

MSC Tackle Box

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President's Message for July 2018



Hello Everyone,

Before we get into the upcoming events I would like to inform all that one of our members and good friend of mine has passed away suddenly, Jack "Fly Rod" Leonard. Please remember Jack's family in your thoughts and prayers. Jack will be missed.

THE TRIPLE CROWN IS OUT OF THE GATE!!

July 1 starts our world-famous Summertime tournament. It's not too late to sign up and get in the mix.

July will also bring our annual "MAN BITES SHARK". We will go catch a shark and have a BBQ the day after. If you haven't bit into a shark you are missing something really good. Not for you? There will be hot dogs as well. This event will be sponsored by Capt. Guy our fellow member and shark enthusiast. See info in the newsletter.

This is the time of year where our board can begin to plan and adjust our upcoming year events. One of the changes will be our starting time of the General Meetings. **STARTING IN OCTOBER 2018 OUR GENERAL MEETING WILL START AT 7PM NOT 6:30PM.** I will be sending reminders out between now and then.

This time of the year I like to begin the search for new board members. I will be looking for people who would like to contribute to our club and have fun doing it. If you would like to know what the position entails, please send me an email or just call and I will be happy to explain. Remember, it is enthusiasm and new ideas from its board and members that help meet the needs of its individuals and make the club fun.

Remember: It's never too late to learn. Go fishing and have fun!

See ya' at the Bait shop

Pete A

PS. Help me make our club even better. Please email me any thoughts you have for future speakers or fishing events. We are always looking for ways to improve.

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LEADER BOARD Updates as of June

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[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of June

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)



June 2018 "Snooky – Hooky" Results

10 boats and 22 anglers participated in the Snook Jamboree on Wednesday, June 26st. The weather was beautiful, and as usually is the case some teams did well, with other teams struggling to find the target fish. Of the 10 teams, 5 teams caught Snook, and 5 teams did not record a Snook. But ALL the anglers/teams enjoyed a fun and pleasant day on the water. The team prizes were based on "total" inches of Snook caught. Here are the results!

Prize Pool – Angler Entry Fees = \$220.00 + Club Funds = \$200.00/Total Prize Pool of \$420.00

Boat/Team Prize

1st Prize Boat	5 Snook – 110.75"	Ed Brown & Don Rench	\$80.00
2nd Prize Boat	4 Snook – 85.75"	Don Richards & John Mueller	\$70.00
3rd Prize Boat	2 Snook - 69.25"	Victor and Bobbie Ordija	\$60.00
4th Prize Boat	4 Snook - 61.0"	Mark Delauro & Mike Larsen	\$50.00
5 th Prize Boat	1 Snook - 18.0"	Ron Scriver & Larry Heinemann	\$40.00

Individual Largest Snook

1st Largest Snook	35.0"
2nd Largest Snook	34.25"
3rd Largest Snook	32.0"

Angler

Bobbie Ordija	\$50.00
Victor Ordija	\$40.00
Ed Brown	\$30.00

Hearty thanks to all the anglers for their participation in this year's "Snooky Hooky" event. It is great to see the level of enthusiasm at the Captain's meeting, as well as the comradery between the teams. Our monthly events are the backbone of our club, and are only successful with our member's participation and support. Please consider signing up for upcoming events. *(I also wish to thank all the members who have kindly expressed their positive feedback and encouragement to me regarding our backwater program. We are having fun, and that's really what this is all about. I truly appreciate your continued support!) Tight Lines Everyone!!! See you at the Captain's meeting for "No-Bait" in August!*

Mike Larsen – Backwater Events Coordinator



Offshore Report by Ed Shebert



June Event

Nine boats went out and two anglers landed the target fish. Congrats to Captain Marco Arilli, pictured below with his 60 inch Kingfish. Also pictured below is Captain Jim Scarpa with his 25.5 inch Permit. Both Captains won a \$100 dollar prize for their catches. Captain Arilli also caught a 10' Tiger Shark, on 30# line which he released.



July Event

Fishing days will be July 10th through the 15th. The target fish are, Red Grouper and Gag Grouper. Fish caught by non-MSC members are not to be counted. To claim your prize send Measurements (nearest ¼") and pictures, no later than the day after you have fished to, eshebert@savatree.com. One prize per Captain-first submission only.

