

MSC Tackle Box

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/> Keith Wohltman – President



Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and around Marco Island

President's Message for May 2022



“Season” is finally winding down and the Island slowly relaxes a bit. It sure seemed like the crowds on Marco were larger this year. I know the number of private and rental boats, charter boats, eco-tour boats and of course jet skis exceeded what we have seen in the past. No wonder it is hard to find fish! The tail-end of April, however, did see the fishing pick-up.

From the club's point of view, we had a much quieter month than we did in March. We saw the finale of the Offshore “Super Grouper” while two other events ran through the entire month. The “Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina” saw the fourth month of that event entered into the event spreadsheet. Our backwater anglers competed in the “We're Back” month-long tournament with some nice sized fish tallied. We also held a Buddy Trip & Dinner and a Kayak event to round out the fishing events in April.

Our membership meeting returned to St Mark's Parish Hall and featured an amazing presentation by Capt. Jed of Pro-Fish-In-Sea charters. Capt. Jed explained where the big Snook and Sea Trout hang-out on the nearshore reefs. He also gave tips on how to fish for these fish. In the 12 years I have been fishing here I never knew of the location of these fish offshore, nor the techniques Capt. Jed described for catching them... which explains, in part, why I never caught them offshore!!

Dave Walsh and his crew held a fantastic picnic called “Swing into Spring” with a baseball theme. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, of course, but Dave took it up a notch with the addition of sweet, spicy, and smoked Italian Sausages. Members also wore their favorite baseball team's logo attire. I believe the Phillies had the largest fan base at the event.

There was a special event in April – the “American Patriot four-day fishing trip to Pulley Ridge”. Nineteen club members ventured out for some serious deep drop fishing. You can read all about the trip in this edition.

May is a real transition month for our club. Tarpon migrate into the area in late April and can be found in a multitude of locations throughout the month of May. Snook should also come in from the nearshore reefs and Redfish and Sea Trout will be available and hungry. Members will start catching “Inshore Slams” of those last three species. An occasional “Inshore Grand Slam” with all four of these species can happen as well. Our backwater event for May is the aptly titled “Spring Slam”.

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Not to be left out, our Kayak anglers will start the month with their annual “Kayak Slam” pitting teams of kayakers against each other to score a “Slam”. This event is sponsored by Naples Outfitters. Be sure to read all about it in this edition.

May would not be complete with the annual “Cinco de Mayo” picnic, this year it falls on May 4th so Dave is calling it the “Quatro de Mayo” picnic. See Dave’s flyer in this edition.

Our membership meeting follows the picnic this month and it is something special. Rather than a presentation, several of our members will set up displays on tables at St Mark’s. They will interact with those in attendance on topics ranging from backwater or offshore tackle, to charting, knot tying, fishing kayaks and more. To learn more about this “Fishing Clinic” meeting, read the flyer in this edition. Feel welcome to bring adult guests to this meeting.

Marco Sportfishing Club members have been invited to participate in the “Wear-It” campaign as part of “National Safe Boating Week” which takes place the week of May 21st – 27th. This year’s “Wear-It” event will kick-off the week at the Rose Marina on May 21st from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM – for more details see the flyer in this edition.

For those of you interested in what is happening with our aquatic environment, there will be a “Water Quality Workshop” to be held on May 23rd from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the city meeting room. More details will be made as they become available. Let’s make our presence more visible by wearing your MSC attire to this workshop.

If you can – get out and fish!!

Tight Lines

Keith

Don't forget to join us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1449639945388570>

LEADER BOARD Updates as of April

Get LEADER BOARD updates using the link below.

[Leader Board](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of April

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Fish of the Month](#)



ROSE MARINA
Marco Island, FL



Marco Island

Please Join Us In Support Of Our
Marco Island First Responders

2022 WEAR IT Event

Saturday, May 21st, 2022

1:30 PM—2:30 PM

ROSE MARINA



Please Wear Your Lifejacket To This Event

In attendance will be:

Marco Island Police Department
Marco Island Fire and Rescue Marine Group
Flotilla 95, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Marco Island Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Ice Cream Floats Provided By SWEET ANNIE'S Ice Cream Parlour



May General Meeting Fishing Clinic

First Thursday of the month!

