Reminder…..There will not be a General Meeting in September

- Instead, we will hold our annual BBQ Cook-off and picnic on Thursday, September 14th. See the attached flyer and make your reservations for this annual gastronomical extravaganza!
- And…if you are interested in taking part in any of the Redfish XII tournaments in October, please see the information in this newsletter, and submit your entry forms.

It’s hard to believe that time has passed so quickly again and we find ourselves starting the planning process for another year of fun-filled MSC activities. As the process begins, we must, once again, reach out to our membership for help and assistance. As you know, the Marco Sportfishing Club is a 100% volunteer-run organization. All the fun, entertainment, fishing events, social events and anything else this club does for the enjoyment of its members is a direct result of the time and effort a small number of members give to the club. Many of our volunteers have been “giving” to the club for a number of years, and some have decided it’s time to enjoy a well-deserved “retirement.” With 860+ individual and family members in the club, one would think that finding replacements for them would be a relatively easy task. Unfortunately, that is not the case. I have been “advertising” the open and soon-to-be open positions for several months, and so far, no one has expressed an interest in taking on any of these responsibilities. Positions open or soon-to-be open include Quartermaster, Offshore coordinator, Membership Chairman, Redfish tournament coordinator, event leaders, and others. Our already-overworked board and event leaders cannot take on these extra responsibilities. So…until these positions are filled, you may notice some changes. Without a Quartermaster, MSC shirts, hats and other merchandise will not be sold at our meetings. Without an Offshore coordinator for 2018, no offshore events or tournaments will be planned. To keep our club operating the way it has in the past, we need more involvement from our members, both old and new. It’s been said many times, “You will get from this club what you put into it.” If you have been a member for a while and have enjoyed what the club has provided for you, please consider “giving back” some of what you have received so others may enjoy as well. If you are a new member, there is no better way to get to know your fellow members and learn about the Marco Sportfishing Club than by volunteering. If you haven’t volunteered or taken a position in the past, I hope you will consider doing so now. We really can use your help.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping out or would like to know more information or details about any of the positions that are available. I thank you, and your fellow club members will also!

Howard
Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament Update

Victor Ordija, provides a weekly write up of the Tournament. An example is noted below. Stay up to date with standings by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

Hi MSTC Anglers,

It’s been a good week for Snook. Four large Snook were reported caught. Ron Scriver caught the largest in the group with a 39 inch Snook and Jim Doench caught a 38 inch Snook which moved him into first place ahead of Allan Bristow. John Marchetti also upgraded his position with a 37.5 inch Snook and Pete Arcidiacono got on the board with a 31 inch Snook.

One small 20 inch Redfish was also reported caught by Ron Scriver. The two fish caught by Ron has propelled him into 8th place.

While we are not seeing lots of Redfish in the area as yet, Snook are being caught and some in the troughs along the beach where the water is clear and a bit cooler. Tarpon are still around so don’t give up on them. You can always find the latest standings here:

Link to Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Latest Standings
No Bait Tournament Results
August 21st, 2017
by Mike Larsen

On Monday, 8/21 we held our annual “No Bait” tournament.

Thank you to everyone who fished this unique and challenging event!

The weather cooperated, and we all enjoyed a fun filled day on the water.

A total of 23 anglers participated, on 11 boats.

Some boats reported good to excellent success, while others struggled to find the fish.

Some very nice fish were reported as hooked, but lost.

The final tally is in, and the results are posted below.

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| Angler Fees | = | $230 |
| Club Funds | = | $190 |
| **Total Prize Pool** | = | **$420** |
The cash awards will be presented at the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Picnic on September 14th.

You may also sign up at the Triple Crown Picnic for our next event, “Double Dose” which will be held on September 18th.

Two of the lucky winners from Monday...😊

Paul Milici-30 ¾” Redfish

Mike Larsen-29” Redfish
Kayak Fishing at Mainsail Lake
August 10, 2017
By Victor Ordija

Our small group of kayakers encountered tough fishing in Mainsail Lake; a landlocked freshwater lake containing Snook, Tarpon and Largemouth Bass. Jay Jones caught the only fish that day; a 15.5” Largemouth Bass caught on a plastic worm.