July Prize Categories

81-120' Division: Total combined inches of three Red Grouper keepers, \$80

50-80' Division: Total combined inches of two Red Grouper keepers, \$50

Up to 50' Division: Total inches of one Red Grouper keeper, \$30

Largest Gag Grouper, keeper \$40. Any Captain can win this prize even if they have already won a Red Grouper prize.

Sign up at the General Meeting, July 5th or email Ed.

Potential adventure of the month—Red Snapper Season is open until July 31st—Would anyone of you Captains like to lead a flotilla??

Tip of the month—The best "Solunar" days to fish in July are the 12-13-14th.

If you have a "tip" please forward it to me for publication and recognition!

Kayak Fishing in Estero Bay

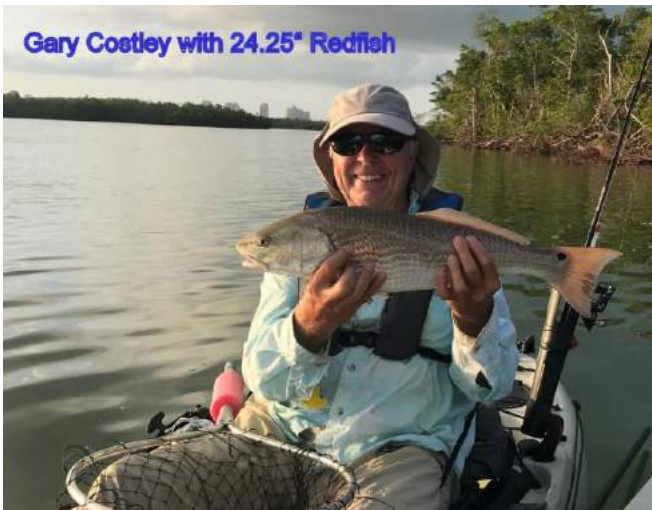
June 21, 2018

by Victor Ordija

Five kayakers set out to fish the clear waters of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. On this day, retired fishing guide and Reel Talk radio host Rob Modys joined the group and provided some local fishing knowledge.

The bite was strong for Spotted Seatrout and everyone caught fish. We had calm waters and good cloud cover for most of the morning. Gary Costley had the best day recording a 24.25" Redfish and twelve small Snook.

As the morning wore on, boats and waverunners appeared in large numbers and the bite shut down. The group quit at noon and stopped for lunch at the Big Hickory Fishing Nook Marina. A fun and relaxing day was had by all.





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July 2018		Fish of the Month: Mangrove Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
July 1	Triple Crown Starts	See Flyer and Website
July 5	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
July 9	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
July 9	Man Bites Shark Capt. Mtg.	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 10	Shark Event Fishing Day	See attached Flyer
July 12	Man Bites Shark Picnic	Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon
July 16	Offshore Captains Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 18 thru 21	Offshore Fishing Days	Pick a Day
July 19	Kayak Trip	See Website for Details
July 23	Pick a Partner Capt. Mtg.	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
July 24	Pick a Partner Fish Day	Details to Follow

August 2018		Fish of the Month: Yellowtail Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
August 2	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Speaker: TBD
August 6	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
August 7	No Bait Captains' Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
August 8	No Bait Fishing Day	See Flyer Attached
August 9 thru 12	Offshore Fishing Days	Pick a Day
August 15	Summer Picnic	See Attached Flyer for Details
August 22	Kayak Trip Hell's Gate	See Website for Details
August 26	Newsletter Deadline	

September 2018		Fish of the Month: Snook
Date	Event	Information & Comments
September 6	No General Meeting	
September 7	Offshore Captains' Meeting	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
September 8-12	Offshore Fishing Days	Pick a Day
September 10	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
September 12	Triple Crown BBQ Picnic	Details to Follow
September 20	Kayak Trip McIlvane Bay	See Website for Details

A couple of anglers who fished and caught "Big Time" before the Snook Event. Ron Linn in the top photo and Jim Mueller below.