May 5th - at 7:00 PM

St Mark's Parish Hall

Clinic Tables

Sign Up Tables

50/50

Doors open at 6:30 PM



Members have asked for more hands-on training from the club, so this month we offer a fishing clinic in place of a regular monthly meeting.

We will turn St Marks into a venue where you can learn a boatload of skills, tricks, and tips through one-on-one discussions or small group demonstrations.

We are still adding additional tables, but here is the listing so far:

- Back Water Charting North
- Back Water Charting South
- Backwater Equipment
- Boat Knots
- Fishing Knots
- Kayaks
- Offshore Charting
- Offshore Tackle
- Reel Maintenance
- 50/50 & IDs
- Backwater – Spring Slam



This is hands-on training and a chance to talk to the members who have years of experience fishing the waters around Marco.

Whether you are an "old-salt" or novice you will learn something at this event. Come with any, and all, questions you have for our team.

If there is something not listed that you would like to see added, please contact Pete A at 239 821-7499 or peterarchie@comcast.net

Offshore Update – May 2022

What's Happening Offshore...

Wind...wind...wind...

Red Grouper are being caught typically in 100-120' of water, continue to get reports of nice catches typically in the deeper water. Check out the photos of a few recent catches on the following page.

Snapper are out there on the wrecks and ledges at all depths. Cobia are here near structure and should begin to migrate north soon. African Pompano & AJ's are around structure. Permit are schooled up south of here and will be coming soon to the nearshore wrecks typically with higher relief.

Pick a calm day and get out there and have some fun...and be safe.

Offshore Events...

MSC Offshore Slam 2022, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

SIGN UP TODAY BEFORE YOU CATCH THAT TROPHY FISH!

We made a few changes (see below) to make the year-long event more competitive...many thanks to those who provided suggestions. I think these changes will make this event even more exciting and I am looking forward to 50 or more anglers participating this year! The event flyer and signup sheet is included in the newsletter and is posted on the MSC website. Deadline to enter is June 30, 2022, but you cannot enter a fish in the tournament that was caught prior to signing up.

1. Added Mutton Snapper to the eligible Snapper species
2. Added the requirement that all fish entered must be of legal length to minimize handling of non-legal fish
3. Modified the "Slam" to add additional eligible species, and to require 1 Grouper, 1 Snapper, and any 2 out of 5 additional included species to complete the "Slam". The additional included species are Permit, Cobia, Kingfish, African Pompano and Amberjack.

Please show your appreciation to the great team at Rose Marina by giving them your business, and use your MSC membership card to get your club discount on fishing tackle / bait too.

Current standings are attached.

Super Grouper Spring 2022

Thanks to all the captains and crew that participated. The weather wasn't great, but there were a few decent days to get out and fish. We had a total of 10 boats and 34 anglers and some nice grouper were caught. The results and payouts are attached. Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Other Important Stuff ..

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

Offshore Captains – Offshore Fishing Report submissions have started to come in again, thank you. 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



*Captain Norb Mika
and a few Grouper,
including a 32"
firetruck*



*Captain Jim Parent's
recent haul of Grouper*

Marco Sportfishing Club Super Grouper - Spring 2022

Participating Captains List

First	Last	Division	Grouper			Total	Payout
			Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3		
Rod	Lashley	80	24.25	21.50	X	45.75	189
Rick	Babuka	80	22.00	20.50	X	42.50	113
Jim	Harkins	80			X	0.00	
Steve	Schwindt	120	31.25	30.00	28.25	89.50	653
Mike	Mueller	120	31.25	29.25	29.00	89.50	653
Paul	Doppelt	120	30.25	29.00	27.25	86.50	326
Frank	Renkel	120	29.50	29.25	27.00	85.75	
Scott	Hill	120	28.50	24.50	23.00	76.00	
Rick	Babuka	120	23.50	23.25	23.00	69.75	
Ralph	Crowell	120	29.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	



