

MSC Tackle Box

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Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



President's Message for March 2021



March 2021 Tackle Box

I believe I can see a faint light at the end of this tunnel...

We are beginning to take a few cautious steps forward in a return to normal fishing club activities. The club board meetings have ditched the virtual

format and resumed in-person meetings, albeit at an outdoor venue. Picnics have returned to Sarazen Park. We held our first Captains' meeting for the Sheepshead Shindig, along with the weigh-in at the end of the fishing day at the park. We held our first awards event at an indoor venue at the end of February and have planned our first face-to-face monthly meeting outdoors in March. These social events are far from the way they were back in 2019, but we are moving in the right direction.

Many of our members have received at least one covid-19 vaccine shot and more and more are getting their second doses. We are taking "baby steps" to return to the fun of being with other club members. Hopefully, as the year progresses, more of our members will feel safe once again to venture out socially. That is not to say we are neglecting the guidance from the CDC. We are still encouraging the use of masks and social distancing, and we are planning outdoor venues in general.

Our March monthly meeting will be held at the Marco Island YMCA on **Tuesday**, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. We will use the outdoor "Airnasium" for this event. The meeting will have somewhat of a normal feel with the signup tables and a guest presentation. The 2020 Leaderboard Winners will receive their shirts. The Ships' Store will be open so you can purchase club merchandise. Members can pick up their ID badges and Club ID cards and there will be a special raffle for all in members in attendance.

March has plenty to offer in the way of fishing events. We are entering month number three of the year-long "Offshore Slam" and looking toward some good weather days in the gulf. There is a monthly Kayak trip leaving from Everglades City. Our lady anglers

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will step up to the plate with “Baiting Beauties 8”, and we round out the month with the backwater Trout Spotacular.

In early March, the Marine Industries Association of Collier County (MIACC) will hold their annual Kids Fishing Clinic at the Naples Pier and several of our members have volunteered to help run that event.

We also look forward to the Irish-themed picnic at the end of the month. Once again Dave and Susie Walsh will host the event that will include the New York deli-styled Jason’s corned beef sandwiches.

It is a start.

If you can, get out and fish!

March Fishing Quote. **“Fishing adds years to your life, and life to your years.”** – Homer Circle

Tight Lines,
Keith

LEADER BOARD Updates as of February

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/LeaderBoard/leader-board2021.pdf>

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of February

Get FOM updates using the link below.

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/FishOfMonth.htm>



Offshore Report



Offshore Update – March 2021

What's Happening Offshore...

Thanks to the recent high winds, there has not been a lot of fishing going on offshore, and not many fishing reports either. The Red Grouper bite is still hot, get out while they are hungry. The best fishing will usually occur on the better tide days and windows – use your solunar activity tables. Remember Gag season is be closed, Snapper are being caught on wrecks and ledges, but the predators have been plentiful and hungry so...tight drags and reel real fast! The cobia have been spotted recently and permit should be back soon. Focus on catching your trophy fish for the Offshore Slam. Get out there and have some fun...and be safe.

Offshore Events...

Offshore Slam 2021 – The Offshore Slam is a full calendar year tournament so there is plenty of time to catch your Slam of Grouper, Snapper, Permit, and Cobia and win the trophy and some \$\$\$\$. We also have an award for the boat captain responsible for the most Offshore Slam fish entries. This tournament will be the Offshore version of the highly successful Triple Crown tournament the Inshore guys enjoy. **The deadline to enter is June 30, 2021**, but you cannot enter a fish caught before you enter, so sign up now before you catch that monster fish and wish you were entered! We have a couple nice Grouper entered so far...don't miss out.

I am happy to report that we have landed a sponsor for the Offshore Slam and it will be announced very soon. This will add prize money, trophies, swag, and an awards party. Sign today, its worth the \$25...I promise.

