

Fish of the Month & Leader Board Rules

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The eligible species for Fish of the Month and the Leader Board are selected annually by the MSC Fishing Board based on anticipated availability in the Backwater and Gulf during the year. Fish of the Month must be caught in the month listed, Leader Board entries are eligible throughout the year. All fish reported will automatically be entered in both contests. Only Club Members are eligible to enter.

Fish of the Month are:

Jan	Pompano
Feb	Sheepshead
Mar	Spotted Seatrout
Apr	Grouper (any kind)
May	Kingfish (King Mackerel)
Jun	Gulf Flounder
July	Permit
Aug	Tarpon
Sep	Snook
Oct	Redfish
Nov	Cobia
Dec	Snapper (any kind)

For FOM or Leader Board, fish either gulf or backwater, anytime, for all species. Fish must be caught on **hook and line within 60nm of Marco**. Charters or the use of **paid guides is prohibited**. All fish must be either boated or immobilized alongside the boat and measured. **Swim by guesstimates are not accepted**. Fish are to be measured with pinched tails or fork length as per FWC size limit rules.

Use the MSC Website to report your catch. In case of a tie, the first reported entry will win. **Entries must be reported by 12 noon on the first day of the month** following the catch. FOM winners and new Leader Board entries will be announced at the monthly Members Meeting.

If, at the end of the month, no one has submitted an entry for the Fish of the Month, the Fishing Committee may elect to keep the prize open for the following month. This will be in addition to the Fish of the Month normally scheduled.

Take Pictures and send electronic photos to the Webmaster with a short explanation and it will be posted on the club website. Pictures are not required for FOM or Leader Board entries.