

MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



President's Message for March, 2018



Hello Everyone,

HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!!

We got our first tournament done, THE SHEEPSHEAD SLAUGHTER, and it was a big success. There were 70 anglers and we served 113 at the awards buffet. In case you haven't heard the BIG winner this year was Dale Rod with a HUGE 9.3 lb Sheepshead! Congratulations to Dale.

This event would have not been possible without the help from Gloria and Ken Robertson, Keith Wolthman, and John Baker.

March will bring us to another annual event, Baiting Beauties. This will happen mid-March and there is still time to sign up and participate! Please check the events page of the newsletter for details.

Finally, our annual Trout event will be held in late March. This should be the best in a few years considering the Trout year we are having. Trout appear to be all over the place!

What would March be without a gala ST. PATTY'S DAY picnic. Well, we have one, March 21st. So put on your green and sign up.

Remember-fish hard, play hard, and then take a nap!

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 February

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of February

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

Whiting Tournament

January 29, 2018

by Joe Perino

The second whiting tournament was a great success. We had 52 anglers on 20 boats attempting to catch the elusive whiting. It was a cloudy day with light winds and warm temperature.

The total number of whiting caught was 32 fish. Eleven boats had no fish, four boats had one fish, and five boats had three or more.

The first prize went to Chris Hutchings and his crew of Shelly Hertz, John Moyer and Vic Rinke. They had a total of 14 fish amounting to 11.5 feet of whiting.

The second place winner with 36" and 3 fish went to Ron Schiver and his crew Larry Heinemann.

The third prize with 44" of whiting as a result of catching four fish was given to John Rafes and his crew of Jeff Erickson and Cathy Erickson.

In the honorable mention category was Joe Perino and crew members Keith Wohltman, Jay Terzis and Mick Haldeman. They had four fish amounting to 45.5 ".

Dick Yeaton and his crew of Walt Turner and John Peona had 3 fish amounting to 32.5 ".

That evening 77 people gathered at Joe & Diane Perino's house for cocktails, beer, finger food and heroes. It was a wonderful day of fishing and fellowship. It's what our club is all about.



Buddy Trip

January 25, 2018
by Joe Perino

The outing started out with seven boats but two captains changed their minds and stayed at the dock because of the wind. This changed the number of anglers from 22 to 16. The weather was cool with high winds at about 12-14 with a rising tide. We started fishing in a deep hole near Coon Key and moved on to Sugar Bay and drifted through the various channels. We tried to stay out of the wind but found it difficult to do so.

Although it was windy we managed to catch a plethora of fish. The catch consisted of sea trout, silver trout, sugar trout, whiting, snappers, sea robins, flounder, more bonnet head sharks than we could count and, of course, the scourge of the sea, catfish.

That evening the tired anglers forgot about the heavy winds, layered clothing, and choppy seas and enjoyed a great social event of cocktails and pork chop dinner at the Moose Lodge. Thirty five people enjoyed the friendly environment and fish talk. All in all it was a great day to be among fishing buddies.

If you have any questions/comments or wish to be added to or removed from the list contact Joe Perino rivpress@aol.com



Kayak Fishing the Imperial River

February 22, 2018

Two above slot Snook were caught today in the Imperial River located in Bonita Springs. Both Mike Larsen and Dave Dodd had an exceptional day. Mike caught a 35.75" Snook, a slot Redfish, several trout and a number smaller Snook. Dave caught a 33.5" and a 26.5" Snook and a 21" Spotted Seatrout as well as several smaller Snook.



Ken Robertson (26" Snook) , George Stein and Victor Ordija made up the rest of the group and everyone caught fish including a number of large Jacks, smaller Snook and trout. This was the second trip to the Imperial River for the kayak group and we had an exceptional day that took us down to Fish Trap Bay and back to the launch just off US 41;

logging 10 miles in our kayaks. The Imperial River is a fairly wide river with numerous docks and large homes. Surprisingly, the river holds a good number of large Snook.





