

2010 FSDA SOUTHERN OPEN SPEARFISHING & PHOTOGRAPHY TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION & WAIVER

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

Personal information (phone, Email) etc. is only for use internally by the 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 the Completed Form for Your Records**

Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ / _____ / _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) (_____) _____ (Cell) (_____) _____

Email _____

Driver's Lic # (to validate identification for mail in registrants) _____ State _____

Circle the Correct Response: **JUNIOR** (under 18 years on June 11th), **Yes** or **No**
 MALE or **FEMALE** **SENIOR** (50 years or older, by June 11th), **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 _____

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

Witnessed By _____ Date _____

****Please complete the following if participant is under 18 years old.****

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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

Witness for Parent _____ Date _____

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.

Registrants receive a free Sponsor shirt-while they last! Sign up early! Circle size wanted: S M L XL 2XL 3XL	
FSDA Membership required for FSDA Events .Dues are due on Jan.1st *Juniors, age 17 or under, are FSDA guests for this event & not charged for dues. If not paid for 2010 please add in for your dues ----- \$ 20	
State Championship Spearfishing Tournament Adult, Pre-Registration (Postmarked or delivered on or before June 4)----- \$ 65 Adult, Regular Registration (Postmarked or delivered after June 4) ----- \$ 80 Junior, Pre-Registration (ages 12 to 17) -- -- \$ 45 —Junior after June 4 th ----- \$ 50	
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 29, 2010 <i>Exposed Film or Digital memory card must be turned in by 8pm (before the Captain's Meeting) on June 11, 2010</i> Adult, Registration & Film/Card Imprint on or before May 28 th) ----- \$ 65 Junior, Registration (ages 12 to 17) ----- \$ 45 Please Circle which Category you are entering, one category only: <u>Adult Digital</u> <u>Adult Film Open</u> <u>Junior (Film or Digital)</u>	
Registration for Both Spearfishing and Photography Adult, Pre-Registration (Postmarked or delivered on or before June 4)----- \$ 100 Adult, Regular Registration (Postmarked or delivered after June 4) ----- \$ 110 Junior Division (ages 12 to 17) no pre-registration required for both ----- \$75	
The FSDA strongly encourages all spear fishermen to support fairness in fisheries management by joining the FRA or contributing to the Diver's Rights Fund. I want to join the <u>Fishing Rights Alliance (FRA)</u> ----- \$ 35 I want to contribute to the Diver's Rights Fund ----- \$20	
Please circle.....Cash.....or...Check...(#) -----Total \$ Paid	

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

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

Mail to: Capt. Bill Hardman, 6193 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33710

FSDA State Championship Spearfishing Rules

Summary of changes for the 2010 Spearfishing Section:
 Rule 3 – Kickoff Party is scheduled at Winghouse on June 2nd
 Rule 10 – Junior Division ages have been expanded to 12 to 17 years
 Rule 11 – Senior Division are ages 50 years and older

- 1. Safety First:** This is a recreational event. We are here primarily to enjoy each others company. Do not push your training limits or violate safe practice. The FSDA recommends that no competitors exceed the recreational diving limit of 130 feet and especially the maximum depth for which you 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 an applicant.
- 3. Tournament Kick-Off Party:** This event is open to anyone who wants to be a guest. This Party is Wednesday, June 2nd starting at 8pm at the [Winghouse](#) at 7790 US 19 N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781 (727) 547-WING.

4. Spearfishing Tournament Date, Times & Location: Saturday June 12, 2010. Rain date is June 18 – 20, 2010.

Gators on the Pass, 12754 Kingfish Drive, Treasure Island, FL 33706 www.GatorsCafe.com

-Pre-registration Ends: Fri, June 4th. Divers can also register at local Scuba shops that are Southern Open Sponsors and approved as tournament registration locations. See the FSDA website for these registration locations.

-Late registration: Friday, June 11th from 7:00pm to 8:15 PM @ Gators or other Satellite locations (TBA).

-Mandatory Divers Meeting: Friday June 11th @ 8:30 PM at Gators. **At least one diver from each boat must be at the meeting Friday, June 11th. This mandatory rule is utilized to assure an equal start for all participants. 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 WHO STAYS 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, contact Capt. Bill Hardman at (727) 344-3483.

Spearfishing time limits: All fish must be speared between Dawn & Dusk, Saturday, June 12th.

