

# MSC Tackle Box

[www.marcosportfishingclub.com](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com) *Peter Arcidiacono - President*

Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



## President's Message for December 2018



Hello Everyone,

I have some sad news. Dave Dumas, a long time member and a friend, has passed away earlier this month. On behalf of the club, our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Sandy and her family.

The holiday season is upon us in full swing! Coming up on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December is the tree lighting and on the 5<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Party, all before our December meeting. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the street parade so if you are so inclined, we are looking for volunteers to walk in the parade. You can sign up at the meeting.

As for the tree lighting, we will have a line of cars in the front row and all are invited. Please bring your own drink and food (enough to share). If additional information is needed please contact me.

December is full of holiday festivities which leaves little time to fish, however keep an eye on your email for a possible last-minute backwater event.

We are in our second month of renewals and new membership signups. If you haven't completed it yet please make an effort to get it done because it will really help us out.

Remember, we are here to have fun, so what are you waiting for!

See ya' at the bait shop.

Pete A

**PS. Please help our club to be 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 November**

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

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

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)

## **Kayak Fishing in Chokoloskee Bay** **October 31, 2018**

A variety of fish was caught by a small group of kayakers that fished Chokoloskee Bay on a beautiful fall day. The group of kayakers consisted of Mike Larsen, Gary Costley, John Baker, Vic Rinke and Vic Ordija. Most of the fish caught were Spotted Seatrout along with several Snook and Redfish and a few other species. No big fish were caught this day, but the action was steady, and all had a good time fishing.



Spotted Seatrout

10.31.2018 10:03



Black Drum

**Buddy Trip**  
**November 12, 2018**

The November Buddy Trip was a great success. Two boats met at the Jolly Bridge and traveled to Coon Key to meet five additional boats from the south side of the island. The seven boats had a crew of 23 anglers. At the start of the trip the fishing was tough because of very low tides. However, conditions improved as the water level came up. We fished the Coon Key area for a while and then moved on to Turtle Key.

The catch was abundant with many varieties of fish but with few keepers. Included in the catch were ladyfish, sea trout, redfish, mangrove snapper, grunts, sand perch, blow fish and jacks. As you know it is a rare day when catfish are not caught. This day was no exception since we caught more than our fair share.

Although there were only a few keepers from all the boats, the trip was enjoyed by all. As usual, the trip ended with 41 people attending a great social event with cocktails and dinner at the Moose Lodge. All in all it was a great day to be among fishing buddies.

The next Buddy Trip will be on January 14, 2019.

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



# Offshore Report

## by Ed Shebert



*Ed Shebert has been MSC Offshore chairman for the last year. It has been a challenging time but Ed has built a group of very dedicated offshore captains. His latest report follows. Thank you Ed for all your hard work.*

*The Editor*

### MINUTES OF OFFSHORE CAPTAINS MEETING HELD AT THE SANDBAR NOV 15, 2018

Greetings Offshore Captains: Please read the following and let me know your thoughts and any additional things that interest you. I am in the process of preparing the Offshore events FY 2019 and will forward when complete and approved by the Board of Directors.

- **Divisions:** We will continue with the three divisions (50-80 and 120') except when we do a 'Flash Event'.
- The **Solunar Calendar** will influence our fishing days built around the 'New Moon'.
- **Fishing Days**, will continue to be a 5 -6 consecutive day time period.
- **Blogs (Fishing Reports)** - Unanimous decision to continue. At a minimum, they should contain: Date fished, Catch, Area fished, Depth of water and conditions. The more details, the better. Report to Ed and I will in turn forward to the Offshore Captains.
- **2019 "Special Events and Tournaments":** **Super Grouper** to be held late March or early April. **Mangrove, Yellowtail**, and **Lane Snapper** event to be held in July or August.
- **Red Snapper challenge** during open season. Random '**Flash Events**' with specific dates will be called when weather permits. Normal monthly events will contain '**skill bonus awards**' on an FOM appropriate basis.
- **Calcutta:** Catch wager on a voluntary basis. Not a MSC program.