2022 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Current Standings (as of Apr 21)

Captain's Award Leader – Mueller 5

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Species 3			Species 4			Slam	Total
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Y / N	Length
Mike	Kropp	31.25	N/A	28.50	N/A	25.75	AP	N/A				N	85.50
Rick	Babuka	30.50	N/A			37.00	AJ					N	67.50
John	Cavanagh	31.00	Mueller			24.50	Permit	N/A				N	55.50
Jim	Parent	31.00	Parent	20.50	Parent							N	51.50
Chris	Vines					45.00	King	Krygier				N	45.00
Mike	Lopez	25.00	Lopez	15.00	Lopez							N	40.00
John	Heckler	31.50	Heckler									N	31.50
Jeff	Kaczka	31.25	Mueller									N	31.25
Allan	Bristow	31.25	Mueller									N	31.25
Mike	Mueller	30.00	Mueller									N	30.00
Rod	Lashley	29.00	Mueller									N	29.00
Pete	Arcidiacono	29.00	Crowley									N	29.00
Kevin	Krygier	25.75	Krygier									N	25.75
Jim	Scarpa											N	0.00
Frank	Troha											N	0.00
Robert	Crane											N	0.00
Ralph	Crowell											N	0.00
Mark	Staley											N	0.00
Donna	Deeter											N	0.00
Don	Richards											N	0.00
Keith	Wohltman											N	0.00
Mark	Milici											N	0.00
John	Ryckman											N	0.00
Frank	Renkel											N	0.00
Jeff	Erickson											N	0.00



Spring Slam

(Ver 1.0.2022)



Fishing Date: Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

Backup Date (due to bad weather): Wednesday, May 18th

Capt.'s Meeting: Monday, May 16th, 4:00pm at the Sandbar

Fishing Hours: 6 Hours – “Flex Time” – You pick the 6 daylight hours you prefer to fish!

Tide Info at Coon Key:

Low Tide:	9:14 AM	(+1.4')
High Tide:	2:52 PM	(+4.5')

This event is open to powerboat and kayak anglers

Event Target Fish: Snook, Redfish, Spotted Sea Trout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 5th – Total inches of one each Snook, Redfish and Trout

The focus is on the “Slam”. An entry of all three species beats an entry of one or two species regardless of total length.

Individual Prize – individual prizes awarded for each of the longest Snook, Redfish and 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.

Click here to register:

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0517-SpringSlam-REGISTRATION.pdf>

Click here for the tally sheet:

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0517-SpringSlam-TALLY.SHEET.pdf>

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

Charlie Schwalje

Email- c.schwalje@comcast.net

Cell- 732-570-8450



Hook That Snook

SIGN UP via mail – Mail your entry form and check made out to MSC to:
Ron Linn 844 Milan Ct. Marco Island, Fl. 34145

Date: Friday, June 10th

Backup Date: Saturday, June 11th

(Entry form/fees must be **received** by Ron **no later than the Captains meeting on Thursday the 9th at The Sandbar 4:00 PM**)

Fishing Hours: 6 hour “*flex fish*” – fish any 6-hr slot between sunrise and sunset

Prizes:

Boat – 1st through 5th place. Two largest Snook inches caught by boat, Kayak...

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, and up to **\$300.00 additional Club money**.

Prizes to be given out at the July Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per guest, due no later than Thursday, June 9th.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- “**No Guide**” Rule applies. – “**2-Line**” Rule Applies
- Photos of the 2 largest fish recorded for Team & Individual Prizes are required. Measure to nearest 1/4

E-mail Tally Sheet, and photos, to Ron Linn, by 5:00 PM, the day after you fish the event.