Weigh-in begins: Sunday June 13th 11:00AM. **All fish must be in line by 12 Noon**

Awards: Sunday June 13th at approximately 1:00 PM

5. Points: Each diver is to turn in **only his THREE largest fish in each category, except the Amberjack/Cobia/Barracuda category where one (1) entry is permitted and no more than two (2) Gags and two (2) Red can be entered.** Fish must be gutted. A diver will receive one point per pound and five points per fish. Only one of your fish, regardless of species, can score up to 50 lbs. All other fish will score no more than 15 lbs. Ties will be broken mathematically by dividing each contestant's aggregate weight by the number of fish. The highest number will be the winner.

6. Prizes & Awards: Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Sunday, starting at approximately 1pm, June 13th, at Gators. Prize table picks will be based on the total points. First place finisher (State Champion) will have first pick at the awards table and receive a trophy.

7. Mystery Tickets: ALL PARTICIPANTS' MYSTERY TICKETS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MANDATORY DIVERS MEETING ON FRIDAY JUNE 11th (except for those who registered at Satellite locations, theirs will be given at the weigh-in) A participant will get One ticket for spearfishing and/or One ticket for U/W Photography. A diver who enters both competitions will receive 2 mystery tickets. Each ticket will allow a competitor a second chance at the prize table if his ticket number is drawn. Ticket drawing will begin after the 5th place diver has selected their prize & will continue until all prizes are gone.

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 "Un-sportsmanship" 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 \$20.00 FSDA dues for 2010 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 only, is \$65. Junior, Pre-registration for Spearfishing only, is \$45.

Adult, Late Registration for Spearfishing only, is \$80. Junior, Late Registration for Spearfishing only, is \$50.

Adult, Anytime Registration for Photography only, is \$65. Junior, Anytime Registration for Photo is \$45.

Junior, Anytime Registration for both Spearfishing and Photography, is \$75.

Adult, Pre-Registration fees for both Spearfishing and Photography is \$100.

Adult, Late Registration fees for both Spearfishing and Photography is \$110. All spearfishing competitors required by Florida Law to possess a Florida Saltwater Fishing license must have said license during the tournament. **Mail Registration form and Waiver**, along with your check to FSDA to: FSDA c/o Bill Hardman, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. For questions, call (727) 344-3483.

10. Junior Division: Divers 12 to 17 years old 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. A trophy will be given to the State Spearfishing Junior Champion and State U/W Photography Junior Champion. Juniors can also win the Women's, & Largest Categories. To qualify, a participant MUST circle the word "YES" to the Junior inquiry on page 1 of this registration.

- 11. Senior Diver Division:** Any adult male or female participant that is 50 years of age or older as of June 11, 2010 can elect to be entered in the State Senior Spearfisherman Championship. Besides being the proper age, the shooter **MUST** circle the word "YES" to the Senior inquiry on page one of the registration form. The highest scoring "Senior" will receive a special trophy to designate this accomplishment. A "Senior Diver" will be qualified to receive any and all other trophies and awards as any other tournament participant, including Top Woman Diver and Top State Spearfisherman. This recognition does not receive a special pick off of the prize table.
- 12. Woman Diver Division:** Any woman (Adult or Junior) qualifies for this category. There will be a special trophy given to this Top Woman Diver, but no special pick of the prize table is included with this award. To qualify, the participant **MUST** be female and **MUST** circle the word "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:** NINE trophies will be awarded in the Spearfishing portion of the tournament. They are:
- State Champion Spearfisherman
 - State Champion Senior Spearfisherman
 - State Champion Junior Spearfisherman
 - State Champion Female Spearfisherwoman
 - State Champion Largest Grouper
 - State Champion Largest Amberjack/Cobia/Barracuda
 - State Champion Largest Snapper
 - State Champion Largest Hogfish
 - State Champion Largest Triggerfish/Sheepshead

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

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

Category	Minimum Size	Max Qty
Grouper	Gag or Black, 23", Red, 21", Scamp, 18".	3 (2 Gag & 2 Red max)
Snapper	Mango, 13", Red or Mutton, 17", Cubera 13"	3 (2 Red max)
Hogfish & Flounder	Hogfish: 14" to Fork Flounder: 14" overall	3
Trigger or Sheepshead	Triggerfish: 15" Fork Sheepshead: 13" overall	3
Amberjack or Cobia or Barracuda	AJ & Barracuda = 31" to Fork Cobia = 34" to Fork	1

- 16. 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 13, 2010. All competitors' fish must be PRE-SORTED, GUTTED, 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 17).
- 17. 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. Official Time will be kept by a REACTOR WATCH "Reactor is the Official Timekeeper of the "47" Southern Open". Boats are each diver's responsibility. Breakdowns or running out of gas are not reasons for failing to return to the weighin line by 12 PM (Noon) on Sunday June 13th.
- 18. 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 Secretary. The decision of the protest committee is final.

