



Captain's Corner / Tackle Box

February 2023

President - Chris Vines

Vice President - Brent Paulson

Treasurer - Donna Deeter

Secretary - John Baker



Howdy y'all, I want to introduce myself, the newly elected President, as well as the other officers serving this 2-year term with me. I have alternated with Donna Deeter as the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the past four years, and she has now taken over the Treasurer's duties once again. Our Vice President, Brent Paulson, is a recent and very welcome addition to our Club, and brings a ton of computer savvy along with his wife Angie who has volunteered to be our Social Committee Chairman. Our long time Secretary /Jack-of-all-trades, John Baker, has been a mainstay on the Board and is a tireless supporter and volunteer for everything we do!! Our remaining current Board of Directors members are all continuing their service to the Club and have my heartfelt thanks for their dedication and volunteering. Keith Wohltman has done an amazing job leading our group of volunteers, and continues on the Board as the Immediate Past President.... THANK YOU Keith!! Pete Arcidiacono finally gets to RETIRE!! Congrats and many thanks to Pete for all his years of service, and to his wife Patty for putting up with us!!! I will do my utmost to hold the reigns steady for the next two years, and I can only hope to come close to filling the size 20 shoes that Keith left in the box for me.

And that brings me to you, our members, for whom we have pledged our service. Thank you for your support of our efforts, your understanding of our duties in running our Club, your financial support through membership dues and event entries, and your continued assistance by volunteering in helping us run the Club. Volunteers are the folks who run our Club!!! Step up and help!!

Please reach out to us with your ideas and suggestions on how to make the Marco Sportfishing Club worthy of your membership!!



Tight Lines & Boat Safe!!
Happy Retirement Capt. Pete!!!

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February General Meeting

Captain Ralph Hawkins
American Patriot & American Hunter

First Thursday of the month!

February 2nd - at 7:00 PM

St Mark's Parish Hall

Sign Up Tables

50/50

American Hunter Raffle

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Fishing Event Awards

2022 Offshore Slam

Pompano Double Down

2022 Leaderboard Shirts

The American Hunter is a 75' boat, based in Marco's own Rose Marina, that provides 8 & 12 hour trips. He will be discussing the tackle, techniques, and process of locating fish in our "within reach" waters.

LEADER BOARD & Fish of the Month Updates

Get updates using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DLt085ERxRO1BTU0PGS-PuJQn42L-xMESDLojd3TNEI/edit#gid=0>



Marco Sportfishing Club Speaker Series

Once again, the Marco SportFishing Club will be presenting Ralph Hawkins' Captain and principal of the **American Patriot AND American Hunter** . Previously, Captain Ralph has focused on his Long Range Vessel, **American Patriot** and techniques used at 500 feet plus. An extremely successful outing by MSC members last April was proof of his expertise on the waters.

This meeting will be of greater relevance to the offshore anglers of our club and their waters.

His vessel, **American Hunter**, is a 75' boat, based in Marco's own Rose Marina, that provides 8 & 12 hour trips. He will be discussing the tackle, techniques, and process of locating fish in our "within reach" waters.

Last minute update. Captain Ralph is the man!!! Due to his generosity and support of our club he is donating two tickets for a 12-hour offshore trip **AND** two tickets for an 8 hour offshore trip on the American Hunter. These tickets will be raffled off at the February meeting. Tickets will be \$5. each or 5 tickets for \$20.

There will be four winning tickets!



Offshore Update – Feb 2023

What's Happening Offshore...

Red Grouper and Lane Snapper re-opened January 1, 2023 in state and federal waters and the bite has been hot. Pick a day with decent weather and run out to your favorite fishing spots and get in on the action. Gag Grouper is closed and will re-open Sept 1 through Nov 10, 2023.

