

# MSC Tackle Box

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



Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and around Marco Island

## President's Message for October 2023



I want to take this opportunity to mention the passing of Peter Arcidiacono, (a.k.a. "Pete A" or "Capt. Pete"), on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Whatever name you used for Pete, he always responded to you with a smile. Pete joined the club in early 2002, and for 21 years he was the heart and soul of our organization. No one had more enthusiasm for our club events or worked harder to see that every member felt welcome. Many of the events were created by Pete, but all were actively championed by him. He always encouraged members to participate whether it was a fishing event, social gathering, or his favorite, "fish tales". In fact, in recognition for his love of fishing in the annual "2-Man Redfish" event, we changed the name to the "Capt. Pete 2-Man Redfish Tournament". Pete dedicated all his free time to helping the club grow and prosper. He was our president multiple times, serving more than 10 years at the helm. Even when not the president, he was continuously an active participant on the Board of Directors. Pete will be missed by all. Rest in Peace, my friend.

In October the weather is typically warm and sunny, with average temperatures ranging from the low 70s to the high 80s. However, it is important to be aware that we are in the height of hurricane season, so keep an eye on the long-range forecasts, and have a plan to keep your family, home, and boat safe. October usually brings the larger redfish in from offshore waters, and we have plenty of events to take advantage of the schools of big redfish this month. So, get out there and catch them!

## September Events

- The "Snook and a Red" backwater event was a success, with anglers catching several nice snook and a few redfish. However, redfish were still hard to find, so be patient and keep trying. We know they are out there.
- The "Triple Crown Tournament" completed its third month, and anglers have reported a total of 8 tarpon, 8 snook, and 6 redfish... thus far.
- The "Offshore Slam" completed its ninth month, and anglers have recorded a total of 9 slams so far. There are still 3 months left in the tournament. There's plenty of time to get in on the action.

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- The “Pork Cook-off Picnic”, held on September 6<sup>th</sup>, was a winner! Attendees enjoyed delicious pulled pork prepared by our member “Chefs”, and one skilled contestant was selected by our celebrity judges as “Chef of the Year”. As tough as the fishing was in the Snook and a Red, the pork was so tender!!!
- Howard Laskau hosted the September kayak event on Sept 14 at Port of the Isles. This was a great opportunity to explore the area from a “close to the water” perspective, and challenged the anglers who were fishing the mangroves. In October we look forward to the following events.
- “Capt. Pete's 2-Man Redfish Tournament” will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a competition for cash prizes, but mostly for “bragging rights”. The tournament begins at 8:00 AM with a “Shotgun Start” from both the Jolley Bridge and Walker’s Coon Key Marina.
- “Redfish XVIII Team Event and Picnic” is a fun event for the whole family. This will be a team tournament, “red team vs blue team”. The event will be held the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and culminates with a picnic in Sarazen Park on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for a “**special**” change to this event in the Redfish XVIII flyer.
- “Triple Crown Tournament” and “Offshore Slam” will continue throughout the month of October; however, the “Triple Crown Tournament” wraps up at the end of the month.
- A Kayak Event is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at Shell Island/Rookery Bay. This event is open to all skill levels and is a great way to explore the beautiful backwaters near Port of the Islands. Contact Howard Laskau if you want to join in the fun.

Don’t forget we have the monthly “Fish of the Month (FOM)” contest, and you can enter your catch for the leaderboard. October’s FOM is Redfish, naturally.

Last month I mentioned the need for volunteers to help with the picnics in 2024, and I am disappointed that only one family has come forward. That is a sad commentary on our members’ desire to volunteer for our club. In this edition I will list several positions I have learned we need filled to run a successful picnic. The list was created by Dave Walsh and after 18 years of amazing picnics he should know what needs to be done! Perhaps breaking down assignments will let you understand what it takes to run a MSC picnic and why we need your help. Please review the list and let me know if you can volunteer your time to help our club by signing up for one of these positions. All the tasks would still allow you plenty of time to enjoy the picnic while lending a hand.

