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Treasurer's Report

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Fish of the Month – Pompano

A 14.5 in Pompano was caught by Ken Robertson on 1/21/21 wins the FOM. Ken is awarded a cash prize of 25 dollars..

Fish of the Month for February 2021 is Sheepshead



Leaderboard – Update – January 31st

- 31.25 in Red Grouper - Allan Bristow - 40 miles west of Marco
- 14.5 in Pompano - Ken Robertson - Coon Key
- 17.25 in Lane Snapper - Mark Staley - 40 miles west of Marco
- 20.25 in Redfish – Allan Bristow – Whitney Channel
- 29.25 in Snook – Michael Lopez – Caxambas Pass
- 21 in Spotted Seatrout – Ken Robertson – Coon Key Flats

Leaderboard – Winners – 2020

Cobia	Gary LaMotte	50.25	Sheepshead	Ken Robertson	21
Gag Grouper	Chris Laimbeer	26	Lane Snapper	Gwen Troha	16
Red Grouper	Mike Kropp	33	Mangrove Snapper	Robert Baldocchi	26.5
King Mackerel	Steve Schwindt	47.5	Yellowtail Snapper	Jim Scarpa	19.5
Tripletail	Michael Lopez	24.75	Snook	Donna Deeter	42.5
Spanish Mackerel	Kevin Krygier	24.5	Amberjack	Steve Schwindt	46
Permit	John Cavanagh	31.5	Black Drum	Mike Larsen	35
Pompano	Chris Vines	17.25	Spotted Seatrout	Don Richards	23
Redfish	Kevin Krygier	35.75	Gulf Flounder	Frank Renkel	19

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2021 Sheepshead Shindig Tournament

Sign Up Now if you haven't done so!

Captain's Meeting.....Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Sarazen Park @ 4:00 PM

Tournament.....Monday, February 15, 2021, 6-Hour Flex Time

RAIN DATETuesday, February 16, 2021, 6-Hour Flex Time

Weigh-InMonday, February 15, 2021, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

at Sarazen Park (no amenities) BYOB

Shindig Awards Dinner.....Monday, February 22, 2021,

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Sandbar Restaurant, Marco Island



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Monday & Tuesday, March 15 & 16, 2021

WHAT: Fishing Event for Female Members

WHO: Experienced, Novice, Beginner Anglers

**WHEN: MONDAY or TUESDAY, MARCH 15 OR 16 (Captain's choice of day/time)
Four-hour time frame.**

Captains must be MSC Members, Ladies must have FL fishing license and must have signed waiver.

AWARDS PICNIC: on March 18th at Sarazen Park 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Entry fees will be broken down to accommodate those who want to only participate in the fishing event and those who want to fish and attend the picnic.



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Spring Trout Spotacular - Backwater Event

Fishing Date: Tuesday, March 23rd or Wednesday, March 24th

Capt.'s Meeting: March 22nd – Time and Date TBD

Fishing Hours: 6 Hours – “Flex Time” – You pick the 6 hours you prefer to fish!



	23 rd	24 th
Tide Info at Coon Key:	Low Tide: 4:51 AM (- 0.1')	5:42 AM (- 0.2')
	High Tide: 12:15 PM (2.4')	12:35 PM (2.6')

Event Target Fish: Spotted Seatrout

Prizes: Team prize – 1st thru 6th – Total inches of 6 longest Trout **(2 legal limits)**
(Only 1 > 19" per boat)

Individual Prize – 1 prize awarded for longest Trout caught during the event

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per MSC angler, \$15.00 per non-member

- **Prize amounts determined by number of anglers participating PLUS \$200 in club funds**

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January 2021

MSC Kayak Group Trip - Rookery Bay/Stopper's Creek Loop

After a one-day delay due to strong winds, 5 of MSC's finest kayakers ventured out early on Sunday, January 17th for the first MSC kayak outing of 2021.

This trip kicked off the 2021 Kayak Challenge in which MSC kayakers try to land the largest Redfish, Snook, Trout or Bass during one of the scheduled kayak outings. The kayak angler with the largest of each of those 4 species at the end of the year wins "bragging rights" as well as an MSC Kayak Angler shirt.



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MSC Kayak Group Trip - Hell's Gate/Palm Bay

Date: Saturday, February 6th

Launch Time : 7:45 AM

Launch Point: Across the Goodland Bridge, on the right side of the road

Returning: Approximately 1:15 PM

VHF Channel: 72

Estimated trip distance: 8 miles

- **Trip notices are on the MSC calendar**
- **Complete trip information is sent to those who have requested to be on the “MSC Kayak group” mailing list**
- **Visit the Kayak section of the MSC website for more information, to read stories/see pictures from past trips or to get on the mailing list.**



Note: A handheld VHF radio is a requirement to participate in MSC kayak fishing events.

