



Broward County Lionfish Derby-Rules

June 29th-30th, 2012

15th Street Fisheries, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 1) LIONFISH (*Pterois volitans/miles*) ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY, MAY BE ONLY BE TAKEN DURING THE DERBY. NO PREVIOUSLY CAUGHT OR FROZEN LIONFISH WILL BE ALLOWED, HOWEVER, PLEASE KEEP ALL LIONFISH ON ICE. The Derby reserves the right to keep and use all lionfish presented at scoring station, including uses for a "lionfish tasting", research and market development.
- 2) Derby teams must physically check in at the Captain's meeting on June 29th, 2012 to participate in the Derby. Special door prizes and raffles will take place at the Captain's meeting on April 27th! Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form will not be considered entered in the Derby-regardless of whether or not registration fees were paid.
- 3) Only legal means of capture in areas allowing use of those gear types will be allowed. State and Federal laws will be strictly enforced.
- 4) Lionfish may be taken by spear, hand net, slurp gun or hook and line. No chemicals, traps or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Non-refundable registration fees are \$100 per boat, with up to four people participating. Each registered boat captain checking in at the Captain's meeting on June 29th will receive: one pair of HexArmor protective gloves, and 4 drink tickets.
- 7) Protective gloves must 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.
- 8) Derby hours: Sunrise until 5:00 pm June 30th, 2012. All fish must be present at Scoring Station (at the 15th Street Fisheries Fuel Dock) by 5:00pm to qualify for prizes.
- 9) Lionfish may be taken anywhere in Broward County waters as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 5:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded in first second and third places for most lionfish, largest lionfish and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Derby Officials.
- 10) Only one winning entry per team will be allowed in each category (no sweeping of a category).
- 11) If fewer than 3 entries are received in any category, the remaining awards will be left as unclaimed.
- 12) All lionfish must be in whole condition (no missing heads or tails). Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish, in millimeters, measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail.
- 13) Any live lionfish at Scoring Station will be euthanized prior to being measured.

- 14) All entrants agree to allow Derby officials and the FL DEP to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 15) The Derby takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make their own decision about whether to venture out.
- 16) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest recording of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.
- 17) All cash prizes will be awarded to Team Captain by bank check.
- 18) The Lionfish Derby is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 19) Anyone found violating Derby Rules by the Derby Officials will be disqualified from receiving any Derby prizes and prohibited from entry in any future derbies.
- 20) Decisions of the derby officials are final.

Awards for 2012 Broward County Lionfish Derby

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Most	1,000	500	250
Largest	500	250	150
Smallest	500	250	150
Total	3,550 plus all places receive a \$50 gift certificate from Divers Direct		