



MARCO CRUISE CLUB

LUBBERS LINE

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MENU FOR DISCRIMINATING BOATERS

- Tues. 26 Mar. Membership meeting at Mackle Park, 1930. Guest speaker Guy L. Carlton.
- Thurs. 4 Apr. Combined MCC / MBYC Reverse Raffle and Buffet Dinner at Sebastien's Manor.
- Tues. 23 Apr. Membership meeting at Mackle Park, 1930. Name tags, everyone.
- Thurs. 25 Apr. Begin 4 Day / 3 Night cruise to Sarasota. See the enclosed flyer for details.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

We are just a little over a month into our new MCC year and we have already had two very successful events. The Steak Fest at the Isles of Capri Community Center was very well attended and everyone had a marvelous time. As usual, Italian Sausage Night was a great success, with excellent attendance, outstanding food and great camaraderie among the members. If you missed either event, you missed not only a good time but the opportunity to see "master chef" Joe Coriaci at work.

The 26 March membership meeting will be preceded by a new member indoctrination program at 7:00 PM. If you sponsored or know a member who joined in 1995 or Jan. or Feb. of 1996, please make every effort to have them attend this session. Nick Carsillo will put on an excellent program for them. Speaking of sponsoring new members, we still have room in the MCC for a few active, go-getter type new members. If you know anyone who fits this bill, speak to them about membership.

In the "help out" area, we are looking for volunteers to fill in some very important spots:

1. An assistant treasurer, to sub for **Marshall Cook** when he is not available and possibly take his place next year if he decides to retire (We hope not).

2. An assistant secretary, to fill in when **Jackie McDonough** is not able to attend a meeting and possibly replace her next year. Jackie has told me that this will be her third and final year as club secretary.

3. A refreshment chairperson (cookie girl leader) to organize refreshments after the monthly meetings. **Barbara Coriaci** has volunteered to continue through March, but we need someone to take over as of April.

If you have not reserved for the combined dinner/raffle with our friends from the MBYC, I recommend you do so ASAP. Plans are taking shape for the cruise to Sarasota. Get a boat load of friends and come along - it will be a lot of fun. Call R/C **Charlie Morris** at 394-6030 or **Al Caravella**, chairman of this event, (642-7980) if you need more info or have a question.

Peter McDonough, Commodore

OOPS !

February was not a good month for the Lubbers Line or its editor. As a number of you pointed out, the guest speaker at our March meeting will be Guy L. Carlton, not Guy Carpenter (a name from out of my pre-retirement past). Also, the departure date for the cruise to Sarasota will be **25 April**, not 26 April as shown in the flyer enclosed with the recent special issue. Finally, for those of you who keep track of such things, the February issue was issue # 1 of volume 21, not volume 20. Coke, where are you when we need you.

The Editor

REMINDERS

BLOOD BANK First Thursday of each month. Mark you calendar for a visit to the Urgent Care Center Thursday, 4 April, if you can give.

BOAT/US Don't forget to use the Club's group number to get your 50% discount off the basic membership fee.

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OF KINGS AND THINGS

Although the first week of March looked more like November "up north", the last half of the month promises to be excellent for local fishermen (or is it fisherpersons?), if only the weather will calm down, warm up and stop blowing so hard. Believe me, those days are coming with increasing regularity, so be prepared.

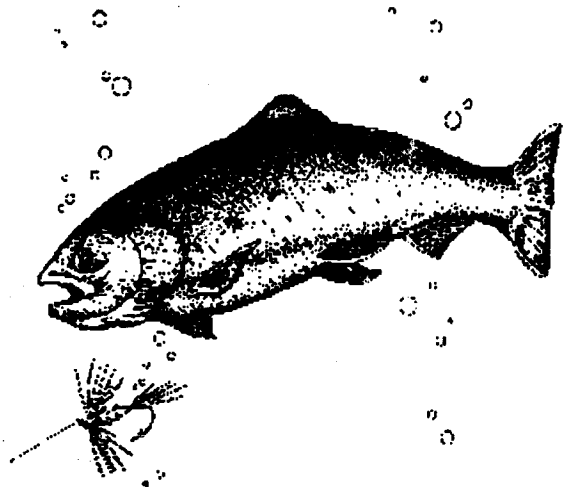
This season of the year is a good time to fish for two kinds of kings; **king fish** and **silver kings (tarpon)**, for the uninitiated). Both of these bruisers can provide some of the biggest thrills you can get from the sport, and sometimes they can be found in the same places. For instance, they both hang around wrecks and structures, so that is where to look. You can even visit your favorite **grouper** holes - the same structure that attracts **grouper** will entice the **kings**, usually in the 35 - 50 foot range of depth. But **tarpon** in particular are a wide ranging species, being found in the bays and inlets as well as offshore, and this time of year they are migrating north. They are off shore as much as thirty miles, but will be coming closer to shore as the month progresses. I even saw one rolling in a backwater creek a few days before the last cold front swept through, but the rascal wouldn't feed so I left him there for another day. Chances are he will still be there, because they often hang around an area for a long time.

