

9-pound, 3-ounce lobster wins Bugfest contest

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The 9-pound, 3-ounce Great Florida Bug Hunt Contest winner at Bugfest-By-The-Sea.

John Brady, of Sebastian, had a memorable night dive off Juno Beach shortly after the lobster miniseason began at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

Brady was diving with a friend in 100 feet when he spotted a huge lobster.

“It was about five minutes into the dive and I saw him and my eyes got real wide,” Brady said. “I had a tickle stick and maneuvered him and was able to grab him with my other hand.”

That lobster weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and it won the Great Florida Bug Hunt Contest at Bugfest-by-the-Sea, a celebration of lobster miniseason by the town of Lauderdale-By-the-Sea. Brady won \$500 and an Atomic regulator worth \$450.