While the four member group only had a few strikes on this day, two hook-ups were Tarpon that were large enough to qualify for the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown. John Baker lost his fish when his line broke and Victor Ordija had a nice Tarpon that dehooked after several jumps. Gary Costley, the fourth member of the group lost a big Snook that also threw his lure after the initial strike.

Mainsail Lake is a beautiful lake with a good population of fish as well as numerous alligators. In fact, a twelve foot alligator was spotted during the outing. The reptile was given wide berth.
Access to the lake is along Mainsail Drive through several gaps in the Mangrove vegetation. It does not receive a great deal of fishing pressure.

Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net to sign up for the Kayak Group and receive information regarding upcoming trips. You can also sign up at the next General Meeting.
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**Fish of the Month: Snook**
### Updates from the Editor August 2017

Summers’ hot and wet days continue. Catching fish is a challenge, not just due to the weather, but also as previously discussed, Marco’s **Water Quality** issues. Your Editor missed the August 17th Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting. Therefore, I do not have a formal update. One issue of note, is the failure of the City Council to approve **Monthly Water Monitoring**. It was not on the agenda. Hopefully next monthly the primary WAC recommendation will be on the agenda and get approved.

Should you wish to contact the Editor, I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.

### Fish of the Month: Redfish

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2017 Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament

Attention MSC Anglers!

The Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament will begin July 1, 2017 and registration for the contest will begin at the upcoming general meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017. This year we are adding the month of July so that anglers have a better chance of landing a Tarpon when these fish are more plentiful in the area. An entry fee of $20 is required to participate in this fun tournament that targets three fish species.......Tarpon, Snook and Redfish.

Seven cash awards will be given out at the end of the four month long contest. The winner will also have his/her name engraved on an individual name plate attached to a perpetual trophy plaque that will be displayed at Morgan Stanley; the sponsoring firm.

Interested anglers can sign up at the MSC General Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2017 or [Click Here](#) to send an email to Victor Ordija indicating your interest in participating in the tournament.

A kick-off event will be held on June 29th at 4:00 PM at a local establishment. Tournament rules will be provided and discussed. Details regarding the kick-off will be provided at a later date.

While the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament is a challenging and competitive contest, it is also very laid back from the standpoint that it allows the individual angler to fish at his or her own pace. The angler can fish at any time; both day or night, anywhere within the backwater boundaries established by Marco Sportfishing Club and with any other angler or alone. It allows for experimentation by choosing different baits, both live and artificial as well as fishing techniques, presentation, etc. The goal is the catch the largest fish with respect to Snook and Redfish and to also catch the elusive and hard to land Tarpon. At the end of the contest, the participant will be a better angler and gain additional respect for our environment.
2017 Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament Rules


2. Only MSC members may participate in the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament. Professional guides are not eligible to participate in the tournament and fish caught with a professional guide are also not eligible. An entry fee of $20/angler is required to enter the contest. August 31, 2017 is the last day to enter the tournament, and ONLY fish caught after you officially sign up will be counted.

3. Contest requires catching the following fish; Tarpon, Snook and Redfish. There is no size limitation on any of the three species. Anglers must try to catch a Tarpon greater than 30 inches and the largest Snook and Redfish in order to win the contest.

4. The approved fishing area for the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament is limited to the backwater boundaries established by the MSC Fishing Committee; Northbound; Gordon's Pass, Southbound; Rabbit Key Pass, Westbound; three(3) nautical miles into the Gulf including Gullivan Bay and Eastbound; west of US Highway 41. Also, all fishing areas must be accessible by the general public.

