



May 2-4, 2014

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 2	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Captains Meeting
Saturday, May 3	Sunrise. Sunset.	Lines/Tanks in Lines/Tanks Out
Sunday, May 4	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Lionfish scoring at The Heights Center

Awards Reception and Chef's Competition to follow.

TEAM ENTRY
 FEE* \$200.00 plus
 tax, 4 anglers per
 team max

Individual Entry*
 \$50.00 ages 12 & older
 Children 0-11 are complimentary

Entry fee includes: Door Prizes, Raffle Entry,
 Awards Presentation & Chef's Competition at The Heights Center

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for most lionfish, largest lionfish, and smallest lionfish.
 Rules: Please see page 2

Contact Mike Campbell, Event Coordinator, at 239-533-8133 or via e-mail mncampbell@leegov.com

TEAM INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

Team Captain: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Boat Name _____

DIVER

#1. _____	Junior / Adult	_____
#2. _____	Junior / Adult	_____
#3. _____	Junior / Adult	_____
#4. _____	Junior / Adult	_____

NON-DIVING ATTENDEES NAME & AGE

#1. _____

#2. _____

#3. _____

#4. _____

Departing Location:

Lionfish Fest

Lionfish Roundup Official Rules

- 1) Lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) eligible for entry may only be taken during the roundup. No previously caught or frozen lionfish will be allowed. However, please keep all lionfish on ice. Lee Reefs reserves the right to keep all lionfish presented at scoring station, for uses including “lionfish tasting”, research and market development.
- 2) Only lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) may be taken during the roundup. Any other marine life on board the vessel or in possession by the teams will be cause for immediate disqualification and potential citation by FWC.
- 3) Roundup teams must attend the Captain’s meeting on Friday May 2nd, 2014, to participate in the derby. The captain **MUST** be present, and all team members are encouraged to attend. Every team member must sign the Legal Waiver Form and the Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form. If a team member does not sign the forms, the team will not be considered entered in the derby, regardless of whether or not registration fees were paid.
- 4) During this single day event only lionfish may be taken by hook and line, hand held net, spear gun, pole spear, Hawaiian sling, or other spearing device specifically designed and marketed exclusively for lionfish. No chemicals, traps or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 5) All other existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed. Laws and regulations will be strictly enforced.
- 6) Teams will be limited to 4 persons. To qualify for prizes, participants must register and show proper identification.
- 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) Roundup hours: Sunrise until Sunset May 3rd, 2014.
All fish must be present at Scoring Station on Sunday May 4th by 1:30 p.m. to qualify for prizes.
- 9) Roundup location: All vessels must depart from a location in Collier County, Lee County or Charlotte County. Locations must be provided on Roundup Team forms.

- 10) Prizes will be awarded in first, second, and third places for most lionfish, largest lionfish, and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by derby officials.
- 11) Only one winning entry per team will be allowed in each category (no sweeping of a category).
- 12) If fewer than 3 entries are received in any category, the remaining awards will be entered into roundup participation raffle.
- 13) All lionfish must be in whole condition (no missing heads or tails). Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish, in millimeters, measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail.
- 14) All entrants agree to allow roundup officials and Lee Reefs to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 15) All parties participate at their own discretion and risk. The roundup takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make their own decision about whether or not to venture out.
- 16) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest check in at the Scoring Station.
- 17) The roundup is an honor system tournament. The captain is responsible for team compliance with the rules.
- 18) Anyone found violating roundup rules by the roundup officials will be disqualified from receiving any roundup prizes and prohibited from entry in any future events.
- 19) Decisions of the roundup officials are final.



VOLUNTARY RELEASE, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
(WITH PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18)

Please read carefully before signing

I hereby affirm that I thoroughly understand the inherent risks involved in participating in the **Lee Reefs Lionfish Fest 2014** program (the “Program”) and in any related activities during the following dates: May 2, 2014 through May 4, 2014. I understand that these inherent risks may include, but are not limited to damage to personal property, serious personal injury, sickness or even death. By signing this Release and Indemnity Agreement (“Release”), I certify that I am fully aware of and expressly assume all inherent risks involved in participating on the Program and in any related activities, and I fully accept all inherent risks whether listed above or not.

In consideration of my voluntary participation in the Program and in any related activities, I agree to forever discharge and release **Lee Reefs Inc., Lee County Artificial Reef Association Inc.(LCARA)**, and their respective subsidiaries, affiliated entities, officers, directors, owners, partners, donors, volunteers, employees and agents, (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from any and all responsibility or liability for any occurrence which may result in personal or bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, or other damage to me or my family, heirs, or assigns, that may occur as a result of my participation in the Program and in any related activities or as a result of **PRODUCT OR STRICT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE (OF ANY SPECIES OR DEGREE), INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE, AND INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS;** provided, however, that such release shall be limited to matters resulting from the inherent risks of participating in the Program and in any related activities.