If you haven’t submitted your club waiver, please take a minute to print out the form in this edition, read, sign and date the form, and send it in to the club post office box. Or scan the signed form and email it to [marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com)

Marco Sportfishing Club  
PO Box 2104  
Marco Island, FL 34146

If you can – get out and fish!

Tight Lines

Keith

## LEADER BOARD & Fish of the Month Updates

Get updates using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DLt085ERxRO1BTU0PGS-PuJQn42L-xMESDLojd3TNEI/edit#gid=1816079768>

# October General Meeting

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**ST. MARK'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **Parish Hall**



Capt. Colin McMullen is a Marco Island local, a fly fishing junkie, and an Everglades fly fishing guide who is hell bent on showing his clients a great time. Colin's family moved to Marco Island from Cape Cod, MA in 2001, when he was four years old. Colin graduated in May of 2020 from FGCU with a Marine Science Degree and minor in biology. He is

now pursuing a Master's of Science degree in Environmental Science at FGCU. Colin can be reached at (239) 272-4414

***Sign Up Tables***

***50/50 drawing***

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

 <p><i>Another day in Paradise ...</i></p>	<p><i>Brought to you by ...</i></p>  <p><i>Paradise Fuel</i></p>	<p><b><i>Dockside Fuel Delivery</i></b></p> <p><b>239-389-2012</b></p> <p><b>Order Online</b></p> <p><b><a href="http://www.ParadiseFuel.com">www.ParadiseFuel.com</a></b></p> <p>Non-Ethanol Gasoline - Dyed Diesel (Minimum 50 Gals - On Marco Island)</p>
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# New Club Waiver Form

Due to ever changing laws and insurance regulations we have been advised to update the existing waiver form to bring it up to date. Anyone that wishes to participate in **ANY CLUB EVENT MUST SIGN A NEW WAIVER**. This includes fishing tournaments, picnics, Christmas parties, dinners and meetings. Anything sponsored by the club. The form does not have an end date so it will be good until the lawyers tell us to change it again. We will be verifying your name(s) against the club records at each event. You can check your waiver status on the club website by following this link:

[https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Membership\\_List/MembershipList.pdf](https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Membership_List/MembershipList.pdf)

We will of course have some Blank Waivers on hand for you to sign at events. But please don't wait till the event to sign. The people that volunteer their time to check for your waiver want to enjoy the event as well. Please be respectful to them and their time.

Below is a link to the new waiver. Please print it out and sign. If your significant other plans on attending any event they will need to have a signed form on file with the club.

Once you (and you spouse if required) have signed you can:

- 1) Scan it to a PDF (no pictures, please) and email it to: [marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com)
- 2) Bring it to the event and give it to the check-in person, event leader or any officer.
- 3) Snail mail it to:

MARCO SPORTFISHING CLUB

P. O. BOX 2104

MARCO ISLAND, FL 34146-2104

Please note that the zip code is 34146 (Post Office), not 34145 (Marco)

New Waiver:

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/dues/WAIVERS/CurrentMSCwaiver.pdf>

# **2024 New Membership Option**

**Back for the third year, the “revised”  
new member application process.**

*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.*

*Once again for 2023 - the open enrollment date began on September 1<sup>st</sup>!*

*New members will pay their dues for 2024 and are entitled to membership for the remainder of 2023. That could mean up to 4 months of “free” membership.*

**Please tell your friends who are thinking about joining the club about this important change.**

**The New Member Application is on the MSC Website. Applicants can use either the credit card dues process – or pay by cash or check.**

# Offshore Update – October 2023

## What's Happening Offshore...

Don't forget...Gag Grouper is open through Nov 10, 2023. Red Grouper is closed and will re-open Jan 1, 2024. American Red Snapper fall season will be every Friday-Sunday in the months of September, October and November 2023.