How do you get them? The best way, if you are offshore, is to chum heavily and fish a variety of baits, from live pinfish to dead baits on the bottom. **Tarpon** can be persnickity so, if they don't bite, try spoons or diving lures. You will probably hook a **king fish** if a tarpon doesn't take the hit, not a bad substitute if you want ferocious action.

March is also a good month for **mackerel**. Although they have been spotty lately, they are still a good bet. **Trout** too have been hard to find, especially when the water cools and becomes murky, but persistence will pay off. Just move around from place to place until you find them.

Snook will be moving down from the far backwaters and they seem to be hungry. We caught nine in one day last week, plus nine **redfish**. The trick is to start fishing as far up the streams and creeks as you can get and work your way towards the Gulf. By next month they should be plentiful around the outer islands and beaches. Jigs and spoons work well. For the shallow waters, use floating lures worked slowly. They are much more active now, but still a little sluggish due to the cold water.

Now let's talk about the best game fish, bar none (my opinion, of course), the **tarpon**. Although many anglers have never caught one of these brutal fighters, they are found over a wide variety of habitats, from far off shore to as far inland as Lake Okechobee, dining on **bass**. They will eat practically any bait, as long as they can swallow it whole, because they don't have any teeth for chewing. Even **catfish**, stickers and all, are fair game for these guys, not to mention **crabs**, claws and all. And they just l-o-v-e **ladyfish**, **pinfish** and **squirreelfish**. Almost any lure will work, from spoons to jigs, but a word of caution; if they are not feeding, **nothing works**.

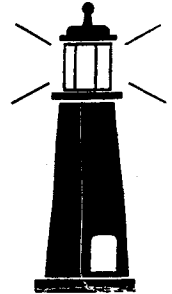
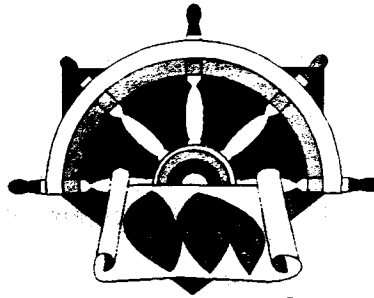


How about tackle? Basically, you want a reel that will handle 250 yards or more of twenty pound test line. You can catch them on lighter tackle, but the long fight will stress the fish and they may die. As a matter of fact, you too will think you will die. They are extremely tough and durable, and can teach you the true meaning of pain. When rigging bait, there is no need to hide the hook. As a matter of fact, it is better to have the point exposed and surgically sharp. Their mouths are very bony and hard to penetrate, so use only the sharpest hooks.

One last point regarding tarpon. The best way to find them is sightfishing. Look for the typical rolling silver flash, especially within a mile or so of the beaches. When you spot them, cast ahead of them and hang on as they are explosive hitters. That initial jump can be awesome.

That's enough for this month. We will continue our **tarpon** clinic next time. Meanwhile, **save some for me**.

The Ancient Angler



SARASOTA CRUISE

April 25 - 28 1996

The Marco Cruise Club presents a GREAT BOATING trip to Sarasota. Departure Thursday April 25th at 9:00 hours and returning Sunday April 28th. This three day event will take us to the Beautiful Holiday Inn Marina on the North Shore of Sarasota Bay.

We will try and find rides for those who do not take their own boat. Anyone who has space on their boat please call Alex Caravella, he will make assignments (642-7980). Those who plan on driving the address is 7150 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota.