Snapper can be caught at all depths (bigger fish usually being in deeper water), including some nice Muttons, near reefs / wrecks and on ledges. Keep an eye on the crab traps nearshore and out to about 65' of water for Tripletail laying under the buoys, they cannot resist a live shrimp free-lined or under a small float. Cobia are still in the area migrating south and have been seen / caught on several of the nearshore reefs / wrecks and towers, keep a live bait or big jig handy in case one pulls up behind your boat (they are not the smartest fish in the ocean). African Pompano can be found typically near structure and as shallow as 80' and they usually start schooling up in late spring. AJ's are around structure as well but season is closed through April 30, 2023. There has been a lot of bait nearshore so keep an eye out for Bonito and Spanish Mackerel feeding on the bait, look for surface activity and working birds to locate them, they are lots of fun on light tackle – don't forget the wire leader for the Mackerel! Trolling lures or drifting larger live baits on the outer edges of the Spanish Mackerel schools may find a hungry King too. Speaking of Kingfish, they seem to have disappeared after the Christmas cold front, but they should be back as the water warms a bit into the low 70's, it's a good idea to keep a live bait on the surface behind your boat when drifting structure or live bottom, or while anchored and chumming. Permit have left for winter, they will be back in spring.

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

The 2022 Offshore Slam is officially over, we had some very nice fish caught and late flurry of entries in December. Please plan to attend the February 2 meeting if you participated as we will present the winners with their trophies and cash. In addition, all participants can claim their event gifts.

MSC Offshore Slam 2023, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

Don't forget to sign up for the 2023 Offshore Slam, the event flyer is in the Newsletter and on the MSC website. We made a few improvements for this year...we added several additional species to the list to make it easier to complete a Slam and are again allowing fish that are not in season or of legal size to be entered – please handle these fish with care and get them back in the water healthy. Current Standings are below - we have had some nice fish already entered and our first completed Slam.

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.

Super Grouper Spring 2023

The Captain's Meeting Friday April 14, 2023 at Crazy Flamingo 4:00 pm. The fishing window is Saturday April 15 through Sunday April 23, 2023. The event flyer is in the Newsletter and on the MSC website. There will be 6 prizes...top 3 in each division (80' max and 120' max). Sign up today!

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 slowed down again. 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



2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Current Standings (as of Jan 21)

Captain's Award Leader – Lopez 4

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Species 3			Species 4			Slam Y / N	Total Length
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Length	Species	Captain		
Mike	Lopez	29.75	Lopez	14.50	Lopez	24.25	Lesser AJ	Lopez	10.50	Porgy	Lopez	Y	79.00
Mike	Mueller	30.00	Mueller	18.50	Mueller							N	48.50
Mike	Kropp	25.50	Mueller	15.50	N/A							N	41.00
John	Cavanagh	30.00	N/A									N	30.00
Don	Richards	28.00	Richards									N	28.00
Chris	Vines	26.50	N/A									N	26.50
John	Ryckman	25.00	Ryckman									N	25.00
Jeff	Kaczka					20.25	Lesser AJ	Lashley				N	20.25
Jim	Scarpa											N	0.00
Donna	Deeter											N	0.00
Kevin	Krygier											N	0.00
Rod	Lashley											N	0.00
Brent	Paulson											N	0.00
Keith	Wohltman											N	0.00
Rick	Babuka											N	0.00
Bruce	Donaldson											N	0.00
Mark	Milici											N	0.00
John	Heckler											N	0.00
Daniel	Wolfe											N	0.00
Mark	Staley											N	0.00
Frank	Troha											N	0.00
Steve	Schwindt											N	0.00



2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com

Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2023

Offshore Slam Species: Grouper (Red, Gag, Black)

Snapper (Mangrove, Lane,
Yellowtail, Mutton,
Vermillion)

Permit

Cobia

Kingfish

African Pompano

Amberjack (Lesser & Greater)

Almaco Jack

Porgy

Must catch a Grouper and Snapper
plus any 2 of these species to
complete the SLAM and qualify
to win

Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers (must be an active MSC member to enter)

Click here for Sign-up Sheet and Changes for 2023

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2023-OffshoreSlam2023/2023-0101-OffshoreSlam2023.pdf>

2nd Annual MSC American Patriot Long Range Charter 2023



The Second Annual American Patriot Long Range Fishing adventure will be taking place on April 24- 27, 2023. In 2022 20 club members ventured out for several days of action packed fishing (and dining) aboard the 135' long range fishing vessel.

Sold Out

The cost for the 4-day Pulley Ridge trip is \$1300, plus gratuity. Electric reel rentals are available for \$226 for the trip. A tackle package is also available for those that don't want to tie their own rigs. Total "guesstimate" of \$1800.

Because of last minute (health related) cancellations last year, we had to scramble to fill our obligatory 20 anglers to secure the entire boat at our discounted price. We are building a reserve list now that we are sold out.