Red Snapper fall season has started again. Gag Grouper is open and they have been a bit more plentiful the last year or so, you can target them around reef / wreck structure and ledges nearshore or offshore (I would avoid hard / live bottom offshore given the Red Grouper closure and the potential to harm these fish during their closed season). Snapper can be caught at all depths (bigger fish usually being in deeper water) near reefs / wrecks and on ledges. There have been some pretty large snapper caught recently. Cobia are around again as well, keep a jig or live bait at the ready in case one swims up to the boat. African Pompano can be found typically near structure and as shallow as 80'. AJ's are around structure as well, they are fun to bend a rod if you are looking for a great fight. There has been a lot of bait at all depths so keep an eye out for Bonito and Spanish Mackerel feeding on the bait, look for surface activity and working birds to locate them, they are lots of fun on light tackle – don't forget the wire leader for the Mackerel! Trolling lures or drifting larger live baits on the outer edges of the Spanish Mackerel schools may find a hungry King too. Permit have been hit or miss of late, but they should be around through fall...look for them on wrecks / reefs with high relief and around the towers – they are lots of fun to catch and cannot resist a live crab.

Fall is coming, the water temps should start to drop soon. This will bring more Cobia and Mackerel into the area.

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

## Offshore Events...

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

**The entry deadline of June 30, 2023 has passed, final fishing day is Dec 31, 2023 – good luck to all anglers participating.** Current Standings are below and on the MSC website - we now have 9 anglers with completed Slam's and a battle for Top Captain is brewing...and a lot of nice fish entered. Competition is fierce this year!

**Check out the real-time leaderboard on the MSC website and by using the following link:** [2023 Offshore Slam - Public View - Google Sheets](#)

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 – save the date!

The Captain's Meeting will be Friday Dec 8 and the fishing window will be Saturday Dec 9 through Sunday Dec 17. Event flyer and sign-up sheets will be out soon. We will again keep this event in shallower water so more boats can participate.

## 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



## 2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

### Current Standings (as of Sept 21)

Top Captain Award Leader – Mike Lopez and Mueller tied with 11 entries

Current largest of each species is highlighted in GREEN

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Species 3			Species 4			Slam Y / N	Total Length
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Length	Species	Captain		
John	Cavanagh	30.00	N/A	21.00	N/A	41.50	AJ	N/A	31.00	Cobia	N/A	Y	123.50
Mike	Mueller	32.00	Mueller	21.00	Mueller	38.00	Cobia	N/A	31.00	Permit	N/A	Y	122.00
Chris	Vines	30.75	Lopez	25.75	Lopez	29.00	AJ	Lopez	28.50	Permit	Lopez	Y	114.00
Rick	Babuka	29.00	N/A	23.00	Mueller	30.25	Permit	N/A	26.25	AJ	Mueller	Y	108.50
Jim	Scarpa	25.75	Mueller	25.00	Mueller	27.75	AJ	Lopez	26.50	Permit	N/A	Y	105.00
Mike	Lopez	32.00	Lopez	20.25	N/A	25.75	AJ	Lopez	25.50	Permit	Lopez	Y	103.50
Kevin	Krygier	31.75	Vines	19.75	Lopez	26.25	Permit	Krygier	16.00	Almaco	Vines	Y	93.75
Brent	Paulson	30.00	Vines	19.75	Lopez	28.25	AJ	Lopez	11.75	Porgy	Vines	Y	89.75
Mike	Kropp	25.50	Mueller	15.50	N/A	18.00	Lesser AJ	Mueller	13.50	Porgy	N/A	Y	72.50
Jeff	Kaczka	27.00	N/A			27.75	Permit	Lashley	20.25	Lesser AJ	Lashley	N	75.00
Don	Richards	28.00	Richards	18.75	Richards	13.00	AJ	Richards				N	59.75
Rod	Lashley	30.25	Lashley			27.00	AJ	Mueller				N	57.25
Jeff	Erickson	27.00	Mueller			27.00	AJ	Mueller				N	54.00
Ralph	Crowell	29.00	Crowell	11.75	Crowell	10.75	Porgy	Crowell				N	51.50
Keith	Wohltman	26.50	Crowell			24.75	AJ	Ryckman				N	51.25
Frank	Troha	24.25	Troha	24.50	Troha							N	48.75
John	Ryckman	27.50	Crowell	10.75	Crowell							N	38.25
Frank	Renkel			22.25	Schwindt							N	22.25
Donna	Deeter											N	0.00
Bruce	Donaldson											N	0.00
Mark	Milici											N	0.00
John	Heckler											N	0.00
Daniel	Wolfe											N	0.00
Mark	Staley											N	0.00
Steve	Schwindt											N	0.00
Jim	Parent											N	0.00

