



Captain's Corner / Tackle Box March 2023

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Howdy once again!! Another month in the books, and hopefully more glorious fishing days too!! Time again for the much anticipated monthly newsletter, which does not happen without our amazing Editor, John Ryckman. Thank you John for your hard work, time, and dedication to making it great!!

I want to take a moment to recognize the Sponsors who help out our Club with funding, prizes, event locations, Captain's Meetings, advertising, discounts, boating safety, etc., so that I can ask YOU to thank THEM for what they do for US. If you see them, please do so, and if you happen to shop at their stores or use their services, do the same and let them know how much The Marco Sportfishing Club appreciates them and their businesses and support. In no particular order, they are The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley, Paradise Fuel, Rose Marina, Walker Marine, Naples Kayak Outfitters, Captain Pete's Rod & Reel Repair, Thomas Cook Marine, Florida Adventures, Floridian Art, Insurance Solutions of SW Florida, Marine Electric of SW Florida, Sunshine Ace Hardware, The Sandbar, The Crazy Flamingo, Marco Island Brewery, Marco Bait & Tackle, USCG Aux Flotilla 95, and The Power Squadron. Some of these supporters have business card ad's at the end of this newsletter with links to their websites.

Another issue that I feel is very important to us, but often forgotten in the background of all our activities, is SAFETY. Please don't forget that many of the things we do as a Club and in our personal lives can have extreme consequences if we leave out this important aspect. We have two great organizations that support our Club by attending the General Meetings: The Power Squadron, and the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 95. Both provide safe boating information, classes, and vessel safety checks. Captains - please get your vessels checked by one of these organizations!! It's totally free, they come to you at your convenience, and there are no fines or penalties at all, just free advice on what you can do to insure your vessel is up to speed should you get stopped on the water or boat ramp. The FWC and Sheriff WILL potentially ticket you \$\$\$\$. Sign up at a meeting or give them a call please. Additionally, Captains, please make sure and give anyone you take out on your vessel a good SAFETY BRIEFING to include locations of life jackets, safety gear and fire extinguishers, and how to use the VHF radio. Even if they have been out with you before, just a refresher is a nice reminder, and your CREW may end up saving YOUR life if something goes drastically wrong!

Thank you, new members and old, 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!!

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March General Meeting

Captain Captain John "JED" Dillashaw
Spring Nearshore Fishing

First Thursday of the month!

March 2nd - at 7:00 PM

St Mark's Parish Hall

Sign Up Tables

Sheepshead Results

50/50

Doors open at 6:30 PM



Charter vessel operator and fishing guide on Marco Island, FL. Native, 2nd generation fishing guide in the 10,000 islands and coastal Gulf specializing in Offshore, Nearshore and Inshore fishing.

***Raffle to win a 4 Hour Charter with Capt. JED
Capt. JED can be reached at (239) 237-6012***

As part of the 50/50 drawing this month we are going to give away a **\$200 voucher** for boat gas from one of our valued sponsors. Paradise fuel will come to your house and fill up your boat(s). 50 gallon minimum. Steve is the owner / operator and a great guy.

LEADER BOARD & Fish of the Month Updates

Get updates using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DLt085ERxRO1BTU0PGS-PuJQn42L-xMESDLoid3TNEI/edit#gid=0>

Offshore Update – Mar 2023

What's Happening Offshore...

Don't forget...Gag Grouper is closed and will re-open Sept 1 through Nov 10, 2023, AJ is closed and will re-open May 1, 2023.

Red Grouper are being caught from 45' on out, with larger fish and higher keeper rates in the 100-120' range. Target your fishing window during times with good current flow and high solunar activity for best bite. 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. There hasn't been reports of Cobia in the area recently, but 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 – still fun to bend a rod if you are looking for a great fight. 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, a few sightings have been reported again now that the water is back in the low / mid 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 (soon...).