- Even if you have no fish to report, please let Ron know as a courtesy, thank you!
- Final “rule” is be safe, & HAVE FUN...☺

Click here for Registration and Tally Page

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0610-HookThatSnook-REGISTRATION.pdf>

https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0610-HookThatSnook-TALLY_SHEET.pdf

Ron Linn

Backwater Events Coordinator

ronlinn1@gmail.com

Cell: 239-227-9503



2022 MSC KAYAK SLAM

Sponsored by Naples Outfitters

May 2, 2022 – 8 AM to 2 PM

Starts at: Isles of Capri Paddle Park

Individual Entry Form

(Spouses entering as a team...please submit separate entry forms)

Name _____

Each \$30 entry entitles the angler to:

Cell Phone _____

Compete for cash awards

Email _____

A long sleeve, performance tournament Shirt*

Participant "extras"

A whole lot of fun!

MSC Member yes (This tournament is for MSC members only!)

T-shirt size * ___ S ___ M ___ L XL ___ 2XL ___

Kayak skill level: ___ Novice ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced

Novice/Intermediate kayakers will be paired up with an Advanced kayaker in this event – see the rules

\$30 - Kayak Slam entry fee

\$40 - Kayak rental (paddle kayak)

- Kayak rental includes paddle, whistle, life jacket -

\$65 – Kayak rental (pedal kayak)

- Kayak rental includes pedals, paddle, whistle, life jacket

(If you rent a kayak, the kayak will be waiting for you at the Paddle Park. When you return at the end of the event, you can just leave the kayak at the launch. There are no "delivery/drop off" fees)

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Additional Rules and General Information

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0502-KayakSlam-RULES-INFO.pdf>

- Entries close April 20, 2022 –

Mail completed entry form (with checks made out to Marco Sportfishing Club) to: **Howard Laskau - 1739 Hummingbird Court - Marco Island, FL 34145**

* Requested shirt size can only be guaranteed for delivery on May 2 for those whose entry form and payment is received by April 12th. For entries received between April 12th and April 20 (when entries close), shirts will be available after May 11th.

Get Ready for MSC'S Annual

"Man Bites Shark Event"



This year's "Man Bites Shark Event" features the opportunity to experience exciting shark fishing, the chance to win one or more cash prizes totaling \$500, and a picnic featuring grilled shark fillets and other picnic favorites. *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 and their guests.*

"Man Bites Shark" Schedule of Activities:

* **Talk Shark** – Tuesday, July 12th, Captains' Meeting at the Sand Bar-3:00 PM

* **Catch Shark** – Wednesday, July 13th, fish the Mud Hole or another location of your choice
(Thursday, July 14th, backup due to weather).

* **Eat Shark** – Friday, July 15th, at Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon. Picnic fee \$5 per person includes Shark entrée, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, slaw, potato, salad, etc. BYO drinks.

Sign up for the event at the June or July General Meeting, at the Captains' Meeting, or by mailing the July 2022 "Man Bites Shark" Registration Form and check payable to MSC to:

Paul Milici, 1615 Santiago Circle, Naples, FL 34113

Links to Registration page and Tally Sheet

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0713-ManBitesShark-REGISTRATION.pdf>

https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2022-0713-ManBitesShark-TALLY_SHEET.pdf

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2022 Triple Crown Tournament - COMING SOON!

Anglers must catch a Tarpon 30 inches or longer, and the largest Snook and Redfish to win cash prizes.



The tournament runs from July 1st to October 31st
Registration will open on June 1st

Fishing the American Patriot with the Marco Island Sportfishing Club

The Marco Sportfishing Club held a unique event on April 25 thru April 28th.

