

MSC Tackle Box

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President's Message for July 2019



Hello Everyone,

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY JULY 3RD REGULAR TIME

The Triple Crown kicks off on July 1 with a kickoff event on June 27th to get the ball rolling. I am looking forward to this event. It's not too late to sign up!

As well as the Triple Crown in July we will have our annual shark harvest followed by the "Man Bites Shark" picnic. At our meeting we will have the renown fellow club member and shark hunter, Capt. Guy, explaining how to attract and catch these fish along with Ed Vesely who will give us the proper way to process the fish for the picnic to follow.

At the picnic you will enjoy the fruits of your harvest as it is specially prepared for its deliciousness by our seasoned shark club members. By the way, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. You must participate in the harvest to be eligible for the picnic. Details for this event will be at the meeting. Don't miss out on this, it is a fun time.

I hope you all have seen and read the information detailing the actions we are taking regarding the closure of redfish, snook and trout in our area. If you haven't, it is in this newsletter as a flyer. Please take the time and submit your view on this.

Remember: It's hot out there so don't take chances- stay hydrated (with water or Gatorade).

Pete A

PS. Help me make our club even better. Please email me any thoughts you have for future speakers or fishing events. We are always looking for ways to improve

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[Link to LEADER BOARD](#)

Fish of the Month (FOM) as of June

Get FOM updates using the link below.

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Offshore Report

by Ed Shebert



Coming Events

June 11-July 12: Offshore Red Snapper *recreational* season open: A couple of boats have made the trip out to 150', prox. 60nm with success. Another couple of boats going out at this time. Let me know of your event and results blog.

July 16 - 19 Mangrove Snapper event. Captains, largest legal Mangrove Snapper gets a \$20 MSC gift certificate for you AND your crew. Also, you can sign up for the "Man Bites Shark" event at the July Membership Meeting---see flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

August 18-21: Yellowtail Skill Event: Largest legal Yellowtail Snapper gets the Captain of the ship \$100.

August 25 - September 01: Labor Day Event: Largest legal Gag Grouper gets the Captain of the ship \$100.

Take a break and check out the Redfish Tournament. Also start thinking of another SUPER GROUPEr event to be held in November or December. Captain Jim Scarpa to co-ordinate the event.

Kayak Fishing at the Golden Gate Community Park

June 13, 2019

by Victor Ordija

Kayak fishing at the Golden Gate Community Park did not meet expectations. No Peacock Bass were caught and only three Largemouth Bass and a Mayan Cichlid were landed by our small group of kayakers. The largest bass, a nineteen inch fish was caught by Gary Costley.

Hot humid weather had a negative impact on the extensive freshwater canal system that drains this community located west of Naples. Low oxygen levels and little moving water probably kept fish in an inactive state. Nevertheless, this new venue made the outing a new experience for the group.



Snooky-Hooky Results

After 3 days of stormy weather which forced the fishing day to be rescheduled, the event finally took place on Thursday, June 20th. It was a beautiful day to fish, and as usual some anglers found the fish while other teams struggled. Sounds like starting early was key for most of the top teams.

22 anglers on 9 teams fished Thursday. One team had to drop out, their entry fee will be refunded.

Note: *Two teams had "technical difficulties" in providing their results to me by the Friday 5pm deadline. Both teams stated they sent them, or thought they had. I did not however receive them until after the deadline had passed. To avoid this very unfortunate situation please look for my confirmation of receipt of your results. I always reply to every participant who submits results with a thank you and confirmation of receipt. If you do NOT receive my confirmation, I haven't received your results. If you don't receive my reply, please call, text, or e-mail me to inquire about the submission. If I don't know you are having an issue, I can't help you. To avoid this in the future ,if you don't receive my confirmation of receipt please contact me immediately! I feel terrible for the teams which are affected, so please be sure you have my confirmation of tally receipt moving forward.*

- *If the late tallies had been included in the results, one of the teams would have finished in 5th place, and the other team would have had the 3rd largest snook for individual category.*
 - *It would not have impacted any of the other team or individual results.*

Team Results: (total inches of snook per team)

1. Jay Jones/John Baker – 268.25" - \$100.00
2. Ed Brown/Zac Brown/Grant Brown – 150" - \$80.00
3. Don Richards/John Mueller/Jon Kramer – 126.5" - \$70.00
4. Ron Scriver/Mike Larsen – 48.5" - \$60.00
5. Victor & Bobbie Ordija – 22.25" - \$50.00

Individual Results: (largest snook)

1. Ed Brown – 29.25" - \$60.00
2. Zac Brown – 24.25" - \$50.00
3. Victor Ordija – 22.25" - \$40.00

Prize Pool Total = \$510.00

\$240.00 in entry fees + \$270.00 in club funds (\$70 reallocated from cancelled Pick a Partner event)

Thank you to all the participants for your continued support of our backwater program. Our next backwater event will be "No-Bait" in August, always a fun event for all. Until then, tight lines!

