

2013 FSDA SOUTHERN OPEN PHOTO, VIDEO & SPEARFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION & WAIVER

Must be filled out completely. Please note that there will be absolutely no refunds.

Personal information (phone, Email) is for internal use only by FSDA for safety reasons.

I am over the age of 18. If not, my entry in this tournament is authorized in writing by my legal guardian. I hereby acknowledge that if weather conditions turn to small craft advisories or small craft warnings, it is my responsibility to monitor weather radio and seek safe harbor if conditions warrant. I understand that the FSDA may use photographs of myself or my fish to promote spearfishing and this tournament and I agree to allow said use without compensation. I will read the rules of the tournament and I agree to abide by these rules. I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the dangers involved in boating, breath-hold diving, scuba diving and spearfishing. I am aware that these activities require physical exertion and stress. I am aware that the boat captain is responsible for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of the passengers therein. I am participating in these activities with the full knowledge of and the acceptance of all the risks these activities entail and the dangers involved. I am voluntarily participating in this tournament. I willingly agree to accept the risk of injury, disability, physical and/or emotional suffering, property damage or death to others or myself. **I agree that I, my survivors, beneficiaries, heirs or personal representatives, will not and may not seek any compensation, damages, legal costs or expenses, including attorney fees, from the, Florida Skin Divers Association (FSDA), the FSDA officers, the FSDA member dive clubs, the dive club officers, their members, or any FSDA individual members, all FSDA volunteers, WCC clubs and any and all sponsors and advertisers of this tournament for any injury, property damage, or death, suffered by myself or others as a result of my participation in this spearfishing tournament.*** Print Clearly or this entry will not be made. Make a Copy of Completed Form for Your Records.

Name _____ Age _____ DOB ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (Cell) _____ Email _____

Driver's Lic # / State (to validate ID for registrants) _____ / _____

Check the Correct Response: JUNIOR Yes or No

MALE or FEMALE SENIOR Yes or No

Boat Name _____ Other Divers on Boat: _____,

_____, _____, _____

*****Each person that signs below is affirming that he/she has read this complete waiver and agrees to all the risks and assumes all the risks involved in this activity and agrees with the liability waivers and releases that this document implies and expressly represents*****

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Witnessed By _____ Date _____

****If Entrant is a Minor, Witness Must be an Adult and Parent or Legal Guardian must sign**

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Driver's Lic # _____ State _____

Witness for Parent Date _____

Must be signed by Parent or Guardian if entrant is under 18.

NOTE: Absolutely No Refunds will be considered all proceeds benefit our charities. The event may be moved to the rain date if there is a small craft warning off the coast of Pinellas County.

Pre Registrants receive a free Tournament shirt! Sign up Early!

Circle size wanted: S M L XL 2XL 3XL \$ 0

Extra t-shirts available for purchase at kick-off and captains meeting-while supplies last.

FSDA Membership required for FSDA Events .Dues are due on Jan 1.

*Juniors, age 17 or under, are FSDA guests for this event & not charged for dues.

If not paid for 2013 please add in for your dues ----- \$ 10

State Championship Spearfishing Tournament with Lionfish Derby

Adult, Pre-Registration (Postmarked or delivered on or before June 7th)----- \$ 65

Adult, Regular Registration (Postmarked or delivered after June 7th) ----- \$ 75

Junior, Pre-Registration (age 12-17, on or before June 7th) \$ 50

Junior, Regular Registration (age 12-17 after June 7th) ----- \$ 60

Lionfish Derby only, on/before June 7 (does not include spearfishing) \$ 55

Lionfish Derby only, after June 7 (does not include spearfishing) \$ 65

State Championship Photography Tournament

Important! Entrants must bring their film or a digital camera with memory card when they register for entry number assignment, imprint and verification.

Participants CANNOT start taking photos until May 10th, 2013 at noon

Exposed Film or Digital/ Video memory card must be turned in by 8:00pm or postmarked on June 7, 2013

Adult, Registration & Film/Card Imprint (before June 7th) ----- \$65

Junior, Registration & Film/Card Imprint (before June 7th) ----- \$ 50

Please **Circle** which Category you are entering, one category only:

Adult: (Digital Film Video) Junior: (Digital Video)

One Price Registration for All Events, includes Spearfishing (& lionfish derby), Photography & Video (NOTE: A person who registers or wins multiple events will still receive ONE pick from prize table).

