



## Rules

- 1) Lionfish (*Pterois volitans/miles*) eligible for entry, may only be taken during the Safari. No previously caught or frozen lionfish will be allowed, however, please keep all lionfish on ice.
- 2) Safari teams must physically check in at the Captain's meeting to participate in the Safari. The Captain MUST be present, and we encourage all team members to attend. See event schedule for location of Captain's meeting.
- 3) Team members not checked in or who have not signed the Legal Waiver Form and the Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form will not be considered entered in the Safari regardless of whether registration fees were paid.
- 4) Only legal means of capture in areas allowing use of those gear types will be allowed. This is a Lionfish ONLY Event. The taking of any other marine species this day is discouraged. **All existing federal, state, and local laws must be followed. State and Federal laws will be strictly enforced.**
- 5) Lionfish may be taken by spear, hand net, slurp gun or hook and line. No chemicals, traps or other collecting mechanisms are allowed.
- 6) **Teams will be limited to 4 persons max, 2 persons min.** To qualify for prizes, participants must be registered and show proper identification. All participants must sign a Legal Waiver Form and a Lionfish Understanding of Risk Form to be considered registered in the Safari.
- 7) Non-refundable registration fees are **\$125** per team with up to four people participating or **\$40** per individual.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Safari hours: Sunrise until sunset except on the last day of the safari, **3:00 pm on the last day of the Safari.** All lionfish must be present at Scoring Station by the time indicated to qualify for prizes.
- 10) Lionfish may be taken as long as the collection occurs during Safari hours and the fish are present at the Scoring Station. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony for most lionfish, largest lionfish, and smallest lionfish, and any other categories as decided by Safari 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 left as unclaimed.
- 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) The limits of this Safari will be the waters of East Coast Central Florida where removing of lionfish by snorkeling, SCUBA diving and fishing is currently allowed by local, state and federal authorities. Participation in this Safari grants you no special considerations.
- 15) All entrants agree to allow Safari officials and **Treasure Coast Lionfish Safari to** take and use photos for media and promotional purposes.
- 16) The Safari takes place regardless of weather conditions. Captains make their own decision about whether to venture out.
- 17) In the event of a tie, the winning team will be determined by the earliest check in of its lionfish at the Scoring Station.
- 18) All cash prizes will be awarded to Team Captain by bank check or cash.
- 19) The Lionfish Safari is an honor system tournament with the captain being responsible for team compliance with the Rules.
- 20) Anyone found violating Safari Rules by the Safari Officials would be disqualified from receiving any Safari prizes and prohibited from entry in any future safaris.
- 21) Decisions of the Safari officials are final.