



2016 Destin Lionfish Derby

Saturday, May 7th

INTRODUCTION

Discovery Dive World is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Destin Lionfish Derby, brought to you in conjunction with the Under Pressure dive club! Please plan to join us for a day of food and fun after your diving at Legendary Marina where the awards will be announced at approximately 5:30pm on the evening of the derby weigh-ins. In addition to the top 4 awards, drawings will be held to select random prize winners from any shooter that brought in at least one fish, but did not win an award category.

Participation in the event includes a buffet dinner, presented by Lulu's at the Legendary Marina complex. The buffet dinner is available for purchase for all your guests at the awards banquet, so bring out your friends and family to join the fun!

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Here is our derby team. Please feel free to call or email them about any questions you may have.

Position	Person	Contact
Derby Directors	Robert Provost and Bryan Kennington support@discoverydiveworld.com	850-678-5001, or 800-224-3483
Derby Coordinator	Skyler DeBoer	skydeboer@me.com

TOURNAMENT DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There is a **mandatory Captains Meeting on Friday, 6 May at 6:00pm at Discovery Dive World**. Please plan to attend. The meeting will be short, informative, and to the point.

The Lionfish Derby will be held **Saturday, May 7th, 2016**. Participants can start shooting upon sufficient light. Weigh-ins will be allowed from 12:00 noon until 4:30pm. Shooters are to bring their Lionfish to Legendary Marina, where they will be counted and weighed. You should **plan to arrive at the dock by 4:00pm** to make sure you don't miss the deadline.

The weigh in location is Legendary Marina, located at 4601 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin, FL 32541 (ph: 850-337-8300). **Dock Coordinates:** N 30 24.201 / W 086 25.481

Legendary is located at the south end of the Mid-Bay Bridge. Boats entered into the tournament are welcomed to remain at the Legendary Marina throughout the duration of the awards buffet dinner ceremony. A shallow-water beachside area offers plenty of room for anchored boats and Legendary Marina has a free boat shuttle to keep you and your dive team dry for the dinner.



Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Dinner is free to registered participants of the derby and is available for purchase for guests. The awards will be announced shortly after dinner begins. The presentation ceremony is a public event. Bring Friends and Family!

FORMAT

All applicants must be over the age of eighteen (18) years old, with the following exception. Juniors 16 years old and above may register for the event only with the signature of a consenting parent whom is their dive partner during the event.

There is only one fish category: Lionfish!

Shooters can participate as a free diver or scuba diver and can even mix the method in which they conduct their underwater hunt. No rebreathers are allowed.

THE COMPETITION

The Lionfish Derby competition is structured as a point scheme. One (1) point is earned for each Lionfish, and one (1) additional point is earned for each pound of collective Lionfish from the same shooter. The individual with the most point wins. The intent of this structure is to encourage the taking of as many Lionfish as possible and to reward those that harvest larger fish.

Juniors must have a parent's or legal guardian's signature on the waiver of liability to participate. This signature must be notarized or witnessed by a derby director or the derby coordinator.

CATEGORIES / PRIZES

Boat Team	\$1,000 Cash
Individual	TBA
Active Duty	TBA
Biggest Fish	TBA

Boat team category: Collective contribution of all divers that officially entered the tournament and harvested Lionfish from the same boat, in accordance with the rules of the derby.

Individual category: Single diver that garnered the most points.

Active Duty category: Single diver that is currently on active duty with any of the U.S. Armed Services, Guard, Reserve or U.S. Coast Guard.

Biggest Fish: Single diver that presents the biggest Lionfish, measured by weight, with length used secondarily as a tie-breaker.

RANDOM DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD TO AWARD PRIZES TO SHOOTERS THAT ENTERED AT LEAST ONE FISH FOR COMPETITION. THE WINNERS OF DRAWINGS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$25. The first 20 divers to enter will receive a free Lionfish Pole Spear (\$35 value) and a tournament T-shirt. To be eligible for the T-shirt, the entry must be completed no later than Friday, 15 April.

Registration Forms and Release and Waiver Forms are available online at www.discoverydiveworld.com or at Discovery Dive World.

All participants must complete a signed Release and Waiver Form. Juniors will be required to have the Release and Waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. This signature must be notarized or witnessed by the derby director or derby coordinator.

Contact Bob Provost or Bryan Kennington at 850-678-5001.

WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

All weigh-ins will take place at Legendary Marina. To get your fish weighed, you must present your fish to the weigh-master **no later than 4:30pm.**

The Award Presentations will follow the Saturday weigh-in at Lulu's Destin Family Style Buffet, co-located with the Legendary Marina.

When you arrive in the weigh-in area:

- After your fish are weighed, you must sign your entry in the weigh-master's record book.
- Legendary Marina is the only weigh-in location for the derby. Fish must be weighed during the designated timeframe window on Saturday, 7 May (from Noon to 4:30pm). Fish must be speared during the specified timeframe of the derby.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- 1) All adult contestants (18 years of age or older) must have a signed Destin Lionfish Derby Release and Waiver Form on record with Discovery Dive World prior to the tournament date in order to participate in the derby. All juniors, ages 16 to 17, must have the Waiver Form signed by a supervising parent or legal guardian, whose signature is either notarized or witnessed by the derby director/coordinator.
- 2) All Florida and Federal rules and requirements strictly apply.
- 3) No rebreathers are allowed.
- 4) No boat may approach without permission within 150 feet of a boat, anchored or not, flying the "Divers Down Flag" or "Alpha Flag"
- 5) All contestants and boats must possess all proper safety equipment, Coast Guard equipment, First Aid kits and VHF radios as required by state law.
- 6) In order to be eligible, fish must have been caught by the contestant using a spear loaded or propelled by his or her own muscle power. No power heads are allowed.
- 7) By entering this derby each contestant has given implied and expressed rights and consent for Discovery Dive World and the Under Pressure dive club to use his or her name, and or likeness to promote any current and future efforts by Discovery Dive World or the UP dive club, or any other related water-sports events or promotions
- 8) Decisions, interpretations and disputes of all these rules will be discussed and decided upon by the Derby Directors. The Derby Directors decisions are final.
- 9) Reimbursement of Derby Fees paid can occur up to, but not beyond, 45 days prior to the event. If the derby cancels for any reason, proceeds will be donated to a fish conservation organization and are not refundable to the participants.
- 10) The first 20 entrants are entitled to a free Lionfish Pole Spear (\$35 value).
- 11) The deadline to enter and qualify for a T-shirt is Fri, 15 April. The first 20 entrants that complete registration before 15 April will receive a Tournament T-shirt.
- 12) In the case of suspect weather or excessive sea conditions, the go/no-go decision for the derby will be determined by 5:00pm, Friday, 6 May. If the alternate date is announced, all derby events planned for 7 May will be held exactly 1 day later than originally planned. This slip decision is at the discretion of the derby director and will be announced on our website at (www.discoverydiveworld.com). Knowledge of the decision to execute the tournament back up date is the responsibility of each individual shooter participant. You may also call 850-678-5001 throughout the day on Friday, 6 May if the weather conditions look suspect.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

We reserve the right to disqualify individuals for suspect fish, unsportsmanlike conduct, or disruption. If you have a dispute, we will do everything possible to resolve it. We just ask for courtesy, and your participation in this event means that you will accept the committee's majority decision in a respectful manner, without further recourse.

Important Location and Contact Summary Information:

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Good Hunting and Good Luck!

Legendary Marina
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Lulu's Buffet
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