

MCAC Artificial Reef Fund, Inc.

July 11, 2015 9th Annual Reef Builders Tournament



Artificial reef construction and development creates habitat for marine organisms and fish. In the past few years, the MCAC Reef Fund has either deployed or sold the naming rights to seventeen artificial reefs as new fish habitats, what we call 'Hotels for Fish'. You will find pictures and videos, including underwater from Sea Rover Services Dive Team on our website www.MCACREEFS.org. Our ability to maintain a working reef program is a way to maintain the Treasure Coast's reputation as a top notch sport fishing destination. It is important to sustain a viable marine environment. The studies reviewed by the recent University of Florida's report show that artificial reefs do increase economic activity in surrounding communities and that they provide benefits that exceed costs.

Martin County Artificial Reef Fund is a 501(c)(3) Corporation set up several years ago to enhance the artificial reef program of Martin County. Our first success was the deployment of the Wickstrom reef in 2003. We are building on that success and would like to continue a network of additional artificial reefs. Working in conjunction with Martin County's active focus on improving our reef system, we can continue to create a program that will compete with any other county in our state.

Fund raising is necessary to accomplish our goals. With that in mind, the Artificial Reef Fund launched the 1st Annual Reef Builders Tournament in 2006. Our primary fundraiser is our Annual Tournament. For the past three years we've included the dive community offering the area anglers and divers a unique tournament experience described as 'Good Fish – Bad Fish'. Lionfish are beautiful but they are an invasive species. You can find more about them, catching and cooking, restaurants that serve them and much more on Martin County's MCLionfish website www.MCLionfish.com

From noon to 5PM, it's a dock party with fun for all at the Weigh-in with the Tiki Bar, live music, vendors with arts and crafts, Coastal Paddleboarding trials, lionfish cleaned and cooked by our tournament volunteers for tasting and more fun every year. This year someone may 'walk the plank'! The Fishing Tournament is followed by an Awards Dinner with prizes and auction items provided by our sponsors.

All of our sponsors have their logo on our website with a hyperlink to their website. Your sponsorship is needed to make our event a success. All proceeds from the event will go to the Martin County Artificial Reef Program. The county artificial reef website www.MartinReefs.com has a report on the socio-economic benefits of artificial reefs. If you are not familiar with the program, this excellent website and report makes very clear the value of artificial reefs to our community.

In the past years, we have had anglers who chartered a boat to enter the event. Now we have added a new winner category for chartered boats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Burke', written in a cursive style.

John J. Burke, President MCAC Reef Fund

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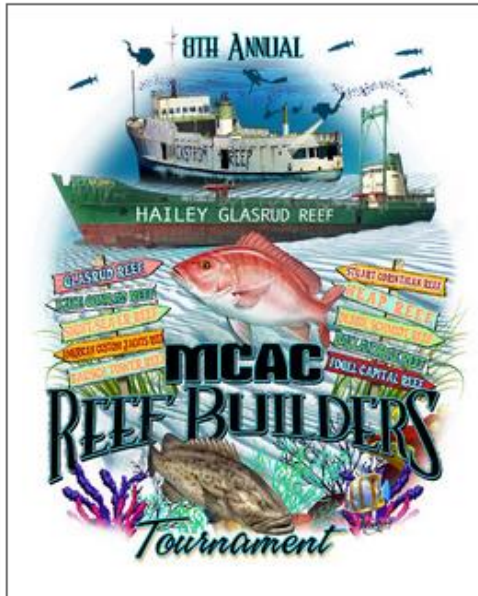
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OUR 2014 EVENT FEATURED SPONSOR LOGO SHIRTS FOR FISHING AND LIONFISH



Fish Weigh-in and Lionfish measuring on the dock behind The Twisted Tuna
Tiki Bar, live music and lionfish cooking & tasting
IT WAS A GREAT BIG PARTY!

"THE TWISTED TUNA"
4290 SE Salerno Road, Port Salerno, FL 34997



Waterfront Dining * Happy Hour * Live Entertainment * Private Events

First Place \$1,000.00

Second Place \$500.00

Third Place \$250.00

MCAC REEF BUILDERS TOURNAMENT AWARDS JULY 12, 2014

KINGFISH				Boat #
23.2	PIERCE KILLER	JUNIOR ANGLER	RENEGADE	11
8.0	ANDY LONG		PRIME TIME	33
6.4	DAVE LONG		PRIME TIME	33
DOLPHIN				
15.7	DAVID SINGER		HOOKER UP	21
6.58	STAN GIESEY		FULL CIRCLE	20
6.5	SKLYER WICHERS		PRIME TIME	33
6.0	GREG CAMPBELL		REEL REPTILE	23
COBIA				
41.3	GREG WEISS		REEL REPTILE	23
24.0	RUSSELL DYSON		REEL BUSY	10
21.0	WILL CHARLES	JUNIOR ANGLER	BONE DOCK	9
20.8	BOB SCHAEFFER		REEL BUSY	10
GROUPE				
34.6	LARRY BENNING		SUN SEEKER 2	1
7.4	EMIL LA VIOLA		SUN SEEKER 2	1
6.4	GREG SCHENK		SUN SEEKER 2	1
SNAPPER				
14.6	STEVE BROXMEYER		SAFARI 1	29
6.6	BRYAN WILLIAMS		NO NAME	26
5.1	BILL WILLIAMS		NO NAME	26

TOP JUNIOR ANGLER WINNER: PIERCE KILLER 23.2 KINGFISH
 2nd PLACE JUNIOR ANGLER: WILL CHARLES 21.0 COBIA

TOP BOAT WINNER: REEL REPTILE 41.3 COBIA

SAILFISH CATCH AND RELEASE: CONRAD KILLER, JUNIOR ANGLER

TOP CHARTER AWARD: REEL BUSY

KYLE CONRAD MEMORIAL TROPHY: GREG WEISS

MCAC REEF BUILDERS LIONFISH ROUND-UP

July 12, 2014

The total lionfish brought in was 512

Stuart Scuba "Team Most"	104	AWARDED: \$500.00
Gabriel Arrington "Individual Most"	61	AWARDED: \$500.00
Uncle Jacks Kids "Smallest"	< 5.5"	AWARDED: \$250.00
Fishingapprules.com "Largest"	16.75"	AWARDED: \$250.00