



**Monthly Meeting**



**May Luncheon**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
11:30 Registration**

**Location:  
Timpano**

*450 East Las Olas Boulevard  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
Phone (954) 462-3698*

**Speaker:**

**Fran Bohnsack, Ph.D.,**  
South Atlantic Gateway Director  
for the  
U.S. Department of Transportation

**Cost for Members & Guest**

*Parking will be validated in the parking garage located behind Timpano at the west side of the restaurant. Please remember to bring your ticket with you.*

*RSVP for the luncheon via the website [www.filmc.org](http://www.filmc.org) on the Event Calendar or by email: [Elaine Frawley](mailto:Elaine.Frawley) at [efrawley@atlassinsurance.com](mailto:efrawley@atlassinsurance.com)  
Work 954-653-2855 or Cell 954-655-5084*

**2013 Officers & Chairs**

Skipper: Matthew Valcourt  
First Mate: Charles Davant  
Yeoman: Bryan Emond  
Purser: Kristene Lundblad  
Bosun: Elaine Frawley  
Program: Michelle Otero Valdes  
Activities: Arlene Weicher  
Historian: Terry Jones  
Seminar Chair:  
Jonathan Dunleavy



**Mariner's Club Members Spin the Day Away  
at the  
5th Annual Marine Industry Cares Foundation  
Spinathon**

**Presented by the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation**

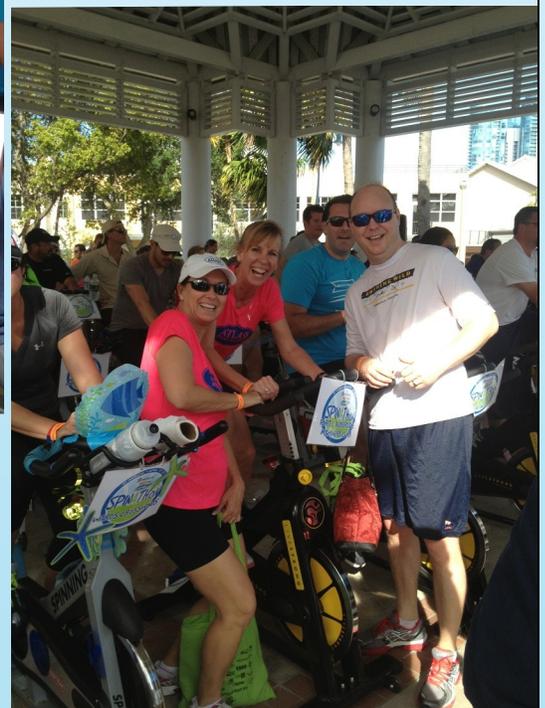
**Charles Davant, Laura Sherrod, Elaine Frawley, Curt Warnke and Leslie Karentz proudly represented the Club at this years Spinathon at Esplanade Park in Fort Lauderdale.**

**The Mariner's club sponsored a bike and donated \$2500 to this very worthy event.**



**Laura prepares to break away from the pack and take the lead!**

**The event has raised over \$140,000 for Kids In Distress and the Childrens Diagnostic and Treatment Center.**





# *Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club*



## *Dinner Cruise*

Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 from 6pm-10pm

*On the 142' Kathleen Windridge!*

**2013**

### *Getaway Weekend*

Let's sail away on the  
unsinkable  
Titanic with the  
Ft. Lauderdale Mariner's  
Club to the

**Waldorf Astoria,**  
Naples Florida  
on  
**July 12, 2013.**

Casual attire.

For reservations call  
888-722-1270  
and ask for the  
Ft. Lauderdale Mariner's  
Club group rate. Group  
code is FLMC or on line  
at

[www.waldorfastorianaples.com](http://www.waldorfastorianaples.com)

Room rate is \$129.00  
plus tax.

Please rsvp to  
[Arlene.weicher@crystalco.com](mailto:Arlene.weicher@crystalco.com)  
with entrée choice for  
Saturday night.

Prime Rib  
Grouper  
Vegetarian.

More details to follow.



**Don't miss this one!!!**

**Premium Open Bar, Fabulous Dinner & Dancing**

Boarding starts at 5:30pm at Tranquility Marina.  
\$30 per person for member and 1 guest. (\$60 per couple)  
Additional guests are \$100 each.  
Parking is not included.



RSVP needed by 6/10/13 to:  
Elaine Frawley 954-653-2855  
Or email  
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Windridge Yachts  
2950 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308  
(Near Shooters)





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**Fort Lauderdale  
 Mariners Club**

**About Us**

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club is dedicated to the promotion of ethical business practices among the sea-going community as well as the circulation of accurate and useful information to the boating community.

Our membership includes both professional and leisure boating enthusiasts, as well as industry experts and professionals in many disciplines from around the world.

**Join Us**

We welcome your interest in the Mariners Club and invite you to become an active member to the benefit of each of us individually and all of us as a community.

The easiest way to join is to attend a monthly meeting as a guest of a current member.

Request an application form from an officer, complete it and mail it with your check for \$50.00 to the Mariners Club for consideration by the membership committee. Two sponsors are required.

If you want to join and do not know an active member, contact Charlie Davant

[charles.davant@sedgwicklaw.com](mailto:charles.davant@sedgwicklaw.com)

Please visit our website at [www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org) to find out more about us!



**Tampa Bay Mariners Club  
 2013 Marine Industry Seminar**

**“CHARTING THE COURSE:  
 Which Way to Turn in 2013”**

**Our sister club on the “near” West Coast is holding  
 their annual seminar**

**Thursday May 23, 2013  
 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club**

**There is also a golf tournament  
 on Wednesday May 22nd.**

**For more information go to [www.tbmcinc.com](http://www.tbmcinc.com)**



**May 4-5 2013  
 17th Annual Plywood Regatta**

**The Good. The Bad. The Submerged.**

Join everyone Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th  
 for the SINK-O de MAYO edition of Plywood Regatta!

