

# THE LIONFISH INVASION

Informative talk sponsored by



Date: March 28<sup>th</sup>

When: 7:00pm

Where: Sea Sports Scuba – Woodlands

Guest Speaker: Andrea Grupe Stromeyer

Speaker Bio: Andrea has been a volunteer with Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary since 2012, when she was a student at Texas A&M University at Galveston. One of her current projects is to educate operators of local scuba shops about the invasive lionfish and distribute educational posters detailing the impacts that lionfish have on coral reef ecology. She also assisted with hosting the sanctuary's first Facebook Live event showing lionfish dissections.

She will be talking to us about the Lionfish invasion and eradication. Learn how you can become involved in helping to eradicate this invasive fish.

Discussion points:

- History of the invasion
- Why it matters
- What we are doing about it
- How divers can help
- How to get into hunting and the resources available to help
- Why eating Lionfish is awesome
- Hunting gear (Zookeepers, spears, gloves, etc.)
- Various laws, rules, and regulations



Possible dissection or filet demonstration depending on availability of specimens