Update from the Editor June 2018

We are coming into the “Dog Days of Summer”. There has been a lot of fishing but not much catching. An the big problem is most of what we are catching must be released due to its’ small size. We could call it **Fish Catch Release.**

There was one very strange catch by Alex Shvartser, as pictured below. It is not listed on the Leader Board, it is not noted as a Fish of the Month, in fact it is not a fish but rather an eel. Alex is demanding recognition, since he has not found anyone who has caught an eel in Marco waters!! He may want some prize money as well.



Hope it will be nice addition to club' collection of unusual fish. I caught this eel off Caxambas Pass a few days ago. It twisted like a double pretzel, trying to unhook itself. Not enough for a dinner!
- Alex Shvartser.

If you wish to send comments or fishing photos to the Editor, I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.

2018 Triple Crown Tournament

sponsored by: The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley



The Triple Crown Tournament will begin July 1, 2018 and registration for the contest will begin at the upcoming general meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018.

As in 2017, 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 7, 2018 or send an email to Victor Ordija indicating your interest in participating in the tournament.

A kick-off event will be held on June 28th at 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo. Tournament rules will be provided and discussed. Details regarding the kick-off will be provided at a later date.

While the 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 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 gain additional respect for our environment.

This event is sponsored by: The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley

Get Ready for MSC'S Annual
“Man Bites Shark Event”



The “Man Bites Shark” picnic is open only to those MSC members who participate in the shark fishing segment of the event and their spouses/significant others.

“Man Bites Shark” Schedule of Activities:

- **Talk Shark** - Monday, July 9th - Captains' Meeting at Crazy Flamingo - 4:00 PM.
- **Catch Shark** – Tuesday, July 10th, -in the Mud Hole or another location of your choice.
- **Eat Shark** - Thursday, July 12th, at Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon. Picnic fee \$5 per person; includes: Shark entree, beans, slaw, potato salad, etc. BYO drinks.

Sign up for the event at the July General Meeting or send an email to Pete A.
peterarchie@comcast.net

All Picnic Fees must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 10th.

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“No Bait” Combo Boat or Kayak Backwater Event

SIGN UP AT THE JULY/AUG MEETINGS, OR THE CAPT’S MTG.

Date: Wednesday, August 8th, 2018

Backup Date: Thursday, August 9th, 2018

Capt’s Meeting: Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (May implement “flex hours”- to be discussed at Capt’s Mtg)

Tide Info at Coon Key:

Low Tide:	5:35 AM	(1.8’)
High Tide:	11:22 AM	(4.2’)

Solunar Activity: Major Period: 10:47 AM – 12:47 PM

Event Target Fish: Redfish, Snook, and Spotted Seatrout

Prizes:

No Team Prizes – All Prizes will be Individual Angler Prizes

Individual Angler Prizes – 3 largest Redfish, 3 largest Snook, 3 largest Spotted Seatrout.

Angler can only win one largest fish prize. (so there will be 9 different winners!)

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus** a minimum of **\$150.00** in club funds.

Prizes to be given out at the September Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, due by no later than the **Captain’s Meeting, Tuesday, August 7th**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries.
- “No Guide” Rule applies.
- Photos of the largest fish are required for the Largest Fish Prizes.
- Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Wed. August 23rd, via email.
- **Only artificial baits/presentations** may be used, **no live/cut bait, shrimp tipping, etc.**
- Plastic tails/baits such as DOA or Gulp **are** allowed.

For questions and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen
Backwater Events Coordinator
mike_larsen@keysight.com
Mobile: 239-315-9235

MSC "Eatin Chicken" Summer Picnic



Wed., Aug. 15, 2018 @ 12:00 high-noon---Sarazen Park

Fried Chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, beans, watermelon

Bring your own DRINKS

Money: \$6.00 member, \$9.00 guests -- RSVP deadline Aug. 11

\$9.00 member, \$12.00 guests after Aug. 11

Make Checks Payable To Marco Sportfishing Club (MSC) and mail to:

Jay Jones, 276 Rockhill Ct., Marco Island, Fl. 34145

Any questions, call Jay 394-0048

Members attending & phone # _____

Guests attending _____

Members: ____ @ \$6.00 each before Aug. 11 ____ @ \$9.00 each after Aug. 11 \$ _____

Guests: ____ @ \$9.00 each before Aug. 11 ____ @ \$12.00 each after Aug. 11 \$ _____

ADD 'EM UP TOTAL \$ _____

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.

