

October, 2021 MSC Kayak Group Trip Rookery Bay “Kayak Leaderboard Shuffle”

The weather and the fish cooperated for October's monthly kayak outing to Rookery Bay on Saturday, October 9th. As a result, with just 3 months remaining in the year, there was a lot of movement on the 2021 Kayak Leaderboard during this trip. And, as an added "surprise" for many of the kayakers, after recently moving to the Tampa area, Mike Larsen was back in town to join us for our monthly outing in the backwater!

As the day started, Dave Dodd was leading in the Snook category and Mike Larsen was leading in both Trout and Redfish. Dave Schott is leading in the Bass category and pretty much has that wrapped for the year up unless someone lands a rogue bass in the saltwater! Dave, you can probably safely start the celebration already.

Once the fishing started, it didn't take long until Dave Dodd landed a 19.5" Trout. That put Dave into the top spot and pushed Mike Larsen's 19" trout off the board.

A little while later, John Baker landed a nice 28.5" Redfish to take over the top spot in that category. John's fish replaced Mike Larsen's Redfish. In just a few hours, Mike went from leading in two categories to off the board completely!

As the day progressed, the kayak anglers reported catching a few more trout and a number of smaller snook. Dennis Finney found a "snook hole" and just kept catching! Towards the end of the trip a call came in from Mike on the radio, and he reported catching a 24" Snook. That fish put Mike back on the top of the board for Snook and pushed Dave Dodd's 22.75" fish off. With that last catch, the shuffle for top spot on the Leaderboard was done for the day and the kayakers made their way back to the launch after a great day on the water.

Next month we will be taking a road trip to Bonita Springs. We will launch at the Imperial River and will navigate the river to Fish Trap Bay. This is one of our more interesting trips and offers some great fishing possibilities along with some nice sights along the way!

Visit the MSC website for more information about the MSC Kayak Group. While there, take a look at some pictures from past trips and/or read the stories from our previous outings.

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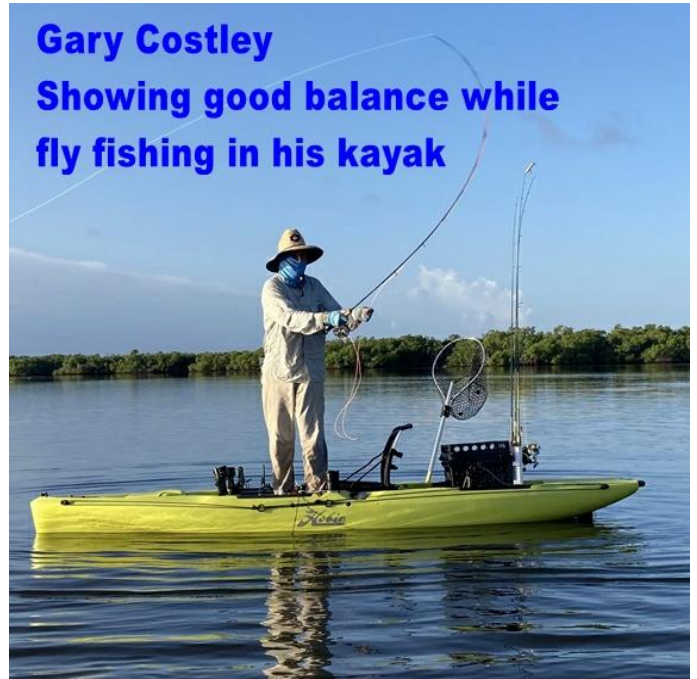
**Dave Dodd
19.5" Trout**



**Dwayne Metzger
Snook**



**Mike Larsen
24" Snook**



**Gary Costley
Showing good balance while
fly fishing in his kayak**