The American Patriot long range fishing vessel, located right here at Rose Marina on Marco Island was “home away from home” for 20 members and guests for a fishing extravaganza. A break in the winds of April provided a window of opportunity for some very anxious anglers. On Monday afternoon fishing tackle, clothing, sleeping bags, etc. made their way onto this 135’ floating hotel, dining room and fishing platform. Captain Ralph Hawkins held an orientation as we left Marco waters for a 12 hour trip to Pulley Ridge, some 140 miles southwest. Along the way, Chef Mike prepared a sumptuous dinner of Filet Mignon, in what was to be a culinary event, as well as a fishing marathon.

After dinner, we relaxed, conversed and watched TV in the dining/lounge area until bedtime in the bunkroom below. Normally sleeping 36, the 20 of us had ample room to spread out and be rocked to sleep. At first light, you were awakened to the smell of bacon, eggs, pancakes and fresh coffee as Chef prepared breakfast for all. Then it was down to the serious business of catching fish. And did we catch fish! This type of “deep drop” fishing was new to all of us, reeling a fish, plus a 3lb. weight some 700’ off the bottom would be a “challenge” with a conventional reel, so we were all introduced to electric reels.

As newbies to this type of fishing, there was a learning curve which anglers mastered over the first day. It’s not easy to



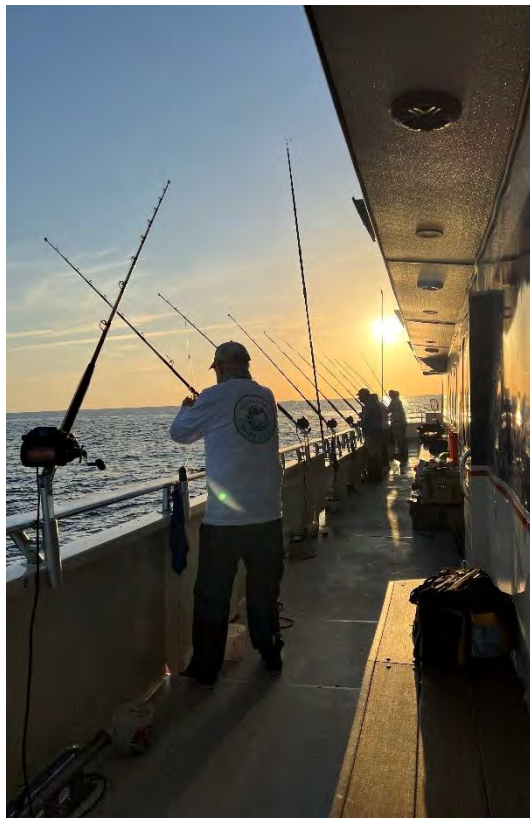
detect a “bite” 700’ away, then slowly bring the fish to the surface unmolested by sharks or dolphin along the way. Enthusiasm built throughout the day as the catch increased. The Captain would frequently move, then drift an area. In the meantime, Chef Mike prepared treats, peach cobbler, then lunch, Philly cheese steaks and dinner, scrumptious pork loin. Were we on a dinner cruise or fishing adventure? Both!

As the days wound down and the catches were recorded, some anglers prepared for night fishing in shallower water with conventional gear.

The next morning, we were ready and anxious to hit the rail again. Most anglers never knew how many varieties of grouper and snapper there were (Snowy, Scamp, Kitty Mitchell, Queen, Yellow Eye, Vermillion etc.). All in all, there were some 18 varieties of fish caught and a total of 462 fish caught!

This event was a great experience for new and seasoned anglers alike. The unanimous question as we pulled into dock at Rose Marina, “When are we going again”?





**Quatro de Mayo PICNIC
WEDNESDAY May 4th, 2022**



Wear Your Best Outfits and Sombreros

Sarazen Park 12 Noon

\$11 (\$14 Guests) Each*

***14 (\$17 Guests) RECEIVED after April 27**

Walk-ins – If you show up at picnic with no reservation you will be charged an additional \$5 plus the \$3 late fee (\$19 per person)

Mexican Fajita Bar by Pedro (Imperial Meats of Naples)

**Seasoned Chicken and Beef, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Tortillas, Chips and Salsa
Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water Included**

Attention: If you are not a MICA (Marco Island Civic Association) member do NOT park in the MICA lot. Also, do NOT park in the swales around Sarazen Park to avoid the \$95 fine. Follow this link to for more information and suggestions on how to manage parking and access.

