

2023 Kayak Fishing Challenge

For all 2023 MSC-sanctioned kayak fishing events, the kayak angler(s) who catch the largest Spotted Seatrout, Snook or Redfish will win one-third of the Kayak Angler Fishing Challenge Prize Pool. The amount of the prize pool is determined solely by the number of kayakers who enter. MSC does not contribute to the kayak Angler prize pool.

Any of the three species caught during posted scheduled fishing hours on both regular monthly and/or impromptu MSC kayak fishing events will need to be photographed, measured, submitted and recorded. Measurements need to be made to the nearest ¼ inch using the pinched tail method and rounded up as appropriate. At the end of the year, the kayak angler(s) with the largest Spotted Seatrout, Snook or Redfish will be awarded the aforementioned prize. Kayak Anglers can win 1, 2 or all 3 of the awards if they have the largest fish in each category.

The general membership will be notified of upcoming scheduled kayak fishing events by MSC newsletter, MSC website or monthly meetings. On occasion, notices of impromptu kayak fishing events will be sent by email to kayakers who are on the MSC kayak list. These are MSC members who have previously indicated an interest in kayak fishing. The impromptu

kayak fishing events are outings that are organized on the spur of the moment, taking advantage of water and weather conditions and other circumstances.

Only fish caught during posted fishing hours during MSC regular monthly and impromptu kayak fishing events are eligible to be entered in the 2023 Kayak Fishing Challenge.

Additionally, since some kayak fishing events (ex; Lovers Key, Imperial River) are held outside of MSC backwater fishing boundaries, **the MSC boundary restrictions are waived only for sanctioned MSC kayak fishing events. Therefore, fish caught outside of the MSC backwater fishing boundaries during MSC sanctioned kayak events are only eligible to be entered in the 2023 Kayak Fishing Challenge contest, and are not eligible for entry in the MSC Leaderboard, Fish of the Month (FOM) or other MSC contests.**

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