# TRIPLE CROWN TOURNAMENT UPDATE

By Dave Schott

## Where are the fish?

With just one month remaining for the Triple Crown Tournament which kicked off July 1st, you may be asking yourself - "Where are the fish?"



As of this writing 11 of the 26 competing anglers have fish on the board - and there are some big ones on that list! Pictured here is Dave Schott with his personal best snook. There are several reasons for those who haven't yet logged a catch, among them - seasonal anglers who took the summer off and are now "angling" to return & post some big fish or (let's face it) the fact that conditions haven't been the best. High water & ambient temps have kept many at port in the comfort of their air conditioned spaces or cool pools. But for whatever's been going on **NOW** is the time to kick it into high gear. Based on prior year's entries you can expect a return of the tarpon coming soon as well as the "bull reds" seeking cooler and closer water.

I expect that the action will pick up quickly! Good luck & tight lines to all of you as we await the final push and exciting finish to this years Triple Crown Tournament.

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/IndexSpecialTournaments.htm> While you're there check RESULTS to see the latest news of where your fellow anglers are positioned.

Questions? [MSCTripleCrown2023@gmail.com](mailto:MSCTripleCrown2023@gmail.com)



**Ho, Ho, Ho.....**

**Guess what time of year it is?**



**Please visit the MSC Ship's Store to order  
your 2023 MSC Xmas Ornament on sale now  
for \$16.99 each.**

**Merry Christmas to You & Yours!**

# SNOOK AND A RED RESULTS



The weather continues to be very hot but 5 boats braved the heat.  
Thankfully we did have some cloud cover.

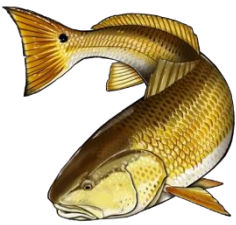
We have \$ 200.00 in prize money.-- \$100.00 entry fees and \$100.00 club money.  
The winners:::

- (1) Jay Jones and John Baker: 41 inches -- \$90.00
- (2) Ken Robertson and David Dodd: 36.25 inches -- \$70.00
- (3) Kevin Krygier and Chris Vines: 35.75 inches -- \$40.00

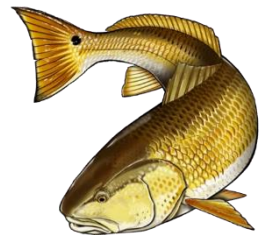
Moving forward : October brings us the annual redfish events. Be sure to grab a partner and get signed up for the two events we have. The weather will be cooler and the fish will be active.

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

TIGHT LINES EVERYONE  
John Baker & Ron Linn



# Capt. Pete's 2-Man Redfish Tournament



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, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - (Needed! – Volunteers to man the scales at Walker's – Contact John Baker @ 239-970-0296 or 239-235-1650)**

**Captain's Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10, Sandbar, 4 PM**  
(Entry form/fees must be **received** by Ron **no later than the Captains meeting**)

**Fishing Hours:** Staggered shotgun start from Walker's Coon Key Marina or Jolly Bridge  
Check-in Opens 7:30 AM, Closes 8:00 AM. Boats not checked in by 8 AM are disqualified.

