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8th Annual Martin County Lionfish Round-Up posts results!

Stuart, FL – (June 8, 2018) — Mother Nature cooperated just enough for Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. (aka SHIP), to host the 8th Annual Martin County Lionfish Round-Up. “This was our 4th year at Jupiter Pointe Marina and all though we didn’t break any records we, had 22 divers remove 288 Lionfish from our local waters,” said Kathy FitzPatrick, Martin County’s Coastal Engineer. “Seas were calm, however cold water (in some cases 58 – 60 degrees) and poor visibility hampered the efforts. Two of our experienced teams were shut out.”

Team ProWeb brought in 99 lionfish to take home the \$1,000 award for Most Lionfish by a Team. Also taking a \$1,000 award for the Most Lionfish was Rachel McGinnis who brought in 97 fish. Rachel also won another \$500 for the Smallest fish measuring 5 7/8” whole her partner John Dickinson took 2nd place for Most, Largest and Smallest bringing home checks worth \$750. Keith Spring from Team CSA placed 1st for the Largest fish measuring 15 5/8” and the 2nd Place for the Most by a team with 20 of the venomous critters bringing their winnings to \$750.

We thank all who supported the event by participating or through sponsorship. The funds raised will be used to deploy the Kerry Dillon Tugboat Reef off the Treasure Coast in July. Please join us in celebrating Kerry Dillon’s legacy. Fundraising efforts for the

project are ongoing. For more information, contact April Price, (772) 285-1646, visit:
www.SinkOurShip.org or follow us on Facebook.

Congratulations to our 2018 winners!

1st Place:

Most Lionfish by a team: Team ProWeb / 99 fish
Most Lionfish by an individual: Rachel McGinnis / 97 fish
Largest Lionfish: Keith Spring / 15 5/8"
Smallest Lionfish: Rachel McGinnis / 5 7/8"

2nd Place:

Most Lionfish by a team: Team CSA / 20 fish
Most Lionfish by an individual: John Dickinson / 53 fish
Largest Lionfish: John Dickinson / 14 13/16"
Smallest Lionfish: John Dickinson / 6 1/4"

3rd Place:

Most Lionfish by an individual: Todd Schoppe / 11 fish
Largest Lionfish: Jan Garrison / 14 3/4"
Smallest Lionfish: Emily Pepperman / 7 1/2"

Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 public charity and is dedicated to deploying a large military type ship for an Artificial Reef and the enhancement to our artificial reef systems on the Treasure Coast of Florida.