If this is something you may be interested in, talk to one of last year's anglers or give John (Jersey) Marchetti a call (201-446-5611) or email jvmarch@msn.com to be added to the reserve list. American Patriot Website: <https://americanpatriotfishing.com/>



Marco Island Beach Clean up!!!

March 18, 2023

The club will be sponsoring the beach clean-up on March 18, 2023. Please come out and join us and show your support. Bring your friends and family and be sure and wear some Marco Sportfishing Club swag.

JOIN US MARCO ISLAND!

BEACH CLEAN UP

Saturday 3/18/2023

8:00 am – 10:00 am

South Beach, Marco Island

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring the kids! Teach them the importance of stewardship and the impact of trash on our beaches!

We only pick up **non-organic** (abiotic) material. Plastic, paper, straws, food wrappers, cigarette butts, and general TRASH!
We do not remove sea life or naturally occurring marine debris.



For more information email:
kgrigsby@cityofmarcoisland.com
City of Marco Island
Beach & Coastal Resources
Advisory Committee



Donations from
MICA, Leadership Marco Alumni, CJ's on the Bay
and **Marco Island Yoga** provide bags, gloves, and a limited supply of buckets and grabbers for use by cleanup volunteers.
If you have one, bring your own grabber, bag or bucket!

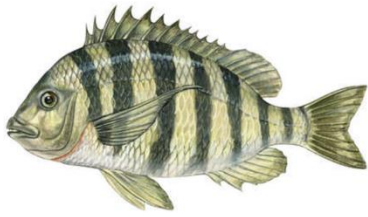


Thank you to this Month's Volunteer Organization:

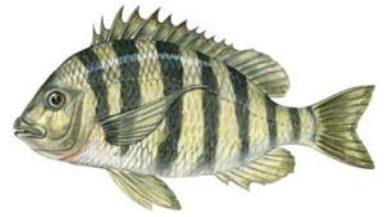


Marco Sportfishing Club





2023 Sheepshead Shindig Fact Sheet



All MSC Anglers: Come one and come all to the 2023 Sheepshead Shindig!

There will be a total of 8 cash awards:

1st thru 3rd Place awards for the 2 heaviest sheepshead per boat regardless of number of anglers. 1st thru 5th Place awards for the heaviest sheepshead caught by individual angler.

- \$25 entry fee per angler for MSC Member Fishing Only. Dinner & Fishing fee \$50
- \$30 entry fee per angler for Non-Member Fishing Only. Dinner & Fishing fee \$55
(Non-Members MUST RIDE WITH MEMBER ON BOARD)
- Dinner guest fees are \$35 for MSC member & \$40 for Non-MSC member.

Dates and Times:

Captain's Meeting.....Monday, February 20, 2023, 4:00 PM at Sarazen Park
 Tournament.....Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6-Hour Flex Time
 Weigh-In.....Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:30 to 5:00 PM Sarazen Park BYOB
 RAIN DATE.....Thursday, February 23, 2023, 6-Hour Flex Time
 RAIN DATE Weigh-In.....Thursday, February 23, 2023, 3:30 to 5:00 PM Sarazen Park BYOB
 Awards Dinner..... Monday, February 27, 2023 6:00 to 8:00 PM, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

NOTE: Entry Forms to be submitted by Captains ONLY.

All completed entry forms & fees must be submitted and paid by February 20, 2023
Once capacity of the Church is reached no more dinner reservations will be accepted.

Rules:

- * FWC rules & MSC backwater boundaries apply except West to include 5 mile reef.
South only to Everglades National Park boundaries (Camp Lulu).
- * MSC Guide rule in effect - No fishing from docks or beaches.
- * Must fish from a boat with 9.9 HP motor or larger.

Enter at General Meetings or send completed entry form with payment (checks made out to MSC) and mail to:

Gloria Robertson
 8225 Xenia Lane
 Naples, FL 34114
 (860) 620-3635
 Grob8225@gmail.com

LINK TO REGISTRATION FORM

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2023-SheepsheadTourny/2023-0221-SheepsheadShindigRegistration.pdf>



Ladies Fishing Event
Monday, March 6th - Saturday, March 11th, 2023
Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park
Sunday, March 12th, 2023 4–6 P.M.

