

# MSC Tackle Box

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



Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and around Marco Island

## President's Message for February 2024



Happy February, Marco Sportfishing Club!

Brrr! While the weather outside might be a little less "Sunshine State" than usual lately, things are definitely heating up on the Marco waterfront! Snowbirds are flocking in, "season" is in full swing, and our club calendar is packed with exciting events to keep you hooked all month long.

January in Review:

We kicked off the year with a bang! Here's a quick recap of our January activities:

- General Meeting: Captain John "JED" Dillashaw shared his wisdom, setting the stage for a year of epic fishing adventures.
- Kayak Extravaganza: We explored Hell's Gate/Palm Bay, proving that even the smallest boats can catch the biggest fish.
- Offshore Slam: The competition is heating up! Anglers are already reeling in big fish for this year-long Rose Marina-sponsored event.
- Buddy List Bonanza: We launched the first Buddy List fishing event, followed by a friendly cocktail hour and delicious dinner at Paradise Found.
- Picnic: Brent and Angela Paulson hosted a memorable Havana Day Dreamin' picnic,
- Back again for 2024 was the ever-popular "Whack-a-Whiting" tournament and a celebratory bash at Joe Perino's home.
- "Pompano Double Down": Charlie Schwalje's backwater fishing event is still underway (until February 4th!), promising double the fun and double the pompano.

February Forecast:

But January was just the appetizer! February promises a main course filled with fishing, fun, and good times.

- General Meeting - February 1<sup>st</sup>: Dive into knowledge with guest speaker Captain Kevin Merritt of Naples Backcountry Fishing. Learn his 20+ years' worth of secrets from fishing around Marco and the 10,000 Islands waters,
- also at this meeting, celebrate the "2023 Offshore Slam" winners and meet our new Vice President, Tom Obermeier.
- Get your boat safety inspection scheduled by the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron and sign up for a multitude of upcoming events.

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- Sheepshead Shindig: Get ready to reel in some sheepshead glory in our tournament sponsored by Walkers' Marine!
  - The captains meeting is February 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Fishing is February 8<sup>th</sup> (with a weather day on the 9<sup>th</sup>), and the two-fish weigh-in will be held on the fishing day at Sarazen Park
  - Banquet (where winners will be crowned!) at St. Mark's Parish Hall on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- More Fishing Fun: Get your fishing gear ready for Joe Perino's second Buddy List event on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Kayak Fishing: Howard Laskau's kayak trip will be on February 27<sup>th</sup> in Everglades City.
- FeBREWfest XIX: Don't miss Dave and Susie Walsh's legendary picnic tradition – sign up early for this epic February 21<sup>st</sup> feast!

#### Membership Update:

Membership renewals for 2024 closed at the January General Meeting, but new members are always welcome! Share the love of fishing with your friends and neighbors – the Marco Sportfishing Club has something for everyone.

In closing, February might have an extra day, but that just means more fun to be had! Get out there, enjoy the beautiful weather, and reel in some memories with the Marco Sportfishing Club.

If you can – get out and fish!!

Tight Lines

Keith

*PS - Don't forget to check inside this newsletter and on our club website for more details on events, sign-ups, and important club information. See you on the water!!*

## **LEADER BOARD & Fish of the Month Updates**

Get updates using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wm8PkKUIR02WOj6whtgE5xwfbnVn0Dcg7aCqPYN77mA/edit#gid=0>

# February General Meeting

**Thursday, February 1st, 2024**



**ST. MARK'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **Parish Hall**



Captain Mike is the owner / operator of Native Guide Service. Raised in Everglades, City, Captain Mike is a third generation fisherman who has been fishing since 6 years old and running his own boat since 13 years old. He has been a Professional Fishing Guide in SW Florida for over 25 years. Captain Mike specializes in catching Snook, but can catch everything the Everglades has to offer. With his expert knowledge of Ten Thousand Islands, top of the line fishing equipment, and 22' Pathfinder, he knows how to keep his customers on the fish.