Check out the photo's below of two recent grouper catches – 35" Red and a 42" Gag (returned to fight again).

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, thanks to those that participated. The final results and prize money payouts are summarized below, congratulations to the winners. Don't forget to sign up today for the 2023 Offshore Slam if you have not already.

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 – 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



2022 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

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Final Results

Top Captain Award – Mueller 6

Largest of Each Species Highlighted in **Yellow**

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Species 3			Species 4			Slam Y / N	Total Length
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Length	Species	Captain		
Mike	Kropp	31.25	N/A	28.50	N/A	25.75	AP	N/A	40.25	King	Kropp	Y	125.75
Mike	Mueller	32.75	Mueller	25.50	N/A	29.50	AP	N/A	29.00	Permit	N/A	Y	116.75
Rick	Babuka	32.25	Mueller	22.00	N/A	37.00	AJ	N/A	25.25	AP	Babuka	Y	116.50
Jim	Scarpa	29.00	Scarpa	24.75	Scarpa	31.75	AP	Scarpa				N	85.50
John	Cavanagh	31.00	Mueller	16.00	N/A	29.50	Permit	N/A				N	76.50
John	Heckler	31.50	Heckler	25.75	Heckler							N	57.25
Jim	Parent	31.00	Parent	20.50	Parent							N	51.50
Don	Richards	28.50	Richards	21.50	Richards							N	50.00
Jeff	Kaczka	31.25	Mueller	17.00	N/A							N	48.25
Steve	Schwindt	28.75	Schwindt	18.00	Schwindt							N	46.75
Chris	Vines					45.00	King	Krygier				N	45.00
Frank	Troha	25.50	Troha	18.75	Troha							N	44.25
Keith	Wohltman	25.75	Crowell	17.75	Crowell							N	43.50
Mike	Lopez	25.00	Lopez	15.00	Lopez							N	40.00
Allan	Bristow	31.25	Mueller									N	31.25
Rod	Lashley	29.25	N/A									N	29.25
Pete	Arcidiacono	29.00	Crowley									N	29.00
Kevin	Krygier	25.75	Krygier									N	25.75
Jeff	Erickson			18.00	Mueller							N	18.00
John	Ryckman			12.50	Ryckman							N	12.50
Robert	Crane											N	0.00
Ralph	Crowell											N	0.00
Mark	Staley											N	0.00
Donna	Deeter											N	0.00
Mark	Milici											N	0.00
Frank	Renkel											N	0.00
Paul	Doppelt											N	0.00



2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

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Current Standings (as of Feb 22)

Top Captain Award Leader – Mueller 6

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	32.00	Lopez	14.50	Lopez	24.25	Lesser AJ	Lopez	10.50	Porgy	Lopez	Y	81.25
John	Cavanagh	30.00	N/A	21.00	N/A	41.50	AJ	N/A				N	92.50
Mike	Mueller	30.00	Mueller	18.50	Mueller	28.00	Lesser AJ	Mueller				N	76.50
Mike	Kropp	25.50	Mueller	15.50	N/A	18.00	Lesser AJ	Mueller				N	59.00
Don	Richards	28.00	Richards	18.75	Richards							N	46.75
Rick	Babuka	29.00	N/A			16.00	Lesser AJ	Mueller				N	45.00
Chris	Vines	26.50	N/A	9.50	Lopez							N	36.00
Kevin	Krygier	27.75	Vines									N	27.75
John	Ryckman	27.50	Crowell									N	27.50
Keith	Wohltman	26.50	Crowell									N	26.50
Jim	Scarpa			23.75	N/A							N	23.75
Jeff	Kaczka					20.25	Lesser AJ	Lashley				N	20.25
Donna	Deeter											N	0.00
Rod	Lashley											N	0.00
Brent	Paulson											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
Ralph	Crowell											N	0.00
Frank	Renkel											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

