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BugFest by the Sea

MULTIPLE EVENTS JULY 24 - 29

Get your claws on some lobsters, listen to live music and learn tips and tricks for lobster hunting at this year's annual BugFest by the Sea, a lobster-hunting dive festival in Lauderdale by the Sea. The Bug Fest is sponsored by Reef Safe, an eco-friendly, reef-safe alternative to traditional sunblock.

Participants in the lobster hunting competition — The Great Florida Bug Hunt — can catch up to twelve lobsters a day. The Hunt will take place on July 25 and 26. Divers are allowed to dive anywhere off shore and should sign up in advance online at lbtsevents.com/bugfest-by-the-sea. The entry fee is \$20 which includes a tee-shirt, BugFest goody bag and access to all seminars and events. Participants will bring caught lobsters to a weigh-in point at either the Sands Harbor Resort & Marina (125 N. Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach) or El Prado Park (4500 El Mar Dr., Lauderdale by the Sea). For every lobster caught, participants will receive a ticket for a raffle, which will take place at the Mini-Season Awards Party and Chef Contest on Thursday, July 26 from 6 to 8pm at the Anglin's Square Beach Pavillion (12 Commercial Blvd, Lauderdale by the Sea). Winners of the raffle will receive a wide-range of prizes. The chef contest will feature teams of two to three chefs each. Each team will have one hour, a grill and four lobster tails to cook up a delicious meal. Judges will compare each dish and some lucky audience members will get to taste. Past winners

have included lobster pizza, lobster grits and lobster sliders. The awards party will also feature the Scuba Cowboy and ScubaRadio mermaids.

A free lobster hunting seminar taught by author and lobster hunting expert Jim "Chiefy" Mathie will also take place the night before the competition starts at 6pm on Tuesday, July 24 at Plunge Beach Hotel (4660 El Mar Dr, Lauderdale by the Sea). A kick-off party will follow the seminar at 7pm. The kick-off party is free to attend and the first 100 guests will get a ticket for a free beer.

A free concert will be held the Saturday after the competition on July 28 from 6:30 to 10:30pm at Anglin's Square (12 Commercial Blvd, Lauderdale by the Sea), featuring The Weedline and other bands. The concert will host a raffle to benefit Diveheart, a non-profit which provides confidence building diving lessons for veterans and differently-abled children.

For more information on any of the BugFest events, visit lbtsevents.com/bugfest-by-the-sea.