Mike Larsen – Backwater Events Coordinator



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July 2019		Fish of the Month: Mangrove Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
July 1	Triple Crown Tournament Starts	See Attached Flyer for Signup Information
July 3	General Meeting Shark Talk Catch and Eat	7PM Rose Hall Auditorium Doors Open 6:30
July 8	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
July 15	"Man Bites Shark" Captains Meeting	3:30 at the Moose
July 16	"Man Bites Shark" Fishing Day	See Attached Flyer for Details
July 16 to 19	Mangrove Snapper Offshore	See Offshore Page for Details
July 17	"Man Bites Shark" Alternate Fishing Day	
July 18	Shark Picnic	Sarazan Park 12 Noon
July 23	Kayak Trip East River	See Website for Details

August 2019		Fish of the Month: Yellowtail Snapper
Date	Event	Information & Comments
August 1	General Meeting Mike Larsen to Discuss "No Bait" Event	7PM Rose Hall Auditorium Doors Open at 6:30
August 5	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
August 7	In Door Summer Picnic	Noon at the Moose
August 13	"No Bait" Captains Meeting	4PM Crazy Flamingo
August 14	"No Bait" Fish Day	See Flyer This Newsletter
August 15	"No Bait" Backup Fish Day	
August 18 to 21	Offshore Yellowtail Event	See Offshore Page for Details
August 23	Kayak Trip Chokoloskee	See Website for Details
August 25 to September 1	Offshore Labor Day Event	See Offshore Page for Details

September 2019		Fish of the Month: Snook
Date	Event	Information & Comments
September 1	Offshore Labor Day Event Ends	
September 5	There is NO General Meeting	
September 9	Board Meeting	8:30AM Coast Guard Auxiliary Station Caxambas Park
September 10	"Double Dose" Captains Meeting	4PM Crazy Flamingo
September 11	Triple Crown Picnic	Details to Follow
September 12	"Double Dose" Fishing Day	See Flyer in August Newsletter
September 21	Kayak Trip Hells' Gate	See Website for Details



Update from the Editor July 2019

Pete caught a **BIG** Snook, unfortunately he caught it too early to qualify for one leg of the Triple Crown Tournament. Following this page there are two special inserts. The first details the FWC's actions regarding our fishing waters. Read it thru and react/respond as provided. The second is an article provided to us by the BoatUS organization. If you want to see more articles of this nature let us know and it could become a regular feature.

I am always looking for pictures of what you have caught along with a brief "fishtale". Send it in and it may appear in the next NewsLetter. I can be reached at pfwanzenberg@yahoo.com.





Florida FWC enacted changes to the regulations on bag limits for snook, spotted seatrout and redfish along the coastal waters of southwest Florida. This is in response to the devastation done to fish populations during last year's red tide and bacterial algae outbreak. The purpose is to suspend harvesting of these species until their populations can recover.

The current daily bag limit is: "catch-and-release-only" for counties north of ours, but the ban in Collier County is only as far south as the Gordon River in Naples. This ban was recently extended to May of 2020.

This leaves Marco Island and the 10,000 Islands as the only inshore waters in Southwest Florida with harvestable fishing for these species.

For those of you still on the island this summer, you've surely noticed the influx of anglers from our north (some are guides) plying our local waters in search of "keeper" fish. The boat ramps on Marco and Goodland are now full daily, and we feel this puts a tremendous pressure on our local fishery.

The FWC commissioners hold regular meetings to update and address fishing regulations for Florida, and they accept public input and comments in their agenda. If you agree that ALL of Collier county should be included in the "catch-and-release-only" regulation, there are 3 easy options to make your voice heard:

1. Attend the FWC commissioners meeting July 17 & 18 in Stuart Florida. Click the following link for information and to register as a speaker- <https://myfwc.com/about/commission/commission-meetings/>

2. Complete the comment section in the following link-

<https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/rulemaking/saltwater-public-comments/>

Under "topic" (select a category) choose "other", then in the body of your comment reference the snook, redfish and spotted seatrout ban in Collier county. Then either express your support to include ALL of Collier County, or not (if that's your opinion).

