

2008 TBSC WINTER INVITATIONAL SPEARFISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION & WAIVER

Must be filled out completely. Please note that there are absolutely no refunds, for any reason.

Personal information (phone, Email) etc. is only for use by the TBSC for safety and registration 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 TBSC and the FSDA may use photographs of my self or my fish to promote spearfishing 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 and/or death to others and myself. **I agree that I, my survivors, beneficiaries, heirs and personal representatives, will not and may not seek any compensation, damages, legal costs or expenses, including attorney fees, from the Tampa Bay Spearfishing Club (TBSC), the TBSC officers, TBSC members, Florida Skin Divers Association (FSDA), the FSDA officers, the FSDA member dive clubs, the dive club officers, their members, or any FSDA individual members, Aquatic Obsessions and Wonderful Water Scuba, Inc. and their employees and officers, all TBSC and FSDA volunteers 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.**

Please Print Clearly & Make a Copy of this Completed Form For Your Records

Name _____ Age _____ DOB ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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

Email _____

Participant's or Parent's Driver License (needed to validate this Registration Info)

DL # _____ State _____

Dive Club (if any) _____ Boat Name _____

Other Divers on my Boat : 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

*****Each person that signs below is affirming that he/she has read this complete Waiver and agrees to ASSUME ALL THE RISKS INVOLVED in this activity.**

Furthermore, by signing, the participant states that he/she understands this Liability Waivers, agrees to it's terms and signs of his/her own free will***

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 also complete the following if participant is under 18 years old.

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Witness For Parent _____ Date _____

Early Registration Confirmation (to be filled out by TBSC staff) # _____

2008 "TBSC Winter Invitational" Spearfishing Tournament

Please Print Clearly on this Registration Entry Form

(This form must accompany your Waiver)

Your Name: _____ (Home) (_____) _____
 (Cell) (_____) _____ Email: _____

<p>One FREE short-sleeve Tournament Collectors T-shirt to all who Pre-register (Early Registration ONLY! Circle size wanted: M L XL 2XL</p>	
<p>Extra Collectors T-shirts- must be ordered by March 14. Circle size wanted: M L XL 2XL Quantities of Each Size: _____ Extra Shirt cost, per shirt-----\$20</p>	\$
<p>FSDA Membership is required for FSDA Events FSDA Dues are due January 1st of each year. <u>If you are a member of a FSDA Dive Club make sure your club has sent your 2008 FSDA dues to FSDA treasurer to verify that your dues are paid.</u> Circle whether your dues are paid for 2008: <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>If not paid for 2008</u> please add in for your dues -----\$15 Youths age 17 or under are guests & not charged for FSDA dues.</p>	\$
<p style="text-align: center;">Spearfishing Tournament Rates</p> <p><u>Early-Registration:</u> Postmarked/delivered by March 12, 2008 Adults----- \$ 50 Youth Division (ages 12 through 17) ----- \$ 45 <u>Postmarked/delivered after March 12, 2008</u> Adults ----- \$ 70 Youth Division (ages 12 through 17) ----- \$ 65</p>	\$
<p>The TBSC & the FSDA strongly encourages all spearfishermen 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 ----- \$ 15</p>	\$
<p>Please circle one & if Paid by Check Write in the Check Number Cash Or Check # _____ ----- Total Paid</p>	\$

Mail Registration form and Waiver, along with your check made out to:
TBSC, c/o Aquatic Obsessions, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.
 For questions or to get **your confirmation number** call (727) 344-3483, from 11am-7pm on Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. or Saturday. ***Sorry No Refunds Permitted for any reasons.**

2008 “TBSC Winter Invitational” Spearfishing Tournament

March 21 & 22, 2008 (Raindate, March 28 & 29th)

