



**Lionfish Tournament Rules**  
Treasure Cay Resort Hotel & Marina  
Treasure Cay, Bahamas  
June 16, 2010

- 1) ONLY LIONFISH (Pterois Volitans) MAY BE TAKEN DURING THE TOURNAMENT. NO OTHER FISH, CONCH OR LOBSTER MAY BE PRESENT ON THE BOAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT.
- 2) For the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Lionfish Tournament ONLY, collection of lionfish may occur through use of SCUBA, snorkel, or compressor-supplied air. All other applicable Bahamian fisheries regulations and laws governing the Commonwealth of The Bahamas are in full force and will be strictly enforced.
- 3) Lionfish may be taken by pole-spear with three prong paralyzes, Hawaiian sling, hand net, or lobster hook. No chemicals, or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 4) Teams will be limited to 4 persons. To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form to be considered registered in the Tournament.
- 5) Non-refundable registration fees are \$15.00 per individual or \$35.00 boat, per tournament with up to four people participating.
- 6) Protective gloves must be worn when handling lionfish. Participants are required to carry a thermos bottle on the boat containing hot, but not scalding, water for first aid purposes.
- 7) Tournament hours: 8:30 a.m. Captains meeting. Lionfish Tournament from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All fish must be present at Scoring Stations by 4:00 p.m. to qualify for prizes. Weigh-in and Awards at 4:30 p.m.
- 8) All lionfish must be caught the day of the Tournament. PLEASE KEEP LIONFISH ON ICE. The Tournament reserves the right to use some of the lionfish for a "tasting appetizer" at the Awards Banquet and for research.
- 9) Vessels may be subject to random inspection by Tournament officials and Department of Marine Resources officers.
- 10) Tournament teams must physically check in at the Captain's meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> prior to participating in Derby. Team members not checking in or who have not signed the

Legal Waiver Form will not be considered entered in the Tournament-regardless if registration fees were paid.

- 11) Lionfish may be taken anywhere in Abaco waters as long as the collection occurs during Tournament hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station by 4:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded for most lionfish, largest lionfish and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Tournament Officials. All lionfish must be in whole condition (no heads or tails). Largest and smallest fish will be determined by total length of the fish measuring from tip of snout to tip of tail.
- 12) Any live lionfish at Scoring Station will be euthanized in Euginol prior to being measured.
- 13) All entrants agree to allow Tournament officials and Department of Marine Resources to take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 14) The Tournament takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make the decision about whether to venture out.
- 15) Any decisions of the Tournament officials and Department of Marine Resources are final.
- 16) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest recording of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.
- 17) All cash award payments will be made to Team Captain by bank check drawn on a Bahamian bank.
- 18) The Lionfish Tournament is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 19) Anyone found violating Tournament Rules by the Tournament Officials or Department of Marine Resources will be disqualified from receiving any prize money.