Super Grouper / Snapper April 2021 – We have set the fishing window from Friday April 9 through Saturday April 17 (yes we added an extra day – Friday April 9 is a very good day on the solunar chart so we threw it in as a bonus). **The deadline to enter is Thursday April 8, sign up today!**

The event Flyers and Sign-up Sheets are included in this newsletter and posted on the MSC website. Check them out and enter today!

Other Important Stuff...

Check out the Offshore Fishing reports on the MSC website, they are on the Offshore Homepage.

Offshore Captains - don't forget to send me your Offshore Fishing Reports and photos of any remarkable catches when you return from fishing!

If you fish offshore and want to be added to our offshore email distribution, please send me a request via the link on the Offshore Fishing homepage and I will gladly add you to this exclusive team.

If you have any ideas, or want to volunteer to help with offshore events, feel free to contact me anytime.

Tight Lines!

Jim

Offshore Slam 2021

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2021

Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers

Prizes: Based on number of anglers participating, maximum one prize per angler

- Total combined length of the largest fish of each Offshore Slam species entered by the angler.
- Angler must catch and enter one fish of each species to qualify to win.
- All fish entered must be caught by the angler entering the fish without assistance.
- Angler may upgrade any fish entered if a larger specimen is caught within the tournament timeframe.
- This is an individual angler tournament and is not tied to a specific captain or boat. The angler may fish on anyone's boat at any time (like the Triple Crown).
- Offshore Slam species – Grouper (Red, Gag or Black), Snapper (Mangrove, Yellowtail or Lane), Permit, Cobia.
- In addition to the Offshore Slam prizes, the largest fish of each individual species will be awarded a prize, as will the boat captain with the most entries caught.
- Any fish caught during this event will also qualify for MSC Leaderboard and Fish of the Month entry.

Captains Meeting: Due to the virus, there will be no captains meeting. Please see instructions on Sign-Up Sheet below to submit your Sign-up Sheet and to make payment.

Awards Party: Due to the virus, we are not planning an awards party, if this changes we will let everyone know.

Rules:

1. All anglers must be an active MSC Member.
2. MSC "No Guide Rule" applies - No fishing with, or on, a guide's boat.
3. MSC "Offshore Boundaries" apply - South to Lat N 25.10.0, North to Lat N 26.05.5120', must fish within these boundaries and at a depth of 120' or less.
4. "Two Line Rule" applies - No more than two rods per angler.
5. All fish entered must be caught by the angler entering the fish without assistance from any other angler.
6. Each fish entered must be photographed individually on a vertical edge tournament ruler, mouth closed and tight against the vertical edge of the ruler (not following the measurement rules may result in a reduction in size if the measurement is not clearly evident). All photos must be emailed to Jim Scarpa at the email address above within 24 hours of being caught.
7. Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee must be received by Jim Scarpa by June 30, 2021 or the angler cannot participate in the tournament. While tournament entry is allowed after fishing begins, no fish may be entered in the tournament that is caught prior to the angler submitting their Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee.

“Offshore Slam 2021” Sign-up Sheet

Email to: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Angler Name: _____

Angler Email Address: _____

Angler Mobile #: _____

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Make checks payable to Marco Sportfishing Club

Mail checks to Jim Scarpa, 308 Edgewater Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145

Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee must be received by June 30, 2021. Contact Jim if you want to drop off the check or have it picked up.

Super Grouper / Snapper – Apr 2021

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Fishing Dates: Friday April 9 thru Saturday April 17, 2021

Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers, \$35 for Non-Members, **No entry Fee for Captains.**

Deadline to Enter: **Thursday April 8, 2021**

Prizes: Based on # of Boats and anglers participating in each division – 120' and 80'.

Maximum one prize per boat. **Twelve prizes total.**

- Total combined length of 3 legal Grouper (120' division) or 2 legal Grouper (80' division) - any Red, Black, Gag Grouper. **Three winners in each division.**
- Total combined length of 3 legal Snapper (both divisions) – any Yellowtail, Mangrove, Lane Snapper. **Three winners in each division.**

Captains Meeting: Due to the virus, there will be no captains meeting. Please email all signup sheets to Jim Scarpa at the address above and make arrangements with Jim to drop off the entry fee or have it picked up prior to the event.