Spearfishing Rules

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 & the TBSC recommends that no competitors exceed the recreational diving limit of 130 feet.
2. **Officially Entered:** No diver is officially entered in the tournament until the TBSC has received a properly filled out Waiver, Registration, & all fees are paid.
3. **Spearfishing Tournament dates: Sat. March 22, 2008, the rain date is March 28th. Diving begins Sat. March 22nd at Dawn.** The rain date schedule will be the following week with the same times and rules as the original date.
4. **Early Registration Ends: Friday, March 12, 2008**
All registration forms must be postmarked by this date or hand delivered on or before this date to Aquatic Obsessions Scuba, St. Petersburg, Florida.
5. **Early-Registration Confirmation Number:** To confirm that a participant’s Early Registration form was properly received, each Early Registered participant must call (727) 344-3483 by 6pm on March 19th. This confirmation number will allow every Early Registered participant to rest assured that all his/her paperwork has been received and is in proper order.
6. **Late Registration: Starts at 7:00pm on March 21st** and is over at @ 8:30pm. This is the only date and time for Late Registration. If turning in a Late Registration for someone on your boat, please make sure every part of the Waiver and Registration form is properly and completely filled out! This Late Registration will be held at: Aquatic Obsessions Scuba, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710.
7. **Mandatory Diver’s Check In:** Every participant should be at the “Diver’s Check In” meeting; however, at least one Representative Diver from each boat must be at the “Diver’s Check In” meeting (to represent himself and those on his/her boat) to pick up mystery tickets, get any last minute rule changes, get the official tournament time and get any entry paperwork. The confirmation number is required to pick up an Early Registered participants paperwork at the “Diver’s Check In.” This “Diver’s Check In” will **start at 7:00pm on March 21st** and end with the beginning of the mandatory Captain’s Meeting.
8. **Captain’s Meeting starts** at approximately 8:30pm.
The Late Registration, the Diver’s Check In and the Captains Meeting will all be held from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Friday **March 21st**. This meeting will be held at: Aquatic Obsessions Scuba, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710. [Click for map](#) or call (727) 344-DIVE (3483).
9. **Mystery fish tickets:** Each participant will receive ONE (1) mystery ticket. The ticket will allow a competitor a chance to win one of the prizes donated by the Tournament Sponsors. These prizes will be awarded immediately after all the tournament trophies have been distributed. These 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 in which all participants have an equal chance to win a prize.

10. **Points:** Each diver is to turn in **only his THREE LARGEST fish in each category, except the Amberjack and Cobia/Barracuda category where one (1) entry is permitted for each of the two categories.** A diver will receive one (1) point per pound and five (5) points per fish or lobster weighed. There is a limit point value per fish of 20 points for weight and the Five (5) points awarded for the fish, with a maximum total point limit per fish of 25 points. Ties will be broken mathematically by dividing the contestant's aggregate weight by the number of fish – the higher score wins.
11. **Weigh-in:** The weigh-in will take place in the grassy picnic area immediately northeast of the Ft. Desoto Boat Ramp parking lot. Bring your coolers to the back of the weigh-in line in the grassy area. Weigh-in line is shut down at 6:00pm sharp.
12. **Prizes & Awards:** Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Saturday, immediately after the weigh-in and the computer computations are completed. First place finisher (the person with the highest aggregate score) will get the 1st Place trophy and the subsequent next Four top finishers will receive trophies for second through fifth place. Trophies will also be awarded for the Largest of each fish category. The top aggregate scoring Junior spearfisherman or woman will receive a special recognition trophy for scoring the most points of all those under the age of 18 years.
13. **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. **No Diver is officially entered** in the tournament until the TBSC has received a properly filled out Waiver, Registration, and all fees have been paid. **All divers must be current FSDA members. The \$15.00 FSDA dues for 2008 can be paid with a diver's registration. Note: Paying the FSDA \$15 fee at this tournament will also cover your FSDA \$15 fee for the State of Florida Freedive Tournament on April 4' 2008 in Bayport, Florida and the Southern Open Spearfishing tournament (State of Florida Spearfishing Championship) on June 21, 2008.** Junior division (ages 12-17) are guests of FSDA and exempt from FSDA membership requirement.
14. **Registration:** To properly register for this tournament, turn in the completed Registration form (page 2 of 5) along with the Waiver (first page) & payment.
Early Registration Ends: March 12, 2008
All registration forms must be postmarked by this date or hand delivered on or before this date to Aquatic Obsessions Scuba, St. Petersburg, Florida.
Late Registration: The only date and time for late registration is, Friday **March 21, 2008**, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Aquatic Obsessions.
A special discounted rate is offered for youth participants, as well as all those who register early. And anyone who does Early Registration gets a FREE Tournament Collectors T-shirt (see the registration form for details).
All spearfishing competitors must possess a Florida salt water fishing license and if hunting lobsters, possess the lobster stamp at registration.
Mail Registration form and Waiver, along with your check made out to:
TBSC, c/o Aquatic Obsessions, 6193 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710.
For questions, call (727) 344-DIVE (3483).
15. **Junior Division:** Divers 12 to 17 years old shoot in the normal portion of the tournament, but they are also entered into the competition for the top Junior shooter. Junior competitors must be certified divers and have a signed release from their 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 should be properly supervised by an Adult. Minimum age to enter this tournament is 12 years old.

