

MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



President's Message for February, 2018



Hello Everyone,

First off, I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity to come back as President. We have a great club with great activities.

Sheepshead time is upon us and we have put together the 2018 SHEEPSHEAD SLAUGHTER. Check out the fact sheet for rules and regulations and sign up ASAP.

This event has turned out to be our largest tournament and most fun; so go get a partner and catch those fiddler crabs (if you can) and sign up.

This month will also bring us FEBREWFEEST XIII. If you have never attended one of these picnics you are really missing out.

Let's not forget about the Miami Boat Show bus trip offered by Walker's Marine on February 16th. To attend go to the Hideaway location and get your tickets now before they fill up.

In closing, I would like to thank those who have served on the Board and those still serving. Without people like them we would never have a club like we have.

Folks, please feel free to email me your ideas for events or your concerns. Our goal is to have FUN.

Remember-You can't catch fish from the couch.

See ya' at the Bait Shop

Pete A

PS. Please send us pictures of your catch regardless of size and species. We want to show them off to the rest of the members!!

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LEADER BOARD Updates as of January

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of January

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

Kayak Fishing in Hell's Gate

January 11, 2018

A trout bonanza awaited a large contingent of Kayakers that set out on a bright cool morning from the Goodland Bridge. The eleven kayakers that participated in the event caught over 100 Spotted Seatrout. Most of the fish that were caught were undersized, but several legal trout were also caught. The largest trout was an 18.5" fish caught by John Baker. Other than the trout that were caught only a few Snappers and Ladyfish were reported. No Snook or Redfish were caught; probably due to the recent cold snap and the resulting cold water.



John Moore w/ Trout



John Baker w/ 18.5" Spotted Seatrout



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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 12	Sheepshead Event Capt. Meeting	Moose Lodge 4PM
February 13	Sheepshead Fishing Day	See Website for Details
February 14	Alt. Sheepshead Fishing Day	
February 19	Sheepshead Awards Party	Moose Lodge 5:30-8PM
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

March, 2018		Fish of the Month: Spotted Sea Trout
Date	Event	Information & Comments
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 JANUARY 2018

Wishing all members, new and renewing a warm welcome as the “season” gets started. A continuing from your editor, the Club is always looking for members to step-up and volunteer to run, help organize, or just help as needed on the various fishing events. Contact Pete A. for more specifics.

The recent Waterways Advisory Committee (WAC) meeting was and always is held on the third Thursday of the month, January 18th. A dozen or so MSC members were in attendance. There were interesting discussions regarding water sampling locations, frequency of sampling and method ie., from land(current) or by boat(proposed). Seawall issues were also reviewed. The review involved the City’s property owner manual. The manual details construction, maintenance, and rules/regulations for seawalls. Most property owners likely do not realize such a manual exists.

Please note the meeting room can accommodate many more MSC members! If your March 15th morning is open get involved by attending. The meeting starts at 9AM.

Your editor can be contacted at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.



Marco SportFishing Club Ship's Store

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



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 12th and 13th for your choice of fishing days and the Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park on Wednesday, March 14th! Look for the Baiting Beauties table at upcoming monthly meetings!



**Baiting Beauties 5 - Ladies' Fishing Event
March 12th, 13th and Picnic March 14th 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 14th 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 12th

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

Anglers may fish Tuesday, March 13th

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 14th, 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 1st, 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





Ladies' Fishing Event
March 12th, 13th and Picnic March 14th 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 12th or Tuesday, March 13th. *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 by 9 PM on Tuesday, March 13th.
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 14th 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 1st)

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: \$ _____

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

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

FRIENDS (picnic only)

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

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

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 239-970-0693 (home) 248-935-0457 (cell)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

*Check must be RECEIVED by February 14, 2018

**St. Patrick's Picnic
With Irish Entertainment
Sarazen Park**



Wednesday, March 21 Noon
\$15.00 Members/\$18 Guests Each
***\$20/\$23G after March 14**
\$25.00 at the door (Includes \$5 Late fee)
Jason's famous New York Yankee Sandwich



Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water included
Questions?? Call Dave Walsh 389-9755

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RESERVATION for St Patrick's Picnic
NAME: _____

Number attending _____
Members/spouses @ \$15 = \$ _____
Guests @ \$18 = \$ _____
Late fee @ \$5 per person* = \$ _____
Total = \$ _____

* Checks must be **RECEIVED** by March 14th
Make check payable to **MSC** and mail to:

Dave Walsh
1530 Caxambas Ct.
Marco Island, FL 34145

Separate checks required for each picnic, but can be
sent in one envelope. Checks are not cashed until
after the event.

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 FOR PICNICS:

- 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 homeowners insurance policy with your name on it. <http://www.marcocivic.com/applications/> 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, ie. 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 UP TO 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. Because of liability issues, ANYONE CLIMBING OVER THE FENCE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE PICNIC WITH NO REFUND.

Note: These are these that latest rules as 1/23/2018. See the date-stamped [CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES](#) for any changes.