3 Send a letter to the FWC's Senior Leadership Team:

Eric Sutton, Thomas Eason, Ph.D., Jennifer Fitzwater
David Rathke, and Charlotte Jerrett.

c/o Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

And to the Regional Director for the FWC South Region:

Dr. Thomas Reinert, Regional Director
8535 Northlake Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

We hope you will help support this effort to preserve what we have left of the local redfish and spotted trout. The 2020 tourist season will be devastating if this regulation remains unchanged.

MSC Board of Directors



Boating Safety Articles from BoatUS

Marco Sportfishing Club is proud to team with BoatUS to provide our membership with timely Boating Safety articles. The first installment is very timely and could possibly save our members from unknowingly damaging their boat's engine(s) and avoiding costly repairs. These articles will contain many links to additional resources, they are underlined and in blue color.

Boaters Beware: Expect More E15 This Summer

BoatUS urges recreational boaters to be on watch for engine-killing E-15; send message to Congress and President to fix Renewable Fuel Standard

E15 gasoline is illegal for use in boats, many other vehicles, and power equipment. Can you find the E15 warning label?



Credit: National Marine Manufacturers Association

[Download hi-res photo.](#)

SPRINGFIELD, Va., June 17, 2019 – Over the objections of a wide coalition of American citizens and environmental, conservation, food producer, fuel retailer, taxpayer advocate, and outdoor recreation industry groups, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently waived Clean Air Act provisions and [eliminated the three-and-a-half-month blackout period](#) on the sale of E15 (15% ethanol) fuel during the summer months, permitting the fuel to be sold year-round.

The fuel had been banned at the pumps from June 1 to September 15 over concerns that it contributed to smog on hot days. As a result of EPA's action, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is advising boaters that they will need to be very cautious at the gas station to ensure they aren't filling their boats with fuel that's bad (**and illegal**) for boat engines.

"This summer, recreational boat owners will need to be vigilant when refueling their trailer boats at the gas station to ensure they don't accidentally fill up with E15," said BoatUS Government Affairs Manager David Kennedy. "E15 is often one of the lower-priced fuel options, and that may be appealing even with its [lower energy content](#). The challenge when filling up the boat is that the only misfuelling warning you may see is a [small orange label](#) among the clutter of signage, prices and advertising adorning the pump. It's very easy to miss."

Boaters have no love for ethanol in their gas. E15 is prohibited by federal law for use in recreational boat engines, **and its use – accidental or not – voids many marine engine warranties**. [E15 has been proven to damage boat engines and fuel systems](#). A 2018 [BoatUS Summer Fuel Survey](#) reported that if they had their choice of fuel, more than four out of five boat owners (83%) would choose E0 (ethanol-free) fuel – if it was available. The same survey reported about half (49 percent) of respondents were unaware that the use of E15 fuel in marine engines was prohibited under federal law and will void the warranty.

The push to sell E15 year-round is a result of the Renewable Fuel Standard's (RFS) mandate to blend biofuels such as corn-ethanol into the nation's gasoline supply. BoatUS is asking recreational boaters for help on the issue [by contacting their member of Congress](#) to urge him or her to fix the RFS. The more than half-million-member boat owners group supports fuel choice, including smart biofuels development such as isobutanol, and the availability of ethanol-free (E0) fuels that are increasingly more difficult to find. "The fuel that most boaters want for safe engine operation, E0, is being pushed out of the market," added Kennedy.

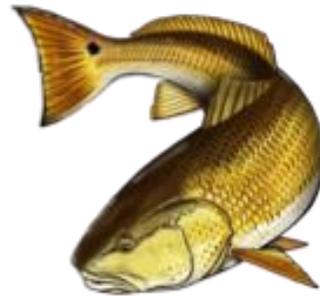
BoatUS is a member of the [Smarter Fuel Future](#) coalition that aims to reform the RFS.

So, what did you think of the article? Do you want our newsletter to contain more of these informative pieces from BoatUS? If so, please send Pete an email parchie13@comcast.net and let him know your thoughts.

