



**2022 MSC Kayak Slam**  
**Sponsored by Naples Outfitters**  
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The second MSC “Kayak Slam” began on a beautiful Monday morning at the Isles of Capri Paddle Park. This event, sponsored by Naples Outfitters, provides kayakers of all skill levels with the opportunity to compete in an enjoyable and fun event. You don’t even need to own a kayak to enter this tournament! For those who wanted to enter but didn’t have a kayak, Naples Outfitters provided Hobie kayaks with pedal drives, and delivered the boats right to the launch site. It couldn’t be any easier!

By random draw, all novice to intermediate kayakers are paired up with experienced kayakers for the day of kayak fishing. However, if spouses want to compete as a team, they may do so, and are exempt from the random draw. This year, Gloria and Ken Robertson bypassed the draw and entered as a team. When the fishing begins, each team sets out in search of a Kayak Slam...a snook, a redfish and a spotted seatrout. The team with the most total inches is the winner!

Since “kayak fishing” was a new experience for some of the anglers, the experienced kayakers spent some time with their teammates giving them a “Kayak 101” introductory lesson. Once they felt ready, the teams made their way out into McIlvane Bay and headed for the mangrove trails, where they hoped to get their slams. Once the teams made it to the mangroves, additional on-site training was needed for some of the newer kayakers, who had to learn, pretty quickly, how to untangle themselves, their kayak and fishing line from the ever-present mangrove branches and trees that seem to be everywhere.