The “Baiting Beauties” Ladies Fishing Event was created to encourage more women’s participation in the Marco Sportfishing Club, educate female members about boating and Sportfishing in and around Marco Island.

The past 9 events have been tremendously successful, and we are now planning *Baiting Beauties 10*. **This year’s fishing event will be held Monday, March 6th - Saturday, March 11th, 2023 and the Awards Picnic will be held on Sunday, March 12th.** The picnic will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. at Sarazen Park (rain or shine). MSC will provide the food, water, and soft drinks.

Women of all skill levels are invited to participate from complete beginners to women anglers who appear on the Club’s Leaderboard competing with the men. Male/Female Captains and crew will be there to mentor, teach, or just stay of the way! You can bait your own hook and unhook your catch, but it is not required.

Format: Volunteer Captain with a boat, lady angler(s), and crew. Lady Anglers who want to captain their own boat are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to individual anglers based on their catch – this is not a team event.

Fishing: CHOOSE one day of fishing -- **Monday, March 6th - Saturday, March 11th, 2023**.
Captains may choose any 4-hour time period – lines in and lines out.

Entry Fees:

Member Angler Entry Fee plus picnic	\$35.00
Non-Member Angler* plus picnic	\$40.00 Waiver Required
Member Picnic Fee (Crew & Friends)	\$25.00
Non-Member Picnic Fee (Crew & Friends)	\$30.00

All entries must be received by Monday, March 1st, 2023

Click this link for the **Rules**: http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-EVENT_RULES.pdf

Click this link to **Register**: http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-ENTRY_FORM.pdf

Click this link for the **Non-Member Waiver**: <http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0306-BaitingBeauties10-WAIVER.pdf>

FeBREWfest XVIII



Sarazen Park 12 Noon
Wednesday, February 15
\$18.00 Members/\$23 Guests Each
***\$21/\$26 G after February 8**
\$26.00 at the door (Includes \$3 Late fee)
SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR

**Brats, Roasted Chicken, German Potato
 Salad, Spätzle, Sauerkraut, and Red
 Cabbage**

Catered by Pepper's
WWW.PEPPERSNAPLES.COM

Please support our partners who aren't price gouging
Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water included

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RESERVATION for FeBREWfest XVIII
 MEMBER'S NAME: _____

Members/family @ \$18 = \$ _____
 Guests @ \$21 = \$ _____
 Late fee @ \$3 per person* = \$ _____
 Total = \$ _____

* Checks must be **RECEIVED** by February 8
 Make check payable to **MSC**
Mail SEPARATE checks for each picnic to:
 (Same envelope OK)

Dave Walsh
 1530 Caxambas Ct.
 Marco Island, FL 34145 389-9755

Don't leave checks in mailbox; put under doormat

PROBABLE FUTURE PICNIC DATES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Jason's Sammich
 Wednesday, April 19, 2023 TBD
 Wednesday May 3, 2023 Tres de Mayo
 Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Steak Bar-B-Q

POLICY Summary

- 1) Due to scheduling and caterer contracts, picnics will be held rain or shine (except in the event of named storms).
- 2) No refunds will be given for cancellations on the day of the picnic.
- 3) A list of paid attendees will be published several days prior to the picnic so there will be no confusion about who has paid or not paid.
- 4) In order to facilitate the above and allow proper notification to caterers, payment deadline is one week prior to the picnic.
- 5) Payment must be in the hands of the picnic chairman by the deadline, not in the mail (just like the banks, so be aware of holidays).
- 6) The late fee is \$3 per/person.
- 7) Walk-in fee is \$5 (plus \$3 late fee).
- 8) Guests cost more (other fees above also apply).

CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES

Picnics are held at the MICA Sarazen Park (910 Swallow Ave.) and MICA membership is required to park. There are several alternatives if you do not qualify for MICA membership:

- 1) Collier County residents can get a Collier County beach sticker 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. Be aware that Park Rangers sometimes hassle you, claiming the parking is for the beach only, and will ticket you if you go to the picnic. **HINT: Don't make it obvious you're going to picnic (e.g. passing chairs over fence).**
- 2) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot (\$8).
- 3) Ride with a MICA member.
- 4) Have a MICA member ride with you.
- 5) Parking on the swales within a mile of South Beach Access or Sarazen Park is not permitted. The current fine is \$95.