In consideration of my voluntary participation in the Program and in any related activities, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, protect, save and hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all liability for personal or bodily injury, property damage, or wrongful death or other damage to me or my family, heirs, or assigns, that may occur as a result of my participation Program and in any related activities or as a result of **PRODUCT OR STRICT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE (OF ANY SPECIES OR DEGREE), INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE, AND INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS;** provided, however, that such indemnity obligation shall be limited to matters resulting from the inherent risks of my participation in the Program and in any related activities. The indemnity so given includes, but is not limited to, all damages, claims, demands, fines, and attorney fees at all levels of negotiation or proceedings.

I represent I am physically and mentally fit to participate in the Program and in any related activities. I further represent that I have obtained the written consent of my parent or guardian as stated below in which case all waivers, releases, and indemnification given by me herein are given as well by my parent or guardian.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES DIVING ACTIVITIES. I CERTIFY THAT I AM (AND/OR MY CHILD ON BEHALF OF WHOM I AM GIVING CONSENT) IS A CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVER, TRAINED IN SAFE DIVING PRACTICES, AND AM AWARE OF THE INHERENT HAZARDS OF SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING.

I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks, including but not limited to decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries that can require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the Diving Activities may be conducted at a site that is remote, by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with the Program and such Diving Activities in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

I will inspect all of my dive equipment prior to all Diving Activities. I will not hold Lee Reefs or LCARA responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment.

I assume all risks associated with the Program, Diving Activity, and related activities.

PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of the Program and the related activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in the Program and in any related activities. I hereby **RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, PROTECT, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** each of the Released Parties from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by **PRODUCT OR STRICT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE (OF ANY SPECIES OR DEGREE), INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE, AND INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS**, and further agree that if, despite this Release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Released Parties, **I WILL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, PROTECT, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS** each of the Released Parties from any and all litigation expenses, attorney fees, losses, liabilities, damages, or costs that may be incurred as a result of any such claim(s).

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT OR NATURAL GUARDIAN

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF THE RELEASED PARTIES (AS DEFINED IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THIS RELEASE) USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE RELEASED PARTIES IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND THE RELEASED PARTIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

If any provision, section, or subsection, clause or phrase of this Release is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that portion shall be severed from this Release. The remainder of this Release will then be construed as though the unenforceable portion had never been contained in this Release.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS, AND THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE INHERENT RISKS OF THE PROGRAM, AND ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNING THIS RELEASE, AND I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS RELEASE IS LEGALLY BINDING AND WILL PRECLUDE ME FROM RECOVERING MONETARY DAMAGES FROM THE RELEASED PARTIES AND/OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NAMED OR NOT, FOR PERSONAL OR BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY PRODUCT OR STRICT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE (OF ANY SPECIES OR DEGREE), INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE, AND INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS, TO THE EXTENT SUCH MATTERS RESULT FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF THE PROGRAM AND/OR ANY RELATED ACTIVITIES.

I have read this Release, understand it and agree to be bound by it, from the date of my signature, forever into the future.

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name of Participant	Participant's Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Phone	In case of emergency/Contact Name	Contact Phone



**LIABILITY RELEASE
AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**



PARTICIPANT & PROJECT INFORMATION

LEE REEFS ACTIVITY: _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DIVE CERTIFICATION AGENCY: _____ LEVEL: _____ CERT #: _____ CERT DATE: _____

TOTAL # DIVES: _____ NUMBER OF DIVES IN LAST YEAR: _____ DATE LAST DIVE: _____

DETAILS OF DIVE INSURANCE (PROVIDER/POLICY NUMBER): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1: (NAME/TELEPHONE) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2: (NAME/TELEPHONE) _____

LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read carefully, fill in all blanks, and initial each paragraph before signing.

I, _____, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVER, TRAINED IN SAFE DIVING PRACTICES, AND AM AWARE OF THE INHERENT HAZARDS OF SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING.

_____ I understand and agree that, in consideration of my being permitted to participate in this Lee Reefs Activity, neither Lee County Artificial Reef Association, Inc. (Lee Reefs), nor any of its employees, officers, agents, or assigns [hereinafter referred to as the Released Parties] may be held liable or responsible in any way for injury, illness, death, or other damages that may occur as a result of my participation in the Lee Reefs Activity, including but not limited to scuba diving, dive boat use, equipment use, snorkeling, other water sports activity, or any other activity relating to this Lee Reefs Activity [hereinafter referred to as Diving Activities]; or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

_____ I understand that the sole function of Lee Reefs and its employees, officers, and agents during the course of this Lee Reefs Activity is to provide instruction in and familiarization with activity goals. Although Lee Reefs employees, officers, or agents may or may not be certified scuba instructors/divemasters, and will give freely of their marine life knowledge and experience, I understand that they are not acting in the capacity as scuba instructor/divemaster. I understand that Lee Reefs employees, officers, or agents do not lead and are not in any way responsibly or liable for any Diving Activities conducted during the course of this Lee Reefs Activity.