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

<u>Category</u>	<u>Minimum Size</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
Grouper _____	22" _____	Three (3), (One Red, max)
Scamp _____	16" _____	Scamp is in Grouper field
Snapper _____	14" ... for Mutton 16" _____	Three (3)
Hogfish _____	12" to Fork _____	Three (3)
Sheepshead _____	12" _____	Three (3)
Amberjack _____	28" to Fork _____	One (1)
Cobia or Barracuda _____	Cobia, 33" to Fork _____	One (1) of either species
	Barracuda 28" minimum to Fork	
Lobster _____	Shovelnose no minimum _____	Three (3) of all lobsters
	Spiny, min. of 3" carapace	

*Minimum size is measured as "**Overall**" unless specifically noted to the "**Fork**".

17. **All fish: All participants must follow and abide by all local, State and Federal laws.**

All fish must be legally taken and landed by the diver who is awarded the points, and brought to the scales before the close of the tournament. Powerheading of fish is not allowed. 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 6:00 PM. All competitors' fish must be presorted, fully and properly gutted, on individual stringers and on ice. Both species of Lobster cannot have any holes in the body and cannot be placed on a stringer. Un-attached body parts of any lobsters will not be weighed. All fish turned in must be in a fresh and whole condition and have all appearances of freshness. Fish that are shorter than Federal/State size regulations or that do not appear to be well iced and look fresh as per the judgment of the tournament Weighmaster, cannot be weighed, or if already weighed it can be disqualified. Only one participant of a tournament boat is required to weigh-in the fish for any fellow members of his boat. If a participant is weighing-in fish for a boat buddy, he must know the buddy's entry number and full name. If you elect to shoot Barracuda, you must properly remove & utilize the fish or you will be disqualified, no exceptions.

18. **Disqualification** is automatic for latecomers. Any cases of cheating will result in a disqualification. The Official Time shall be announced at the Friday Captain's Meeting and kept by the Weighmaster. Latecomers (who wish to have their fish weighed-in for club tournaments) can have their fish weighed at the end of the official weigh-in, but only with the Weighmaster's approval. To remove any misunderstanding for by-standers, the coolers holding these late fish, will have a large red X placed on top of the cooler with Red Tape, by the Weighmaster. Breakdowns or running out of gas are not reasons for failing to return to the weigh-in area by 6:00PM.

19. **Protest:** Any diver or tournament officer may file a protest with the Tournament Weighmaster. Any protest must be filed in a timely manner. A **Protest Committee** will be made up of the current TBSC President, the TBSC Vice President, the TBSC Secretary, the TBSC Treasurer and the Tournament Weighmaster. All Protest Decisions will be made in a timely manner and **all decisions will be final.**

TBSC President - Isaac Lathrop / TBSC V-President - Bill Hardman
TBSC Secretary - Chris Grauer / TBSC Treasurer - Chuck Schnur
TOURNAMENT WEIGHMASTER: - Mark Maznek

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