Jr, Registration- (Postmarked or delivered on or before June 7th) \$60

Adult, Registration- (Postmarked or delivered on or before June 7th) \$ 75

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Please circle.....Cash.....or...Check...(#) -----Total \$ Paid \$ _____

(To be filled out by FSDA).....FILM ROLL or DIGITAL CARD NUMBER _____ # _____

Please mail your Registration form and Waiver, along with your check made out to: FSDA

Mail to: Bill Van Deman, 816 Birdie Way, Apollo Beach, FL, 33572

FSDA State Championship Spearfishing Rules

Summary of changes for the 2013 Spearfishing Section:

Rule 3 – Kickoff Party is scheduled at Sunset Grill at Little Harbor Club & Marina, Ruskin, FL on June 7th, 2013.

Rule 14- An individual who wins 1 or more trophies is entered in a Champion's Drawing before Mystery ticket drawing.

Rule 15 –Pelagic Category replaces Cuda category. Mackerel added. Additional Snapper, Spadefish, Margate added.

1. Safety First: This is a recreational event. We are here primarily to enjoy each other's company. Participants should not push their training limits or violate safe practices. The FSDA recommends that participants Do Not exceed the recreational diving limit of 130 feet AND/OR the maximum depth for which participants are properly trained.

2. No Diver is officially entered in the tournament until the FSDA has received a properly filled out and legibly printed –Waiver, Registration, and all fees have been paid. FSDA has the right to reject any applicant.

3. Tournament Kick-Off Party and Photo/Video Ends: This event is open to anyone who wants to be a guest. This Kickoff Party is scheduled for 8pm at Sunset Grill at Little Harbor Club & Marina, Ruskin, FL on June 7th, 2013. This is last opportunity to turn in SD cards, photo cannisters and confirm video upload for Photography/Video Championships.

4. Spearfishing Tournament and State Lionfish Derby Date, Times & Location: Friday-Sunday June 14-16, 2013. **Sunset Grill at Little Harbor**, 611 Destiny Dr, Ruskin, 33570 · (813) 645-3291. www.staylittleharbor.com. Rain date is June 28-30th.

-Spearfishing Pre-registration Ends: Friday, June 7th at 8pm . Divers may also register on active.com or at local Scuba shops that are Southern Open Sponsors and approved as tournament registration locations. See the FSDA website or tournament threads for these registration locations.

-Late registration: Friday, June 14th from 7:00pm to 8:15 PM @ Grand Ballroom of Sunset Grill at Little Harbor or other Satellite locations (TBA).

-Mandatory Divers Meeting: Friday June 14th @ 8:30 PM at Grand Ballroom, Sunset Grill. **At least one diver from each boat must be at the meeting Friday, June 14th. This mandatory rule is utilized to assure an equal start for all participants. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CAN MAKE ANY CHANGES TO ANY RULE AT THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING. YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE DIVER FROM EACH BOAT AT THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING TO BE AWARE OF ANY CHANGES.** ANY LAST MINUTE RULE CHANGES AND THE OFFICIAL TIME WILL BE GIVEN AT THIS MEETING. ANY BOATS AND THE DIVERS ON THAT BOAT THAT DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE STAY UNTIL THE END OF THIS MEETING WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED, NO EXCEPTIONS. All Tournament Shooter Shirts and Mystery Tickets will only be given out at this meeting (except for Satellite locations, they will receive their tickets and shirt at the weigh-in) If divers elect to send only one shooter from their boat to this meeting, it is their representatives responsibility to collect the tournament shooter shirts and mystery tickets for his/her boat mates. For more information and a list of Satellite locations in your area, contact Bill Van Deman at 317-412-2626 or wvandeman@gmail.com.

Spearfishing time limits: All fish must be speared between Dawn & Dusk, Saturday, June 15th.