_____ I understand that Lee Reefs is independent of and has no business association, as partner, joint venturer, owner, or otherwise, with any resort, hotel, carrier, dive center, boat operator, or other person or firm furnishing any travel- related or Diving Activity- related service, equipment, or facility in connection with this Lee Reefs Activity. I further understand that Lee Reefs assumes no liability or responsibility for any service, equipment, or facility furnished by any such resort, hotel, carrier, dive center, boat operator, or other person or firm either as to its availability, safety, quality, or condition nor for the acts or omissions of any employee or agent thereof.

_____ I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks: decompression sickness, embolism, or other hyperbaric injuries can occur that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the Diving Activities may be conducted at a site that is remote, by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such Diving Activities in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the dive site.

_____ I declare that I am in good mental and physical fitness for Diving Activities and that I am not under the influence of alcohol or any other drug that is contraindicatory to Diving Activities. If I am taking medication/drugs, I declare that I have seen a physician and have approval to engage in Diving Activities while under the influence of the medication/drugs.

_____ I understand that Diving Activities are physically strenuous and that I will be exerting myself during this Lee Reefs Activity, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, etc., that I assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for same.

_____ I will inspect all of my equipment prior to all Diving Activities. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to engaging in any Diving Activities.

_____ In consideration of being allowed to participate in this Lee Reefs Activity, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with said Lee Reefs Activity, including, but not limited to, all Diving Activities, for any harm, injury, illness, or damage that may befall me while I am a participant, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

_____ I further save and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns that may arise out of my participation in this Lee Reefs Activity, including both claims that may arise during the Lee Reefs Activity or after I complete the Lee Reefs Activity.

_____ I further declare that I am of lawful age and both competent and qualified in law and equity to sign this Liability Release and Assumption of Risk, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian.

_____ I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act.

IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS LEE REEFS ACTIVITY, IT IS THE INTENTION OF _____ BY THIS INSTRUMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE LEE COUNTY ARTIFICIAL REEF ASSOCIATION, INC., AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND ASSIGNS FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH, HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS. I INTEND AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS DOCUMENT.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (where applicable)

Date

LIONFISH BIOLOGY AND VENEMOLOGY

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

OVERVIEW

Lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) are members of the scorpionfish family native to the Indo-Pacific. They are now also found in the waters throughout the Western Atlantic from Rhode Island through the Bahamas Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Lionfish are predators reaching a size of more than 470 mm and reproducing year-round in the southern portion of their Atlantic range. They also possess venomous spines and potentially represent both ecological and human health risks. Significant study, public education/outreach and control efforts are now being planned and implemented throughout the region.

NEED FOR SPECIMENS

In order to predict the spread and impact of this invasive species, data are needed to determine populations and distribution, age and growth, reproduction, predation, larval disbursement, recruitment, mortality, genetics and changes to native fish communities. Obtaining this information requires the collection of many samples and appropriate preservation of these samples. There is little funding and few field operations available to collect the number of samples required for statistically robust analysis. Lee Reefs is working with U.S. state, federal, and university researchers to obtain the necessary samples as well as educate the public and key government officials about the lionfish issue. As part of this effort, we are also collaborating with the dive community to gather samples and data from their regularly dived sites.

VENEMOLOGY

Lionfish spines, like those of many other scorpionfishes, contain venom. Spines located within the dorsal, ventral, and anal fins contain venomous tissue along the length of the spine. A sheath or skin covers the spine and glandular tissue which, when exposed in the act of puncture, releases venom into the wound. Severities and reactions to stings can vary however lionfish stings are not known to be lethal. Reactions to venom typically include localized, moderate to severe, pain and swelling, which normally subsides within hours and with first-aid treatment. Complications or increased severity of reactions could result from allergic reactions or severe punctures. Heat and time reduce the effect of this venom. As with any wound, cleaning and sterilization of the affected area is important to prevent infection.

PARTICIPATION

While the likelihood of coming in contact with a lionfish in the water or on the vessel is extremely small for those wanting to avoid contact, there never-the-less exists the possibility of being stung. No participants wishing to avoid collection, dissection or any other physical contact with lionfish will be asked to handle or in any other way physically engage themselves with any lionfish. All contact with lionfish, direct or otherwise, is voluntary in nature as is participation in this project, knowing the venomous nature of the subject.

I understand these risks and am willing to take part in this project anyway.

Printed Name of Participant:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Signature and date of legal guardian required if
participant is under 18,**

Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____