

MSC Tackle Box

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



Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and around Marco Island

President's Message for June 2024



Fellow Anglers,

June is here, and the heat is on! We went from spring breezes to summer scorchers, but fear not, the Marco Sportfishing Club has a sizzling line-up of events to keep you cool and connected with your passion. This month's newsletter is packed with exciting events, fishing reports, and important announcements.!

May Recap: A Month of Fun and Safety!

May was a busy month for the club, kicking off with the fantastic "Uno de Mayo" picnic graciously hosted by George and Maryann Wittmann with top-notch food from Imperial Meats! It was a great way to kick off May at Sarazen Park.

Following the picnic, we had our May General Meeting featuring a valuable boating safety seminar by US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Mike Massey. Mike used a hands-on approach to demonstrate both required and recommended safety gear to keep everyone safe on the water. Mike reminded us that the week of May 18th – 24th, was National Safe Boating Week.

We also awarded prizes to the winners of the "Super Grouper" offshore event. Read Charlie Schwalje's report for details on the "Spring Slam" and see who took the lead for the Snook, Redfish, and Spotted Seatrout competition. Winners will be announced at the June meeting.

Looking Ahead to June: Events Galore!

Offshore Slam: We are approaching the halfway point for the Offshore Slam competition! Mike Lopez currently holds the Top Captain spot with 15 fish. There's still time to join - sign-ups close this month!

General Meeting (June 6th): Captain Tanner Ison shares his offshore monster-catching secrets - a presentation you won't want to miss!

Kayak Trip (June 7th): Howard Laskau and the Kayak group will head out early in the morning to fish in Halfway Creek by launching at the Sea Grape boat launch just inside the Big Cypress Reserve entrance. This unique area includes very scenic mangrove tunnels and some excellent snook fishing. Contact Howard for details.

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“Steak Picnic” (June 11th): Don't miss the final picnic of the season! Dolores Constanzer is hosting, and grill master John Baker will be cooking up delicious steaks. See the flyer for details.

“Hook that Snook” (June 18th): This catch-and-release tournament is your chance to target snook (season is closed) and potentially snag a spot on the leaderboard. Full details and picture submission requirements inside.

“Triple Crown” (Registration Opens Late June): The ultimate backwater challenge! This 4-month competition is sponsored again this year by the Compass Group at Morgan Stanely, the “Triple Crown” requires the angler to catch a Tarpon, Snook and Redfish. Learn more about the point system and registration details in Dave Schott's article.

Exciting News!

It was announced at the May meeting, that the FWC has the Captain Pete Memorial Reef entered in their reef database. The reef is located at 26° 02.226' N 81° 49.969' W or (26° 02'13.6" N 81° 49'58.1" W). You can search for the location in relation to Marco Island by clicking this link:

<https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/artificial-reefs/locate/>

and by searching the interactive map viewer, or by pasting the lat/lon into Google Earth.

Save the Date: The big event is planned and please take this opportunity to mark your calendars for our 2024 Holiday Party on December 2nd at Naples Lakes Country Club. See Anne Marchetti's flyer in this edition.

If you can – get out and fish!!

Tight Lines

Keith

LEADER BOARD & Fish of the Month Updates

Get updates using the link below.

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



June General Meeting

Thursday, June 6th, 2024



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Parish Hall

Captain Tanner Ison – Reel Deal Fishing Charters

At Reel Deal Fishing Charters, Captain Tanner Ison has spent more than a decade on the waters around Marco Island, Florida. During that time, he's gone farther out into the oceans than the competition to deliver the best Florida Gulf fishing charters. A combination of expertise and GPS spots he's discovered means that, when you're with Captain Ison, you won't just be fishing. You'll be catching some of the monster fish that simply aren't found close to shore. Plus, his signature voyage is snapper fishing at night, and when you embark on this eight-hour adventure, you're sure to experience some killer fishing.



<https://www.reeldealcharterswfl.com/>

Capt. Turner has a USCG 6-Pack OUPV license, a Reef & Pelagic Permit, and a Charter Captain License and insurance.

Sign Up Tables
50/50 drawing
Doors open at 6:30



Offshore Update – June 2024

What's Happening Offshore...

FWC released the dates for the 2024 ARS (American Red Snapper) season – Summer season will run from June 1 thru July 31, 2024, Fall Season will be 3 day weekends in Sept, Oct and Nov (check the FWC website for exact dates, they are typically Fri-Sun but a few are not). Red Grouper will be closing in the gulf June 30, 2024 with a “possibility” of a short season late in the year...get yours while you still can. Gag grouper is scheduled to open Sept 1, but this may not happen due to the controversy over 2023 catch estimates. Winds offshore continue to be strong most days, Red Grouper are out there on live / hard bottom, with the larger fish in the deeper water (100'+). 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. Kingfish may be around structure and can be a by-catch while Snapper fishing, if you get bit off on the initial strike in the chum slick (not the second “upgrade” strike) put out a Kingfish rig with wire and see what happens. Cobia are migrating north. 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 in the 100-120' range, sometimes shallower. AJ's are still everywhere right now, typically around structure and have been on some of the grouper bottom in 105' and deeper (look for them to stick around until season opens), 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 are back, look for them on the higher elevation reefs and towers, they cannot resist a small live crab, try a live shrimp if you don't have a crab.