Captain Mike can be reached at 561-252-4324, email [snookfishing1@juno.com](mailto:snookfishing1@juno.com)  
Win a 4 hour charter with Captain Mike – raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

***Sign Up Tables***

***Charter Raffle***

***50/50 drawing***

***Doors open at 6:30***

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

# Offshore Update – February 2024

## What's Happening Offshore...

Red Grouper are out there on live / hard bottom, with the larger fish in the deeper water (100'+), get them while you can as we expect another early season closure is coming. Snapper can be caught at all depths (bigger fish usually being in deeper water) near reefs / wrecks / towers and on ledges / live bottom. You can drift for them, but best method (in my opinion) is to locate them and anchor / chum. Depending upon water temperature (they like mid to upper 70's), Kingfish may be around structure and can be a by-catch while Snapper fishing, they have been around in the 50-80' range, if you get bit off in the chum slick put out a Kingfish rig with wire and see what happens. Cobia should start to migrate back through from the north as the water temps increase, keep a jig or live bait at the ready in case a Cobia swims up to the boat. African Pompano can be found typically near structure and as shallow as 80'. AJ's are around structure as well, they are fun to bend a rod if you are looking for a great fight. Keep an eye out for Bonito and Spanish Mackerel feeding on the bait schools, 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. Permit will start to migrate back to the higher elevation reefs and towers in spring when the water temperatures rise.

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

## Offshore Events...

### MSC Offshore Slam 2023, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

We had some serious competition in 2023 and some awesome fish caught. Thank you to everyone that participated in the event and of course to our sponsor Rose Marina. **Congratulations to the Champion Angler John Cavanagh and Top Captain Mike Lopez...great work.** Final results are posted below and on the MSC website.

### MSC Offshore Slam 2024, proudly sponsored by Rose Marina

**The 2024 Offshore Slam event flyer and sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter and can be found on the MSC website.** The format will be identical to 2023 and entry deadline will be June 30, 2024, but you cannot enter a fish caught prior to entering, so sign up today!

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 10% club discount on fishing tackle / bait too.

### Super Snapper Nearshore - Dec 2023

Captains had a tough time getting the weather to cooperate, the fishing window was extended 2 times and finally ended Dec 31. 5 boats / 11 anglers were able to fish, the final results are posted below. Congratulations to our winner Steve Schwindt with three massive Mangrove Snapper totaling 69".

### Super Grouper – Spring 2024

The Captain's Meeting will be Friday April 5, 2024 at 3:00 pm outside at Crazy Flamingo and the fishing window will be Saturday April 6 through Sunday April 15. We will again have 2 divisions, 80' and 120' max and prizes for the top 3 boats in each division. The event flyer and sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter and can be found on the MSC website. Sign-up soon.

## 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



## 2023 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

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### Final Results

Champion Angler Winner – John Cavanagh

Top Captain Award Winner – Mike Lopez with 13 entries

Current largest of each species is highlighted in GREEN

First	Last	Grouper		Snapper		Species 3			Species 4			Slam Y / N	Total Length
		Length	Captain	Length	Captain	Length	Species	Captain	Length	Species	Captain		
John	Cavanagh	30.00	N/A	21.00	N/A	41.50	AJ	N/A	31.00	Cobia	N/A	Y	123.50
Mike	Mueller	32.00	Mueller	21.00	Mueller	38.00	Cobia	N/A	31.00	Permit	N/A	Y	122.00
Chris	Vines	30.75	Lopez	25.75	Lopez	29.00	AJ	Lopez	28.50	Permit	Lopez	Y	114.00
Rick	Babuka	29.00	N/A	23.00	Mueller	30.25	Permit	N/A	26.75	King	Lopez	Y	109.00
Jim	Scarpa	25.75	Mueller	25.00	Mueller	27.75	AJ	Lopez	27.25	King	Lopez	Y	105.75
Mike	Lopez	32.00	Lopez	20.25	N/A	25.75	AJ	Lopez	25.50	Permit	Lopez	Y	103.50
Jeff	Kaczka	27.00	N/A	20.00	Mueller	27.75	Permit	Lashley	20.25	Lesser AJ	Lashley	Y	95.00
Kevin	Krygier	31.75	Vines	19.75	Lopez	26.25	Permit	Krygier	16.00	Almaco	Vines	Y	93.75
Brent	Paulson	30.00	Vines	19.75	Lopez	28.25	AJ	Lopez	11.75	Porgy	Vines	Y	89.75
Mike	Kropp	25.50	Mueller	15.50	N/A	18.00	Lesser AJ	Mueller	13.50	Porgy	N/A	Y	72.50
Don	Richards	28.00	Richards	18.75	Richards	13.00	AJ	Richards				N	59.75
Rod	Lashley	30.25	Lashley			27.00	AJ	Mueller				N	57.25
Jeff	Erickson	27.00	Mueller			27.00	AJ	Mueller				N	54.00
Ralph	Crowell	29.00	Crowell	11.75	Crowell	10.75	Porgy	Crowell				N	51.50
Keith	Wohltman	26.50	Crowell			24.75	AJ	Ryckman				N	51.25
Frank	Troha	24.25	Troha	24.50	Troha							N	48.75
John	Ryckman	27.50	Crowell	10.75	Crowell							N	38.25
Frank	Renkel			22.25	Schwindt							N	22.25
Donna	Deeter											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
Steve	Schwindt											N	0.00
Jim	Parent											N	0.00



