



Second Annual Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby-Rules

August 17th and 18th, 2012

Sailfish Marina, Singer Island, FL

- 1) Collection of lionfish may occur through use of SCUBA, snorkel, free-diving, hook and line, or compressor-supplied air. All other applicable fisheries regulations and laws governing the state of Florida are in full force and will be strictly enforced.
- 2) Lionfish may be taken by pole-spear, Hawaiian sling, (Lion-tamers, or other spearing devices) spear gun, lobster hooks, hand net, hook & line, or collection bag. No chemicals, or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 3) Teams will be limited to 4 persons. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form to be considered registered in the Derby.
- 4) Non-refundable registration fees are \$125 per boat or team, with up to four people participating on a team. Each registered boat captain checking in at the Captain's meeting on August 17th will receive: one pair of HexArmor protective gloves, 2 drink tickets and 2 Awards banquet tickets for use at the Sailfish Marina on Saturday after the Derby. Extra awards banquet tickets previously purchased may be picked up at this time. Extra banquet tickets may be purchased on August 18th for \$30 each.
- 5) Protective gloves should be worn when handling lionfish. Participants are encouraged to carry a thermos bottle on the boat containing hot, but not scalding, water for first aid purposes.
- 6) Derby hours: Sunrise until 4:00 pm August 18th, 2012. All fish must be present at Scoring Station (Sailfish Marina cleaning tables) by 4:00pm to qualify for prizes.
- 7) All lionfish must be caught the day of the Derby. PLEASE KEEP LIONFISH ON ICE. The Derby reserves the right to use some of the lionfish for a "tasting appetizer" at the Awards Banquet and for research.
- 8) Vessels may be subject to random inspection by Derby officials and Florida Marine officers.
- 9) Derby teams must physically check in at the Captain's meeting on August 17th or at the Scoring Station the morning of August 18th after 7:00 am prior to participating in Derby. Special door prizes will be given to a lucky few who check in on August 17th! Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form will not be considered entered in the Derby-regardless if registration fees were paid.

- 10) Lionfish may be taken anywhere in local waters as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 4:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded for most lionfish, largest lionfish and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Derby Officials. All lionfish must be in whole condition (no heads or tails). Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail. Smallest lionfish must be alive, so bring a bucket.
- 11) Any live lionfish at Scoring Station will be euthanized in ice water prior to being measured.
- 12) All entrants agree to allow Derby officials and media to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 13) The Derby takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make decision about whether to venture out.
- 14) Any decisions of the Derby officials are final.
- 15) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest recording of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.
- 16) All cash award payments will be made to Team Captain by cash or check.
- 17) The Lionfish Derby is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 18) Anyone found violating Derby Rules by the Derby Officials will be disqualified from receiving any prize money.