

# MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island

Happy  
New Year!



## President's Message for January, 2018



What a way to finish up the year! We started celebrating early with some tailgating and fellowship at the Marco Island tree lighting ceremony...followed this up a few days later with the Holiday Party...and then topped it off with the annual Street Parade. And, let's not forget that in the middle of all this we were able to finally hold the long-delayed Grouper Tournament! If you missed any of these events, you can see a few pictures in this issue of the newsletter or go to the website to view them all! As always, these events could not take place without the hard work and dedication of our volunteer members who make it all happen. Thanks to Pete Arcidiacono for coordinating the tree lighting tailgate; Madeline Moore and her staff for the Holiday Party; John Baker for the Street Parade; and Phil Madonia for hanging in there since April for us, and running the Grouper Tournament. As we get close to the end of the year, and

the changes that will bring, there are a few other members who deserve a sincere round of thanks as well. I am referring to 5 current MSC Board Members who have decided to step down from the Board after serving multiple 2-year terms. This will provide all of them with some well-deserved additional free time (to fish, I hope) while giving others an opportunity to serve. On behalf of the Marco Sportfishing Club I would like to thank Allan Bristow, Jay Jones, John Marchetti, Paul Milici and Tony Saputo for everything they have done for the club over the past several years, and personally, for the support they have provided to me during the past two years I have served as President.

Capt. Bill Walsh will be our Guest Speaker at General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Captain Bill will provide his take on the changes in fishing we have all experienced here in recent years, and will provide some suggestions that should, hopefully, help everyone catch more fish. The January General Meeting also happens to be the Marco Sportfishing Club's "Annual Meeting." At this meeting, our first order of business will be to officially elect new Board Members to fill the vacancies that exist, as well as vote for other Board Members who are opting to run for another term. Three current MSC members have agreed to serve as new Board members and were nominated at the December meeting. We thank Pete Arcidiacono, Dave Dodd and John Moore in advance and look forward to the contributions they will make to the club in the future.

At the January MSC Board meeting, the new Board will elect MSC officers for 2018. Since I will not be running for re-election as President, I would like to thank the rest of the Board members, event leaders, and special event activity directors for their help in running this club over the past two years, and wish the incoming officers the best of luck!

I look forward to seeing you out on the water. Get hooked!

*Howard*

Thought for the month: **BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!**



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## **LEADER BOARD Updates as of December**

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[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

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

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

## **2017 Holiday Party**

In spite of Hurricane Irma the Holiday Party Committee made the Marco Sportfishing Holiday Party a Top Priority. The Team worked hard to make the event a wonderful experience for all.

Our thanks, goes to Camille Madonia for organizing the tables and Etoila Bristow for providing the colorful Lanterns for the Centerpieces which were awarded to a MSC member at each table. Janice Laskau and Patty Arcidiacono provided table assignments at the reception desk for our Members. The morning of the event, Alan Bristow and John Baker delivered the Centerpieces and Bobbie Ordija and Ricki Terzis carefully arranged them on the tables. Madeline Moore coordinated the event preparations with the team members for a successful Holiday Party.

Many pictures were taken by Rose Kraemer our wonderful Entertainer and Susie Walsh.

Thanks to all of the attendees for contributing to a great 2017 Holiday Party.

## **Christmas Island Style Parade 2017**

On a cool December evening thousands gathered to watch the annual Christmas Island Style parade on Marco Island. Hundreds of participants spent days decorating a float, or themselves and marched along the parade route on San Marco Road.

Marco Sportfishing Club was just one of those groups but boy did we have a spectacular float and several "street walkers" handing out candy to the children. Very special thanks go to John Baker for organizing our activities for this event. John could not have pulled this off without a boat to decorate and thanks to John and Anne Marchetti we had a pristine 22 foot Blackjack that arrived on Marco just this past Thursday. Baker's team of lighting specialist spent hours on Saturday morning stringing hundreds of lights around the hull and T-top. Ron Linn provided the towing with his monster jeep.

The party crew onboard waved to all the bystanders and wished them all a Merry Christmas. That bevy of beauties included Anne Marchetti, Susan Linn, Janice Laskau, Bobby Ordija, and Patty Arcidiacono.