# 2024 Marco Sportfishing Club Offshore Slam

## Proudly Sponsored by Rose Marina

Organizer: Jim Scarpa, [jscarpa@ymail.com](mailto:jscarpa@ymail.com)

Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2024

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)

## Changes from the 2023 Offshore Slam:

- No changes.

## 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. If an angler catches more than 2 of the included species the 2 with the longest length will be counted.
- 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 – see "No Guide Rule" below (like the Triple Crown).
- 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.

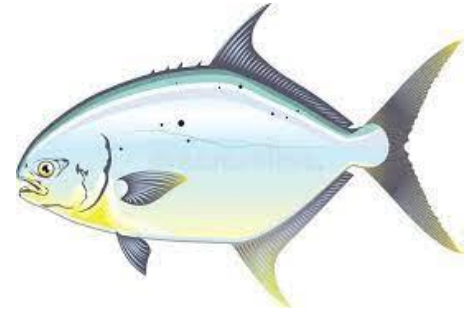
## Rules:

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 with the exception of landing (gaff, net, etc).
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 entry photos must be emailed to Jim Scarpa at the email address above within 24 hours of being caught, please include the name of the boat captain as well.**
7. Sign-up Sheet and Entry Fee must be received by Jim Scarpa by June 30, 2024 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.
8. All participants must have a signed waiver on file or provided with your sign-up sheet to participate.



# Pompano Double Down

(Ver Def 1.0 2024)



**Fishing Date:** Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
You pick the Day!

**Capt.'s Meeting:** Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm at the Sandbar

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

**Event Target Fish:** Primary-Pompano Secondary-Spotted Sea Trout

**Prizes:** Team prize – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> – Total inches of your four longest Pompano and Sea Trout

You do not need to catch a Pompano to win. However, **a Pompano will count as double its actual length. For example, a 15” Pompano will count as 30”**

**Individual Prize** – individual prizes awarded for each of the longest Pompano and Trout caught during the event

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

Enter by mail, at the January membership meeting or at the Captains Meeting

*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-no fishing in Everglades National Park.
- Photos required for all fish entered 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 you fish.

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

Charlie Schwalje

Email- [c.schwalje@comcast.net](mailto:c.schwalje@comcast.net)

Cell- 732-570-8450

Links to Registration form and Tally Sheet:

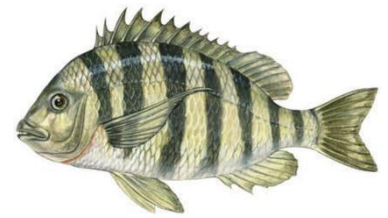
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# 2024 Sheepshead Shindig Fact Sheet



All MSC Anglers: Come one, come all to the 2024 Sheepshead Shindig!

There will be a total of 8 cash awards:

1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards for the 2 heaviest sheepshead per boat regardless of number of anglers. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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 A MSC MEMBER ON BOARD)
- Dinner guest fees are \$35 for MSC members & \$40 for non-MSC members. **Dinner is catered by Kretch's**

**Kretch's** Dates and Times:

Captains Meeting.....Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 4:00 PM at Sandbar  
 Tournament.....Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6-Hour Flex Time  
 Weigh-In..... Thursday, February 8, 2024, 3:30 to 5:00 PM Sarazen Park BYOB  
 RAIN DATE..... Friday, February 9, 2024, 6-Hour Flex Time  
 Awards Dinner..... Monday, February 12, 2024, 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 for by February 7, 2024, at the captains meeting. If you want shirts before the tournament forms must be submitted by January 9, 2024 Once the 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 the January General Meeting or send completed entry form with payment (checks made out to MSC) and mail to:

Dale Rod  
 PO Box 602  
 Marco Island, FL 34146  
 (239) 293-8089  
 DaleOnMarco@gmail.com

