

MSC Tackle Box

www.marcosportfishingclub.com Howard Laskau - President

Dedicated to Safe Fishing in and Around Marco Island



President's Message for August, 2017



The content of this month's *Tackle Box* deviates somewhat from what normally appears here. As one of the largest groups of outdoor enthusiasts in this area, all MSC members need to be aware of an issue that has, and will continue to have a major impact on our lifestyle. That issue is water quality. With over 860 family members in our club, we can and should make our collective voices heard!

One of the main reasons most of us chose to live in this beautiful Southwest Florida location is because of the water. Whether your primary reason was to fish in it, swim in it, boat in it, or to just be around it and admire its beauty, the water is definitely "up there" on everyone's list. All MSC members, including those who live here full-time and those who

are only here for a few weeks a year should make it a point to know the details of what is happening with our water quality, and do whatever they can to get involved and be a part of "the solution."

Recent water quality tests show that our elected officials and those who are supposed to ensure that our water stays clean and is free of containments have not been doing their job. If you have lived here for a few years, you have undoubtedly noticed the changes in the clarity of the water in our canals and surrounding areas. Sea life in the canals (dolphins, manatees, fish) has decreased considerably; the water has become cloudy and turbid; sea grass areas have disappeared and, as most of us know, the fishing is getting tougher and tougher. These changes have happened pretty quickly, and no proactive measures have been undertaken to correct the underlying problems. With no "plan" in effect, the water quality will continue to deteriorate

We have communicated with our members and asked them to support "clean water" efforts by attending City Council and Waterways Committee meetings. The handful of MSC members who show up in no way is an indication of the severity of the problem. Those meeting rooms should be full, not only with MSC members, but with anyone who lives on Marco Island and cares about what is happening to our water. Changes need to be made now, before things get worse and to a point where reversal and full recovery is not even possible.

If you care about the quality of the water around here, please take action! Attend the City Council and Waterways committee meetings and share your concerns with them. Write to the City Council members and let them know how you feel. Become a member of Captain Sam Young's MSC Advocacy Group (young456@aol.com), Most likely, most of your friends and neighbors do not know the seriousness of this problem. Please share this information with them. More people need to know. Please get involved!

Howard



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LEADER BOARD Updates as of July

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Fish of the Month (FOM) as of July

Get FOM updates using the link below.

[Link to Fish of the Month](#)



Allan Bristow
with his 41”
Snook this could
be one of the
biggest Snook
ever recorded by
a MSC member
Congratulations

Phil Madona
caught a huge
Sawfish during
the Shark event.
It was tagged, in
good health and a
report was filed
with FWC.
Congratulations to
you Phil



Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples

Kid's Clinic

June 28 2017 by Howard Laskau

Several times a year, the Marco Sportfishing Club has the opportunity to “give back” to the community and share the joys of fishing with kids who are all too eager to learn all about it. One of those opportunities arose on Wednesday, June 28th. Working with the Naples Y, and the Marco Sportfishing Club, Walker's staff arranged for a Fishing Clinic for about 30 kids who were attending Summer Day Camp at the Naples Y. The Clinic took place at Walker's Hideaway Marina in Naples (behind the Naples airport). For many of the kids, this was their first exposure to fishing and it was a good one! Eight MSC volunteers (see photo) helped ensure the day was one the kids wouldn't quickly forget.

Upon arrival at the Marina, the kids received snacks (of course). They were then split into small groups and spent about ten minutes at each one of the learning stations, where they received instruction, information and “hands on” training. There were individual stations for knot tying, tackle box contents, good angler ethics and fish identification. An additional station was set up outside by the pool where the kids learned how to cast, trying to get a bulls-eye inside floating hula hoops.

Once they had all rotated through the learning stations, half of the group went to lunch where there was a hot dog and hamburger BBQ, while the other half of the group went down to the docks to put what they had learned into practice. These kids were fast learners. It didn't take long until they started pulling HUGE sheepshead out of the water. Look at the picture. That one fish is nearly half the size of the kid who caught it! After about 45 minutes, the groups switched. Plenty of fish were caught in the second group also. Every one of the kids had a great time, and learned a lot. Thanks again to all the MSC members who helped out and made the day special for the kids.

Before you start making plans...Walker's Hideaway Marina is on the east side of Route 41, and is located outside of MSC's backwater boundaries. You'll have to find a different spot to look for the “big ones” for next year's Sheepshead Tournament!