Awards Party: Due to the virus, there will be no awards lunch

Rules:

1. ALL Captains must be an active MSC Member.
2. Captain / Boat may only fish one day, Captain may fish as a crew member with another Captain / Boat.
3. MSC "No Guide Rule" applies - No fishing with, or on, a guide's boat.
4. MSC "Offshore Boundaries" apply - South to Lat N 25.10.0, North to Lat N 26.05.5120', must fish within these boundaries and at a depth of 120' or less.
5. ALL Captains must declare their fishing day in advance to Jim.
6. "Two Line Rule" applies - No more than two rods per angler.
7. The 2 or 3 fish must be photographed individually on a vertical edge tournament ruler, mouth closed and tight against the vertical edge of the ruler (not following the measurement rules may result in a reduction in size if the measurement is not clearly evident). All photos must be emailed to Jim Scarpa at the email address above on the day caught.

Super Grouper / Snapper April 2021 Sign-up Sheet

Email to: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Division (please circle): 80' 120'

Boat Name: _____

Captain: _____ Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

Entry Fee

FREE

Crew 1: _____ MSC Member: Y / N

Crew 2: _____ MSC Member: Y / N

Crew 3: _____ MSC Member: Y / N

Crew 4: _____ MSC Member: Y / N

Crew 5: _____ MSC Member: Y / N

Entry Fee: \$25 MSC Member / \$35 Non-Member

TOTAL DUE _____

MSG Kayak Group

February Trip to Hell's Gate/Palm Bay

The second MSC kayak trip of the year was to the Hell's Gate/Palm Bay area. This area is accessed by launching at the base of the Goodland Bridge. Once you make your way across Goodland Bay, you go through the "Gate" where you have access to Palm Bay, Lighter Bay and a number of small mangrove islands. I was interested in trying to find out where "Hell's Gate" got its name and did some searching. I found that this area was named "Hell's Gate" a long time ago....long before boaters had GPS units on their boats that made it easy to navigate and find out where you are at any given time. As a result, years ago, when boaters went through "The Gate" they always felt like they would have "a hell of a time" finding their way back! With GPS units and the tracks they leave, that's something I guess we all take for granted now.

Anyhow, the weather was clear and the water was calm in the morning. The bite was slow and several people caught trout. John Baker and Dwayne Metzger both caught trout that were 17+". As the day went on, the wind started to pick up a bit. More trout and several small snook were caught before the anglers made their way back through "the Gate," into Goodland Bay and then back to the Goodland Bridge.

No entries were recorded this month for the 2021 Kayak Challenge. In this competition for kayakers, the goal is to catch the largest Snook, Redfish, Trout or Bass during one of the MSC monthly trips. At the end of the year, the winners will each receive an MSC Kayak Angler fishing shirt that they can proudly wear! To learn more about the Kayak Fishing Challenge, please visit the MSC website. While there, read about the MSC kayak group and the monthly outings that are held at various locations. If you are a MSC member and want to be placed on the Kayak Group Mailing List or if you have any questions, please use this link to contact Howard Laskau, the MSC Kayak Events Coordinator: <https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/email-form-ContactOfficer.htm>

In March, the Kayak Group will travel to Fakahatchee Strand State Park and try their luck at the Basshole. We'll share those results next month.





**2021 Sheepshead Shindig
February 15, 2021**

Another MSC Sheepshead Shindig was held in February even though the participation was lower than the past years due to the pandemic everyone had a really good time and there were some large fish caught. The weather cooperated even though the wind was blowing between 15 to 18 knots with seas 1 to 3 feet. There was quite a lot of fish caught and brought to the weigh in at Sarazen Park.

We have a absolutely delicious awards dinner at The Sandbar. The Sandbar really out did themselves with their dinner entrees of Prime Rib, Fish Piccata and Chicken Marsala.