*At the  
 Dania Beach Pier*

Teams of middle school, high school and marine technical school students will attempt to build sea-worthy vessels using hand-tools and only the supplied material. Participants build the boats on May 4th and compete in a fun-filled race on May 5th.

**— FLMC is sponsor of the 2013 Overall Champion Trophy —**

Go to [www.plywoodregatta.org](http://www.plywoodregatta.org) for more information.





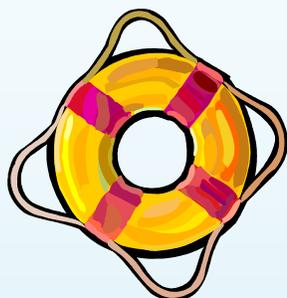
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**Save the Date!**

**This year's FLMC  
Seminar will be**

**October 29-30th  
2013**

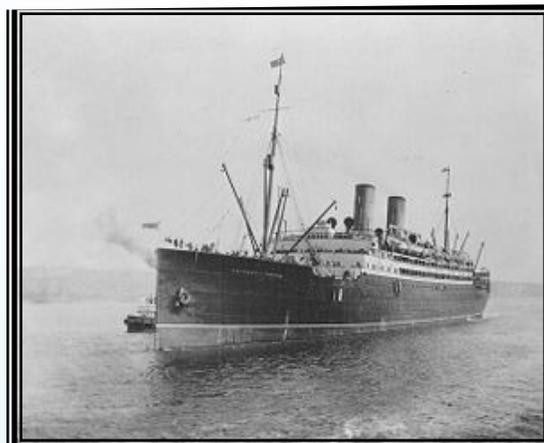
**At the  
Hyatt Regency  
Pier 66**

**More Details  
Coming Soon**



## This Month in Maritime History: May 29, 1914 *Empress of Ireland*

On May 28, 1914, just two years after the sinking of the *Titanic*, the *Empress of Ireland*, a Canadian flagged ocean liner, departed Quebec City for Liverpool, England with 1,477 passengers and crew. In the early morning hours of May 29th, the ship was traveling along the St. Lawrence River.



Shortly after dropping off a pilot at Pointe-au-Perè, lookouts sighted the lights of the Norwegian coal carrier *Storstad*. Crew on the *Storstad* likewise sighted the *Empress of Ireland*. At the time of the first sightings the weather was clear. However, shortly thereafter a dense fog set in. At about 2:00 a.m. local time, and despite the fog whistles of both ships being sounded repeatedly, the *Storstad* crashed into the starboard side of the *Empress*.

The *Storstad* did not sink, but the *Empress* listed rapidly. Most of the passenger and crew in the lower decks drowned as icy water from open portholes poured in on top of them. The ship was only able to launch three lifeboats before the ship listed so far on her starboard side that it became impossible to launch any more. Ten or so minutes after the collision, the ship lurched violently onto her starboard side. This allowed as many as 700 passengers and crew to crawl out portholes and decks onto the side of the hull. About 14 minutes after the collision, the ship sank out of sight, throwing hundreds of people into the freezing water. The disaster claimed the lives of 1,012 people.

The resulting inquiries were unable to determine the cause of the collision due to conflicting versions of events from the officers from the two ships. Ultimately, authorities decided that both ships must have changed course in the fog and contributed to causing the collision.

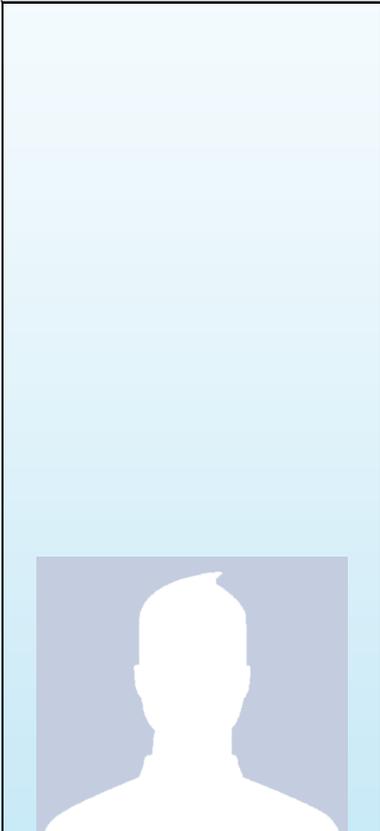
The sinking of the *Empress of Ireland* is considered to be the worst maritime disaster in Canadian History

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## Crossing the Bar

The Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club lost some family members in April

Sandra Kay Collins Johnson, spouse of longtime club member Bill Johnson, passed away at her Pompano Beach home, after a valiant 10-year battle with cervical, breast and lung cancers. On behalf of the officers and members of the club, we offer our sincerest condolences. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations can be made to the humane society in Sandy's name.

Peter Maloney, an active and longtime club member passed away on April 19th. Peter was a member of our club for nearly 20 years and those of us who knew him well are saddened by his passing. He will be missed by many.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

### The Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club Proudly Supports:

- Boys & Girls Club of Broward County
- Marine Industries Association of South Florida
- MIASF Waterway Cleanup
- MIASF Plywood Regatta
- South Broward High School Skills USA Program
- Seafarers House Fort Lauderdale
- Shake-A Leg Miami
- Women's International Shipping & Trading Association
- Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets, Spruance Division

### Nautical Quotes and Maritime Wisdom

“Now, it is well known that one cannot step on a tack without saying something about it.”

- Joshua Slocum (First man to circumnavigate the world alone)

(Note: This probably makes a lot more sense after you've been alone at sea for a few months.)