The Marina has 60 slips, full service, fuel (gas and deisel), and all ammenities for dockside hook-up, showers, lockers and pool. Dockage rates @ 90 cents per 30 foot minimum or 45 cents if you stay in the Inn. Inn rates are \$60 street side \$66 marina side plus tax. For reservations call 941-355-2781, ask for Tammy.

RESERVATIONS for the trip must be made by April, 10th. A Captains meeting will be held April 16, @ 10:00 hours by Alex Caravella and Donna Watson at 716 S. Barfield. Buddy groups will be set, routing will be provided and up to date trip details will be handed out.

The trip is about 100 miles. Slower boats may want to depart a day early. This will be discussed at the Skippers meeting. The faster boats should plan on 5½ hours on the water. There will be a fuel and lunch stop midway at Uncle Henry's Marina at Boca Grande. Skippers choice. The lunch is \$11 (full cost), Hamburger, Grouper or Chicken sandwich all with slaw and beverage, coffee, tea or soda. Your choice must be called in ten days before arrival 1-813-964-2300.

6:30 PM

Events: April 26th Holiday Cook Out Terrace Room 18:30 hours COMMODORE'S PARTY featuring Hamburgers, Barbecue Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the cob, several Salads and a Fruit tray, Ice Tea and Lemonade.

April 27th Reservations made at Ivo's reataurant (on site) between 18:30 and 19:00 hours. You are On your own, order from menu prices per menu.

Other Activities: Aside from the above planned activities enjoy your time and relax as you wish. You can go on a luncheon cruise to "Marina Jack's" in downtown Sarasota. There are the "Shelby Gardens" and the Play House for the Performing Arts with Tamming of the Shrew April 27th. Bring your bikes and tennis rackets and you can probably find a golf course.

wine 3.00

Cocktails Commadore Party
Price 2.75 call 3.00 Top
shelf

RESERVATIONS: NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 1996 \$18 PER PERSON for COMMODORE'S DINNER PARTY April 26th. Checks to Marco Cruise Club Al Caravella 716 S Barfield P.O. Box 1756 tel 642-7980.

NAME & TELEPHONE: _____

SHIP'S STORE

FOR SALE

Grady White 255 Sailfish. This is a walk-around cuddy cabin model with enclosed, stand-up head, hard top, full canvas enclosure, heavy duty anchor winch and live bait well. Powered by twin Yamaha 200 HP outboards with stainless steel props and some 220 hours on each. Loaded with such additional equipment as Sea Star steering by Teleflex, North Star Loran C, Raytheon Model V700 depthsounder, ICOM Model IC-M80 VHF and a Cybernet Model CMS300 marine stereo. Please drop us a line at 1036 So. Collier Blvd., Apt. # 505 or call 394-0846.

Bob & Edith Braun

FOR RENT

Upon the sale of the Grady White listed above, our boat dock will be available for rental by the purchaser or, if not wanted by the new owner of the boat, by anyone else who is interested. Please call or write to express an interest.

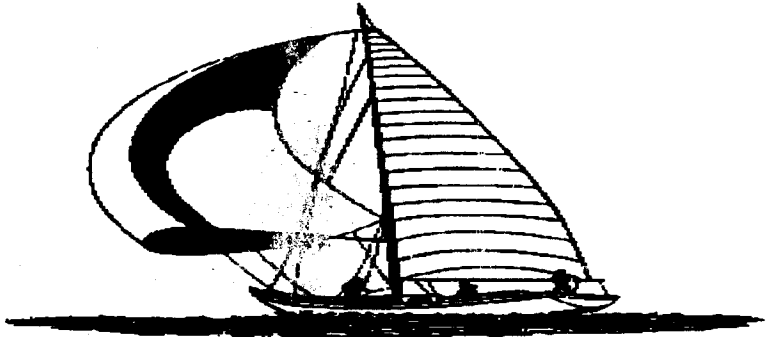
The Brauns

FOR SALE

24' Rampage Express, 10' beam, 260 HP Mercruiser I/O with jack shaft. Full canvas, VHF, loran, depthsounder and fishfinder. Approx. 280 hours. Call Clyde Shadley at 394-6593.

FOR SALE

'89 Tiara 36' "Amy Joy", open, tower, twin 375 HP Cat 3208 TA. 815 hours. Generator, two stations, full electronics. \$150 K. Call 394-9258



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