We had 18 teams with a total of 49 Anglers. Prizes were awarded to the team with the 2 heaviest sheepshead per boat regardless of the number of anglers.

- * Dennis Enstrom took 1st place boat prize of \$200 with 7.12 lbs.
- * Jeff Erickson took 2nd place boat prize of \$150 with 6.68 lbs.
- * George Merkling took 3rd place boat prize of \$100 with 6.16 lbs.
- * Ken Robertson took 4th place boat prize of \$75 with 6.00 lbs.
- * Barry French took 5th place boat prize of \$50 with 5.60 lbs.

There were individual awards based on the heaviest Sheepshead caught per angler.

- * Jeff Defibaugh took 1st place of \$150 with 4.20 lbs.
- * Dale Rod took 2nd place of \$100 with 3.86 lbs.
- * Cathy Erickson took 3rd place of \$75 with 3.32 lbs.

Congratulations to everyone!

Fish, Fun and Food



Dale Rod



Jeff & Cathy Erickson



Bob Mazzatto & Ken Robertson



Jeff & Cathy Erickson & Elaine Goodrum



**Steve McGuire, Lynn Nathanson
Marvin Nathanson, Wayne Kok**



Chris & Anna Hutchings, JoEllen with Dale Rod

Important Reminder!!

MSC's March Meeting will be held outdoors at the Marco Island YMCA's "Airnasium".

Tuesday - MARCH 2nd – 7:00 PM

Gate opens at 6:30 PM

Tables: Trout Spotacular; Offshore Events; Baiting Beauties; Ships' Store; 50/50 & Raffle; Kayak; Name Tags & ID cards; USCG Aux Boating Safety

Raffle for \$100 gift certificate to Marco Island Bait and Tackle – raffle ticket for each member "in good standing" in attendance. You must be there to win.



"Masks and Social Distancing"

February 23, 2021



Dues Renewal and New Membership Application Procedures

This is your last chance to renew in 2021.

Please go to the MSC home page and you will see this image:

<p>CURRENT MEMBERS DUES COLLECTION IS OFFICIALLY OVER, BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND ROOM FOR A FEW MORE MEMBERS.</p> <p>Click here</p> <p>or CLICK HERE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES.</p>	<p>IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR THE 2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR.</p> <p>IN ADDITION, THE CLUB IS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS ALL THIS YEAR (2021) CLICK HERE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.</p>	<p>NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE MARCO SPORTFISHING CLUB.</p> <p>CLICK ME!</p> <p>THE CLUB IS OPEN TO NEW MEMBER ALL THIS YEAR (2021)</p>
<p>THE INFORMATION ON DUES & JOINING THE CLUB IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE TOP OF NEARLY EVERY PAGE UNDER THE DROPDOWN MENU "CONTACT US"</p>		

Click the link to "Current Members" or "New Members" – that will take you to the membership webpage where you will follow the directions to either pay by **Credit Card** (Master Card or VISA) or **Print** the form and mail the completed form and check to the club's mailing address.

The Dues Renewal period runs until the end of March 2021.

You will find the two payment options displayed as depicted below:

<p>PAY DUES BY CREDIT CARD (PREFERRED)</p> <p>THIS WILL CONNECT YOU TO OUR BANK'S WEBSITE. FILL IN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, VERIFY THAT YOU ARE A PERSON AND SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT. YOU WILL INSTANTLY RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION. IN ADDITION A CONFIRMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS LISTED ON THE FORM.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: IF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED YOU MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE "CIRCLE" ON THE BANK'S WEBSITE. IF YOU INDICATE "NO CHANGES," THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILL RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION ENTERED BELOW THIS MESSAGE.</p> <p>Please check one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGES TO MY INFO (Name & Address Only) <input type="checkbox"/> ONLY CHANGES TO MY PERSONAL INFO (NO BANKS ALLOW)</p> <p>TOUCH OR CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO GO TO THE BANK'S WEBSITE.</p> <p>Click here</p> <p><small>THIS TRANSACTION IS SAFE AND SECURE. THE CLUB HAS NO ACCESS TO YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION & THE BANK DOES NOT STORE THAT INFORMATION. YOUR CREDIT CARD STATEMENT WILL SHOW A CHARGE TO "MARCO SPORTFISHING"</small></p>	<p>PAY DUES BY PAPER INVOICE & CHECK</p> <p>DOWNLOAD & PRINT THE PDF INVOICE FILL IN ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ON THE INVOICE. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE BOX THAT VERIFIES YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR, IF THAT APPLIES.</p> <p>SIGN THE THE INVOICE & MAIL IT & YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM</p> <p>IMPORTANT: IF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS NOT CHANGED YOU MUST CHECK THE BOX ON THE FORM AS INDICATED BELOW.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if your information is the same as last year. If so, just completed application with your check. If there are any changes, information in the fields below to update your record.</p> <p>TOUCH OR CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO PRINT THE DUES INVOICE.</p> <p>Click here</p>
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New Member Applications will be accepted throughout 2021.

February 23, 2021

Two important notes for membership in the Marco Sportfishing Club -

1. Marco Island, Goodland, Port of the Isles, or Isles of Capri legal residency is required for membership in the Marco Sportfishing Club. (legal residency means you will live in one of these towns fulltime, part time, or for a rental period in 2021).
2. You must agree to the waiver, release, and indemnification.

You will find the two payment options displayed as depicted below:

<p>APPLY & PAY BY CREDIT CARD (PREFERRED)</p> <p>THIS WILL CONNECT YOU TO OUR BANK'S WEBSITE. FILL IN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, VERIFY THAT YOU ARE A PERSON AND SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT. YOU WILL INSTANTLY RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF THE TRANSACTION. IN ADDITION A CONFIRMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS LISTED ON THE FORM.</p> <p>TOUCH OR CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO GO TO THE BANK'S WEBSITE.</p>  <p>THIS TRANSACTION IS SAFE AND SECURE. THE CLUB HAS NO ACCESS TO YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION & THE BANK DOES NOT STORE THAT INFORMATION. YOUR CREDIT CARD STATEMENT WILL SHOW A CHARGE TO "MARCO SPORTFISHING".</p> 	<p>APPLY & PAY BY PAPER APPLICATION & CHECK</p> <p>DOWNLOAD & PRINT THE PDF APPLICATION.</p> <p>FILL IN ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION. MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM.</p> <p>TOUCH OR CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION.</p> 
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Coming Events

March

Naples Kids Fishing Clinic at the Naples Pier on the 6th

General Meeting at YMCA on the 2nd see Flyer this Newsletter

Board of Directors Meeting on the 8th details on Website

Baiting Beauties Tournament see Flyers this Newsletter

Jason's Sammich Picnic on the 24th see Flyer this Newsletter

Sea Trout Spotacular Event see Flyers this Newsletter

APRIL

Month Long Backwater Event see Flyer this Newsletter

General Meeting Details to Follow

Taste of Italy Picnic on the 21st Details to Follow

Be sure to check the MSC Website for the latest information regarding the noted Events



Update from the Editor March 2021

Your Editor stopped by the Water Advisory Committee meeting but was unable to stay. Tried to access the meeting on line without any luck. The main events at the meeting included formal reception of new member and election of the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Will follow up on these issues next month. There also seem to be the establishment of a “Marco Water Baseline 2020”. I assume this will be used in the coming months to see what direction water quality is moving.

If you wish to contact your editor my email is pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com. Also, I am always looking for short “Fish-Tail” stories with pictures to be used in the Newsletter.

Pictured below is Howard Laskau the Kayak Event Leader. Unlike some of MSC other events Kayak trips have continued during the pandemic and improved under Howard’s leadership. If you want to get involved with the Kayakers check out the Website for details and information. It is a safe way to enjoy fishing with “social distancing” unavoidable!!