Hopefully, no one gets the E15 fuel this summer, trying to save a few pennies at the pump, and ends up voiding their engine warranty and destroying the engine(s).



Marco Sportfishing Club Triple Crown Tournament July 1 to October 31, 2019



The Marco Sportfishing Club Triple Crown Tournament, sponsored by the Compass Group at Morgan Stanley, will begin July 1, 2019. Registration will begin at the monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019.

As in the last two years, the tournament will occur over four months so that anglers have a better chance of landing a Tarpon. An entry fee of \$20 is required to participate in this fun tournament that targets Tarpon, Redfish and Snook.

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

Interested anglers can sign up at the MSC General Meeting on June 6th, or send an email to Ron Scriver indicating your interest in participating in the tournament. See email at bottom of flyer

A kick-off event will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 4:00 PM at The Marco Island Moose Lodge. Tournament rules will be provided and discussed. Marco Sportfishing Club 2-Line Rule (January 1, 2019) and Catch Verification Rules (January 8, 2019) will apply.

The Triple Crown Tournament is a fun, challenging, and competitive contest. It is also very relaxed as it allows the angler to fish at her or his own pace. The angler can fish at any time, day or night, anywhere within the backwater boundaries established by Marco Sportfishing Club, and with any other angler (no professional guides) or alone. The contest allows for experimentation by choosing different baits, both live and artificial, as well as various techniques, presentations, etc.

The goal is to catch a Tarpon of 30 inches or more, and the largest Redfish and Snook. At the end of the contest the participant will be a better angler and gain additional respect for our environment.

The Compass Group at Morgan Stanley sponsors this event.

Ron's email ronscriver2@gmail.com

Get Ready for MSC'S Annual
"Man Bites Shark Event"



The "Man Bites Shark" picnic is only open to those MSC members who participate in the shark fishing segment of the event and their spouses/significant others.

"Man Bites Shark" Schedule of Activities

- **Talk Shark** - Monday, July 15th - Captains' Meeting at 3:30 PM at the Moose Lodge.
- **Catch Shark** – Tuesday, July 16th, in the Mud Hole or another location of your choice.
- **Eat Shark** - Thursday, July 18th, at Sarazan Park, 12:00 noon. Picnic fee \$5 per person; includes: Shark entrée or Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, beans, slaw, potato salad, etc. BYO drinks.

Sign up for the event at the July General Meeting

All Picnic Fees must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 16th.

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“No Bait” Boat or Kayak Backwater Event

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

Date: Wednesday, August 14th, 2019

Backup Date: Thursday, August 15th, 2019

Capt’s Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 – 4PM at Crazy Flamingo

Fishing Hours: 6-Hour FLEX-FISH – Select a 6-hr period to fish, anytime between sunrise to sunset.

Tide Info at Coon Key:

Low Tide:	7:53 AM	(1.5’)
High Tide:	1:35 PM	(4.1’)

Solunar Activity: Major Period: 12:57 PM – 2:57 PM

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. (so there will be 9 different winners!)

Prize amounts will depend on the number of participants, **plus** a minimum of **\$200.00** in club funds.

Prizes to be given out at the September BBQ Cook-Off

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member, **due by no later** than the **Captain’s Meeting, Tuesday, August 13th**, 4:00 PM at Crazy Flamingo, Marco Towne Center.

EVENT RULES

- Captains of all boats must be a MSC Member.
- MSC backwater boundaries apply.
- “No Guide” Rule applies. – “2-Line” 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 Thursday, August 15th, 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

Picnic Page

There are some picnics coming up which are listed below for your consideration.

1. The Shark picnic is July 18th. You must participate in the Shark fishing event to attend. See flyer for more details.
2. There is no flyer for the Indoor Summer picnic. It will be held at Noon on August 7th at the Moose. Details will be provided at the General Meeting or by an e-blast.
3. There will be a Triple Crown picnic September 11th. No specifics, at this time.

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 FOR PICNICS:

- 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. <http://www.marcocivic.com/applications/> 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, ie. 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 UP TO 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. Because of liability issues, ANYONE CLIMBING OVER THE FENCE WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE PICNIC WITH NO REFUND.

Note: These are these that latest rules as 1/23/2018. See the date-stamped [CURRENT PICNIC PARKING RULES](#) for any changes.

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Marco Sportfishing Club 2019 Activity and Event Directors, Committee Chairs and Assistants

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February 04, 2019