Our club banner was carried proudly by Betsy Wohltman and Dottie Daniels, while tons of Swedish Fish candy was generously distributed by Joan Brannick, Ricki Terzis, Mick Halderman, Ken Robertson, Mark Tanner, Howard Laskau and Chicken Jay. Plus, as an added candy distributor, we had Joan Kenny's mom, in her fishing club appropriate and festively decorated wheelchair making sure our youngsters were supplied with sweets. Joan, herself, pushed the wheelchair the full length of the parade. Keith Wohltman provided the seasonal music selection.

The biggest hit, however, was our very own Gloria Robertson decked out as a walking-talking Christmas Tree. Throngs of parade watchers ran into the street to have a picture taken with the Christmas Tree. One young child was heard to exclaim, as the "tree" handed her a piece of candy, "Oh... the Tree gave me candy!!!" The joy on her face was priceless.

Many club members lined the parade route with their families and shouted encouragement to the marchers.

Thanks to Steve Stefanides and his whole Christmas Island Style team for inviting us to participate once again in this amazing parade.



# **Ed Brown wins the 2017 Morgan Stanley Triple Crown**

## **Tournament**

**By Victor Ordija**

Ed Brown won first place and became the first two-time winner in the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament (MSTCT). Ed is awarded a cash prize of \$350 by catching a Tarpon, Redfish and Snook during a four month period which began on July 1 and ended on October 31st. The tournament which is run by the Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) requires all three species of fish to be caught by participating anglers and the goal is to catch the largest Snook and Redfish and a Tarpon exceeding 30 inches.

The annual contest which began seven years ago has evolved into a challenging and competitive tournament which is geared towards the serious angler that can commit a significant amount of time and effort over a four month period. The Compass Group investment team of Morgan Stanley, comprised of David Caruso, Steve Macko and Jason Zapalski, has partnered with the Marco Sportfishing Club adding additional financial benefits so that a total of seven cash awards are offered to the top seven anglers. The standings of participating anglers in the tournament are based on a point system that is calculated on the combined lengths of the largest Snook and Redfish caught and a Tarpon exceeding 30 inches.

In order to register a Tarpon catch, the angler needs to bring the fish to the boat, touch the leader and take a photograph of the fish in the water making sure the photograph clearly depicts the fish as being a Tarpon. The use of a gaff is prohibited which eliminates potential injury to both the angler and the fish. Once the angler successfully registers a Tarpon catch, he or she is automatically awarded a 5.5 foot Tarpon (66 points) regardless of the size of the fish caught. Every inch is worth one point. This rule which was implemented four years ago did not make catching a Tarpon less difficult, but increased safety for the angler and is less stressful to the fish.

Snook and Redfish that are caught and registered are required to be aligned along a ruler, measured and photographed. For all Snook and Redfish that are caught and reported, every inch is worth two points. It should be noted that while MSC encourages catch and release in the tournament, legal fish may be kept. As anglers caught and reported their catches, their combined points would move them up or down in the standings.

Thirty nine MSC anglers participated in this year's tournament which ended on October 31st. Awards were presented to the winning anglers at the club's general meeting which was held on December 7th at Rose Hall. All the anglers in the top five places caught all three fish species (Tarpon, Snook and Redfish).

In addition to catching a Tarpon, first place angler Ed Brown caught a 35.25" Redfish and a 39.25" Snook for an impressive total of 215 points and a cash prize of \$350.00. Also, Ed has his name engraved on a perpetual plaque that hangs in the Marco Island office of Morgan Stanley.

In second place is last year's first place winner Allan Bristow with a 28.25" Redfish and a 41" Snook for a total of 204.5 points and a cash prize of \$300.00.

Third place went to Vic Ordija with a 32" Redfish and a 36.75" Snook for a total of 203.5 points and a cash prize of \$250.00.

Fourth place was taken by Jim Doench with a 30" Redfish and a 38" Snook, 202 points and a cash prize of \$200.00.

Rounding out fifth place is Gary Costley with 180 points. Gary caught a 25" Redfish and a 32" Snook which earned him a cash prize of \$150.00.

It was expected that not all anglers would be able to catch all three fish species, therefore in order to maintain and improve participation, two additional prizes were awarded to the anglers that caught the largest Snook and the largest Redfish provided that those anglers were not eligible for the top five awards.

Ron Scriver caught a 39" Snook and wins \$100. The largest Redfish caught measured 28.75" was registered by John Marchetti who also wins \$100.

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 MSC 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 to 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 will gain more appreciation for the unique environment that surrounds Marco Island.