1 **ENTRY FORM** (must be received Feb 28, 2021)

2 **Fishing 3/15 or 3/16. Picnic 3/18@ 4:00 pm Sarazen Park**



Member Angler Entry Fee (includes picnic)	\$20.00	
Member Angler Entry Fee (No Picnic)	\$15.00	
Non-Member Angler* Entry Fee (includes picnic)	\$25.00	*Waiver must be completed
Non-Member Angler (No Picnic)	\$20.00	
Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends)	\$10.00	
Non-Member Picnic Fee (crew and friends)	\$15.00	

CAPTAIN (must be a MSC member) *please print clearly*

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ FEE ENCLOSED: **FREE!**

CREW (MSC's "No Guide Rule" applies) *please print clearly*

Name: _____

Picnic MSC Member \$10.00 ____ Picnic Non-Member \$15.00 ____

Name: _____

Picnic MSC Member \$10.00 ____ Picnic Non-Member \$15.00 ____

ANGLER(S) *please print clearly*

Name: _____

Fishing & Picnic MSC Member \$20.00 ____ Fishing Only MSC Member \$15.00 ____

Fishing & Picnic Non-Member \$25.00 ____ Fishing Only Non-Member \$20.00 ____

Name: _____

Fishing & Picnic MSC Member \$20.00 ____ Fishing Only MSC Member \$15.00 ____

Fishing & Picnic Non-Member \$25.00 ____ Fishing Only Non-Member \$20.00 ____

Name: _____

Fishing & Picnic MSC Member \$20.00 ____ Fishing Only MSC Member \$15.00 ____

Fishing & Picnic Non-Member \$25.00 ____ Fishing Only Non-Member \$20.00 ____

Submit Entry Form to: Ricki Terzis

492 West Joy Circle, Marco Island, FL 34145

Rickiterzis071@gmail.com cell: 973-945-1865

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

ONCE SARAZEN PARK CAPACITY OF FIFTY ATTENDEES IS REACHED, NO ADDITIONAL PICNIC PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PERMITTED.

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

January 29, 2021

Baiting Beauties Fishing Event
Monday & Tuesday, March 15 & 16, 2021

WHAT: Fishing Event for Female Members

WHO: Experienced, Novice, Beginner Anglers

WHEN: MONDAY or TUESDAY, MARCH 15 OR 16
(Captain's choice of day/time)
Four-hour time frame

Entry fees will be broken down to accommodate those who want to only participate in the fishing event and those who want to fish and attend the picnic.

BAITING BEAUTIES

AWARDS PICNIC

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

SARAZEN PARK

Menu: Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,
Sheet Cake

Prizes will be distributed at the picnic.



Spring Trout "Spotacular"!

(Ver 1.1.2021)

Fishing Date: Tuesday, March 23rd or Thursday, March 25th, 2021

Capt.'s Meeting: Monday, March 22nd, 4:00 pm at Sarazen Park

Fishing Hours: 6 Hours – "Flex Time" – You pick the 6 hours and day you prefer to fish!

Tide Info at Coon Key:

Low Tide:	4:51 AM	(0.3')
High Tide:	11:51 AM	(2.5')

Solar-Lunar Activity: Major Period: 9:14 am to 11:14 am

Event Target Fish: Spotted Sea Trout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 6th – Total inches of 6 longest trout (2 legal limits) (Only 1 > 19")

Individual Prize – 1 prize awarded for longest Trout caught during the event

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler. \$15.00 per non-member

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 & "2-Line" Rule Apply
- MSC backwater boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- Photos required for all fish registered for team & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼"
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Charlie Schwalje, no later than 5:00 PM, the day after the event.