5. Confirmation of all fish caught and reported will be required; (1) a photograph with ruler for a Snook and Redfish with the mouth closed and the tail pinched and (2) a photograph of a Tarpon. To register a Tarpon in this tournament, the angler needs only to bring the Tarpon to the boat and touch the leader (the leader must be no longer than 6 feet.) A photograph of the Tarpon must be provided and the photograph must clearly identify the fish as a Tarpon. No measurement will be required and gaffing the fish is prohibited. An angler that meets these requirements will be awarded a 5.5 foot fish regardless of the size of the fish caught, except that the fish must be 30 inches or larger. All efforts need to be undertaken to minimize stress to the fish, reduce mortality and minimize risk of injury to the angler. As soon as the leader is touched and a picture taken while the fish is in the water, the leader needs to be cut or the fish should be dehooked and released.
All measurements of Snook and Redfish are to be in 1/4 inches. If a measurement is 1/8 inch or larger, then round up to the next 1/4 inch. If a measurement is under 1/8 inch, then round down to the nearest 1/4 inch. A photograph of a Snook or Redfish aligned along a ruler clearly showing the length of the fish with the mouth closed and the tail pinched will need to be provided in order to register the fish. Fish caught and reported without the required photograph will not be accepted.

6. All fish caught that are to be entered should be reported within three days of catching the fish. A standings table will be developed and updated for all participating anglers on a weekly basis. In the event of a tie, the earliest fish(s) caught will be used to break ties.

7. The winning angler will be determined based on a point system. For any Tarpon that is 30 inches or larger that is caught and reported, every inch is worth one (1) point and the angler will be awarded a 5.5 foot Tarpon and 66 points. For all Snook and Redfish that are caught and reported, every inch is worth two (2) points. As an example, if an angler caught a Tarpon (66 points), a 25 inch Redfish (50 points) and a 23.5 inch Snook (47 points), the resultant point total would be 163 points. The angler with the highest total points will be declared the winner. Additionally, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes will also be awarded to the four runner-up contestants.

8. It is expected that not all anglers will be able to catch all three fish species, therefore a sixth and seventh prize will be awarded to the anglers that catch the largest Snook and the largest Redfish provided that those anglers are not eligible for the top five awards. Additionally, in order to make the tournament more competitive, all entrants will be deemed initially to have caught a small fish from all three species; a 30 inch Tarpon, a 15 inch Snook and a 15 inch Redfish. All entrants will begin the contest with 90 points.

9. We encourage catch and release during the event, however legal fish may be kept. Please keep only fish you plan to eat.

10. Questions and registration inquiries may be directed to Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 (home) or 239-628-7971 (cell).
“Double Dose” Redfish/Snook Event

SIGN UP AT THE TRIPLE CROWN PICNIC, OR THE CAPT's MTG.
(NOTE! There is no Sept meeting. Be sure to SIGN UP at the Triple Crown Picnic.)

Date: Monday, September 18, 2017
Backup Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Capt’s Meeting: Friday, September 15, 2017 – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tide Info at Coon Key:  
- Low Tide: 7:12 AM (1.0’)
- High Tide: 1:06 PM (4.3’)

Solunar Activity: Major Period: 12:07 PM – 2:07 PM
Sunrise: 7:14 AM

Event Target Fish: Redfish & Snook

Prizes:
- **Team Prizes:** Total Combined Inches of 1 Largest Redfish and 1 Largest Snook
- **1st – 5th Place**
- **Individual Angler Prizes** – Largest Snook, Largest Redfish 1st & 2nd Place
- Angler can only win one largest fish prize.
  - Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, plus $150 in club funds.
  - Prizes to be given out at the October General Meeting.

Entry Fee: $15.00 per MSC angler, $20.00 per non-member, due by no later than the Captain’s Meeting, Friday, September 15th, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

**EVENT RULES**

- Captains of all boats must be an MSC Member.
- All non-member guests must be on the same boat as their MCS sponsor.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries.
- “No Guide Rule” applies.
- Must fish from a boat with a minimum of 9.9 HP motor – (kayaks are not eligible to participate)
- Photos of the largest fish are required for the Team and Largest Fish Prizes.
- Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 20th, via email.