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Offshore – Offshore Slam

- **Fishing Dates: January 1 thru December 31, 2021**
- **Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers**
- **This is an individual angler tournament and is not tied to a specific captain or boat. The angler may fish on anyone's boat at any time (like the Triple Crown).**
- **Offshore Slam species – Grouper (Red, Gag or Black), Snapper (Mangrove, Yellowtail or Lane), Permit, Cobia.**
- **Angler must catch and enter one fish of each species to qualify to win.**
- **In addition to the Offshore Slam prizes, the largest fish of each individual species will be awarded a prize, as will the boat captain with the most entries caught.**
- **Any fish caught during this event will also qualify for MSC Leaderboard and Fish of the Month entry.**



Offshore – Super Grouper / Snapper – Apr 2021

- Fishing Dates: Friday April 9 thru Saturday April 17, 2021
- Entry Fee: \$25 for MSC Anglers, \$35 for Non-Members,
No entry Fee for Captains.
- Deadline to Enter: Thursday April 8, 2021
- Prizes: Based on # of Boats and anglers participating in each division – 120' and 80'.
- Maximum one prize per boat. Twelve prizes total.
 - Total combined length of 3 legal Grouper (120' division) or, 2 legal Grouper (80' division) - any Red, Black, Gag Grouper.
Three winners in each division.
 - Total combined length of 3 legal Snapper (both divisions) – any Yellowtail, Mangrove, Lane Snapper. **Three winners in each division.**



Offshore – Captain's Reports

Jan 10-Jan 16 Captain John DeMarco - Jan 13: I took out a crew to look for our limit of grouper about 61 miles out, limited out with all big boys largest 31.5 inches long by noon. Then drove around looking for big snapper, found awesome bottom stacked with fish and all big boys! Took 30 large mangroves, 1 monster Mutton and a surprise tuna! Couple of yellowtail.
Jim if any members are ever looking for an offshore trip, I'm their Captain.
We split the cost, usually 150.00 to 200.00 based on how many on board!

Jan 17-Jan 23 Captain Frank Christensen - January 19th: With a crew of three, we stopped at the 12-mile reef for bait. After filling the live well went southwest to 48 feet. After catching a ton of Lanes started drifting for grouper. Probably 30 shorts between 14 and 19 inches with three keepers 21 to 24 in length.
A great fishing day inside of 30 miles.

Captain Paul Doppelt - Jan 23: Found a bunch of live bait at 41' due west of the Marco River. Took a ride out to MSC fishing area at 112' and attempted to drift for Grouper. No current and tough bite. We caught a dozen or so undersize Reds, lost a few larger fish in the rocky bottom, came in with 3 keeper Reds. There were lots of Tuna & Bonito chasing bait and got to at least watch them hunt.
Stopped off at the Spring hole and caught a 26" Gag.
The morning tide was stronger which seemed to make a difference.

Offshore – Offshore Reports

Jan 24-Jan 30 Captain Roger Linder - Jan 22: Left dock at 6 AM stopped for bait 15 miles out, no sign of red tide, continued west to 100 feet. By 1 PM had our limit of 10 nice sized grouper. It was as perfect a day one could hope for light breeze but a perfect drift. The crew, Gary, Bert, Rod, Mike opted to stop at the R tower to try for a leader board Cobia. No luck, several boats no fish. Back at dock at 3:30, cleaned boat and fish, great crew!

The mystery is how can fisherman standing a few apart, using same bait, rig etc. have completely different catch rate, 0 verses 4? And you can never know who will have the hot hand!

Captain Joe Sambataro - Jan 26: Went out 55 miles from Wiggins Pass to find keeper grouper. Got two in the boat, two lost on the way up, one giant Porgy and a snapper. Not red hot but OK - we did not get skunked! Anchor got stuck at the last spot. I use Anchor Saver - a system to get anchors off the bottom without losing it all- that worked great. Crew was Ed R, Mark S and Gary Z. Did not take time to take pictures of fish. Got in late after working anchor for half hour. Went right to cleaning the fish. Good day with great friends.

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FeBREWfest XVI Picnic

Date: Wednesday, February 17th

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Sarazen Park (*Limited to 50 people*)

INDIVIDUAL COLD LUNCHESES

- #1** Liverwurst and Onion Sandwich w/German Potato Salad and Red Beet Salad (w/o Limburger)
- #2** Schnitzel (Breaded Pork Cutlet) on German Brötchen (Roll) with German Potato Salad and Pickled Red Beet Salad
- #3** Ham & Cheese on Rye w/lettuce, tomato, cucumbers and German Potato and Macaroni Salads

\$15 each (\$18 after 2/10) Walk-Ins! \$23

Beer, wine, pop and water Included
(Selections will be limited due to only 50 participants)



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FeBREWfest XVI Picnic

Tonight, we have two short videos regarding a favorite bait for Sheephead. Fiddler Crabs.

Video 1 – How to find and catch fiddler crabs

Video 2 – How to rig fiddler crabs

**Don't Get
Pinched!**



February Events

- All Month **Membership – Renewal & New Members**
- All Month **Offshore Slam**
- February 4 **MSC General Meeting**
- February 6 **Kayak Event – Hell’s Gate**
- February 8 **MSC Board Meeting**
- February 13 **Sheepshead Captain’s Meeting**
- February 15 **Sheepshead Event**
- February 16 **Sheepshead (alt fishing day)**
- February 17 **FeBREWfest XVI Picnic**
- February 22 **Sheepshead Banquet**
- February 25 **Newsletter Deadline**



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Good Night

Stay Safe and Healthy - and good luck fishing this month.