MSC Members: Jim Lane, Mick Haldeman, Howard Laskau, John Mueller, Bob Walker, Fred Kouhi, Mark DeLauro, Ray James



Fish Identification with Fred Kouhi



Knot Tying Station with Mick Haldeman and John Mueller



Clinic Lessons Put To Work

Kayak Fishing at Lovers Key State Park

July 24, 2017

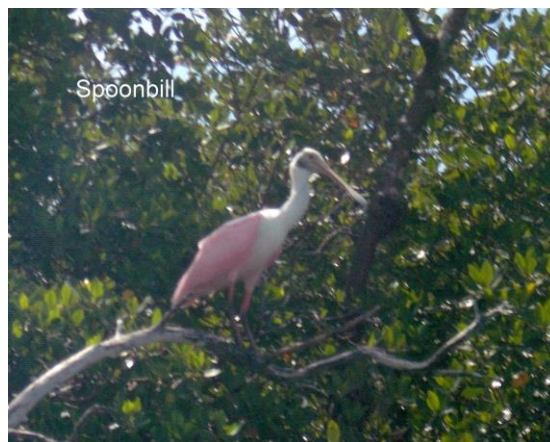
By Victor Ordija

Howard Laskau, Mike Larsen and Victor Ordija set out on a calm and sunny morning to fish the waters of Lovers Key State Park in Estero Bay. Lovers Key State Park is a popular 712 acre recreation area made up of four barrier islands which includes a pristine white beach and numerous tidal lagoons.



Fishing on this day was slow but a few Spotted Seatrout were caught and Howard Laskau lost a good size Snook along the banks of New Pass. Of particular interest to the group was how clear the waters were in Estero Bay. While fishing we encountered extensive areas of sea grasses which

are now mostly missing in the Marco Island area. This was especially surprising since this area is surrounded by highly populated communities.



Contact Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net to sign up for the Kayak Group and receive information regarding upcoming trips. You can also sign up at the next General Meeting.

“MAN BITES SHARK”

July 19, 2017

By Paul Milici

On Wednesday morning, July 14th, thirteen boats and thirty-three anglers headed out into Marco Island’s near-shore waters in pursuit of Blacktip Sharks. Anglers were greeted by a little chop and the probability of rain. Action started early with Blacktips caught on the boats captained by Pete Arcidiacono and Allan Bristow. The bite slowed for a while thereafter, but when it resumed several more



sharks were caught and others lost by breakoffs. A real surprise was the Sawfish caught and released by Phil Madonia fishing on Barry French’s boat, ILYN TYME. As can be expected this time of year, rain showers, and there were several, appeared around and over the fishing grounds. Some boats stayed the course, others moved around in an effort to avoid the rain, and others headed for home. Despite the rain, everyone appears to have had a fun day and the day’s catch provided plenty of shark filets for the picnic held on Friday, July 21st.



Friday morning again started with the threat of rain and when it came, it really came. Fortunately, by 11:00 am, the rain stopped and the grills were readied for the shark filets marinated and cooked by grill master John Baker. Those anglers who participated in the shark fishing and their spouses dined on grilled shark, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and, for the timid, hot dogs.

This year’s “MAN BITES SHARK” was a great success. If you missed it, don’t worry, we’ll do it again next year.



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August, 2017		Fish of the Month: Yellowtail Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
August 3	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker: Rookery Bay presentation
August 7	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
August 16	"Summertime Picnic"	Sarazen Park See Attached Flyer
August 18	Captain's Meeting for No Bait Event	Crazy Flamingo 4:00 PM
August 21	No Bait Event	See Attached Flyer
August 22	No Bait Event (alt weather day)	
August 24	Kayak event – Mainsail	Details on website
August 25	Newsletter deadline	

September, 2017		Fish of the Month: Snook
Date	Event	Information & Comments
	No General Meeting this month	
September 11	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
September 12	Kayak event – Port of the Isles freshwater canal	
September 14	Triple Crown Picnic	Details to follow. See website
September 15	Captain's meeting for Double Dose Backwater event	4PM Crazy Flamingo
September 18	Double Dose Backwater event	See attached Flyer
September 19	Double Dose event (alt weather day)	Details on website
September 22	Newsletter deadline	