1/4/2023

Jason's Annual Sammich and St. Pat's Picnic
WEDNESDAY March 15, 2023, @ Sarazen Park, 12 Noon



\$17 (\$20 Guests) Each - Same as Last Year – No Price Increase

\$21 (\$24 Guests) RECEIVED after March 8

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

Jason's famous New York Yankee Sammich) 3/4 pound combo of hot corned beef and pastrami, Swiss, Marbled Rye
(Contact Dave for a dietary alternative)

Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Pop and Water Included

Attention: If you are not a MICA (Marco Island Civic Association) member do NOT park in the MICA lot. Be courteous to the guard and wait for him if he's inside. Do NOT park in the swales around Sarazen Park, fine is \$95.

Follow this link for more information and suggestions on how to manage parking and access:

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

Follow this link below for all the Picnic Rules and Guidelines:

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/RULES-Picnics/2022-0428-PICNIC.GENERAL.RULES.pdf>

Verify your name is on the Who's Coming List on the website. If not (your check might still be in the mail), contact Dave: 389-9755 (dumb landline, doesn't take texts) or daveandsusie@AOL.com to let him know so he can revise food order. The order is placed March 9th so if your name isn't on the list you'll go hungry.

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

Reservation for Jason's Sammich Picnic, Wednesday March 15th

NAME(s) - Family Members (includes Spouse) & Non-Member Guests* (First & Last names, please)

* Please print clearly

Phone Number _____ Check # _____

Number Attending (Family Members/Guests) ____ / ____ @\$17/\$20 each = Total \$ _____

Late Registration: Add \$4/person and contact Dave so he can increase food order

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)



Spring Trout “Spotacular”!

(Ver 1.0.2023)

Fishing Dates: March 14th-19th, 2023-Tuesday-Sunday – You pick the day you want to fish!

Capt.’s Meeting: Monday, March 13th, 4:00 at the Sand Bar

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

Event Target Fish: Spotted Sea Trout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 5th – Total inches of 6 longest trout

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 up to \$300 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 to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- Powerboats and kayaks are eligible to fish
- Photos required for all fish registered for team & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Notify Charlie Schwalje of the day you choose to fish or the day before you fish.
- Turn in Tally Sheet and photos to Charlie Schwalje no later than 5:00 PM, the day after you fish.

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

Charlie Schwalje

Email- c.schwalje@comcast.net

Cell - 732-570-8450

Click Below to Register

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0314-SpringTroutSpotacularREGISTRATION.2023.pdf>

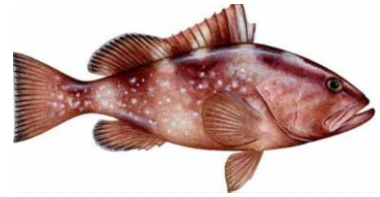
Click Below for Tally Sheet

http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0314-SpringTroutSpotacularTALLY_SHEET.2023.pdf



Super Grouper – Spring 2023

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, jscarpa@ymail.com



Fishing Dates: Saturday April 15 thru Sunday April 23, 2023

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

Deadline to Enter: **Friday April 14, 2023**

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

Maximum one prize per boat. Six prizes total.

- 120' Division - Total combined length of 3 legal Grouper - any Red, Black, Gag Grouper.
Prizes for top three.
- 80' Division - Total combined length of 2 legal Grouper - any Red, Black, Gag Grouper.
Prizes for top three.

Captains Meeting: Friday April 14, 2023, 4:00 pm at Crazy Flamingo

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 and crew may fish with multiple Captains / Boats.
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 maximum depth of 120' or 80" (depending upon division)
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 within 1 day of fishing.

Click here to signup: <http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0415-SuperGrouper-Spring%202023-FLYER.pdf>

Buddy Trip January 12, 2023

This was a perfect day for a Buddy outing. The weather was beautiful with warm temperatures and gentle breezes. The trip started with two boats from the north end of Marco meeting an additional six boats from the southern part of the island early in the morning (9:30 AM), 500 yards short of Coon Key.

A total of 27 anglers were on the eight boats. We fished the Coon Key area for a while without a lot of luck. We then moved on to the vicinity of Camp Key and Turtle Key where the action picked up somewhat by mid-day. Some boats later fished Sugar Bay and the surrounding area looking for the elusive whiting, but to no avail. Among the fish caught were silver trout, whiting (only a few) spotted sea trout, lady fish, lizard fish, bonnethead shark, snappers, and as usual some feisty catfish.