Weigh-in begins: Sunday June 16th 11:00AM. **All fish must be in line by 12 Noon!**

Awards: Sunday June 16th at approximately 1:30 PM

5. Points: Each diver is to turn in **only his THREE largest fish in each category, except the Pelagic category where one (1) entry is permitted.** Fish must be gutted. A diver will receive one point per pound and ten points per fish. All fish will score no more than 20 lbs for a max of 30 points per fish. Ties will be broken mathematically by dividing each contestant's aggregate weight by the number of fish. The highest number will be the winner. . Lionfish are not a point or trophy category but will be counted in a separate Lionfish Derby under rule 16.

6. Prizes & Awards: Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Sunday after weigh-in, starting at approximately 1:30pm, June 16th at Sunset Grill at Little Harbor Grand Ballroom.

7. Mystery Tickets: ALL PARTICIPANTS' MYSTERY TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING ON FRIDAY JUNE 7th (except for those who registered at Satellite locations, theirs will be given at the weigh-in on Sunday) A participant will get a single ticket for Spearfishing, Lionfish, U/W Photography, or Video. A diver who enters multiple competitions will still receive only one mystery ticket. Each ticket will allow a competitor ONE chance at the prize table either when his or her ticket number is drawn or if that competitor qualifies for the Trophy Winner Drawing. The Mystery ticket drawing will occur after all the tournament trophies and Trophy Winner Drawings have been awarded. All prizes are a bonus for the participants and the amount and type of prizes is dictated by the generosity of our sponsors. These are randomly picked drawings. All participants will have an opportunity to be drawn. Participant must be present to accept a prize.

8. Eligibility: Both men and women divers are welcome to participate. Divers under the age of 18 MUST have a signed release from their legal guardian. This is a "Good Sportsmanship Tournament"; therefore any individual who is or has been deemed by the FSDA to have exhibited "Unsportsmanlike" behavior in any previous competition is prohibited from being eligible to enter this event. **No Diver is officially entered** in the tournament until the FSDA has received a properly filled out Waiver, Registration, and all fees have been paid. **All divers must be current FSDA members. The \$10.00 FSDA dues for 2013 can be paid with a diver's registration. Note: FSDA dues must be renewed January 1st of each year.** Junior division (ages 12-17) are guests of FSDA and exempt from FSDA membership dues for this event.

9. Registration: Adult, Pre-registration for Spearfishing/Lionfish, is **\$65**. Junior, Pre-registration for Spearfishing/Lionfish, is **\$50**. Adult, Late Registration for Spearfishing/Lionfish, is **\$75**. Junior, Late Registration for Spearfishing/Lionfish, is **\$60**. **Pre-Registration for Lionfish Only is \$55. Late Registration for Lionfish Only is \$65. Adult, Anytime Registration for Photography or video is \$65 Adult. Registration for entry into All Events: Spear/Photo/Video is \$75.** All spearfishing competitors are required by Florida Law to possess a Florida Saltwater Fishing license and must have said license during the tournament. **Mail Registration form and Waiver**, along with your check to FSDA to: Bill Van Deman, 816 Birdie Way, Apollo Beach, FL, 33572. For questions, call (317) 412-2626.

10. Junior Division: Divers 12 to 17 years old as of June 14, may enter the Junior division, but are not required to. Junior competitors must be certified divers and have a signed release from the parent or guardian. Just like the Adult participants, all Junior participants should not exceed any depth or dive in any conditions that they are not trained or certified to dive. All Junior shooters must be properly supervised by an Adult. Minimum age to enter this tournament is 12 years. Besides being the proper age, the shooter MUST check the "YES" box to the Junior inquiry on page one of the registration form. The highest aggregate scoring "Junior" will receive a special trophy to designate this accomplishment. The "State Junior Champion" will be qualified to receive any and all other trophies and awards as any other tournament participant, including State Women's Champion and State Spearfishing Champion.

11. Senior Diver Division: Any adult male or female participant that is 50 years of age or older, as of June 14, 2013 can elect to be entered in the State Senior Spearfishing Championship. Besides being the proper age, the shooter MUST check the "YES" box to the Senior inquiry on page one of the registration form. The highest aggregate scoring "Senior" will receive a special trophy to designate this accomplishment. The "State Senior Diver Champion" will be qualified to receive any and all other trophies and awards as any other tournament participant, including State Women's Champion and State Spearfishing Champion.