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

Offshore Events...

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. This is your last chance to sign-up...the entry deadline is June 20, 2024. You cannot enter a fish caught prior to entering, so sign up today! We already have 6 Slam's completed and some great fish caught...get in on the fun. The current standings are below and on the MSC website with real time updates by following this link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZNn7cDHdLh2jucT1Ss_QYLEksCiL8zk6192wYUP8OKQ/edit?pli=1#gid=0

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.

Other Important Stuff...

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

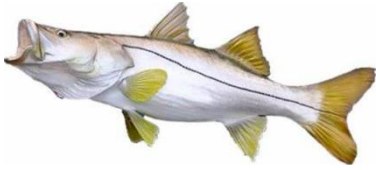
Offshore Captains – Don't forget to send me your Offshore Fishing Reports and photos of any remarkable catches when you return from fishing!

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



Hook That Snook



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

Date: Tues, June 18th

Backup Date: Wed June 19th

(Entry form/fees must be received by Ron no later than the captains meeting on Monday the 17th
at The Sand bar 4:00 PM

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

Prizes: Will be determined at the Capt. Meeting depending on number of entries.

Boat – Two largest Snook inches caught by boat, Kayak...

Up to **\$300.00 additional Club money.**

Prizes to be given out at the July Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per guest, due no later than Monday, June 17th.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries. (Camp Lulu)
- “**No Guide**” Rule applies. – “**2-Line**” Rule Applies
- Photos of the 2 largest fish recorded for Team & Individual Prizes are required. Measure to nearest 1/4”
- E-mail Tally Sheet, and photos, to Ron Linn, by 5:00 PM, the day after you fish the event.
- Even if you have no fish to report, please let Ron know as a courtesy, thank you!
- Final “rule” is be safe, & HAVE FUN...☺

Backwater Events Coordinator
John Baker and Ron Linn ronlinn1@gmail.com
Cell: 239-227-9503

Click here to register.

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/Flyers/2024-0618-HookThatSnook%20REGISTRATION.pdf>

Triple Crown Tournament July 1 to October 31, 2024

Registration opens June 1



The Triple Crown Tournament is a fun, challenging, and competitive contest. The goal is to catch a Tarpon of 30 inches or more, plus the largest Redfish and Snook over a four-month period. It is very relaxed as it allows the angler to fish at his or her own pace. The angler can fish at any time, day or night, anywhere within the backwater boundaries established by Marco Sportfishing Club, and with any other angler (*but no professional guides*) or alone. Seven BIG cash awards will be given out at the end of the contest. The winner will also have his/her name engraved on the perpetual trophy plaque that is displayed at the Compass Group at Morgan Stanley, our local sponsoring firm.

The registration fee is \$20 if received on or before June 30, 2024

\$25 if received after June 30 until August

31, 2024

No entries will be accepted after August 31, 2024

Interested anglers can sign up in one of three ways:

1. On the MSC website payable by credit card (*preferred and easiest*) OR
2. At upcoming MSC General Meetings
3. By sending a check (payable to MSC) to **Marco Sportfishing Club, P.O. Box 2104, Marco Island, FL 34146-2104** (not 34145). Please write "Triple Crown" in the note field on your check and include your contact information (e-mail and telephone number) on a separate piece of paper if it is different from the contact information you provided for the annual MSC membership registration.

