

Fishing Events and Club Guidelines

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Special monthly fishing events through April 2012 are listed below. Fishing events will be updated quarterly throughout the year.

The special fishing events are as follows:

Month*	Event	Where	Leader
Jan	Pompano Passion	Both	Ed Vesely
	Charters – six pak	Gulf	Bob Trento
	Head Boat Charter	Gulf	Bob Trento
	Buddy Trip	Near Shore	Joe Perino
Feb	Sheepshead Shootout	Both	Ed Vesely
	Charter – six pak	Gulf	Bob Trento
	Buddy Trip	Near Shore	Joe Perino
	Kayak Trip	Backwater	Victor Ordija
Mar	Seatrout Sponsored Tourney	Backwater	Ed Vesely
	Snapper platter	Offshore	Ed Shebert
	Kayak Trip	Backwater	Victor Ordija
	Charter – six pak	Offshore	Bob Trento
	Weekend Snapper fishing	Offshore	Keith Wohltman
Apr	Special Sponsored Grouper Tourney	Both	Allan Bristow/ Howard laskau
	Kayak Trip	backwater	Victor Ortija
	Charter – six pak	Offshore	Bob Trento
	Weekend fishing	Offshore	Keith Wohltman

* Check monthly newsletter for actual dates

It is the intent of the Marco Island Sportsfishing Club to provide activities which help members to get to know each other and fish together. To this end, **we circulate signup sheets at the regular monthly Members Meetings** so that Captains who are looking for Crew Members for a Fishing Event can identify and invite Crew Members who are looking for a ride. However, under no circumstances is a Captain who signs his boat up for an event obligated to invite another club member along. **Please note the following rules regarding the signup sheets for Fishing Events:**

If you sign up and ask to be invited as a passenger on another Captain's boat please note the following:

Captains who are willing to take guests CHOOSE who they invite onto their boat, **we do not ASSIGN crew members** to a Captain. Signing up does not guarantee that you will be invited.

If you are a Member asking to be a guest on a boat, **you may only sign yourself up** and may not bring guests. Anyone signing up **must be on the Membership Roster and must have signed a Waiver.**

Fishing on small boats is a physically demanding activity. Make sure you are able to perform tasks like hauling an anchor and able to move about the boat safely in rough weather on slippery decks.

Crew members are expected to **share expenses**, and share the chores of cleaning up after a fishing trip. Typical **expenses can range anywhere from \$30 to \$150 per angler** depending on the type of fishing and the fuel and bait required. It is always a good idea to ask the captain what his anticipated costs are. If you are unable to pitch in, do not sign up. **We are not a discount Guide Service!**

Signup sheets will be available at the General meetings every month. Event leaders will answer any questions. After the meetings they will distribute the list of interested anglers to all participating captains.

If you sign up, and a Captain wishes to invite you, **he will call you in the week following the signup** to arrange the details. In any event the leader will do his best to contact you with the status.

If you have a boat, and want to invite other club members as crew:

On the signup sheet, enter the number of Crew Members you need.

Meet after the general meeting. The roll call of Members looking for a ride will give you a chance **to meet them and insure that their skill level and physical ability are compatible with your boat, crew, and fishing style.**

Under no circumstances are you obligated to take another club member fishing. These signup sheets are organized for the mutual benefit of both parties.

If you are new to fishing in this area, and need to insure that you have an experienced crew member on board, let us know and we will assist you. Our aim is to **insure that each Captain has at least one experienced crewman on board** who can assist him as necessary.

We will then email the Captains a roster of the Crew Members selected so that you can **call them to invite them and arrange the specifics.**

A Member with a boat can invite non-members (e.g. family members, friends, guests) on a club event. Also, a member without a boat can participate if they have a friend who is a non-member and has a boat. But in both cases, it is the **Club Member who is signing up for the event.**

Again, the intent of the club is to introduce members to each other so they can fish together and share each other's experience. We recognize that some members may not have fished in this area before, or may have no experience fishing at all. Most of the club members are consistently generous in sharing their knowledge and helping others along; but eventually, everyone is expected to carry their own weight on the boat. **Again, we are not a Discount Guide Service; and no Club Member is obligated to take another Club Member fishing.**