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/RULES-Picnics/2021-0420-PicnicParkingRules.pdf>

If your name doesn't appear on the Picnic Who's Coming List on the website, or you are sending a check late, call Dave Walsh 389-9755 to let him know.

-----CUT HERE & MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK-----

Reservation for May 'Quatro de Mayo' Picnic, Wednesday May 4th

NAME(s) -Family Members & Guests* (First & Last names, please)

* Please print clearly

Phone Number _____ Check # _____

Number Attending (Members/Guests) _____ / _____ @\$11/\$14 each= Total \$ _____

Late Registration:

Number Attending (Members/Guests) _____ / _____ @\$14/\$17 after April 27= Total \$ _____

Mail check MADE OUT to **MSC to:**

Dave Walsh (Mail Only, NOT "Pay To")

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

DO NOT PUT CHECK IN MAILBOX

12th Annual STEAK PICNIC WEDNESDAY June 1, 2022



Sarazen Park 12 Noon

\$16 (\$19 Guests) Each

\$20 (\$23 Guests) RECEIVED after May 25

NO WALK-INS: We don't buy extra steaks

Steak, Baked Potato and Salad

Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water Included

Attention: If you are not a MICA (Marco Island Civic Association) member do NOT park in the MICA lot. Also, do NOT park in the swales around Sarazen Park to avoid the \$95 fine. Follow this link to for more information and suggestions on how to manage parking and access.

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If your name doesn't appear on the Picnic Who's Coming List on the website, or you are sending a check late, call Dave 389-9755 (dumb landline, doesn't take texts) to let him know so he can order you a steak.

-----CUT HERE & MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK-----

Reservation for June Steak Picnic, Wednesday June 1st

NAME(s) - Family Members & Guests* (First & Last names, please)

* Please print clearly

Phone Number _____ Check # _____

Number Attending (Members/Guests) _____ / _____ @\$16/\$19 each = Total \$ _____

Late Registration:

Number Attending (Members/Guests) _____ / _____ @\$20/\$23 after May25 = Total \$ _____

Make check out to MSC (or Marco Sportfishing Club) and mail to:

Dave Walsh (Mail Only, NOT "Pay To")

1530 Caxambas Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

You can use the same envelope for multiple picnics, but separate checks are required for each picnic

DO NOT PUT CHECK IN MAILBOX

(If dropping off check, put check underneath doormat)

Gene Doyle Fishing Tournament



An opportunity came knocking to Marco SportFishing Club to be part of the Gene Doyle Fishing Tournament on the weekend of April 23rd & 24th. This tournament raises funds for adventure scholarships for Collier County juniors, seniors and college freshman. MSC's, John Marchetti (Jersey) responded and was assigned as a guide (non-fisherman) for 2 sponsored 12 year olds to compete in this tournament. This is a large open tournament with monitored launch sites in Estero, Naples, Goodland and Chokoloskee. There are a couple hundred anglers competing in different divisions. A "catch & release" tournament meant pictures, IDs and tally sheets to be turned in each day at your launch site. The real deal.