**Prizes:** Details after entries close

**Entry Fee:** \$30 per MSC member, due no later than Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, includes picnic for participant and spouse / significant other.  
\$40 Non-member participant entry fee.

*[note: the order of receipt of the entry form determines your starting position]*

## 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
- 2 People per boat – no extra passengers

Weigh-in at Coon Key Marina, Scales open at 1:00 PM and close at 3:00 PM.

- Penalties apply after 3:00 PM – 4 OZ per 5 minutes, 4 OZ per dead Redfish
- Boats not back by 3:30 PM are disqualified
- When approaching Red Channel Marker 6 for weigh-in call VHF channel 68 or Ron's cell
- 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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Links to rules and signup Form

[http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1011-CaptPete-2\\_ManRedfish\\_FACTS.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1011-CaptPete-2_ManRedfish_FACTS.pdf)

[http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1011-CaptPete-2\\_ManRedfish\\_REGISTRATION.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1011-CaptPete-2_ManRedfish_REGISTRATION.pdf)



# **The Time Is Now - Sign up for REDFISH XVIII**

**Time is slipping by for our Premier Team event of the year.  
This is the Redfish Team events 18<sup>th</sup> year.**

- **Captain's Meeting at 3pm Oct23 – Sand Bar**
- **Your choice fishing day Oct 24 or 25**
- **Includes Picnic on Oct 27 Sarazen Pk - Noon**
- **Angler can bring a Spouse, SO, or Guest to the Picnic**
- **Also, a chance to remember and say farewell to Capt. Pete. His spirit will be with us.**
- **Boat prizes, team prizes and large fish prizes**
- **Odds of winning exceed 50%.**
- **Gift Bag Value exceeds cost of entry**
- **Need more info - e/mail me at [evesely@aol.com](mailto:evesely@aol.com)**

## **Entry Form**

**[http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1024-RedfishXVIII\\_REGISTRATION.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-1024-RedfishXVIII_REGISTRATION.pdf)**

# **REDFISH XVIII PICNIC OPEN TO ALL, THAT MEANS YOU**

**Of course, the Redfish Two Man event and the Redfish XVIII Team event and their Spouses or Significant Others are automatic included in the Picnic. But the Picnic is now being opened to all Club members and Guests that wish to attend. Just fill out the attached Form including a check made out to the MSC for \$12 per member attendee and join us at Sarazen Park at Noon the 27<sup>th</sup> of October for our BYO Fried Chicken Picnic. Slight extra fee for non-club members.**

**We thought it would be a great time to remember our Past President and close friend Pete Arcidiacono. These two events were two of his favorites and he religiously competed in them over the past years. And I am sure his spirit will be out there with us this year as well.**

**So think back and dust off those old tales and stories with Pete and bring them to the picnic and share them with all. I know I will. After 20 years in the club with him, I have a bunch. We can finally let you know where those delicious Italian sausages came from at Fish Tales.**

**So sign up and let's say goodbye together.**

**Look forward to seeing you there!**

**Ed Vesely**

# REDFISH XVIII / Club Member Picnic

## Entry

Redfish Teams and Pete A's Picnic Event\*\*

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon Sarazen PK

This form is for Club Members and their Guests that are  
Not fishing in the Two Man or The Redfish XVIII Team  
Event

Club Member : \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member Picnic Fee \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Member Spouse or SO: (Name \_\_\_\_\_) Fee \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Member Guest: (Name \_\_\_\_\_) Fee \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member Guest: (Name \_\_\_\_\_) Fee \$14 \_\_\_\_\_

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

This Picnic is to remember our friend and fearless leader(9yr) Pete Arcidiacono. As well as recognize the Anglers that competed in the Two Man Redfish and the REDFISH XVIII Team Events.

