



MSC Video Teleconference



To provide information to our members, the MSC Board has selected “Zoom” as our video conferencing tool. What exactly does that mean for our members?

Our Monthly Meetings still can not be held “face-to-face” due to the restrictions imposed by the CDC, State and Local Governments to deal with Covid-19. The best we can do is to “meet” with you virtually.

Zoom provides a computer interface for the Board and Event Leaders to present information, on a wide variety of topics, directly to each of our members. Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client or a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video. In fact, you can even use your phone to call into a meeting and listen to the presentations.

What should you expect to see in a meeting? You will see the same type of presentation that you have come to expect from the event leaders. Updates on the club’s finances, information on future events and the results of previous events or tournaments. There will be presentations about fishing skills and sharing of successful techniques that can be applied to our fishing events in October.

What will a Zoom meeting look like? The Zoom interface provides a live video image of the event leaders plus a screen view of a PowerPoint presentation, like the slides shown at Rose Auditorium. You can view the presentation on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You will also be able to hear the presentation through the system’s speakers. More on hardware requirements later.

Will the presenters be able to hear or see me? **No.** The meeting is set up so that both video and audio is turned off for the meeting attendees. You can imagine how difficult it would be to conduct a meeting if everyone were able to talk at the same time, or if their videos interrupted the presentation. The good news for our attendees is they can attend the meeting from pretty much anywhere they have Wi-Fi or cell coverage.

Do I need a Zoom Account? **No.** Attending a Zoom MSC Meeting is as straightforward as clicking on a link. Meeting attendees do not need their own Zoom account to join the MSC Meeting. You can join through a browser or the Zoom application from any desktop, laptop, or mobile device.

What equipment do I need to attend a Zoom meeting? To use Zoom you will need one of the following:

- **Computer.** Windows or Apple computer with speakers. (You do not need a computer microphone or webcam – remember you are not presenting)
- **Mobile Device.** iOS or Android
- **Phone.** Mobile device, desk, or landline

Do I need to install anything on my phone or computer? **YES.** You should have received an eblast that details what application you need and the links to download those applications. Downloading and installing them prior to the meeting will save you time on the meeting date. You only need to do this the first time you attend a meeting.

How will I connect to the meeting? You will receive an eblast prior to the meeting with a link to the meeting. All you need to do is “Click” the link and follow the on-screen directions to type in your name and email address.

Can I ask a question during the meeting? Yes, but it is a text message. As a meeting attendee, you will not be able to directly ask a question as your microphone will be muted. There is a “**Q&A**” button that will allow you to send a text to the presenters. We will try to answer your question – or pool questions to answer at the end of the meeting. It will be hard for the presenters to do their presentation and read your question, so there may be a delay in responding.

When is the Meeting? The meetings are scheduled at the same day and time as always, 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month. Our October meeting is on October 1st, this coming Thursday.

We are looking forward to holding this virtual meeting... and to reconnect with our members. We will solicit feedback on the virtual meeting and incorporate your suggestions as we navigate through these Covid-19 restrictions.

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