To Register: [https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2024-SheepsheadTourny/Sheepshead\\_2024-02-REGISTRATION.pdf](https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2024-SheepsheadTourny/Sheepshead_2024-02-REGISTRATION.pdf)

# FeBREWfest XIX



**Sarazen Park 12 Noon**

**Wednesday, February 21**

**\$18.00 Members/\$23 Guests Each**

**\*\$23/\$28 G after February 14**

**\$28.00 at the door (Includes \$5 Late fee)**

**SAME PRICE AS LAST 2 YEARS**

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

**Catered by Pepper's**

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**Beer, Wine, Ice Tea, Pop and Water included**

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RESERVATION for FeBREWfest XIX

MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Members/family @ \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests @ \$23 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\* Checks must be **RECEIVED** by February 14

Make check payable to **MSC**

**Mail checks for picnic to:**

Dave Walsh daveandsusie2010@AOL.com  
1530 Caxambas Ct. Marco Island, FL 34145  
389-9755 (land line-no texts)

**Don't leave checks in mailbox; put under doormat**

## 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 "Who's Coming" list will be posted on the web prior to the picnic so there will be no confusion as to who has paid or not paid. If your name isn't on the list contact the host to see if you can still come. DO NOT just show up unannounced**
- 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). **The final order is confirmed with the caterer the next morning.**
- 6) The late fee is \$3 per/person.
- 7) Walk-in fee is \$5 (plus \$5 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 (930 Swallow Ave.), which is adjacent and east of the MICA lot. You cannot park in the MICA lot with this sticker. Be aware that Collier County Park Rangers sometimes hassle you, claiming the parking is for the beach only, and will tow your car 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 (used to be \$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.

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# **Ladies Fishing Event**

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Awards Picnic at Sarazen Park**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4–6 P.M.**

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

The past 10 events have been tremendously successful, and we are now planning *Baiting Beauties 11*. **This year’s fishing event will be held Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the Awards Picnic will be held on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**  
Captains may choose any 6-hour time period – lines in and lines out.

**Entry Fees:**

<b>Member Angler Entry Fee plus picnic</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Non Member Angler* plus picnic</b>	<b>\$45.00 Waiver Required</b>
<b>Member Picnic Fee (Crew &amp; Friends)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Non Member Picnic Fee (Crew &amp; Friends)</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>

More Info on the website

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/coming-events.htm>

**Jason's Annual Sammich and St. Pat's Picnic  
and Baiting Beauties 11 Awards Picnic  
Sunday March 10, 2024, @ Sarazen Park, 4 – 6 PM**



**\$20 (\$25 Guests) Each**

**\$24 (\$29 Guests) RECEIVED after March 4th**

**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

**Ice Tea, Pop and Water Included – BYOB alcoholic beverages**

**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 Peggy: 609-230-6047 ( via text ) or gpinocmd@yahoo.com to let her know so she can revise food order. The order is placed March 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Sunday March 10th

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

*\*Please print clearly*

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending (Family Members/Guests) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ @ \$20/\$25 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Peggy Alcott (Mail Only, NOT "Pay To")**

**163 Sunset Cay.**

**Naples, FL 34114**

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

*If you are participating in BB11 you don't need to complete this form. The picnic/awards is included with your BB11 registration!*

<< MSC Waivers required for all Fishing and Picnics >>



# Spring Trout “Spotacular”!

(Ver 1.1.2024)

**Fishing Dates:** March 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024-Tuesday-Sunday – You pick the day you want to fish!

**Capt.’s Meeting:** Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm at the Sand Bar

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

**Event Target Fish:** Spotted Seatrout

**Prizes:** Team prize – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 Waiver required
- MSC backwater boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries.
- Powerboats and kayaks are eligible to fish
- Photos required for all fish entered for team & individual prizes - Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Notify Charlie Schwalje of the day you choose to fish 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

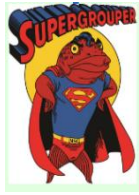
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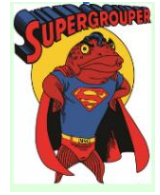
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# Super Grouper – Spring 2024

Organizer: Jim Scarpa <mailto:jscarpa@ymail.com>



**Fishing Dates:** Saturday April 6 thru Sunday April 15, 2024

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

**Deadline to Enter:** **Friday April 5, 2024**

**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 5, 2024 3:00 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.
8. All participants must have a current signed liability waiver on file with the club.