Special thanks go out to folks offering to help stage certain events :Captains Mike M, Roger L, Bert H, Fred K, Jim S, Tony S. and Barry F.



## **November Turkey Slam Results**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Turkey Slam. We had a reasonably good weather day, a tad bit windy, but overall a nice day.

A total of 42 anglers (we originally had 46 signed up, but 4 were unable to participate, so their entry fees will be refunded) on 17 boats fished the event. Of the 17 teams, 7 of the teams were able to record all 3 of the target species. There were also many huge Jack Crevalle's submitted for the Turkey bonus fish!

Prize Pool: \$420 in entry fees, plus \$200 in club funds for a total of \$620!

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dick Yeaton/Phil Madonia/Bill Welter - 56.25" - 3 fish - \$120.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ralph Crowell/Mark Tanner - 52.75" - 3 fish - \$100.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim Doench/John Marchetti - 52.25" - 3 fish - \$90.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Dave Dodd/Mike Larsen - 50" - 3 fish - \$80.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> - John Baker/Ron Linn - 47.75" - 3 fish - \$70.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Jay Jones/Keith Wohltman - 47.25" - 3 fish - \$60.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Gary Costley/Chris Hutchings - 46" - 3 fish - \$50.00
  - Turkey Bonus Fish - John Marchetti - 20.75" Jack Crevalle - \$50.00

Many thanks for your enthusiastic support of our backwater program throughout the past year. We have many exciting events planned for 2019, so grab your rods and fishing partners and join in the fun! Tight lines! 😊

*Mike Larsen - MSC Backwater Events Coordinator*





## ***YOUR DUES ARE DUE!***

- Dues for 2019 MSC membership are payable from Nov. 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018
- This 2-month time period is your **only opportunity** to renew your 2019 MSC membership
  - Late renewals will not be accepted!

Tell your friends that new members are accepted

until February 7<sup>th</sup>.

***Click the link below NOW before you forget!!***

**[Click Here to Renew Your Membership](#)**



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*Another day in Paradise ...*

<b>December 2018</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Black Drum</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
December 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	See Pete's Tackle Box
December 5	Holiday Party	Sign-ups Closed
December 6	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 7:00PM Vic & Mike Show
December ???	Offshore Fishing/Backwater Event to be Confirmed	Look For Update Website
December 8	In Water Boat Parade	Details to Follow
December 10	Board Meeting	8:30 Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
December 14	Kayak Trip	See Website for Details
December 15	Street Parade	See Pete's Tackle Box

<b>January 2019</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Pompano</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
January 2-6th	Offshore Fishing Event	Pick a Day
January 3	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium 7PM Speaker Pete Rapp
January 7	Board Meeting	8:30 Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
January 14	Buddy Trip	Details to Follow
January 15	Captains' Meeting Pompano Pounder	Crazy Flamingo 4PM
January 16	Cuban Style Picnic	Sarazen Park at Noon See Attached Flyer
January 17	Pompano Pounder Event	See Attached Flyer
January 18	Kayak Trip	See Website for Details
January 21	Wack a Whiting Event	Details to Follow

<b>February 2019</b>		<b>Fish of the Month: Sheepshead</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information &amp; Comments</b>
February 1-6th	Offshore Fishing Event	Pick a Day
February 7	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium 7PM Speaker Rob Modys
February 11	Board Meeting	8:30 Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
February 15	Boat Show Walker Marine Sponsor	Details to Follow
February 20	German Style Picnic	Sarazen Park at Noon See Attached Flyer
February ??	Sheepshead Event	Working on Organizing This Event
February ??	Kayak Trip	See Website for Details





## Update from the Editor November 2018

As our Island fills up, traffic slows, shops are crowded, and you need a dinner reservation. Nevertheless, your Editor had a quite month. The Water Advisory Committee (WAC) cancelled its' November meeting, thus water quality issues continue as a work in progress. Of note was Sam Youngs election to the City Council!!

