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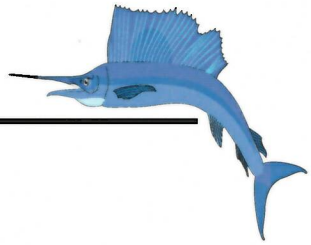
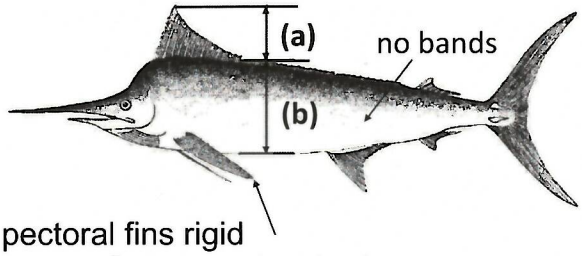
"Take Along" Identification Guide



Black marlin

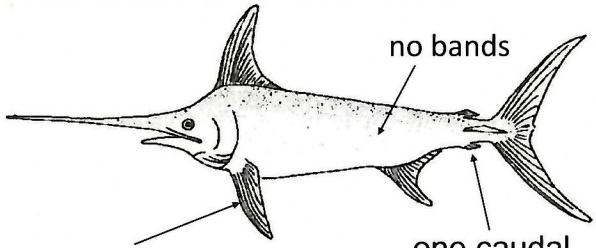
dorsal fin height (a) about
half body height (b)



pectoral fins rigid
cannot flatten against body

Swordfish

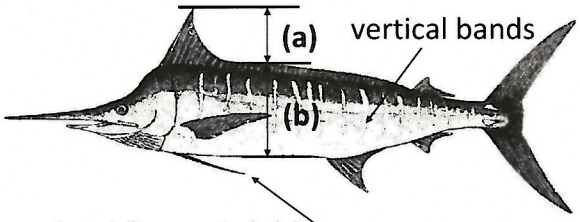
sword-like bill with smooth surface



* no pelvic fins present

Blue marlin

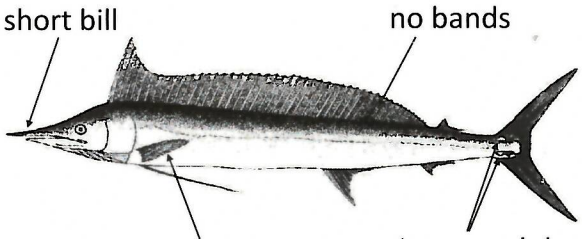
dorsal fin height (a) half to
three quarters body height (b)



pectoral fins not rigid
can flatten against body

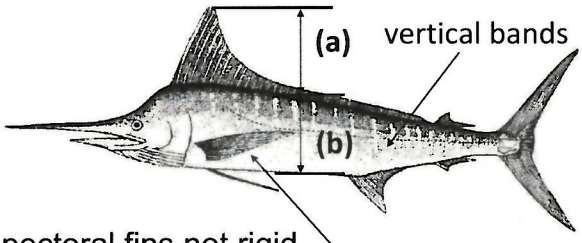
* body more stout than striped marlin

Shortbill spearfish

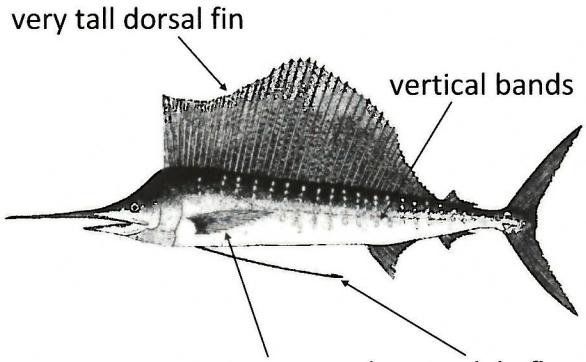


Striped marlin

dorsal fin height (a) greater
than body height (b)



pectoral fins not rigid
can flatten against body

* body more compressed than blue marlin

Sailfish