



REEF Fort Lauderdale Lionfish Derby

15th Street Fisheries (1900 SE 15th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL)

July 13 – 14, 2018

- 1) LIONFISH (*Pterois volitans/miles*) ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY, MAY 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 **July 13th, 2018** to participate in the Derby. A team representative **MUST** be present, and we encourage all team members to attend. Team members not checking in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form and the Lionfish Understanding of Risk 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. All existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed. 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) Only lionfish may be collected while participating in a REEF Lionfish Derby. If any other species are brought to the scoring station, that team may be disqualified. Teams will be limited to 4 persons; though more than one team may be present on the same boat. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form and a Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form to be considered registered in the Derby.
- 6) Non-refundable registration fees are \$120 per boat with up to four people participating.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Derby hours: Sunrise on July 14th, 2018 until 5:00 pm on July 14th, 2018. All fish must be present at Scoring Station by 5:00 pm on July 14th to qualify for prizes.
- 9) Lionfish may be taken as long as the collection occurs during Derby hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 5:00pm on June 14th. Prizes will be awarded in first through tenth place for most lionfish, and first, second, and third places for largest lionfish, smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Derby Officials.
- 10) The Golden Fish Award will be run as a raffle. All officially entered teams are eligible. For each team checking in at the scoring station by 5:00pm on July 14th (all team members must check in), a single ticket will be issued, regardless of the number of lionfish removed, for a \$1,000 cash drawing occurring at the awards ceremony. A team member must be present with the ticket to win. First Timers category is for teams (all team members) who have not participated in a REEF derby before.