For questions, registration and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen
Backwater Events Coordinator
mike_larsen@keysight.com
Mobile: 239-315-9235
MSC “Triple Crown” Summer Picnic

Sarazen Park
September 14, 2017

Bring your own drinks
Bring your own chairs

See "Triple Crown” Picnic link to forms below

Click Here

Parking Rules are at the end of this Newsletter
WANTED

REDFISH

Also known as Red Drum or Sciaenops ocellatus

- Redfish has been known to prowl in local waters, has a reddish color body, distinguishing spots (mostly on the tail), and a voracious appetite.

- Approach with caution

Marco Sportfishing Club is offering rewards for the capture of REDFISH!

See details on next page on how to claim your reward...
Redfish XII is Coming Soon

Redfish XII is comprised of two events, “Redfish Monday” (two-angler team competition) and “Red vs. Blue” team competition. Fish either event or both. Each event has its own unique flavor and benefits and together they provide a week’s worth of fun, excitement, prizes, and good food. Please CLICK HERE to go to the MSC website where you can view or download the entry forms and tournament rules for each event. Please note that separate entry forms are required for each event.

“Redfish Monday”

- Captains Meeting: Friday, October 13th (captains and crew)
- Fishing Day: Monday, October 16th (Inclement weather alternate date, October 17th)
- Entry Fees:
  - MSC Member - $40 per angler
  - Non-Member - $40 plus $25 if not entered in “Red vs. Blue” Team Competition
  - Entry Deadline: Friday, October 6th

“Red vs. Blue” Team Competition:

- Captains’ Meeting: Friday, October 13th (captains and crew)
- Fishing Day: Wednesday, October 18th (Inclement weather alternate date, October 19th)
- Entry Fees:
  - MSC Member - $40 per angler
  - Non-Member - $40 plus $25 non-member fee
  - Entry deadline – Monday, October 2nd (Guarantee T-shirt size), Friday, October 6th (No guarantee of T-shirt size)
CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES

Beginning in October 2016, MICA no longer issues stickers for vehicles, rather requires that vehicles have a person aboard with a current MICA membership card. In the past, as a courtesy to the club, they had allowed club members without MICA membership to park in the lot if they were attending the picnic. However, due to complaints from MICA members that the lot was full during picnics, we no longer have that luxury.

Please be aware that the fine for parking on a swale within the vicinity of Sarazen Park is $95.

HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN:

1) Marco Island residents can purchase an ID card at the MICA office (above the Mutual of Omaha Bank on San Marco and S. Barfield) for $140. You will need a tax bill or home owners insurance policy with your name on it. Application forms available here. The ID for your wallet (or on a lanyard) allows you to park any vehicle in the lot. However, it appears that the ID card does not replace the old sticker, i.e. you can't let someone else drive your car, they will look at your card to make sure you are in the vehicle. Also, MICA has been leaving notices on cars (including convertibles) that the card must be left on the windshield (not on list of 27 rules or on MICA website). Be aware if someone steals your ID card for following this dumb rule, it will cost you $25 to replace it. Maybe leave a copy of your card on the dashboard instead?

2) Get a Collier County beach sticker from the library or Caxambas boat ramp, 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. The stickers are free to Collier County residents, but you need your car registration. Note that in season on very nice days, the Collier County lot could be full by mid-morning*.

3) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of $8 (correct change required).

4) Find a ride from someone who has a MICA card.

5) Be aware that MICA rule #15 states: “MEMBERS MAY NOT SHUTTLE GUESTS. MEMBERS MAY ENTER ONCE WITH FIVE PERSONS ONLY.

6) Park at a friend’s house/condo that lives within walking distance. I’m not allowed to say who they are (we have many) but you can check the roster. Maybe buy him/her some beers at Happy Hour.

*The Collier County rangers who sometimes patrol the Collier County parking lot, have been telling picnic goers that the lot is for “beach parking only” and not for attending picnics (I doubt if this has been tested in court). So if you park there you should appear as if you are going to the beach. Passing chairs over the fence will probably get you busted.