October, 2017		Fish of the Month: Redfish
Date	Event	Information & Comments
October 3	General Meeting	Rose History Auditorium, 6:30 PM Guest speaker: Redfish speaker
October 9	Board Meeting	8:30 AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station, Caxambas Park
October 13	Redfish Tournament Captain's Meeting	TBD
October 16	Redfish Tournament - 2 Person Event	TBD
October 17	Redfish Tournament - 2 Person Event (alt weather date)	TBD
October 18	Redfish Tournament - Red vs. Blue Team Event	TBD
October 19	Redfish Tournament - Red vs. Blue Team Event (alt weather date)	TBD
October 20	Redfish Tournament – Awards Banquet	TBD
October 25	Newsletter deadline	
October 26	Kayak Event – Everglades City	

Updates from the Editor June 2017

Summer is here! Rain almost every day, hot temperatures and very warm water. Speaking of water, I hope every MSC member reads Howard's "Tackle Box" twice this month. His observations and comments are right on. He stresses and I second the need for all MSC to get involved.

The recent recommendations of the Water Advisory Committee, (WAC) are moving forward. As previously noted WAC has recommended Monthly Monitoring/Water Samples, with an added location and adding to the report turbidity and dissolved oxygen data. These recommendations should be presented at the next City Council meeting. Let's hope they get approved.

In the recent WAC meeting the following areas were discussed:

1. Re-establish the swales thru out the island. This was a design element in the original Master Plan for Marco.
2. Adjust the storm water inlet to be just below the adjoining roadway. Again, this was an original design element.
3. Request sampling data from various agencies and Cities in Collier, Lee and other counties to better understand what is happening to the water quality throughout our area.

Thanks for taking the time to read this update. Now is the time to get involved!

Should you wish to contact the Editor, I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.

2017 Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament

Attention MSC Anglers!

The Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament will begin July 1, 2017 and registration for the contest will begin at the upcoming general meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017. This year we are adding the month of July so that anglers have a better chance of landing a Tarpon when these fish are more plentiful in the area. An entry fee of \$20 is required to participate in this fun tournament that targets three fish species.....Tarpon, Snook and Redfish.

Seven cash awards will be given out at the end of the four month long contest. The winner will also have his/her name engraved on an individual name plate attached to a perpetual trophy plaque that will be displayed at Morgan Stanley; the sponsoring firm.

Interested anglers can sign up at the MSC General Meeting scheduled for June 1, 2017 or [Click Here](#) to send an email to Victor Ordija indicating your interest in participating in the tournament.

A kick-off event will be held on June 29th at 4:00 PM at a local establishment. Tournament rules will be provided and discussed. Details regarding the kick-off will be provided at a later date.

While the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament is a challenging and competitive contest, it is also very laid back from the standpoint that it allows the individual angler to fish at his or her own pace. The angler can fish at any time; both day or night, anywhere within the backwater boundaries established by Marco Sportfishing Club and with any other angler or alone. It allows for experimentation by choosing different baits, both live and artificial as well as fishing techniques, presentation, etc. The goal is the catch the largest fish with respect to Snook and Redfish and to also catch the elusive and hard to land Tarpon. At the end of the contest, the participant will be a better angler and gain additional respect for our environment.

2017 Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament Rules

1. The Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament runs from July 1, 2017 thru October 31, 2017.
2. Only MSC members may participate in the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament. Professional guides are not eligible to participate in the tournament and fish caught with a professional guide are also not eligible . An entry fee of \$20/angler is required to enter the contest. August 31, 2017 is the last day to enter the tournament, and ONLY fish caught after you officially sign up will be counted.
3. Contest requires catching the following fish; Tarpon, Snook and Redfish. There is no size limitation on any of the three species. Anglers must try to catch a Tarpon greater than 30 inches and the largest Snook and Redfish in order to win the contest.
4. The approved fishing area for the Morgan Stanley Triple Crown Tournament is limited to the backwater boundaries established by the MSC Fishing Committee ; Northbound; Gordon's Pass, Southbound; Rabbit Key Pass, Westbound; three(3) nautical miles into the Gulf including Gullivan Bay and Eastbound; west of US Highway 41. Also, all fishing areas must be accessible by the general public.
5. Confirmation of all fish caught and reported will be required;
(1) a photograph with ruler for a Snook and Redfish with the mouth closed and the tail pinched and (2) a photograph of a Tarpon. To register a Tarpon in this tournament, the angler needs only to bring the Tarpon to the boat and touch the leader (the leader must be no longer than 6 feet.) A photograph of the Tarpon must be provided and the photograph must clearly identify the fish as a Tarpon. No measurement will be required and gaffing the fish is prohibited. An angler that meets these requirements will be awarded a 5.5 foot fish regardless of the size of the fish caught, except that the fish must be 30 inches or larger . All efforts need to be undertaken to minimize stress to the fish, reduce mortality and minimize risk of injury to the angler. As soon as the leader is touched and a picture taken while the fish is in the water, the leader needs to be cut or the fish should be dehooked and released.