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March 2018		Fish of the Month: Spotted Sea Trout
Date	Event	Information & Comments
March 1	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker Rod Modys
March 5	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
March 9	Hope for Warriors Capt. Meeting	Walker Marine Event see Website
March 10	Hope for Warriors Fishing Day Walker Marine sponsored MSC Volunteers Needed	See Website or Check with Walker Marine for Details
March 12	Baiting Beauties V Fishing Day 1	See Flyer in this Newsletter
March 13	Baiting Beauties V Fishing Day 2	See Flyer this Newsletter
March 14	Baiting Beauties V Picnic and Alt. Fishing Day	4PM Sarazen Park
March 19	Buddy Trip	See Website for Details
March 21	St. Patricks' Day Picnic	12PM See Flyer in this Newsletter
March 23	Kayak Trip	See Website
March 26	Trout "Spotacular" Capt. Meeting	4PM Crazy Flamingo See Flyer in this Newsletter
March 27	Trout "Spotacular" Tournament	See Flyer in this Newsletter
March 28	Trout "Spotacular" Alternate Fishing Day	

April 2018		Fish of the Month: Red Grouper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
April 5	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
April 9	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
April 11	Spring Slam Event Capt. Meeting	Details to Follow
April 13	Spring Slam Fishing Day	Details to Follow
April 14	Alternate Fishing Day	
April 18	April Picnic	Details to Follow
April 19	Kayak Trip	See Website
April 25	Newsletter Deadline	

May 2018		Fish of the Month: King Mackerel
Date	Event	Information & Comments
May 2	Mexican Theme Picnic	Flyer to Follow in April
May 3	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
May 7	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
May 17	Kayak Trip	See Website
May 22	Double Dose Capt. Meeting	Details to Follow
May 23	Double Dose Fishing Day	Details to Follow
May 24	Alternate Fishing Day	
May 25	Newsletter Deadline	

Update from the Editor February 2018

Now that we have many anglers back on Marco it has been a very busy fishing and catching period. This newsletter reports several recent events but there is more information on the Website. For example, there was a very successful “Pick a Partner” event on January 23rd. There were 11 boats and 29 anglers. Sea Trout were the targeted species and a lot were caught! Read the entire report on the Website. There was also a Sheepshead event won by Dale Rod with his 9-pound fish pictured below! Also, below is John Baker holding a similar sized fish caught on a “practice” run. John acknowledged it was a Black Drum.

In closing, this month please note there are 408 club members, including 48 new members. If you wish to contact your Editor I can be reached 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: \$ _____



Spring Trout "Spotacular"!

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Fishing Date: Tuesday, March 27th 2018 (sign up at the MSC general meeting on March 1st)

Backup Date: Wednesday, March 28th 2018

Capt.'s Meeting: Monday, March 26th – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo – Marco Town Center

Fishing Hours: Lines in: 8:00 AM – Lines out: 2:00 PM

Tide Info at Coon Key:

Low Tide:	5:41 AM	(-.2')
High Tide:	12:15 PM	(3.0')

Solar-Lunar Activity: Major Period: 10:21 am to 12:21 pm (high activity)

Event Target Fish: Spotted Sea Trout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 5th – Total inches of 4 largest trout – (Only 1 => 20")

Individual – 1st thru 3rd – Largest Trout (Individual angler may win only one largest fish prize)

Entry Fee: **\$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member**, due by no later than the Captain's Meeting, **Monday, March 26th**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

- Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS \$200 in club funds

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member. - "No Guide" Rule applies.
- MSC backwater boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- Photos required for all fish registered for boat & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼"
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, no later than 5:00 PM, the day after the event.

For questions and to submit pictures of your catch:

Backwater Events Coordinator

mike_larsen@keysight.com

Mobile: 239-315-9235





Spring Trout "Spotacular"! - Registration Form

Team and Individual Prizes – MSC Sponsored Event

Fishing Day: Tuesday, March 27th

Entry Fee: \$10 for MSC Members - \$15 for non-MSc Members

- Non-members only allowed if fishing on a MSC member's boat,
no individual non-member boat or kayak entries accepted

Team Name: _____

Captain's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Crew #1 Name: _____

Crew #2 Name: _____

Notes:

**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.

