

## Official Rules for the 2017 Reef Builders Lionfish Round-Up

1. Registration fees are non-refundable.
2. All divers MUST attend the diver's meeting.
3. Every team member must sign the registration form and liability waiver.
4. All divers, captains and crew participate at their own risk and certify that if they choose to use SCUBA gear they are properly trained. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification.
5. State and Federal fishing regulations and laws will be enforced.
6. **Participants must check-in and check-out of the Round-Up by emailing their name and diver number to [jgarland@martin.fl.us](mailto:jgarland@martin.fl.us) before entering the water and by 4PM. If you cannot send an email please text 561-339-3267**
7. Lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) eligible for entry may only be taken during the tournament. No previously caught or frozen lionfish will be allowed; however, please keep all lionfish on ice.
8. Lionfish may be collected starting at 7:00AM.
9. Lionfish may be collected from shore or from a boat, kayak, canoe, or paddleboard.
10. Dive flags must be appropriately displayed while divers are in the water.
11. Only legal means of capture, in areas where take is permitted, will be allowed.
12. Only whole lionfish will be measured. Lionfish whose fins have been snipped or removed will be considered whole fish. **Tail fins should remain intact to insure proper length measurement.**
13. Lionfish must be in queue to be measured and counted by 4:00PM to be eligible for a prize.
14. Participants must show the tournament issued number card at the check-in.
15. All participants will be issued two zip ties, which will be used by the diver to identify which fish is the largest and smallest for measuring.
16. Prizes will be awarded for smallest lionfish, largest lionfish, most lionfish by an individual, and most lionfish by a team. Smallest and largest will be determined by total length of the fish from tip of snout to tip of tail.
17. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the person/team with the earliest recording of lionfish at the check-in.
18. All cash award payments will be made in the form of a check by Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. (aka SHIP).
19. All participants agree to allow the tournament committee to take and use photos for promotional and media purposes.
20. If the tournament committee postpones the event due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, **the Captain's Briefing will still take place as scheduled (Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm, Jupiter Pointe Marina). Any late decisions that alter the Saturday start will be announced there and will be posted on [www.McLionfish.com](http://www.McLionfish.com) and our Facebook page, no later than 5:00am on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**
21. The tournament is an honor system tournament.
22. Anyone found violating the rules will be disqualified from the tournament and ineligible to receive prize money.

