

## March MSC Kayak Group Outing

### Stopper's Creek Loop

March's Kayak Group outing took place on 3/8/22 on a beautiful Tuesday Morning. The group launched from the Shell Island Road launch on an outgoing tide into the bay before heading into Stopper's Creek and winding up at the top of Rookery Bay. The plan was then to use the incoming tide and fish Rookery Bay back to the launch point. However, plans shifted mid-day as a strong north wind came in earlier than forecast and caused waves to kick up, so the group retraced their path down Stopper's Creek back to Shell Island.

Fishing was very good right off the bat with Ken Robertson nabbing a nice Redfish and Bob Schneider adding a Snook. Both are now on the Kayak Groups leader board. Along with those, numerous Snapper, smaller Snook, and a few Jacks were caught. Ken also added another Snook that was just under Bob's.

April's adventure will take the group to the Port of the Isles freshwater canals for some Bass fishing, the last species on the Groups challenge board. It is scheduled for Tuesday 4/26.

If you are interested in Kayak fishing, visit the MSC website for more information about the MSC Kayak Group. Be sure to check on some of the past trips the group has gone on. If you are a new or current member who is interested in joining the group and participating in the monthly adventures, please send an email to Howard Laskau through the web site to get placed on the MSC Kayak Group email list. You will receive trip notices with all the necessary information about 1 week before the event.

And...the once-a-year Kayak Slam will be taking place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event has a \$30.00 entry fee with prize money for the top spots and includes a custom-designed long sleeve performance T-shirt for all entrants. The target fish will be Snook, Redfish and Trout with total inches of the three fish deciding the winning team. One of the great things about this event is that novice kayakers or those with little experience will be teamed with an experienced kayaker to make up the 2-person teams. And, if you want to enter but don't have a kayak, our sponsor, Naples Outfitters, will be providing rental kayaks at the launch for those who want them. This event provides a great way to introduce yourself to kayak fishing. Please see the rules, information and entry form in this newsletter!