This year the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament was expanded to four months beginning on July 1st taking advantage of the increased numbers of Tarpon that are in the Marco Island area and generally remain through August. Additionally, large Snook aggregate in deeper channels during June and July for their annual spawning period. The additional time provided anglers a better chance to catch these elusive fish.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma hit Marco Island on September 10th and had very major impacts on properties and significantly altered the coastal topography and vegetation around the island. The hurricane also effectively reduced the tournament period by about one month and forced the cancellation of the annual MSTC picnic.



While most of the MSC membership undoubtedly suffered some damage to their property, the general consensus is that we were very lucky that the drastic projected storm surge did not develop which would have resulted in catastrophic flooding.



L to R , V Ordija, D Caruso, E Brown (winner), S Macko



L to R; V. Ordija, G. Costley, R. Scriver, D. Caruso, S. Macko, J. Marchetti, H. Laskau

## Grouper Tournament December 7, 2017

by Philip Madonia

It was a beautiful fishing day for the Grouper Tournament of 2017. Winds were light, waves were calm, and temperatures were comfortable. The tournament which was to start in April was finally held with eleven boats and thirty-nine anglers participating. The attached photo is of Keith Wohltman who was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the over 60 feet division. Gary Lamotte was the winner with a 15.02 lb. Grouper. He was awarded \$500 for his catch. In the 60 feet or less division there were three winners:

Jeff Erickson won \$445 with a 6.12 lb. Grouper

Ralph Crowell won \$345 with a 5.5 lb. Grouper

Dennis Enstrom won \$280 with a 3.48 lb. Grouper

Congratulations to all the winners, as well as all the other participating anglers!





## Kayak Fishing in McIlvane Bay December 14, 2017

A small group of kayakers comprised of John Baker, Ron Linn, Mike Larsen, Ken Robertson and Vic Ordija set out to fish McIlvane Bay on a cold but sunny day. On this day the water was crystal clear but cold and the fishing was slow.

The group initially tried fishing upper McIlvane Bay with no luck except for a 26" Snook caught under the 951 Bridge by Ken Robertson. As the morning wore on, the anglers moved into the lower part of the bay and a few more fish were caught including a couple of small Snook, Trout, Jacks and Ladyfish.

The group quit fishing around one o'clock, except for Ken Robertson who continued fishing at the 951 Bridge. Ken's persistence resulted in a good catch of Sheepshead on Mangrove Crabs. The largest Sheepshead registered 20.25" and placed Ken on the 2017 Leaderboard.







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January, 2017		Fish of the Month: Pompano
Date	Event	Information & Comments
January 4	General Meeting Annual Membership Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker Capt. Bill Walsh Annual Meeting: Board elections
January 8	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
January 11	Kayak Event – Hell’s Gate	See Website
January 12	Captain’s Meeting - Pompano Event	4 PM Crazy Flamingo
January 15	Pompano Event – fishing day	See Website and attached flyer
January 16	Pompano Event – alt bad weather fishing day	
January 23	Newsletter deadline	
January 24	Welcome Snowbirds Picnic	See attached flyer
January 25	Buddy Trip	See Website
January 29	“Whack-A-Whiting” II	Event is tentative. See attached flyer

February, 2018		Fish of the Month: Sheepshead
Date	Event	Information & Comments
February 1	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker TBD New Members Meeting at 5PM Leaderboard shirt awards
February 5	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
February 15-19	Miami Boat Show. Walker’s bus to the Boat Show in 2/16.	Information to follow
February 21	FeBREWfest Picnic	See website and/or newsletter
February 22	Newsletter deadline	
February 22	Kayak Event – Imperial River	See website
February 26	Buddy Trip	See website

<b>March, 2018</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Spotted Sea Trout</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
March 1	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: Rob Modys
March 5	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
March 9	Hope for Warriors Capt. Meeting	Details to follow
March 10	Hope for Warriors fishing day. Event is sponsored/supported by Walker's Marine. MSC will be looking for volunteers to help at the weigh-in	Details to follow
March 12	Baiting Beauties V Fishing Day. Fish March 12 or March 13 for 4 hours.	Information to be provided at meetings, in the newsletter and via email
March 13	Baiting Beauties V Fishing Day. Fish March 12 or March 13 for 4 hours.	Information to be provided at meetings, in the newsletter and via email
March 14	Baiting Beauties V Picnic. Alternate fishing day in case of bad weather on March 12 or March 13	4 PM. Sarazen Park. Information to be provided at meetings, in the newsletter and via email
March 20	Buddy Trip	See website
March 21	Picnic	12 PM. Sarazen Park. See website and/or newsletter for details
March 23	Kayak event – Shell Island	See website
March 26	Capt. Meeting – Trout Spotacular	Details to follow
March 27	Newsletter deadline	
March 27	Trout Spotacular tournament	Details to follow
March 28	Trout Spotacular – alternate fishing day in case of bad weather	Details to follow