**In order to have everything ready, the cutoff date for signup will be 10/24. Remember this is a BYO Beverage Event. So, bring your favorite Beverages. This should be a well-attended Picnic so be sure to bring some chairs.**

Make check out to MSC and send to  
Ed Vesely – 35 Gulfport Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145 -- evesely@aol.com

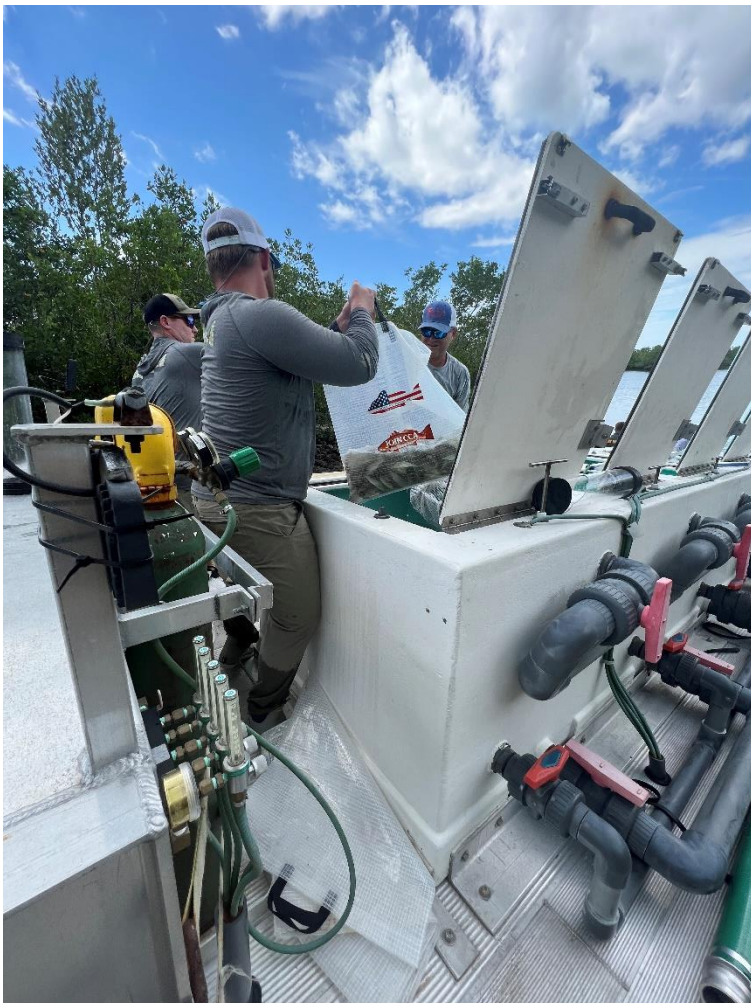
# Redfish Release – Isle of Capri

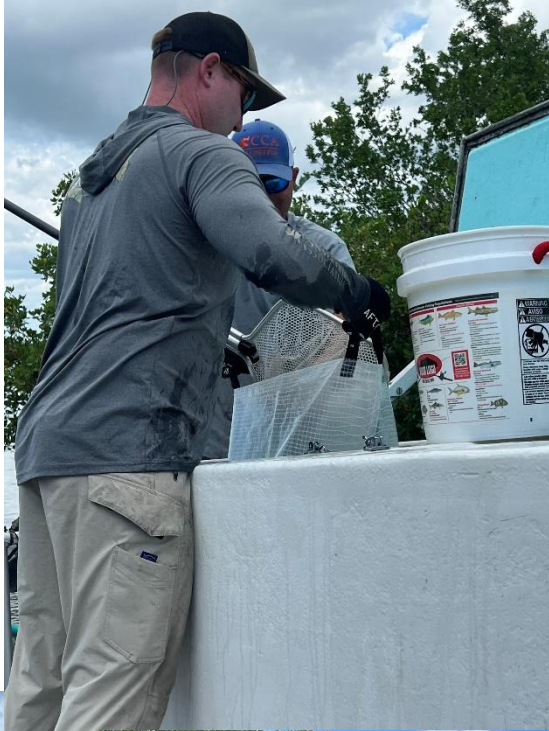
On September 7, 2023 two trucks pulled up at the Isle of Capri paddle park. Attending the event and taking pictures were Jay Jones and John Ryckman from the club. Both trucks were pulling large dual axle trailers. Each trailer contained 5,000 juvenile redfish measuring 3-4 inches that were soon to be swimming free. The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Florida, the Duke Energy Mariculture Center and the FWC partnered together for the fish release.