The fishing has improved, but most of the caught fish remain small. There has been an exception to this situation. Fishing from **LAND** Alex Shvartser caught a 17" plus Mangrove Snapper. He was very happy with his catch and as he was preparing it for dinner with his wife Rita, what should he discover, but a 4/0 hook within the Snappers' stomach. Their dinner was great, and if you recognize the hook, contact Alex or your Editor.

Wishing All a Happy Holiday Season, your Editor can be reached at [pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com). I am always looking for interesting stories like Alex's.





## "Pompano Pounder" (Ver 1.0...11.26.2019)

**Date:** Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Backup Date:** Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

**Capt's Meeting:** Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – 4PM at Marco Island Moose Lodge on 20 Marco Lake Dr.

**Fishing Hours:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Tide Info at Coon Key:**

Low Tide:	4:48 AM	(-.3')
High Tide:	11:20 AM	(2.7')

**Solar-Lunar Activity:** Major Period: **HIGH ACTIVITY** from 9:04 am to 11:04 am

**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 (6 fish limit)  
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 on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. (you may not fish with a guide, or be on a guide's boat)
- 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 Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 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



**ANOTHER CUBAN PICNIC**  
**NOTE: There has been no price increase in FOREVER**



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**  
**\$10.00 Members**

**\$13.00 Guests**  
**\*\$5 penalty after January 9**  
**\$5 penalty for walk-ins (plus \$5 late fee)**  
**assuming event not sold out**

\*Check must be RECEIVED by January 9, 2019

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**NOTE: New Parking Rules Apply**

Make check payable to **MSC**

**Mail SEPARATE checks for each picnic to:**

(Same envelope OK)

Dave Walsh

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

**SAVE THE DATE:**

St. Pat's Picnic catered by Jason's  
 Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**FeBREWfest XIV**



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**\$15.00 Members**  
**\$18.00 Guests**  
**\*\$5 penalty after February 13**  
**\$5 penalty for walk-ins (plus \$5 late fee)**  
**Assuming event not sold out**

\*Check must be RECEIVED by February 13, 2019

**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 @ \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## 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.



# Marco Sportfishing Club

## 2018 Board of Directors

Pete Arcidiacono	President*
Keith Wohltman	Vice President*
Andrea Battaglia	Treasurer*
John Baker	Secretary*
Dave Dodd	Assistant Quartermaster
Jim Lane	Member-at-Large
Mike Larsen	Backwater Coordinator
Howard Laskau	Past President/Public relations
Victor Ordija	Leaderboard/Fish of the Month Coordinator
Dave Rasmussen	Newsletter Advertising
John Moore	Member at-large

\* MSC Officers

# Marco Sportfishing Club

## 2018 Activity and Event Directors, Committee Chairs and Assistants

### Fishing-related activities:

Fishing Committee Chair	Position vacant
Backwater Events Coordinator	Mike Larsen
Buddy Trips	Joe Perino
Kayak Events	Victor Ordija
Pied Piper Trips	Howard Laskau
Triple Crown Tournament Director	Victor Ordija
Offshore Events Coordinator	Ed Shebert

### Other Activities:

Assistant Quartermaster	Dave Dodd
Assistant Treasurer	Mick Haldeman
Director of Fisheries Management	Capt. Sam Young
MSC Historian/Name Tags/50-50	John Baker
Membership Coordinator	Phil Wanzenberg
MSC email Editor	Keith Wohltman
MSC Equipment/ Storage Manager	John Baker
MSC Newsletter Editor	Phil Wanzenberg
Public Relations/Community Outreach	Howard Laskau
Picnics	Dave Walsh
Quartermaster	Gloria Robertson
Sponsorships	Howard Laskau
Webmaster	Ed Crane

### Member Privacy Statement

Marco Sportfishing Club's Board of Directors has established a privacy policy concerning the distribution of its members' contact information. For security and confidentiality reasons...phone numbers, email and physical addresses will be distributed only to MSC board members and event leaders. The club roster will never be sold or provided to any individual member, sponsor, outside organization or business.

May 7, 2018