## **Update from the Editor December 2017**

Welcome back to returning MSC members. All of us will be making a few **RESOLUTIONS 2018** soon, so let me put a few on the table for your consideration.

**\*\*Marco Islands' waters are in trouble. The problem did not start in 2017 and it will not be solved in 2018. Resolve to get educated on the issues, go to a Water Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9am MIPD building. Also connect with Sam Young ([young456@aol.com](mailto:young456@aol.com)) to keep up to date on the committees' activities.**

**\*\*Resolve to join with MSC anglers in the numerous fishing events. See the Calendars/Flyers in this newsletter or check out the website for details.**

**\*\*Resolve to get involved with the organization, tasks/duties and details of the Fishing Events. Or you can volunteer as an event leader, you will get lots of help from past leaders, see the last page of this newsletter to see who runs what events. Or contact your Editor.**

If you want to contact the Editor I can be reached at [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com).





## **Marco SportFishing Club Ship's Store**

<b>MSC Burgees (Flags)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Bufs</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Golf Shirts (limited sizes)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Hats</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Hats (CAMO)</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>License Plates</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>T – Shirts S/S</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>T – Shirts L/S</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Sweatshirts</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>



## “Pompano Pounder”

**Date:** Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Backup Date:** Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Capt's Meeting:** Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo – Marco Town Center

**Fishing Hours:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Tide Info at Coon Key:**

Low Tide:	7:02 AM	(-.5')
High Tide:	1:29 PM	(2.9')

**Solar-Lunar Activity:** Major Period: 11:29 AM – 1:29 PM (very high)

**Event Target Fish:** Pompano

**Prizes:** Boat prize – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> - Total inches divided by number of anglers on the boat

Individual – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> – Largest Pompano

- (measured from closed mouth to fork of tail) – *photos of all fish tallied required for submission*

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, due by no later than the Captain's Meeting, **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

### EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC backwater boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- "No Guide" Rule applies.
- Photos required for all fish registered for boat or individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼"
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, via email.
- Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS \$200 in club funds

For questions and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen  
Backwater Events Coordinator  
mike\_larsen@keysight.com  
Mobile: 239-315-9235



# Save the date. January 29, 2018

## WW II (WHACK-A-WHITING)

Whiting are fun to catch, easy to clean and great to eat. It's a shame that it's so underrated and discarded by fishermen. However, the Marco Sport Fishing Club has elevated its status. It's going to be a great event. Sign up for some great action.

**SIGN UP AT THE JANUARY MEETING, OR THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING**  
More information to follow soon.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Baiting Beauties is back for 2018!! This has proven to be a fun event for everyone – Lady Anglers, Captains, Crew and those who just love a Great Picnic!! Mark your calendars for March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for your choice of fishing days and the Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>! Look for the Baiting Beauties table at upcoming monthly meetings!





**Baiting Beauties 5 - Ladies' Fishing Event  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and Picnic March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

In 2014, 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 and have FUN!

The past 4 events have been tremendously successful and now we're planning "BB5"! The 2018 event will offer a choice of 2 days for our Beauties to get out on the water and fish with their captains and crew, with the picnic and awards to be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Sarazen Park.

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. Captains and crew will be there to mentor, teach or just stay out of your way!! And, you don't have to bait your own hook or unhook fish unless you want to!

Here are the details:

**Format** – Volunteer Captain with a boat, lady angler(s)\* and crew. Prizes will be awarded to individual anglers based on their catch – this is not a team event.

\*Lady anglers who sign up without a captain will be matched with a boat and captain as needed.

