

April MSC Kayak Group Trip

Fakahatchee Strand State Park (AKA: The Basshole)

After waiting a few months for the water to warm up, the kayak group made their way back to the Basshole earlier this month for a fresh-water fishing adventure. There was a heavy fog/mist on the lake in the morning and the kayakers disappeared into it as they headed out in the morning. But, it didn't take long, and as soon as the air warmed up a little, the fog lifted.

The bite was a little slow to start, and a few small bass were reeled in. But then, Dave Schott felt a big pull on his line and reeled in the fish of the day....a 22" Bass. That fish put Dave on the 2021 Kayak Group Leaderboard for Bass. Besides Bass, the kayak anglers have a chance for bragging rights for the largest Snook, Redfish or Trout caught on an MSC kayak outing during the year.

Ken Robertson had his hands full with a fish he thought was a going to put him on top of the leaderboard, but he ended up with a Bowfin and picks up "strangest fish" of the day honors. These prehistoric-looking fish put up a big fight and have an impressive set of teeth! You never know what you will find at the end of your line when you are in one of these fresh-water lakes deep in the Everglades! There were a few "alligator sightings" during the day, but that is usually expected in these backwater areas.

To learn more about the MSC Kayak group and/or the 2021 Fishing Challenge, please visit the MSC website. While there, take a few minutes and check out the articles on past outings we have taken to different locations in this area.. When you see what can be caught in a kayak, it just might surprise you! 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>

In May, our monthly kayak event will take us to the Isles of Capri Paddle Park for a fishing tour of McIlvane Bay, Johnson Bay and the many mangrove islands and trails that can be found in this area. If you want to enjoy some beautiful scenery, have a fun day on the water, and maybe even catch a few fish, please join us. Hope to see you there!

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Pictures**

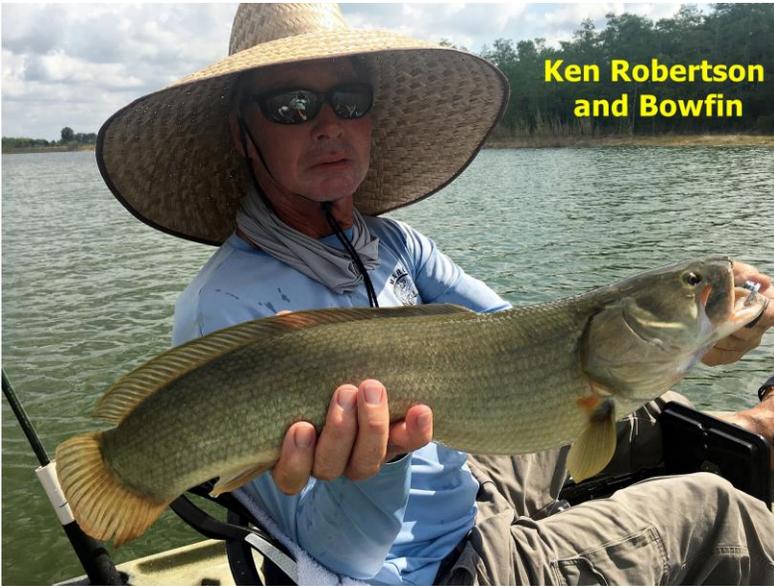
A foggy morning at the Basshole!



3 kayakers looking for Bass



**Ken Robertson
and Bowfin**



**Dave Schott
and his
big Bass**