All measurements of Snook and Redfish are to be in 1/4 inches. If a measurement is 1/8 inch or larger, then round up to the next 1/4 inch. If a measurement is under 1/8 inch, then round down to the nearest 1/4 inch. A photograph of a Snook or Redfish aligned along a ruler clearly showing the length of the fish with the mouth closed and the tail pinched will need to be provided in order to register the fish. Fish caught and reported without the required photograph will not be accepted.

6. All fish caught that are to be entered should be reported within three days of catching the fish. A standings table will be developed and updated for all participating anglers on a weekly basis. In the event of a tie, the earliest fish(s) caught will be used to break ties.

7. The winning angler will be determined based on a point system. For any Tarpon that is 30 inches or larger that is caught and reported, every inch is worth one (1) point and the angler will be awarded a 5.5 foot Tarpon and 66 points. For all Snook and Redfish that are caught and reported, every inch is worth two (2) points. As an example, if an angler caught a Tarpon (66 points) , a 25 inch Redfish (50 points) and a 23.5 inch Snook (47 points), the resultant point total would be 163 points. The angler with the highest total points will be declared the winner. Additionally, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes will also be awarded to the four runner-up contestants.

8. It is expected that not all anglers will be able to catch all three fish species, therefore a sixth and seventh prize will be awarded to the anglers that catch the largest Snook and the largest Redfish provided that those anglers are not eligible for the top five awards.

Additionally, in order to make the tournament more competitive, all entrants will be deemed initially to have caught a small fish from all three species ; a 30 inch Tarpon, a 15 inch Snook and a 15 inch Redfish. All entrants will begin the contest with 90 points.

9. We encourage catch and release during the event, however legal fish may be kept. Please keep only fish you plan to eat.

10. Questions and registration inquiries may be directed to Victor Ordija at vicord1@comcast.net or call 239-494-6741 (home) or 239-628-7971(cell).



“No Bait” Combo Boat or Kayak Backwater Event

SIGN UP AT THE JULY/AUG MEETING, OR THE CAPT’S MTG.

Date: Monday, August 21, 2017

Backup Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Capt’s Meeting: Friday, August 18, 2017 – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Tide Info at Coon Key: Low Tide: 4:28 AM (1.6’)
High Tide: 10:22 AM (4.1’)

Solunar Activity: Major Period: 9:49 AM – 11:49 AM

Event Target Fish: Redfish, Snook, and Spotted Seatrout

Prizes:

No Team Prizes – All Prizes will be Individual Angler Prizes

Individual Angler Prizes – 3 largest Redfish, 3 largest Snook, 3 largest Spotted Seatrout.
Angler can only win one largest fish prize.

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus \$150** in club funds.
Prizes to be given out at the October General Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, due by no later than the **Captain’s Meeting, Friday, August 18th**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be an MSC Member.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries.
- No Guide Rule applies.
- Photos of the largest fish are required for the Largest Fish Prizes.
- Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Wed. Aug 23rd, via email.
- Only artificial baits/presentations may be used, no live/cut bait, shrimp tipping, etc.
- Plastic tails/baits such as DOA or Gulp **are** allowed.

For questions and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen
Backwater Events Coordinator
mike_larsen@keysight.com
Mobile: 239-315-9235



“Double Dose” Redfish/Snook Event

SIGN UP AT AUGUST MEETING, OR THE CAPT’S MTG.
(NOTE! There is no Sept meeting. Be sure to SIGN UP at the Aug meeting.)

