













Sea Chubs & Porgies Cheat Sheet

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	<p>Topsail Chub – Look for wide, squared off anal fin with outside edges that form a 90 degree angle (“right angle” triangle)</p> <p>Memory Trick: Topsail has a “big sail” (similar shape to a sailboat sail)</p> <p>Family: Sea Chubs</p>
	<p>Brassy Chub – Look for “tight” & sassy fins</p> <p>Rear edges of anal & soft dorsal fins create an “X” with caudal fin Sometimes have narrow, brassy body stripes & stripe under eye</p> <p>Memory Trick: Brassy has “tight” & sassy fins</p> <p>Family: Sea Chubs</p>
	<p>Gray Chub – Look for dark edging on soft dorsal & anal fins Anal fin not as “tight” as Brassy Chub & not at “90 degrees” like Topsail</p> <p>Very difficult to differentiate between Gray & Bermuda Chub These 2 species combined into the: Bermuda/Gray Complex</p> <p>Family: Sea Chubs</p>
	<p>Bermuda Chub - Look for pale body & fins Can have faint golden stripes along body similar to Brassy Chub Anal fin not as “tight” as Brassy Chub & not at “90 degrees” like Topsail</p> <p>Very difficult to differentiate between Gray & Bermuda Chub These 2 species combined into the: Bermuda/Gray Complex</p> <p>Family: Sea Chubs</p>

	<p>Littlehead Porgy - Look for short blue, reflective stripe behind eye</p> <p>Memory Trick: Littlehead has a little stripe behind its eye</p> <p><i><u>Distribution is in dispute; for REEF surveys, enter Littlehead Porgy for Florida; Pluma for Bahamas/Caribbean</u></i></p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>
	<p>Pluma – Look for short blue, reflective stripe behind eye</p> <p>Memory Trick: Pluma has a reflective “plume” behind its eye</p> <p><i>Distribution is in dispute; for REEF surveys, enter Littlehead Porgy for Florida; Pluma for Bahamas/Caribbean</i></p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>
	<p>Jolthead Porgy – Look for reflective mustache above lip</p> <p>Has long sloping snout with large mouth & thick lips Has yellowish orange at corner of mouth</p> <p>Memory Trick: Big mustache gives you a JOLT</p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>
	<p>Knobbed Porgy – Look for 2 knobs above nostrils & in front of eyes</p> <p>Adults develop a pronounced humped forehead Can have a purplish, gray snout & cheeks with brassy spots</p> <p>Memory Trick: Knobbed has knobs in front of its eyes</p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>
	<p>Saucereye Porgy – Look for blue spot at upper base of pectoral fin & blue saucer under eye (watchout: many porgies have blue eye saucer)</p> <p>Corners of mouth silver to yellowish; body frequently has yellow highlights on face, forehead & body</p> <p>Memory Trick: Blue spot saucer eye- it’s none of the others!</p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>
	<p>Sheepshead Porgy – Look for black spot at upper base of pectoral fin & slight overbite</p> <p>Memory Trick: Overbearing black sheep has a black spot</p> <p>Family: Porgies</p>

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