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN: Capt. Bill Hardman, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(727) 656-9714 www.divefsda.com**

FSDA State Championship Underwater Photography Rules

Summary of changes for 2010:

Rule 15: Juniors can shoot film or digital in Junior Division

- 1. This is a 14-day contest.** Competition begins at 6am on Sat. May 29th ends Friday June 11th. All competition photos must be taken during this period. This is an amateur contest therefore photographers earning more than 25% of their base income from photography are excluded.
- 2. FSDA Reserves the right** to use all images as they see fit.
- 3. Registration, check-in and film entry assignment** will be held at the following locations between June 5th and June 19th: **Aquatic Obsessions**, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33710, (727) 344-3483 or **Narcosis Scuba Center**, 926 Pinellas Ave N., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, 727-934-6474. Registration may be held at other locations not available at the time this was produced.
Tournament Begins: Sat. May 29th at 6am. **Tournament Finish:** Friday June 11th, by 8:00 PM
Awards: Sunday June 13th at approximately 1:00 PM
- Competitors shall provide their own 24 exposure print film (no slides) and/or digital card.
- Entrants shall check-in and bring their film or digital card to the registration to receive an entry number. Digital entrants must bring their camera and digital storage card to the registration. All digital cards will be reformatted in the contestant's camera and witnessed by tournament officials. The officials will shoot the first picture on each card for identification purposes. The contestant can then shoot the next 24 photos consecutively for a total of 25 (this includes the first identification picture shot).
- Film shall be returned at Capt. Meeting on June 11th by 8 PM & must bear its' original entry number. Digital entries shall be submitted via the card from the camera for downloading and developing. Officials will verify digital photos creation date. Competitors may turn in film for fellow participants. No late returns.
- FSDA will develop all film including having prints made from digital cards that are submitted.
- Digital Photo's – Only the first 24 digital photos shot by the contestant will be judged.
- No editing or deletions of any images are permitted. Files will be reviewed with equipment that can detect any changes or deletions that have been made. Any attempt at altering the original 24 photos will constitute cheating and the violator will be disqualified from this and all subsequent Southern Open Tournaments.**
- Photos must be taken underwater and be of original/natural subject matter (no props) in a natural underwater environment in Florida coastal waters or Florida lakes, springs and streams. No photos will be accepted if taken in artificial environments such as aquariums, tanks, or man made ponds.
- Photos showing any disrespect for the environment or marine animals, or showing animals viewed in an un-natural environment, location or grouping. will not be considered for judging.
- Judges shall select the top photo(s) from each roll for judging. Contestants will recognize that photography judging is subjective and that the decisions of the judges are final.
- The scoring system used for judging will be based on:
 - Technical Merit - focus, exposure, excessive backscatter.
 - Composition - subject, background, creativity, overall arrangement.
 - Impact - overall emotional appeal/interest.
 - Degree of Difficulty -shooting moving subjects, subjects requiring time/patience, etc.**Points 1 – 10** will be assessed in each of those 4 areas. In case of ties during judging, judges will rely upon the picture displaying the greater degree of difficulty and composition to break the tie by adding an additional ½ point.
- Photos will be displayed by approximately 1:00 PM Sunday, June 13, 2010.

15. U/W Photography Categories

a. Adult Film Category: Participants in this category can use cameras, which can possess built-in adjustments for exposure or focus, these cameras may use close up lenses. This category includes point and shoot to advanced adjustment cameras.

b. Adult Digital: Photographs taken with type of digital cameras.

c. Junior Category: Participants must be ages 12 to 17years old. Participants can use any type of film or digital camera. without close-up or magnifying may be used in the Junior division. Junior participants MUST circle "YES" for Junior inquiry on page 1 of the tournament registration form.

16. Awards Photo awards begin promptly, Sunday, June 13th at 1:00PM, at Gators on the Pass. Photos and prize table will be displayed by 1:00 PM.

17. One (1) mystery fish ticket will be provided to each competitor.

18. Prizes: All photo contestants will receive a pick from the prize table based upon the total number of points in all combined photography categories. The pick of the prize table will start with the most points in any category down to the fewest points in any category. The first pick of the table will depend upon the ratio of Spearfishing contestants vs. Photography contestants & will continue in that ratio until all prizes are taken.

Film Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table	2 nd –last place, pick of prize table
Digital Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table	2 nd –last place, pick of prize table
Junior Category	1 st place trophy & pick from prize table based upon points	

19. Three Trophies: THREE trophies will be awarded in the U/W Photography portion of the tournament. They are:

- State U/W Film Photography Champion
- State U/W Digital Photography Champion
- State U/W Junior Photography Champion

**47TH SOUTHERN OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIRMAN,
Cindy Whitaker (727) 452-7603**