



News Release

June 30, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: April Price
Phone: 772-285-1646
E-mail: aprinceassoc@aol.com

7th Annual Martin County Lionfish Round-Up breaks records

Stuart, FL (June 30, 2017) — A Round-Up reschedule due to weather seemed to be the right call for tournament officials as beautiful weather prevailed for the 7th Annual Martin County Lionfish Round-Up. This year's event had 78 divers participate to remove 941 Lionfish from our local waters. This broke the tournaments highest participation and fish collection numbers set in 2015, where 57 divers removed 579 of these pesky critters.

Team Todd Schoppe combined for 153 lionfish to take home the \$1,000 award for Most Lionfish by a Team. Most Lionfish by an Individual honors went to Brian Kennedy who collected 103 fish, the largest fish was caught by Rena Trotter measured 16^{15/16}" , while smallest fish was captured by Albrey Arrington at 4^{3/4}" , each taking home \$1,000 prize checks. Second place winners went home with \$250 each, while 3rd place winners received prizes valued at \$100. Lauren Arrington took home the honors as the events first recipient of the Kerry Dillon Junior Diver award for removing 5 lionfish via paddle board in the lagoon.

Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc., and those who supported the event by participating or through sponsorship helped raise funds for future artificial reefs in Martin County. For more information, 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.

2017 Lionfish Round-Up Winners!

1st Place:

Most Lionfish by a team: Team Schoppe / 153 fish
Most Lionfish by an individual: Brian Kennedy / 103 fish
Largest Lionfish: Rena Trotter / 16 15/16"
Smallest Lionfish: Albrey Arrington / 4 3/4"

2nd Place:

Most Lionfish by a team: Team Dickinson / 116 fish
Most Lionfish by an individual: Tony Crumrine / 98 fish
Largest Lionfish: Todd Schoppe / 16 5/8"
Smallest Lionfish: Rena Trotter / 5 3/16"

3rd Place:

Most Lionfish by a team: Team Benring / 99 fish
Most Lionfish by an individual: Albrey Arrington / 27 fish
Largest Lionfish: Brian Kennedy / 16 7/16"
Smallest Lionfish: Lauren Arrington / 5 7/16"

Kerry Dillon Junior Diver Award

Lauren Arrington - 5 fish

Total Lionfish: 941 fish harvested