**Fishing** - Pick **ONE** of two fishing days – Captains may choose any **4 hour time period between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM** – lines in and lines out - on the following dates:

Anglers may fish Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

high tide 11:52 AM (2.10 ft), low tide 4:41 PM (1.29 ft)

Anglers may fish Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

low tide 5:11 AM (-0.13 ft), high tide 12:05 PM (2.24 ft), low tide 5:23 PM (1.10 ft)

The awards picnic will be held at Sarazen Park on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The picnic is **BYOB** (Bring Your Own Beverages!) - Food is provided by MSC.

Please sign up now for "Baiting Beauties 5" if you are:

- a female Angler
- a female would-like-to-be Angler
- a male boat Captain with a boat
- a male boat Crew member
- a friend/supporter of the Baiting Beauties who wants to follow the happenings and attend the picnic (a friend is an invited guest, whether Club member or non-member).

Angler entry fee for MSC members is \$20.00, **which includes an event gift and a picnic ticket.** You may make payment by check (payable to MSC) or cash (call Chris Laimbeer for contact details).

Picnic fee for crew and MSC member friends is \$5.00. Picnic fee for non-member friends who would like to attend is \$10.00. **Angler picnic fee is included in their entry price and captains are free!**

All entries must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE, let us know if you can **volunteer** to help out with the picnic or anything else the BBS planning committee might need, thanks!

More information to follow about fishing rules (*backwater boundaries apply*), targeted fish species, reporting, and prizes.

Thanks for signing up and helping to make "Baiting Beauties 5" a great event!

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"Baiting Beauties 5" Chairpersons



12/29/2017



**Ladies' Fishing Event**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and Picnic March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

1. **MSC's "No Guide Rule" applies.**
2. **Captains: Captains must be MSC members.** Captains and male crew members may fish in this event, but fish caught are not eligible for prizes in the *Baiting Beauties 5* Fishing Event. Fish caught by Captains and male crew members that are eligible to be entered in the Leaderboard and Fish of the Month (FOM) may be entered under established MSC fishing rules. Captains are responsible for the safety of their passengers and have overall command of their vessel. Captains are requested to maintain contact with other anglers by monitoring Channel 78.
3. **Fishing days:** Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. *Participants may choose to fish one of the two days, but not both.*
4. **Event hours:** Captains may choose any 4 hour time period between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. A fish hooked prior to the end of that 4 hour window may be fought, landed, and measured.
5. **Fishing License:** A State of Florida saltwater fishing license is required. A license may be obtained at Ace Hardware Stores, Walmart, local marinas and on the FWC website. **PLEASE NOTE** - To keep a legal size Snook a Snook Permit (\$10) must be purchased with your FL saltwater license. You may catch, measure and release a Snook without a Snook permit. *If you are a Florida resident and are over 65, you do not need a fishing license or a Snook permit. However, you are required to have proof of residency and age such as a driver's license*
6. A signed and dated **WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION** form is required to be on record for all *non-member anglers and crew* who will be aboard a boat on either day of the event. Forms are available from Chris Laimbeer 248.935.0457
7. **Backwater Fish Species:** For this event, participants will target the following six backwater fish species: **Pompano, Redfish, Snook, Spotted Seatrout, Mangrove Snapper** and **Sheepshead**. Backwater fish species caught should be identified, measured and recorded on the official tally sheet. *An undersized fish is eligible to be measured and recorded but must be released alive.* One "Other" category consisting of **Catfish** and **Ladyfish** combined is also included. Participants that catch these species need only to count the number of fish caught. **Warning! Do not attempt to measure Catfish. Handling Catfish is a hazardous activity.**



