

RULES

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- 1) The eligible Fish of the Month are selected by the MSC based on species availability in the Backwaters and Gulf during that month. All fish are eligible for Leader Board entry throughout the year. Entered fish are eligible for both contests.

Fish of the Month are:

Jan	Pompano
Feb	Sheepshead
Mar	Spotted Seatrout
Apr	Kingfish
May	Snapper
Jun	Permit
Jul	Blacktip Shark
Aug	Tarpon
Sep	Snook
Oct	Redfish
Nov	Cobia
Dec	Grouper

Special Events for monthly Backwater or Gulf fishing trips:

Jan	Backwater and Gulf	North vs. South Redux	Al M
Feb	Backwater and Gulf	Sheepshead Shootout	Jim M
	Backwater and Gulf	Spousal Abuse	Al M
Mar	Backwater	Marco Madness	Jim M
	Gulf	New Captains	Fred K / Bert H
Apr	Gulf	Kingfish Klash	Frank S
May	Gulf	Nite Bite	Al M
Jun	Backwater	No Bait	Seaweed
Jul	Gulf	Man Bites Shark	Al M
Aug	Backwater and Gulf	Fish Anywhere Day	Bert H
Sep	Backwater and Gulf	Gilligan's Island	Fred K
Oct	Backwater	5th Annual Redfish Tour	Committee
Nov	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec	TBD	TBD	TBD

- 2) Fish either gulf or backwater, anytime, for any species. Fish must be caught on hook and line within 60nm of Marco, no charters, and use of guides is prohibited. All fish must be either boated, or immobilized alongside the boat and measured with a tape or ruler. Swim by guesstimates are not accepted. Fish are to be measured either with pinched tails or fork length as per FWC size limit rules. Fish not specified as pinched length will be measured to fork length (e.g. shark).

- 3) Take Pictures (Optional) and report the following:
 - Name
 - Email Address (or phone number)
 - Species
 - Size in Inches (fork or pinched per FWC size limit rules)
 - Bait or Lure Used
 - Location (ex. Cape Romano, 5Mile Reef etc.)
 - Fishing Method (ex. Casting, Drifting, Anchored, Chumming etc.)
 - Tide (ex. Incoming, Outgoing etc.)Entries with incomplete or missing information will not be eligible.
- 4) Use MSC Website to report your catch. If you do not have access to the website, you can send your entry to alanmusico@embarqmail.com or call 239-642-9729. In case of a tie, the first entry reported will win. Use of the website is the preferred reporting method since it will time stamp all entries and automatically send you an email confirmation. Entries reported by other means will be recorded when they are received and acknowledged, not when they are sent.
- 5) Entries must be reported by 12 Noon on the 1st day of the month following the catch, winners of both the Fish of the Month Contest and the new Leader Board entries will be announced at the following Monthly Members Meeting.
- 6) Photos will be posted on the MSC Website if provided. The Leader Board on the website will also be updated.