12. Woman Diver Division: Any woman (Adult or Junior) qualifies for this category. There will be a special trophy given to the highest aggregate scoring Women's Diver. To qualify, the participant MUST be female and MUST check the box for "Female" on page 1 of her registration.

13. Fish & Photographs: Fish remain the property of the competitors. Images taken by FSDA volunteers may be used by the FSDA to help promote future tournaments, publicity and other related diving activities.

14. Spearfishing Trophies: Twelve trophies will be awarded in the Spearfishing portion of the tournament They are:

- State Spearfishing Champion
- State Spearfishing Second Place
- State Spearfishing Third Place
- State Women's Spearfishing Champion
- State Senior Spearfishing Champion
- State Junior Spearfishing Champion
- State Pelagic Champion
- State Grouper and Mackerel Champion
- State Snapper Champion
- State Hogfish and Flounder Champion
- State Sheepshead and Porgy Champion
- State Grunt Champion
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Trophy Winner Drawing- The names of single or multiple trophy winners in these twelve categories and the Digital Photo, Film Photo and Video Champions, will be entered once in a random Trophy Winner prize drawing for a single selection off the prize table. Each name will be randomly drawn ONCE before the first mystery ticket is drawn. Each Trophy winner's name will be called and they must turn in their mystery ticket to pick from the prize table, giving every competitor a single pick off the prize table either as a Trophy Winner or Mystery ticket holder.

15. Eligible fish: Categories, size and number that will be allowed, are as follows:

Category	Species	Size	total allowable
Pelagic	Cobia (length to fork)	34"	1
	Dolphin/Mahi (length to fork), Wahoo	20"	
	Legal Jacks or Runners (excluding amberjack)	16"	
	Tuna-Blackfin, Yellowfin, Skipjack, Bonito	16"	
Grouper/Mackerel	Black Grouper, Kingfish (length to fork)	24"	3 (max 1 per Black & 2 per Kingfish)
	Red, Yellowfin, Yellowmouth, Scamp	20"	
	Cero Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel	13"	
Snapper	American Red (max 2), Mutton	16"	3 (max 2 per ARS & Cubera)
	Gray, Dog, Yellowtail, Vermillion, Cubera	13"	
Hogfish/Flounder	Hogfish (length to fork), Flounder	13"	3
Sheepshead/Porgy	Porgy, Sheepshead, Spadefish	13"	3
Grunts	Legal Grunts, White & Black Margate	13"	3

16. "Koon Dog" State Lionfish Derby- The top three lionfish shooters, in order of total lionfish turned in (no size or bag restrictions on lionfish), will receive cash prizes: First Place: \$500, Second Place \$200, Third Place \$200, Largest lionfish-\$100. Tiebreaker is single coin toss.

Important: Do not bring undersize or illegal fish to the scale! Undersize fish will not be scored.

17. All fish: Must be legally taken, *landed by the diver who is awarded the points*, and brought to the scales before the close of the tournament. No Powerheads may be used. The "Weigh-in Line" will constitute the physical location for the close of the meet. All fish must be physically in the weigh-in line by Noon on Sunday June 16, 2013. All competitors' fish must be PRE-SORTED, on INDIVIDUAL STRINGERS and ON ICE. Each stringer placed on the weigh-in table to be weighed, must be accompanied by the shooters first and last name for weigh-in verification, No Exceptions. All fish turned in must be in fresh and whole condition. Fish that are shorter than Federal/State size regulations or that do not appear to be well iced and fresh cannot be weighed. All protest and disqualification decisions will be made by the Protest Committee (see rule 18).

18. Disqualification is automatic for latecomers. Any cases of Cheating or Un-sportsmanship behavior will result in disqualification. The Official Time shall be announced at the Friday evening registration and briefing. Boats are each diver's responsibility. Breakdowns or running out of gas are not reasons for failing to return to the weigh-in line by 12 PM (Noon) on Sunday June 16th.

19. Protest: Any diver or tournament officer can file a protest with the Tournament Chairman. The protest committee consists of the FSDA President, the FSDA Vice President, the FSDA Treasurer & the FSDA Secretary. The decision of the protest committee is final.

FSDA President, Bill VanDeman, FSDA Vice President, Teresa Hattaway, FSDA Treasurer, Bill Hardman, FSDA Secretary, Malachi Keddington www.divefsda.com

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