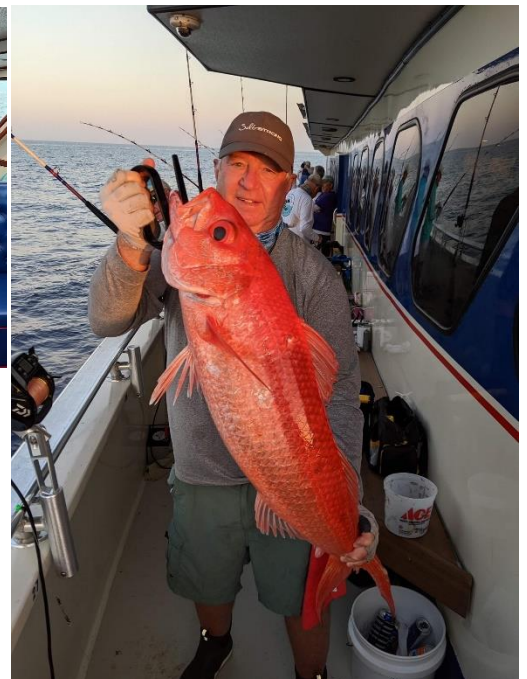
Attention:

For those of us that have booked this amazing trip, John (Jersey) Marchetti will be having Captains Meeting for the group. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 9th, 2023 at Mackle Park. John will be talking what to bring and rigging. Last year was our first year so needless to say we are a lot smarter for this trip. Well, some of us....

The meeting will take place at 6PM.

Don't forget to reserve your electric reels!!!

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/>





The Marco Sportfishing Club New Member Luncheon will take place at the Marco Island Brewery on Monday, March 6 at 12:30 PM. Pizza, Salad, Beer and Soda provided. Cost is \$12 per person. This lunch is for new members only.

Last year's luncheon was a great success and we hope to repeat this again this year. In addition to pizza and refreshments the event will feature guest speakers from the club informing the new members the various events, tournaments, and basic workings of the club. The goal of the lunch is to introduce new members to each other, learn about some of the various aspects of the club, meet new and established members, and generally make the new members feel welcomed. This is a great way to meet and make new friends while learning all the great things the club has to offer.

All new members and spouses / significant others are welcome.
See you there!

Jay "Chicken" Terzis
New Member Liaison

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





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 Wednesday, 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>

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





5 Phase Fishing Event

Fishing Time: Month of April 2023

Capt's Meeting: Tuesday, March 28th, 4:00 PM at the Sandbar.

This event is open to power boats and kayaks. Captains and Anglers must be MSC Members.

See 5 Phase Fishing Event – Random Phase sheet for rules.

Prize:

[See the Random Phase Rules Page](#)

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per MSC angler.

Prize amount determined by the number of anglers plus \$500 club funds

Entries must be submitted by Friday, April 7th.

ENTRY FORM:

Angler's Name _____

Angler's Cell Number _____

Angler's Email _____

Please send completed entry form with payment (check made out to MSC) to:

**Mark Milici
1131 Twin Oak Ct
Marco Island, FL 34145
Marks.milici@gmail.com**

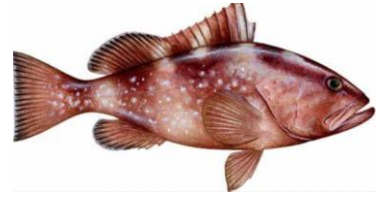
Links to Rules & Tally Sheet:

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0401-5PhaseEventRULES.pdf>

[http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0401-5PhaseEventTALLY SHEET.pdf](http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0401-5PhaseEventTALLY_SHEET.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>



2023 MSC KAYAK SLAM

Sponsored by Naples Outfitters

May 8, 2023 – 8 AM to 2 PM

Starts and finishes at Isles of Capri Paddle Park

Individual Entry Form

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

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Each \$25 entry entitles the angler to:

- Compete for cash awards
- Participant "extras"
- A whole lot of fun!