That evening the day was ended with a pleasing feeling of relaxation and camaraderie when 35 people met for cocktails and dinner at Paradise Found Restaurant. It was an ideal ending to a perfect day of fishing and dining with wonderful friends.

If you wish to make any comments, words of wisdom or to be added to the Buddy List email Joe Perino at rivpress@aol.com.

The next outing will be February 13, 2023.

	<p><i>Brought to you by ...</i></p>	<p><i>Dockside Fuel Delivery</i> 239-389-2012 Order Online www.ParadiseFuel.com</p>
<p><i>Another day in Paradise ...</i></p>		<p>Non-Ethanol Gasoline - Dyed Diesel (Minimum 50 Gals - On Marco Island)</p>



2023 Pompano Double Down Results

Submitted by Charlie Schwalje

Pompano Double Down was held over five days- January 9th through 13th. The weather was good for 4 out of 5 of the fishing days. The multi-day format seemed to be popular and worked out well. Fishing was good with 15 pompano and numerous trout tallied.

Pretty good for January.

Here are the results...

- 15 teams totaling 35 anglers participated
- 35 anglers – for a total of \$355.00 in entry fees
- Club funds- \$300.00 – Total Prize Pool = \$655.00

Team Awards:

- 1st- Bob Bixler, Pat Ayellot, Bob Trento- 96.75"- 3 pompano, 1 trout- \$140.00
2nd- Jeff & Cathy Erickson, John Rafes, Steve Jacobs- 93"- 4 pompano- \$120.00
3rd- Ken Robertson, Dave Dodd, Bob Schneider- 91.5"- 4 pompano- \$100.00
4th- Dick Yeaton, Bill Welter, Phil Madonia-73.25"- 1 pompano, 3 trout- \$85.00
5th- Jack Facciolo, Dale Rod, Ed Boyle-65.5"- 4 trout- \$75.00

Individual Largest Pompano Award: Bob Trento-16.25"- \$75.00

Individual Largest Sea Trout Award: Bob Bixler-17.75"- \$60.00

Total Prize \$ Awarded = \$655.00

Thank you to everyone who participated! Be sure to register for the upcoming backwater events:

February- Sheepshead
March-Sea Trout Spotacular



MSC Monthly Kayak Event Hell's Gate/Palm Bay

The first kayak trip of the year started out on a clear, chilly morning, Air temperature was in the mid 50's and the water temperature was hovering around 60. Many of the rugged kayakers who showed up at the launch were wondering what effect the cool temperature was going to have on the fishing. It didn't take too long to find out.



The sun quickly made things a lot more comfortable for the kayakers who were trying their favorite spots in and around Palm Bay. The chill in the air was gone, and the bite turned on! Announcements were made over the radio with each catch. Everyone was catching fish...redfish, snook and trout!

By the end of the day, a total of 16 Redfish were caught, along with a number of Snook and Trout. The biggest Redfish of the day was 27.75" and was caught by Dave Dodd. Victor Ordija landed an 18.5" Trout. Many of the kayakers recorded an individual "Slam" (Redfish, Snook, and Trout) and some even recorded multiple slams!



Kenny Dean, a new member of the Kayak group, landed his first Redfish in a kayak. Congratulations Kenny. Many more to come!

The MSC Kayak group holds outings to different locations every month. If you would like to be a part of it and join in the fun, just go to the MSC website, click on the "Kayak Fishing" tab and sign up for the kayak email list. You will be notified a week to 10 days before each event and be provided with all the details you need!



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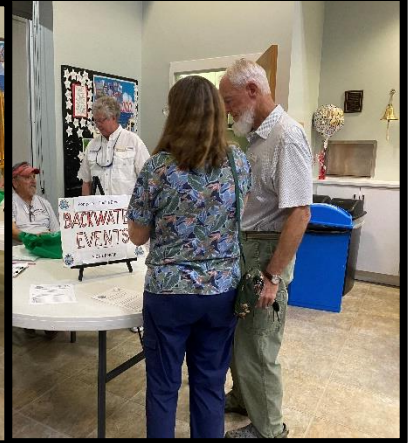
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Thanks for all you service to the club Capt. Pete!



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