8. **Fishing Boundary: MSC Backwater boundaries apply.** The approved fishing area are the backwater boundaries established by the MSC Fishing Committee:  
*Northbound:* Gordon's Pass  
*Westbound:* three nautical miles into the Gulf including Gullivan Bay  
*Eastbound:* west of US Highway 41.  
*Southbound:* For this specific fishing event, the South boundary will be Camp Lulu. Fishing for *Baiting Beauties 5* is allowed around Camp Lulu, but not past it. Once past Camp Lulu you are in Everglades National Park – the Park is out of bounds.
9. **Leaderboard Fish and Fish of the Month (FOM):** Any fish caught by female participants that are eligible for entry in the MSC Leaderboard or Fish of the month (FOM) must be aligned along a ruler with the entire fish visible and photographed as required by MSC rules.
10. **Measurements:** Measurements of fish caught by female participants will be the responsibility of the Captains and will follow appropriate FWC regulations. *Please ensure that all undersized fish that are measured are released alive!* Measurements are to be recorded in ¼ inch intervals on the official tally sheets. Circle the largest fish of each caught fish species. Again, Catfish and Ladyfish need only to be counted and *NOT* measured!
11. **Reporting:** Completed tally sheet information must be emailed to Chris Laimbeer [chrislaim@comcast.net](mailto:chrislaim@comcast.net) by 9 PM on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Awards:** Awards will be determined based on largest fish measured in each backwater fish species category and number of combined fish (Catfish and Ladyfish) caught in the “Other” category. Only one award will be given to individual female participants. In the event of a tie, awards will be combined and split.
13. **Inclement Weather:** Safety is paramount for all MSC sanctioned events. All entered captains and anglers will receive an email alert if the weather on either day of fishing is deemed by NOAA to be unsafe. If this alert is posted, no fishing will be allowed on that day. Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM will be the backup day **only** if fishing needs to be cancelled on Monday or Tuesday. The picnic at Sarazen Park, however, will be held rain or shine!!
14. **Miscellaneous:** Remember to bring your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, drinks and snacks. Most of all enjoy your day on the water and the company of great friends. Our MSC Captains are the best. This event would not be possible without their participation, their love of fishing and knowledge of the water. We wish you a fabulous fishing day and wonderful memories of the *Baiting Beauties 5* fishing event!
15. **Entries and picnic reservations are due by March 1, 2018**



# ENTRY FORM (must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup>)

Member Angler Entry Fee (includes picnic) \$20.00  
 Non-Member Angler\* Entry Fee (includes picnic) \$25.00 \*Waiver must be completed  
 Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends) \$5.00  
 Non-Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends) \$10.00

Would you be willing to volunteer to help in some manner? Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### **CAPTAIN** (must be a MSC member)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: **FREE!**

### **CREW** (MSC's "No Guide Rule" applies)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **ANGLER(S)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### **FRIENDS** (picnic only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THE FORM IF ANY ADDITIONAL ENTRIES ARE NEEDED.

Submit Entry Form to: Chris Laimbeer  
 470 Gray Court, Marco Island, FL 34145  
[chrislaim@comcast.net](mailto:chrislaim@comcast.net) 239-970-0693 (home) 248-935-0457 (cell)

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

**WELCOME SNOWBIRDS PICNIC**  
**NOTE: Delayed due to IRMA and Turkey Slam**



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon**

**Set-up at 11:00**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018 \$10.00 Members \$13.00**

**Guests**

**\*\$5 penalty after January 17**

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

**Pulled Pork, Beans & Rice,  
Chicken, Plantains, and More**

**Beer, Wine, Pop, Ice Tea and Water Included**

Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members @ \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$13 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee @ \$5 per person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: New Parking Rules Apply**

Make check payable to MSC

Mail to:

Dave Walsh

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

\*Check must be RECEIVED by January 17, 2018

# FeBREWfest XIII



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

**\$14.00 Members**

**\$17.00 Guests**

**\*\$5 penalty after February 14**

**\$5 penalty for walk-ins (plus \$5 late fee)**

**Assuming event not sold out**

**Brats and Sauerkraut, Roasted Chicken,  
German Potato Salad and Red Cabbage**

**Catered by Pepper's**

**Beer, Coors Light,**

**Wine, Pop and Water Included**

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MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Members/Family @ \$14 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$17 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee @ \$5 per person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: New Parking Rules Apply**

**Make check payable to MSC**

**Mail to:**

**Dave Walsh**

**1530 Caxambas Ct.**

**Marco Island, FL 34145**

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### **POLICY Summary**

- 1) Picnics will have a capacity limit.  
There will be a short wait list in case of cancellations.**
- 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 list and allow proper notification to caterers, the 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 \$5 per/person.**
- 7) Walk-in fee is \$5 (plus \$5 late fee).**
- 8) Guests cost more (other fees above also apply).**

### **CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES\***

Parking on the swales within a mile of South Beach Access/Sarazen Park is not permitted. The fine is \$95. There are several solutions if you do not have a MICA beach pass:

- 1) Marco Island residents can purchase a pass at the MICA office.**
- 2) 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.**
- 3) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot (\$8).**
- 4) Ride with someone who has a pass.**
- 5) Give a ride to someone who has a MICA pass.**
- 6) 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).**

\*Be aware that rules are subject to change