The Duke Energy Mariculture Center is located over 260 miles north of the Paddle Park. When the trailer rolled up at 1pm, they had been in the tanks for 5 hours. The trip was not without problems. Both trailers blew tires on the way down. But when released I did not see and dead fish floating around so they did manage to survive the early September southwest Florida heat.

I know the club would like to see more fish releases down here and see some south of Marco in the 10,000 islands. In speaking with one of the CCA members, he said that this was as far south as they could go without starting to see some fish loss.

According to the Duke Energy Mariculture Center website, they release more than 100,000 fish, shrimp and crabs into the gulf every year. The site has eight one-acre ponds that hold 1,000,000 gallons of seawater each. They currently target 12 marine species for cultivation.





FOX4 NEWS

10,000 REDFISH RELEASED FOR REPOPULATION

6:17  
89°

FOX 4







# Turkey Day Buffet

(Ver 2.0.2023)



**Fishing Dates:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Captain's Meeting:** Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm, at the Sandbar

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

**Event Target Fish:** Snook, Redfish, Spotted Sea Trout

**Prizes:** Team prize – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> – Total inches of three Snook, Redfish or Trout

Enter the combined total inches of your three longest fish of any of the target species.  
This can be all one species, two species or all three species.

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

This event is open to powerboat and kayak anglers

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

*Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS \$200-\$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, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- Photos required for all fish registered for team & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Notify Charlie Schwalje of the day you choose to fish no later than 9:00am that morning
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Charlie Schwalje, no later than 5:00 PM, the day after you fish
- All anglers must have a current signed MSC waiver on file.

**Register at the October or November Membership Meeting or the Captain's Meeting**

**Registration Form and Tally Sheet will be posted on the coming events pages soon**

Charlie Schwalje  
Email- [c.schwalje@comcast.net](mailto:c.schwalje@comcast.net)  
Cell- 732-570-8450

The Marco Sportfishing Club cordially invites you to our

## *2023 HOLIDAY PARTY*

Monday, December 4, 2023

Happy Hour 5:30 p.m.

Dinner & Entertainment 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Glen Eagle Country Club  
1403 Glen Eagle Blvd., Naples

\$70 per person includes  
Passed hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, dessert,  
coffee/tea

6 Oz. Filet Mignon w/demi glaze ***OR***  
Grouper w/lemon white wine sauce

Vegetarian option available

Entertainment by  
***Manhattan Connection***  
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## What we need to run a Picnic

This is a short list of positions we need to fill to hold successful club picnics. In an average year, Dave would hold six picnics (January – June). Other events also hold picnics, and this list can work for those events as well.

One thing we are planning this year, to reduce the workload and number of people required to run a picnic, is to make the picnics “bring your own beverage”, beer or wine. We are evaluating whether we will continue to supply water and soft drinks, but that decision will likely be determined by the volunteers we have for events.

There are detailed activities beyond what I have listed here if you are thinking about offering your services in any of these roles. You can volunteer for a single event, if you are here seasonally, or to become the person doing an assignment for all 6 of these picnics. If you have helped Dave and Susie and want to continue to help – let me know.

