

Marine Sciences Competitions

For more information about the Marine Sciences competitions, contact [Holly Abeels](#) at 321-633-1702.

Drop off and registration is due: March 19th at Wickham Park Pavilion from 11am-7pm

Winners will be displayed: The entire duration of the fair

Pick up: April 1st at Wickham Park Pavilion before 5pm

General Rules:

- 1) All entries must have been produced or made since September 1, 2011 by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Once an entry has been exhibited in the fair, it cannot be entered again in the future.
- 2) Entries are limited to residents of Brevard County and must be amateurs in the department they enter.
- 3) All entries must have an official entry tag attached with name, address, and phone number of exhibitor.
- 4) Please refer to category rules for entry deadlines and release dates. A claim check must be presented to redeem entries. No exhibit may be removed before release without consent of the Fair or exhibitors will forfeit any premiums. Unclaimed items become property of the Fair.
- 5) Any item entered into a judging competition may be photographed and used by the Brevard County Fair.
- 6) Entrant must follow any special requirements listed under any individual Section.
- 7) An exhibitor may enter only one item per class.
- 8) The Brevard County Fair will take every precaution for the safety of all entries, but will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any entry, or for personal injury that is the result of entrant's participation in the Brevard County Fair.
- 9) If there is an absence of competition, or if the exhibits are inferior in quality, only such awards will be made as, in the discretion of the judges, the exhibit merits.
- 10) Decisions of the judges will be final.
- 11) The Fair reserves the right to combine or divide entries to make a class.
- 12) Department supervisor may bar from competition entries of poor quality.
- 13) The Brevard County Fair reserves the right to reject any entry not considered suitable, being too large, heavy or small to be displayed properly, or being in non-compliance with all rules and regulations.
- 14) Judges may change items from one class to another at his/her discretion.
- 15) The Fair office will issue awards within six weeks of the close of the Fair. Awards will be paid according to the judge's books, not from ribbons.

Divisions

Age divisions are as follows, unless specified by category:

- **Division A** - K-2nd grade
- **Division B** - 3rd-5th grade
- **Division C** - 6th-8th grade
- **Division D** - 9th-12th grade
- **Division E** - Adult

Awards

- 1st - 3rd place (Blue, Red and White ribbons) will be awarded in each division for each class. All ribbon winners will be displayed. All other items displayed as space permits.
- Best in Division will be selected from the 1st place winners of each class within a category/section and will receive a Rosette and \$25.
- Best in Show will be selected from Best in Division winners and will receive a Rosette and \$50.

Department: Lures

Rules

1. All parts of the lure must be labeled with the material to be used to make that part.
2. The item to be judged may be a drawing or an actual constructed lure.
3. A description of the lure function (action) may be provided to assist in judging.

Design and color your own artificial lure made to catch fish in:

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water

Department: Poster

Rules

1. All components of the environment should be accurate to the most likely habitat of the aquatic animal depicted.
2. The proper scientific name and common name of the feature aquatic animal must be displayed.

Section 1: Fish

Draw or paint your favorite fish in the unique environment where it lives.

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water

Section 2: Marine Mammal (e.g., manatee, dolphin)

Draw or paint your favorite marine mammal in the unique environment where it lives.

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water

Section 3: Other Aquatic Animal (e.g., crab, shrimp)

Draw or paint your favorite aquatic animal besides a fish or marine mammal in the unique environment where it lives.

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water

Department: Drawing

Rules

1. The proper scientific name and common name of the feature fish must be displayed along with the proper names of as many body parts as possible.

Draw or paint your favorite fish, labeling the different parts of its body (e.g. dorsal fin, caudal fin, gills, etc.)

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water

Department: Mini Aquatic Habitat

Rules

1. Construct an aquatic mini-habitat in a small aquarium (10 gallons or less).
2. The habitat should include a substrate or bottom type, plants, hiding places (e.g. rocks, shells, etc.), and the organisms that would live in the habitat. Please include not only fish but shellfish (e.g. clams, oysters, mussels) and crustaceans (e.g. shrimp, crabs, barnacles) and anything else you think belongs.
3. Do not need to use live organisms but can draw or build/buy organisms (i.e. made out of wood, plastic, metal, etc.) in the habitat.

Design your habitat based on these various aquatic environments:

- Class 1: Ocean Water
- Class 2: Brackish Water (Lagoon)
- Class 3: Fresh Water