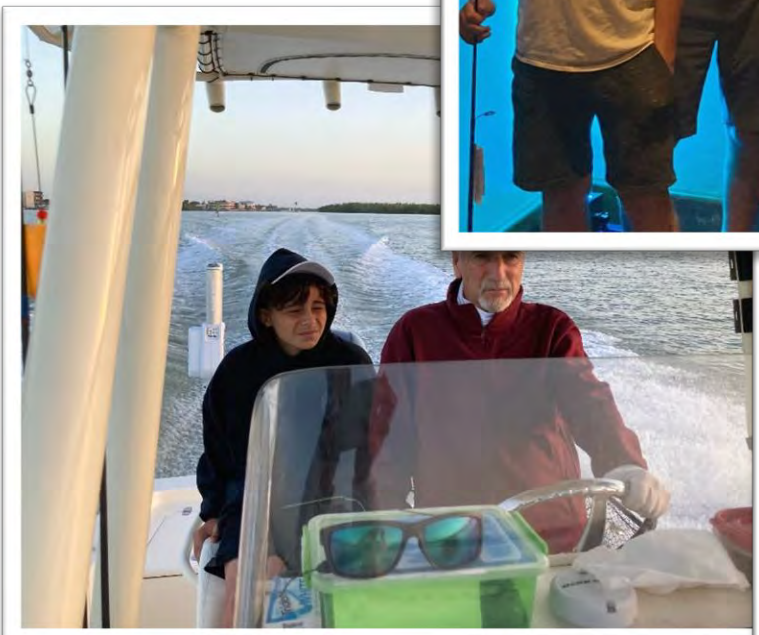
At Friday night's Captain's meeting, John met his two anglers and parents. Ben, an infrequent angler and Jose, a total newbie. Both were extremely anxious for Saturday's 7:00 AM lines in. John's objective was keeping the fishing rods bent, jigs and popping corks out of the mangroves, along with a great experience and lots of smiles.

With the higher winds in mind and with the assistance of his wife, Anne, John headed to the back bays in search of their prey, Snook, Redfish and Trout. Anne monitored Ben, while John worked with Jose. The fish came, unfortunately when you put the shrimp out there, catfish, jacks and ladyfish respond. They didn't care, they were catching fish! As the tide changed, they were able to salvage the day with some smaller snook and black drum. Back to the dock at 2:30 for check-in.

Sunday, the boy's father was able to sub-in as crew and the winds lightened up. "Captain John" headed for more familiar grounds. Unaccustomed to the power of a big snook, Ben missed a sure tournament winner as it neared the boat and decided the net was not where it wanted to be and headed for the mangroves. We've all been there. More determined than ever to seek the trio of fish, Jose landed a nice 22" Redfish, which brought big smiles, then more smiles when Ben landed a 21" Redfish soon after. A school of jacks and ladyfish provided excitement, but we still needed a trout to close out our entry. Fortunately, as time clicked down, we found trout for our tally sheet as we began our run back to Goodland.

Sunday night was the awards banquet at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Many sponsors, including Sunshine Ace Hardware were acknowledged. The boy's parents and even some of their teachers were in attendance. Academy Awards night (without the smack). To "Captain John's" relief, both Ben and Jose placed in their division and were awarded fishing rod and reel combinations.

We take for granted and assume that everyone who lives here in SW Florida experiences the dolphins, exotic birds, mangrove raccoons and the natural beauty that our club members frequently do, Jose and Ben's never did and their smiles filled the weekend. It was a great experience for all, including MSC's "Captain" John.





Notice from the FWC

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces 57-Day 2022 Gulf Red Snapper Recreational Season

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the 2022 Gulf red snapper recreational season which will total 57 days, the longest season since the state assumed management of red snapper and will include both a summer and fall season. Those fishing from private recreational vessels in state and federal waters in the Gulf and charter vessels without a federal reef fish permit who are limited to fishing in state waters will be able to participate in the 2022 Gulf red snapper season.

“Snapper season is one of the most exciting times to be fishing in Florida, and I am excited to announce the longest season since the state took over management of red snapper,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “People travel from all over to enjoy the recreational opportunities we have in Florida that can’t be found anywhere else. Florida is proud to continue providing access and opportunities to all who want to experience the Fishing Capital of the World.”