Flyer: <https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/2024-SuperGrouper/2024-0405-SuperGrouper-REGISTRATION.pdf>

## ***Get Ready for MSC'S Annual***

# **2024 “Man Bites Shark Event”**

This year's “Man Bites Shark Event” has been moved ahead to April. It's our hope that moving the event from mid July to mid April will allow for more participants, offer more comfortable fishing conditions and more sharks in the area to fish for. This exciting event offers 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 to all MSC members and guests.*

### **“Man Bites Shark” Schedule of Activities:**

\* **Talk Shark** – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Captains' Meeting at the Sand Bar-4:00 PM

\* **Catch Shark** – Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, fish the Mud Hole or another location of your choice (Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, backup due to weather).

\* **Eat Shark** – Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon. Picnic fee \$5 per person includes: Shark entrée, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, slaw, and potato salad, etc. BYO drinks.

Sign up for the event at the February or March General Meeting, at the Captains' Meeting, or by mailing the April 2024 “Man Bites Shark” Registration Form and check payable to MSC to:

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- 5) 2018 Key West 239FS – Yamaha 200HP(20 hours)
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- 7) Sea Eagle 370 SE Pro Package – Inflatable Kayak \$250

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# Super Snapper Results

Marco Sportfishing Club				
Super Snapper Nearshore - Dec 2023				
Snapper				
Total				
Place	Captain	Length	Prize \$	Note
1	Steve Schwindt	69.00	\$ 189	
2	Mike Lopez	48.50	\$ 114	
3	Frank Troha	39.75	\$ 76	
<b>Biggest</b>	Steve Schwindt	24.25	\$ 100	
Wildcard Fish - Kingfish				
Award	Captain	Result	Prize \$	Note
<b>Biggest</b>	Mike Lopez	27.25	\$ 100	
Notes:	Prize Pool		\$ 579	
	Boats Entered		11	
	Boats Fished		5	
	Anglers Entered		33	
	Anglers Fished		15	

## Whack a Whiting VII

The weather was perfect with warm temperature and gentle breezes for the seventh annual whiting tournament. Twelve boats with 39 anglers ventured out early in the morning to search and to catch the elusive whiting.

That evening at a party hosted by Joe and Diane Perino, 57 people joined in to enjoy a celebratory festivity where there was an abundance of food and drink with a copiousness of friendship and camaraderie. The house was filled with laughter, rapport, and companionship. An atmosphere that is difficult to replicate.

The winners of the event were determined by the total inches of the three largest fish. The winners were as follows:

Victor Ordija            38.75"  
Bobbie Ordija

John Ryckman           36.75"  
Jay Jones  
Dick Larson  
John Baker

Jeff Erickson            36.25"  
Cathy Erickson  
Steve Jacobs

Joe Perino                36 1/8"  
Keith Wohltman  
George Wittmann  
Dave Walsh  
Ed Crane

Jerry Defibraugh       36 1/8"  
Barry French  
Tom Crane

Larry Drake             36"  
Dale Rod



*Wacking's 1st Losers--we'll practice and try again*

The evening ended with people saying that they look forward to next year and another great time.

# Buddy Trip January 15, 2024

The outing consisted of eight boats and 24 anglers.

The weather was wonderful with gentle breezes but with low tides and dirty water. We sometimes wondered where all the water went. We fished a few different spots from Coon Key, Whitney Channel, Sugar Bay, and the surrounding areas.

The catch consisted of sheepshead, bonnethead shark, ladyfish, silver trout, snapper, speckled trout, whiting and of course, some large feisty catfish. On my boat we filled a five-gallon bucket with catfish for a crew member to put in his crab traps.

This trip was planned to be before the whiting tournament to give the anglers some practice in locating the elusive whiting.

That evening, 46 people enjoyed cocktails and dinner at **Paradise Found Restaurant and Bar in Goodland**. Although the day started out with low water conditions, the evening was a wonderful combination of laughter and friendship. The camaraderie that filled the restaurant more than made up for the low tides and lack of clear water. It was a magnificent Marco day fishing and dining with such wonderful friends.

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



# February 2024 Fish of the Month

## Sheepshead



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- \* Coffee
- \* Boxed Cookies

Please drop off your food donation to St. Mark's Episcopal Church Office Monday thru Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Up North? No Problem. Cash is always needed to purchase food for immediate distribution.

Just send your check payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (write Food Pantry in the memo line) and mail to:

MSC Quartermaster  
Gloria M. Robertson  
8225 Xenia Lane  
Naples, FL 34114

Thank you for your donation.....Every little bit HELPS!

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