

2023/2024 FSFF Pickerel Contest



Rules:

- Open to all 2023/2024 FSFF members. (Note: Entrant must be a FSFF member on date the fish was caught.)
- The contest runs from **1 November 2023 to 30 April 2024**.
- Fish must be caught on a fly via a flyrod. (No live or cut bait, or lures for conventional tackle may be used.)
- Fishing may take place in any waters of MD, DC, DE, VA, WV, PA, NY, NC, SC, GA, FL and the New England states including the member's current state of residence if not listed above.
- Entries are limited to chain pickerel. No other members of pike family of fishes are eligible.
- This is a catch and release photo contest governed by the honor system.
- All fish must be alive when photographed and released thereafter.
- Photos must be taken against any standard ruler or measuring device that clearly shows length of fish in inches from tail to mouth.
- Photo should show fly if possible.
- Entries are to be emailed throughout the tournament dates to Mark Bange, mbange54@gmail.com (Note: Positions of entries in each award category will be listed on FSFF website.)
- Tie breakers will be determined by date and time of entry submission with preference to earlier entry.
- Longest fish in inches wins the **Largest Fish** category.
- Shortest fish in inches wins the **Smallest Fish** category.
- NEW CATEGORY: Largest two fish (combined measurement in inches) wins the **Largest Duo** category. (See "**Award Categories**" below for details.)
- Entry email must contain following information: name of contestant, body of water where fish was caught, date fish was caught, name of fly used and recorded length of the pickerel.
- Entries are limited to one fish per participant in the **Largest Fish** and **Smallest Fish** categories. Participants may present and substitute a larger or smaller fish during the contest as their entry in those two categories. But they can have only one fish on the **Largest Fish** and **Smallest Fish** leaderboard at a time.
- Mark Bange will consult with club officers, if necessary, for ruling on close entries to determine length of winning fish.
- Winners will be recognized and awards presented at June, 2023 club meeting.

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Award Categories:

- **1. Largest Fish:** The largest chain pickerel in inches caught on the fly during the contest.
First place – Personal Plaque and name on Clubhouse Plaque.
Second place – Personal Plaque
Third place – Personal Plaque
- **2. Smallest Fish:** The smallest pickerel caught on a fly that is not in the top three will earn the angler a Personal Plaque
- **3. Largest Duo:** Participants may enter two chain pickerel catches in the **Largest Duo** category. The lengths in inches of each fish will be summed. For example, during this contest if a member catches two chain pickerels that are 23 and 21 inches respectively, their **Largest Duo** entries total 44 inches. Members may add to the combined length of their entries during the contest with additional catches to increase their total inches. But their Duo may contain only two fish. The winner of the **Largest Duo** category will receive a personal plaque. Note that the largest fish in their Duo may also be entered in the **Largest Fish** category.