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

Kayak skill level: _____ Novice _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

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

\$25 - Kayak Slam entry fee

\$30 - 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, it 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

- Entries close April 24, 2023 –

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

Click here for Rules and General Information:

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2023-0508-KayakSlam-FLYER.pdf>

MSC Monthly Kayak Event Everglades City/Chokoloskee Bay

The MSC Kayak Group's February trip took place on a beautiful Thursday morning, starting from the Ranger Station in Everglades City. From there, the group went across Chokoloskee Bay, and into the beautiful winding trails of Everglades National Park. There was a group of 10 which split in two with half the kayakers going clockwise and the other half heading counter clockwise. Kenny Robertson landed the first of many Trout caught on the day. By the end he had caught numerous trout including a 19 3/4" one which has replaced Victor Ordija's for the top spot on the kayak leader board. He also landed 7 snook of various sizes. Everyone in the groups had a great day landing trout after trout and the obligatory Ladyfish. One thing of note is Dave "K-Tow" Dodd had to help Ron Linn back to the launch after he forgot his pedals and his small trolling motor battery ran out.

March will find the group heading to Stopper's Creek at the Shell Island launch on March 27th. There is expanding interest in the kayak group which may lead to multiple starting times in the future. If you are interested, please go to the kayak section on the MSC website and contact Howard Laskau to get on the email list.



Buddy Trip February 13, 2023

There was a Buddy Trip outing with some boats starting out at the Jolly Bridge and meeting additional boats at Coon Key. We stayed in touch on channel 78. We fished that area for a while looking for the elusive whiting without a lot of luck. We moved on to Shell Key and Turtle Key. Although the bite was slow, there was a plethora of fish caught. The catch consisted of lady fish, sheepshead, whiting, silver trout, speckled trout, bonnethead sharks, sand perch, jacks, pompano, cobia and of course a fair share of catfish. We assumed that the bite was slow because the day before the winds were very strong and that stirred up the water considerably.

The weather was a little cool, but it is winter and mild compared to being someplace else. There were 8 boats filled with 26 anglers. As usual the day was ended that evening when 50 people met for cocktails and dinner at Paradise Found Restaurant. It was a wonderful day to be among fishing buddies.

If you have any questions, words of wisdom, comments or wish to be added or removed from the Buddy List contact Joe Perino. rivpress@aol.com

The next Buddy Trip will be March 27, 2023.



2023 Sheepshead Tournament held on February 21, 2023

The Sheepshead Tournament was another HUGE success. The weather was beautiful even though the tides were in the negative numbers which made it challenging for the Captains and Anglers to get off their docks or launch their boats from the local Marinas. But with our MSC members there was no doubt that they were all a success!

There were 54 Anglers in the tournament and they weighed in a total of 43.76 pounds with only 20 fish. There were some monster fish weighed!

There were prizes given for 1st thru 3rd place for 2 largest fish caught per boat. There were prizes given for 1st thru 5th place for largest fish caught by an Angler. (The winners will be announced at the March 2, 2023 General Meeting)

Congratulations to Everyone and Thank you for your participation

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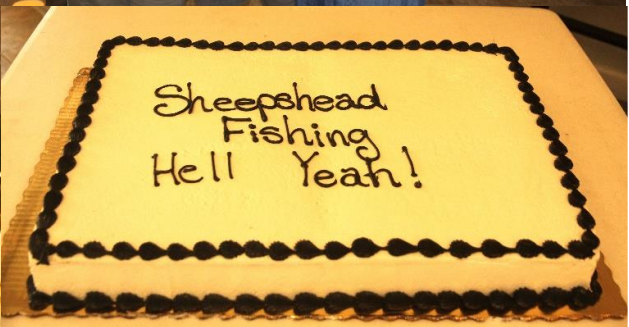


John Cavanagh with his 42" Gag Grouper...this beauty was returned to fight another day.



Norb Mika with his 35" Red Grouper

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