For questions regarding the event, and to submit pictures/tally of your catch:

Charlie Schwalje

Email- c.schwalje@comcast.net

Cell - 732-570-8450





Spring Trout "Spotacular"! - Registration Form

Team and Individual Prizes – MSC Sponsored Event

Fishing Days: Tuesday March 23rd or

Thursday March 25th, 2021

Captain's Meeting: Monday March 22nd, 4:00 pm Sarazen Park

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

Captain's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Crew #1 Name: _____

Crew #2 Name: _____

Crew #3 Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Sign up by mail or at the March membership meeting.

Charlie Schwalje

418 Driftwood Ct

Marco Island, FL 34145

c.schwalje@comcast.net

cell-732-570-8450

Here's an article about sea trout fishing that I found interesting.

I hope you like it and it helps you plan your "Spotacular" strategy.

<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/how-to-catch-seatROUT-in-florida/>

TROUT SPOTACULAR TALLY SHEET

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

(Trout Caught) _____

CREW #1 NAME: _____

(Trout Caught) _____

CREW #2 NAME: _____

(Trout Caught) _____

Crew #3 NAME: _____

(Trout Caught) _____

Total Inches of 6 Longest Trout **for Boat:** (only 1 may be >19") _____

Longest Trout: Angler's Name: _____ **Length:** _____

- Measure Trout from closed mouth to pinched tail – high resolution picture!
- Record the length of the longest trout and the angler who caught it
- Any size sea trout counts towards 6 fish tally – doesn't need to be legal size
- Measure to the nearest ¼" - ONLY ONE MAY BE > 19"
- Photos required of all fish submitted for prize consideration
- All 6 pictures must be attached to the e-mail along with the tally sheet
- 6 Hour "Flex Time" 6 hours from lines in to lines out! You choose the times
- E-mail Tally Sheet & Photos to Charlie Schwalje by 5:00pm, Thursday, Mar. 25

e-mail to: c.schwalje@comcast.net

Questions: Charlie's mobile #: 732-570-8450



April Month Long Back to Normal Backwater Fishing Event

**Hold the Month, Yes, the Whole Month
We Want Our Normal Back**

Well, it has been a year now and we have followed the rules, upending our normal lives and activities. Our travel plans have all been canceled and we have watched our cities burn while the police were sent home. We have worn masks, avoided friends, happy hours and spent hours on the phone trying to get a vaccine shot. Well Guy's and Gal's I think it is time to move on and return to a life more like normal. By April many of us have had our Vaccine shot and, in many cases, both shots. We are ready to jump back into life. Well maybe not jump, but at least step.

If we want to return to a semblance of a normal life it is going to be up to us to do it. Only through our actions and involvement can we regain normal. We can sit at home on the sidelines and complain all we want, but it is up to each of us. To help us regain normal the Marco Sportfishing Club is having a one-of-a-kind Backwater Event. This Month-long fun

event will allow you to fish as many days as you wish in the month of April. You can pick the Days, Tides, the Hours, your Partners, and the Area (within our club boundaries).

For the first time (in my faulty memory) you will also be helping to pick one of the target species. The Fourth fish in our contest will be selected by the majority of those signing up. The first three (Redfish, Snook and Seatrout) are our regulars. But the fourth will be selected from a list of four species on the signup sheet. The fish getting the most votes will become the Wild Card Fish.

The individual prizes will be based on the documented Largest, Second and Third largest fish of each of the four species. Every Man, Women, Child has a chance to win. To prevent someone from running the table there will be a maximum of two prizes to each individual. We all know, the guy that got on Public's Vaccine list for Marco on his first try.

The entrance fee will be \$15 (\$20 for nonmember) and estimated payout will be \$800, and that includes the club's contribution to the pot as well. All the prizes will be individual, with no boat prize, so Captains you can change out your crew as they are available and assuming they signed up. Each angler

will need to pay their entrance fee. Sign up will run through the 9th of April, no fish can be registered until you have paid. If you leave town on April 26th you can still win if your previously registered fish makes the cut.

