

## December MSC Kayak Group Trip Unknown Bay/Bear Point Loop

It was a great day to be kayaking! The sun was out, the air was warm, the water was calm and the MSC kayakers were set to explore a new area. 11 kayakers launched at the Jolley Bridge on Sunday morning, December 13<sup>th</sup>, and headed out across the Marco River, winding their way up into Unknown Bay. Fishing was a little slow to start with, but it picked up as the tide came in and filled the bay.

Since this was the last kayak trip of the year, bragging rights (and shirts) for biggest Redfish, Snook and Trout were on the line as part of the 2020 Kayak Challenge. Mike Larsen already had the largest bass for the year safely secured after landing a 24.75-inch beast at the Bass Hole earlier in the year. No fresh water bass would be caught where we were going on this trip, so Mike's win in that category was secure.

Going into the final kayak trip of the year, Mike also had the largest Trout (19.5 inch) and Redfish (24.5 Inch) recorded during kayak outings and it was looking like he was on his way to topping the charts in three categories, but he had to settle for just two. Dave Dodd's 26-inch Redfish that was caught during this trip earned him top spot in the kayak Redfish category for 2020. Dave was the Redfish leader for a while early in the year, got bumped from the top spot, but, with the pressure on, he came through and ended the year back on top of the list. Congratulations, Dave!

Although numerous trout were caught, none of them beat the 19.5-inch Trout that Mike caught in January. That fish stayed at the top of the kayak leaderboard for the entire year! Mike's Trout and Bass make him a double-winner for the 2020 kayak challenge. Congratulations, Mike!

Several Snook were caught during the trip, but none of them measured up to the 29.5 incher that Victor Ordija caught during July's kayak outing, so top honors for 2020 kayak Snook go to Victor. Congratulations, Vic!

The winners of the 2020 Kayak Challenge will each receive an MSC Kayak Angler fishing shirt that they can proudly wear! To learn more about the Kayak Fishing Challenge, please visit the MSC website. While there, read about the MSC kayak group and the monthly outings that are held at various locations. If you want to be placed on the Kayak Fishing Mailing List or if you have any questions, please use this link to contact Howard Laskau, the MSC Kayak Events Coordinator:

<https://www.marcosportfishingclub.com/email-form-ContactOfficer.htm>

We will start out 2021 with a trip to Rookery Bay/Stopper's Creek on January 16th. Hope to see you there!



Half of the MSC kayak group ready to head out from the Jolley Bridge



Dave Schott with a big Jack



Dave Dodd 26" Redfish



Victor Ordija and Trout