The 45-day summer season will begin on June 17 and continue through July 31. The 12-day fall season is the longest fall season since the beginning of state management and spans the following dates:

- **October 8-9**
- **October 15-16**
- **October 22-23**
- **November 11-13 (Veteran’s Day Weekend)**
- **November 25-27 (Weekend after Thanksgiving)**

If you plan to fish for red snapper in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, even if you are exempt from fishing license requirements, you must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler (annual renewal required) at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](https://www.GoOutdoorsFlorida.com).

Find more on recreational snapper regulations [here](#).

St Mark's Church, Marco Sportfishing Club & Our Daily Bread Mother's Day Food Drive



Celebrate Mother's Day – Help Moms and Babies

How You Can Help

To honor and cherish all mothers, please bring baby disposable diapers (sizes 3,4,5) and things for moms, such as body lotions, shampoo, feminine hygiene products and female Depends (or other brands) to St Mark's on Thursday, May 5th at the **Marco Sportfishing Club** monthly meeting. There will be a cart to hold your donations at the entrance to the Parish Hall.

Foods Urgently Needed

The Food Pantry is having a very hard time obtaining these foods: one-pound packages of pasta, 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, chips, crackers, and canned or bottled pasta sauce.

As always, the Food Pantry welcomes donations of ALL non-perishable foods.

OR

Give cash, or checks to St Mark's Episcopal Church, write "Our Daily Bread" in the memo line. St Mark's transfers 100% of these funds to the Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generosity!



2022 Triple Crown Tournament - COMING SOON!

MAY	FOM KING MACKEREL	
All Month	MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Monday, May 2, 2022	2022 Kayak Slam Tournament - Isles of Capri Paddle Park	Howard Laskau
Monday, May 2, 2022	Buddy Trip	Joe Perino
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	Quatro de Mayo - Picnic	Dave Walsh
Thursday, May 5, 2022	MSC General Meeting - St Mark's Parish Hall	Keith Wohltman
Monday, May 9, 2022	MSC Board Meeting - TBD	Keith Wohltman
Monday, May 16, 2022	Spring Slam Capt Mtg	Charlie Schwalje
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Spring Slam	Charlie Schwalje
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	Spring Slam Alt	Charlie Schwalje
Saturday, May 21, 2022	Wear-It Campaign Marco Island Yacht Club, 1:30-3:30. Wear Your Life Jacket	David Channey
Wednesday, May 25, 2022	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman

JUNE	FOM PERMIT	
All Month	MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	Steak - Picnic	Dave Walsh
Thursday, June 2, 2022	MSC General Meeting - St Mark's Parish Hall	Keith Wohltman
Monday, June 6, 2022	MSC Board Meeting - Sand Bar	Keith Wohltman
Thursday, June 9, 2022	Hook that Snook Capt. Meeting	Ron Linn
Friday, June 10, 2022	Hook that Snook fishing day	Ron Linn
Monday, June 13, 2022	Hook that Snook Alt	Ron Linn
Saturday, June 25, 2022	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman
Saturday, June 25, 2022	Kayak Event - Halfway Creek	Howard Laskau
TBD	Triple Crown Kick-off	Dave Schott

JULY	FOM MANGROVE SNAPPER	
All Month	MSC Offshore Slam, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina	Jim Scarpa
Friday, July 1, 2022	Triple Crown Starts	Dave Schott
Thursday, July 7, 2022	MSC General Meeting - St Mark's Parish Hall - Shark Fishing	Keith Wohltman
Monday, July 11, 2022	MSC Board Meeting - Sand Bar	Keith Wohltman
Monday, July 11, 2022	Kayak Event - Lover's Key	Howard Laskau
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	Shark Event	Baker/Paul M
Thursday, July 14, 2022	Shark Event (alt Fishing day)	Baker/Paul M
Friday, July 15, 2022	Shark Picnic	Baker/Paul M
Monday, July 25, 2022	Newsletter Deadline	John Ryckman

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Marco Sportfishing Club

March 21, 2022

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Triple Crown Tournament Coordinator	Dave Schott

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