Date: Monday, September 18, 2017

Backup Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Capt’s Meeting: Friday, September 15, 2017 – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tide Info at Coon Key: Low Tide: 7:12 AM (1.0’)
High Tide: 1:06 PM (4.3’)

Solunar Activity: Major Period: 12:07 PM – 2:07 PM

Sunrise: 7:14 AM

Event Target Fish: Redfish & Snook

Prizes:

Team Prizes: Total Combined Inches of 1 Largest Redfish and 1 Largest Snook 1st – 5th Place

Individual Angler Prizes – Largest Snook, Largest Redfish 1st & 2nd Place

Angler can only win one largest fish prize.

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus \$150** in club funds.

Prizes to be given out at the October General Meeting.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per MSC angler, \$20.00 per non-member, due by no later than the **Captain’s Meeting, Friday, September 15th**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be an MSC Member.
- All non-member guests must be on the same boat as their MCS sponsor.
- MSC boundaries apply. South, only to Everglades National Park boundaries.
- “No Guide Rule” applies.
- Must fish from a boat with a minimum of 9.9 HP motor – (kayaks are not eligible to participate)
- Photos of the largest fish are required for the Team and Largest Fish Prizes.
- Measure fish to nearest ¼”
- Turn in Tally Sheet, and photos, to Mike Larsen, by 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 20th, via email.

For questions, registration and to submit pictures of your catch:

Mike Larsen

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Mobile: 239-315-9235

MSC "Eatin Chicken" Summer Picnic



Sarazen Park

Wednesday, August 16th High Noon

\$6 (Guests \$9) Each

\$9 (Guests \$12) received after Aug 12th

**Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato
Salad, Beans, Watermelon**

Bring your own drinks

Questions?? Call Jay Jones 239 394 0048

See ["Eatin Chicken" Picnic registration form](#) below

See [HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN](#) below

RESERVATION for August 16th “Eatin Chicken” Picnic

Name & Phone # _____

No. Attending _____

Members/Spouses @ \$6 \$ _____

Guests @ \$9 \$ _____

Late Fee @ \$3 per person \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Separate checks required for each picnic, but can be sent in one envelope. Due to advance food orders and guarantees to caterers, late fees are imposed on all checks **DATED** or **RECEIVED** after the due date. There will be **NO** waivers!

Checks must be received by August 12th. Make checks payable to MSC and mail to:
Jay Jones
276 Rockhill Ct.
Marco Island, FL 34145

CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES

Beginning in October 2016, MICA no longer issues stickers for vehicles, rather requires that vehicles have a person aboard with a current MICA membership card. In the past, as a courtesy to the club, they had allowed club members without MICA membership to park in the lot if they were attending the picnic. However, due to complaints from MICA members that the lot was full during picnics, we no longer have that luxury.

Please be aware that the fine for parking on a swale within the vicinity of Sarazen Park is \$95.

HOW TO PARK AT SARAZEN:

- 1) Marco Island residents can purchase an ID card at the MICA office (above the Mutual of Omaha Bank on San Marco and S. Barfield) for \$140. You will need a tax bill or homeowners insurance policy with your name on it. Application forms available [here](#). The ID for your wallet (or on a lanyard) allows you to park any vehicle in the lot. However, it appears that the ID card does not replace the old sticker, i.e. you can't let someone else drive your car, they will look at your card to make sure you are in the vehicle. Also, MICA has been leaving notices on cars (including convertibles) that the card must be left on the windshield (not on list of 27 rules or on MICA website). Be aware if someone steals your ID card for following this dumb rule, it will cost you \$25 to replace it. Maybe leave a copy of your card on the dashboard instead?
- 2) Get a Collier County beach sticker from the library or Caxambas boat ramp, 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. The stickers are free to Collier County residents, but you need your car registration. Note that in season on very nice days, the Collier County lot could be full by mid-morning*.
- 3) Pay the fee for parking in the Collier County parking lot of \$8 (correct change required).
- 4) Find a ride from someone who has a MICA card.
- 5) Be aware that MICA rule #15 states: "MEMBERS MAY NOT SHUTTLE GUESTS. MEMBERS MAY ENTER ONCE WITH FIVE PERSONS ONLY."
- 6) Park at a friend's house/condo that lives within walking distance. I'm not allowed to say who they are (we have many) but you can check the roster. Maybe buy him/her some beers at Happy Hour.

*The Collier County rangers who sometimes patrol the Collier County parking lot, have been telling picnic goers that the lot is for "beach parking only" and not for attending picnics (I doubt if this has been tested in court). So if you park there you should appear as if you are going to the beach. Passing chairs over the fence will probably get you busted.