While we would like to have someone step up to be the lead for all 6 picnics, we realize that we could do them with a different lead person each month... If you wanted to lead, say the March picnic, that might be fine.

1. Picnic Leader – plan and coordinate picnic activities
2. Beverages – purchase beverages and ice and stock coolers
3. Trash – work as a team to handle the trash at picnics.
4. Check-in – picnic roster, 50/50 and club waivers – leads + assistants
5. Servers – depending on the menu the number required will vary.

As you look at this list – just think back to one of Dave’s picnics and you will recall the people who helped make those events memorable. Also realize that some did more than a single task. Some tasks are rather minor, and some more time consuming – but all are necessary.

Please reply to [marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:marcosportfishingclub@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up for any of these roles. If you think you have an additional role you’d like to add, send that to me too.

Keith

# Ladies

## Fishing Event, Baiting Beauties 11



Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 10 events have been tremendously successful, and we are now planning *Baiting Beauties 11*. **This year's fishing event will be held Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the Awards Picnic will be held on Sunday, March 10<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 out 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 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Captains may choose any 4-hour time period – lines in and lines out.

**Entry Fees:**

Member Angler Entry Fee plus picnic	\$35.00
Non-Member Angler* plus picnic	\$40.00 Waiver Required
Member Picnic Fee (Crew & Friends)	\$25.00
Non-Member Picnic Fee (Crew & Friends)	\$30.00

**All entries must be received by or at the Captain's Meeting on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**

**Click this link to go to the coming events page on the club's website for additional information. (When Posted)**

**<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/coming-events.htm>**



Here is the link: <http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/yardsale.htm>

- 1) **Boat wanted: 23-24' Center console, twin engine fishing boat, cash buyer, lives on Marco**
- 2) **Boat wanted: 29'-34' CC boat in good condition. Prefer Cat but open to Mono.**
- 3) **Anybody want to get rid of some **Stone Crab Traps**?  
Your newsletter editor would like some**
- 4) **Lift Rental: – Up to 30' boat. \$300 cash/mo 'restricted access' (Eastern Winterberry Bridge) 1650 Almeria Ct. Rose @ 908-672-5335**
- 5) **For Sale: Shipoke Abaco 16' - \$21,500**
- 6) **Sea Eagle 370 SE Pro Package – Inflatable Kayak \$250**
- 7) **2018 Key West 239FS – Yamaha 200HP(20 hours)**

See Website for more information. Click on the business tab to bring up the For Sale tab or the link above.

# October 2023 Fish of the Month





## **ST. MARK'S** EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Please support St. Mark's Hurricane Pantry

As you remember, Hurricane Ian had a huge impact on our neighbors of Marco and Isle of Capri last year. St. Mark's was there to help feed them starting the next day. We are working diligently to prepare for any threat of hurricane this season and hope you will consider making a donation of either food or money to our St. Mark's Hurricane Pantry.

It is the goal of this ministry to provide one hot meal a day for approximately one week to parishioners, first responders, hurricane helpers and any residents of Marco Island or the surrounding areas in the event of a hurricane event causing power outages and/or displacement.

Parish Life is ready to implement this plan but needs your support. Please know that any canned/package food that is not used during this hurricane season will be donated to Our Daily Bread in the fall.

### CANNED/PACKAGED GOODS NEEDED:

Seasoned Black Beans, Yellow Rice, Diced Tomatoes, Whole Green Beans, Canned Chicken Breast, Chicken Stock, Barilla Rotini Pasta, Classico Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Ritz Crackers.

Please leave any donations in the Parish Hall on the Hurricane Pantry table or drop off at the office during business hours labeled St. Mark's Hurricane Pantry.

Monetary donations are appreciated also. Make your check payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and write (Hurricane food pantry in the memo line)

Just mail your check to:

MSC Quartermaster  
Gloria Robertson  
8225 Xenia Lane  
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Please make your check payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

THANK YOU EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!



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## Other Activities

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