

A FISHY AFFAIR... MALICIOUS BUT DELICIOUS

Lionfish, the lovely, frilly-finned fish that grace many a home and restaurant aquarium, are actually deadly invasive predators. They damage our ecosystems by eating up to 20 small fish, such as grouper and snapper, per day. With a very quick reproduction rate and no natural predators in our Georgia waters, they have multiplied quickly and threaten the natural biodiversity that provide economic and recreational opportunities. Controlling their population is critical for our ocean and for Gray's Reef. Luckily, lionfish are tasty white fish that can be served in a number of delicious styles. This presents a prime opportunity for restaurants to capitalize on an abundant resource and one for which we encourage overfishing! So while they are very malicious, they are just as equally delicious!

With this in mind, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation will host their Fourth Annual "A Fishy Affair...Malicious but Delicious", Friday, September 21st beginning at 6:00 PM at The Landings' Plantation Club in Savannah. Please join us for a fun, educational, and entertaining evening featuring several of Savannah's most respected chefs who will serve up their best lionfish dishes to encourage restaurants to put lionfish on their menus. They are after all invasive – but tasty – creatures! A Fishy Affair will also feature a full dinner, a member/cash bar, live and silent auctions with many unique coastal experiences as well as engaging educational entertainment.

A Fishy Affair benefits Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to support Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.

Our Impact

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is currently the only protected natural reef area on the continental shelf off the Georgia coast. The 22 square mile sanctuary is just a small part of the U.S. territorial Atlantic Ocean, yet its immense value as a natural marine habitat is recognized both nationally and internationally. Gray's Reef is home to over 200 fish species and 480 known invertebrate species, as well as Loggerhead sea turtles, a threatened species, that use the sanctuary year-round for foraging and resting. The reef also abuts the only known winter calving ground for the highly endangered North Atlantic right whale.

As its non-profit partner, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation works to support and strengthen Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary as a unique and vital landmark for the community and the nation through charitable and educational purposes.

The Foundation aims to develop ocean stewards through education, public awareness, and supporting research and conservation initiatives. Partnerships are critical to the Foundation's work. With your help, we provide vital program support on behalf of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

YOUR SPONSORSHIP shows both a commitment to the health and welfare of our ocean, as well as to Coastal Georgia and our Greater Savannah community. Thank you for your partnership!

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A FISHY AFFAIR SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE FORM

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Thank you for your support! The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, EIN #94-3370994. For more information, please contact Amy Reisinger at amy@marinesanctuary.org or 912.660.2694