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7th Annual Lionfish Round-Up in Martin County to benefit Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc.

Stuart, FL – (April 10, 2017) — With 6 years of lionfish removal and education under its belt, this year's Lionfish Round-Up in Martin County will benefit Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. (aka, SHIP). SHIP is proud to support artificial reefing projects on the Treasure Coast and is dedicated to creating a reef project that will provide a sustainable fishing and diving destination, as well as support endless marine research opportunities. This year's event will take place June 2nd & 3rd at the beautiful Jupiter Pointe Marina.

“Last summer - beautiful weather prevailed, however water quality conditions in the region effected our diver participation, said Kathy FitzPatrick, Martin County's Coastal Engineer. We had tremendous community and sponsor support, but only had a limited number of divers. Still they combined to remove 239 lionfish that day and for most of our divers Lionfish removal is an all year quest. We look forward to another event at the beautiful Jupiter Pointe Marina. If diver's have clear conditions and Mother Nature cooperates, we could see record breaking Lionfish this year. We are hearing reports that they are plentiful on the reefs and the Round-Up is needed.”

Diver's will be eligible for thousands of dollars in cash prizes and best of all the reward of knowing that they are contributing to the health of our reef systems. If you are not a diver, you can assist by becoming a sponsor or just come out and enjoy the party.

Folks can see the fish that the divers bring, have some tasty samples, visit with our vendors, enjoy live entertainment & libations poolside and if you are feeling lucky, participate in our raffle and silent auction. Proceeds will help to fund future artificial reefs in Martin County.

For more information, contact April Price, (772) 285-1646, or visit; www.McLionfish.com

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.