Bus Trip	Kellie Nidweski
Monday, February 20, 2023	Sheepshead Capt. Meeting	Gloria Robertson
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Sheepshead Event Day	Gloria Robertson
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Sheepshead back up Day	Gloria Robertson
Thursday, February 23, 2023	2022 Offshore Slam Celebration	Jim Scarpa
Saturday, February 25, 2023	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman
Monday, February 27, 2023	Sheepshead Banquet	Gloria Robertson
TBD	New Member Luncheon	Jay Terzis
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>FOM SPOTTED SEA TROUT</b>	<b>Event Leader</b>
Wednesday, March 01, 2023	MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Thursday, March 02, 2023	No General Meeting replaced by Deal or No Deal 3/11	TBN
Saturday, March 4, 2023	Naples Kids Fishing Clinic	Howard Laskau
Sunday, March 05, 2023	Baiting Beauties Capts Mtg 4pm @Sand Bar	Cathy Erickson
Sunday, March 05, 2023	Kayak - Stopper's Creek Loop	Howard Laskau
Monday, March 06, 2023	MSC Board Meeting - Willis Room - St Mark's	TBN
Monday, March 06, 2023	Baiting Beauties-Fishing Days Start	Cathy Erickson
Saturday, March 11, 2023	Baiting Beauties - Last Fishing Day	Cathy Erickson
Saturday, March 11, 2023	Deal or No Deal -YMCA	Mike Kropp
Sunday, March 12, 2023	Baiting Beauties Picnic Sarazen Pk 4-6PM	Cathy Erickson
Monday, March 13, 2023	Sea Trout Spotacular Capt. Meeting	Charlie Schwalje
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	Sea Trout Spotacular	Charlie Schwalje
Wednesday, March 15, 2023	Jason's Sammich - Picnic	Dave Walsh
Thursday, March 16, 2023	Sea Trout Spotacular alt	Charlie Schwalje
Saturday, March 18, 2023	Marco Sportfishing Club Beach Clean Up	Jim Scarpa
Friday, March 24, 2023	American Patriot Angler Meeting	Jersey
Friday, March 24, 2023	Capt Meeting for Super Grouper	Jim Scarpa
Saturday, March 25, 2023	Super Grouper - Start	Jim Scarpa
Saturday, March 25, 2023	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman
Monday, March 27, 2023	Buddy Trip	Joe Perino
Thursday, March 30, 2023	April General Meeting	TBN

# Marco Sportfishing Club

January 1, 2023

## 2023 Board of Directors (\* MSC Officers)

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Leaderboard/FOM Month Coordinator	George Wittmann
Immediate Past President	Pete Arcidiacono

## 2023 Activity and Event Directors, Committee Chairs and Assistants Fishing related activities:

Fishing Committee Chair	Mark Milici
Backwater Events Coordinators	Charlie Schwalje, Ron Linn <sup>1</sup>
Baiting Beauties Coordinator	Cathy Erickson
Buddy Trips & Whack a Whiting	Joe Perino
Kayak Events	Howard Laskau
Offshore Events Coordinator	Jim Scarpa
Redfish Team Event Coordinator	Ed Vesely
Redfish Two-Angler Coordinator	Ron Linn <sup>1</sup>
Sheepshead Tournament Coordinator	Gloria Robertson
Smoked Pork Cook-off Picnic Coordinator	Jerry DeFibaugh
Triple Crown Tournament Coordinator	Dave Schott

## Other Activities

Assistant Secretary	Dave Schott
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MSC Holiday Party Coordinator	Anna Hutchings
MSC Newsletter Editor	John Ryckman
New Member Liaison	Jay Terzis
Picnics	Dave Walsh
Public Relations/Community Outreach	Howard Laskau
Quartermaster/Fundraiser	Gloria Robertson
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Speaker Committee Chair	TBN
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Webmaster	Ed Crane

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