Tournament rules are available on the MSC website

<https://marcosportfishingclub.com/>

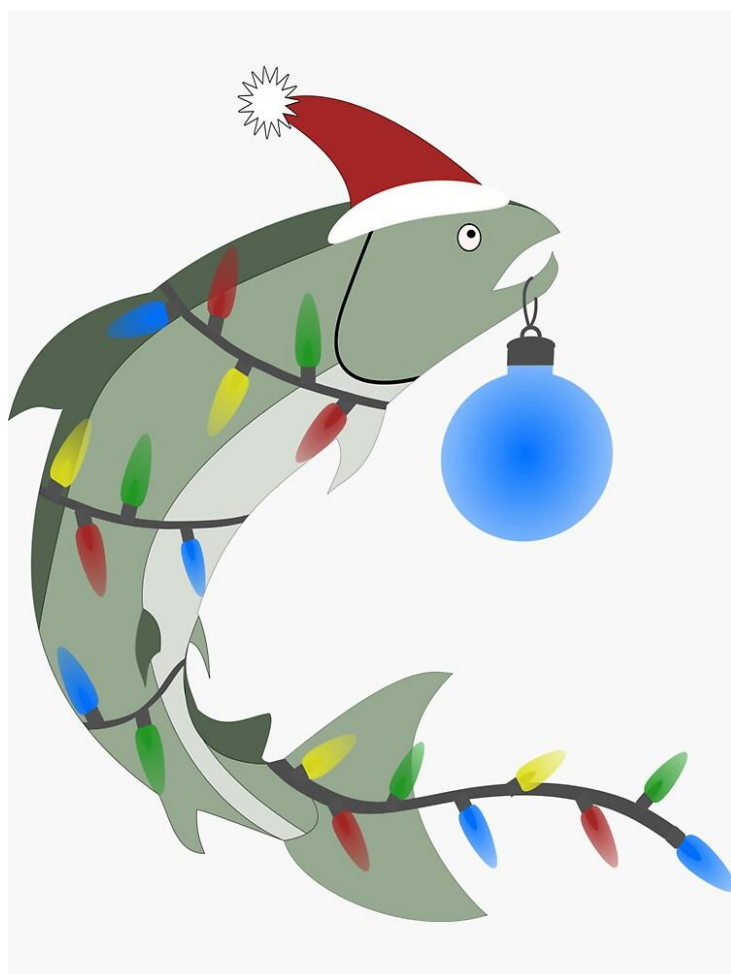
Marco Sportfishing Club 2-Line Rule (January 1, 2019) and Catch Verification Rules (February 6, 2023) will apply.



The Marco Sportfishing Club cordially invites you to our

2024 HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, December 2, 2024



Happy Hour 5:30 p.m.
Dinner & Entertainment 6:30-9:30p.m.

Naples Lakes Country Club
4784 Naples Lakes Blvd
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On Collier Blvd)

\$75 per person includes
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dessert, coffee/tea

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Rosetta Stone

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MSC Members & Guests

Reservations BEGIN October 1



2024 Spring Slam Results

ver 1.0 Submitted by Charlie Schwalje

The Spring Slam was held from Tuesday, May 14th through Sunday, May 19^h. 25 anglers in 10 teams participated. Fishing conditions were windy and difficult all week. Three teams completed the slam. Six other teams tallied fish but weren't able to catch all three species. A total of 16 fish were entered – 7 snook, 3 redfish and 6 trout. Here are the results...

Entry Fees- \$260 plus Club funds – \$250.00 = Total Prize Pool - \$510.00

Team Awards:

1st Place - Jack Facciolo, Tom Obermeier -SLAM- 57.5"- \$100

2nd Place -Fred Curtis, Ed McCarthy, Bob Trento, Tyler Muncil -SLAM-55.25"- \$90

3rd Place -Francisco Garcia, Bob Smith-SLAM-53.25"- \$80

4th Place -Ken Robertson, Dave Dodd-snook & trout-42.75"- \$70

5th Place -Brian Alexander, Dave Schott, John Fridono-snook-18.75"- \$50

Individual Awards for Longest Fish:

Longest Snook-Jack Facciolo-24.75"- \$40

Longest Trout-Ken Robertson-18.25"- \$40

Longest Redfish-Ed McCarthy-20.25"- \$40

Prize money to be awarded at the June Membership Meeting



Here is the link:

<http://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/yardsale.htm>

- 1) Yamaha Saltwater Series II propeller set
- 2) 16 ft' Boat Trailer Very good condition \$250
- 3) Seafox 24' 2015 & JetDock Yamaha 250HP \$49,000
- 4) 2021 Pursuit S288 \$255,000
- 5) Pinfish Cage & Pinfish trap - \$75 for both
- 6) Gun Safe – holds 12 Long guns and more. \$450
- 7) Bait Keeper 18” by 18” - Round
- 8) 2004 World Cat 3300TE- New Suzuki 300 Dual Prop engines – approx. 20 Hours, 2nd owner
- 9) 2018 Key West 239FS – Yamaha 200HP(20 hours)

See Website for more information. Click on the business tab to bring up the For Sale tab or the link above.

May 2024 Fish of the Month

Permit



**14th Annual STEAK PICNIC
TUESDAY, June 11, 2024, @ Sarazen Park, 12 Noon**



\$16 (\$21 Guests) Each

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

Steak, Baked Potato and Salad

Water Included, Bring your own beverage

Questions? Call Dolores 610-639-9753

RESERVATION for Steak Picnic Cut here

MEMBER'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Number Attending: ____ @ \$16/21 each \$ _____

**FINAL CUTOFF DATE IS JUNE 6TH
(At the MSC June General Meeting)**

Mail check made out to **MSC** to:

Dolores Constanzer

1571 Buccaneer Ct

Marco Island, FL 34145

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- * Canned Beans
- * Canned Vegetables
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- * 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
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Marco Sportfishing Club

April 21, 2024

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