On April 1st, once we received your \$15 check, you can begin submitting Photo's using the Fish of The Month and Leader Board mechanism run by George Wittmann. Catch a bigger fish two days later, send it in. Check online, George will be doing a weekly (for April) update the Contest chart. First Prize for the largest of each species will be \$100 with a second Prize of \$50 and a third Prize of \$25. There will also be a \$100 Prize for the Guy or Gal with the longest (one fish each) stringer of targeted fish.

I know this might sound scary, but I am planning a Captains Meeting at Sarazen Park on Thursday April the 1st. I know it April Fool's day, but I could not resist. That is the day the fourth fish that you had selected will be announced.

Good luck to all and this is our chance to get off the couch and retake our normal.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Ed Vesely (evesely@aol.com)



April Back To Normal Backwater Registration Form

Largest Seatrout – Snook – Redfish – Wild Card??

Fishing Days: The entire month of April

Entry Fee:

\$15 for MSC Members - \$20 for non-MSC Members Captain Must be Member

- no individual non-member boat or kayak entries accepted.
- Fish any days, any time, as often and anywhere in Club boundaries.
- Currently Captains Meeting Sarazen Park April 1st 3PM

Captain's Name: _____ **Fee \$** _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Crew #1: _____ **Fee \$** _____

Crew #2: (if applicable) _____ **Fee \$** _____

Crew #3: (if applicable) _____ **Fee \$** _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Each Capt. and Crew Member Gets one vote on Wild card fish.

WILD CARD FISH

- **Black Drum** _____
- **Jack Crevalle** _____
- **Sheepshead** _____
- **Flounder** _____

Sent forms and checks to

Ed Vesely - 35 Gulfport Ct. Marco Island Fl. 34145

evesely@aol.com

Jason's Celebrates St. Pat's

Sarazen Park 12 Noon

Wednesday, March 24

Cost \$16*



Includes Limited Selection of Beer, Wine, Pop,
Water, Ice Tea

* \$19 after March 17, Walk-ins \$24 -
(\$3 late fee + \$5 walk-in fee)



The New York Yankee Sammich

3/4 pound combo of hot corned beef and pastrami, Swiss, toasted rye

MSC picnics are generally held at Sarazen Park (check picnic flyer). Sarazen Park is a **private park** located at 930 Swallow Ave, owned by The Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) and parking in the park requires a member's pass. <https://www.marcocivic.com/sarazen-park/>

PARKING IN SURROUNDING SWALES IS SUBJECT TO A FINE

The normal fine for parking on a swale within the vicinity of Sarazen Park is \$95, however due to City Covid-19 restrictions the fine has been raised to \$200 with the possibility your vehicle could be towed.

There are several parking alternatives if you do not have a beach pass:

- 1) Obtain a Collier County beach pass and park in the Collier County beach parking lot, which is adjacent and east of the MICA lot. The stickers are free to Collier County residents and available at the Marco Island Library. Information including requirements and off-island sites are at: https://www.collierparks.com/collier_park/beach-parking-information/ You cannot park in the MICA lot with this sticker. Note that in season on good beach days, the Collier County lot could be full by mid-morning.
- 2) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of \$8 (correct change required).
- 3) Find a ride from someone who has a MICA beach pass.
- 4) MICA has made it easier for non-members to park at their facilities. The window sticker required for each vehicle has been eliminated, and all you need to do is have one person in the car with a beach pass card. This allows you to do the *MICA Swap* where a couple with MICA cards hooks up with a non-member car and switch passengers (or drivers) so that each car has a MICA member with a beach pass. The *MICA Threesome* is a variant where one of the MICA members rides as a third person in the non-member car. Suggested swap sites are: the small Publix, San Marco Catholic Church, the former big Publix, or the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.

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----- RESERVATION for Jason's Celebrates St. Pat's -----

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

Members/family/guests @ \$16 = \$ _____

Late fee @ \$3 per person* = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

* Checks must be **RECEIVED** by March 17 (Separate checks required for separate picnics)

Make check payable to **MSC** and mail to:

Dave Walsh

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145 (239) 389-9755

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Marco Sportfishing Club

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January 12, 2021

