



Monthly Meeting



No June Luncheon

Join your fellow Mariner's Club Members on the Dinner Cruise

June 22nd, 2013

See Page 2 for more details.



Don't miss the FLMC Getaway Weekend July 12, 2013.

See Page 3 for more details



SkillsUSA Team Medals at State Competition

South Broward High School's SkillsUSA team members Glenn Dalton Stirrat and Olga Davis won Gold and Bronze Medals, respectively, at the 2013 State competition. The Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club is a sponsor of the team. (See the team's thank you letter to the Club on page 4.) Congratulations to the team and their mentor, (and Club member) Terry Jones.

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





Hurricane Tips For Boaters

Hurricane Season officially begins June 1st and here are a few tips to help boaters get ready!



1. Move your boat to someplace safe ...like Ohio.

(Ohio hardly ever gets hit by Hurricanes, just the occasional tornado, cicadas and something called a "derecho")

2. Make sure you have insurance coverage before the storm hits.

(Once the storm hits it can be difficult to find carriers willing to add coverage for a boat. It is even more difficult after the boat sinks.)

3. If you leave the boat in the water, be sure to secure it with good lines.

(This makes it easier to locate your boat after it sinks.)

Seriously though...

There are many websites with valid tips for how to prepare. Here is one:

myfmc.com/boating/safety-education/hurricane/

Take time to prepare now.



Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club



Dinner Cruise

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

On the 142' Kathleen Windridge!



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
efrawley@atlassinsurance.com



Windridge Yachts
2950 NE 32nd 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

Please visit our website at www.ftlmc.org to find out more about us!



2013

Getaway Weekend

TITANIC

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
Room rate is \$129.00 plus tax.

Please RSVP to

Arlene.weicher@crystalco.com with entrée choice for
Saturday night.

Dear Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club,

On behalf of South Broward High, the SkillsUSA team would like to thank you for your generous donation of five thousand dollars. Your commitment to helping the SkillsUSA team go to the Annual State and National competitions is greatly appreciated. During our state competition the team had seven students compete against other regions from around Florida in their chosen subject. We had two students competed in Marine Service Technology, three students competed in Power Equipment Technology; one student competed in Medical Math and one in Prepared Speech. Two of our students who competed in Power Equipment Technology came away from the state competition with medals. Glenn Dalton Stirrat was awarded the Gold medal and Olga Davis was awarded a Bronze medal. Dalton will be going on to National Leadership and Skills Conference to represent the state of Florida in Kansas City, MO. Going along with him will be one club member and two advisors.

With your help this has been made possible. Thank you for assisting our club and the nation by preparing the future workers and leaders of America with the skills they need to keep America's various industries going strong. Your donation allows us to compete in these prestigious competitions and we are continuously striving to become better in our fields of study. Your gracious donation has been and will be used towards our travel expenses, registration fees, and accommodations for both the states and nationals competition. Thank you for all of your support and we are proud to say that we are an award winning club returning to the NLSC for our fifth consecutive year.

Thank You,

South Broward High School SkillsUSA Club

Rebecca Melin
Zolo Vid

Tiffany Boelter

Sebastian Boca

Olga Davino

Ben

BJ

Monica Jones



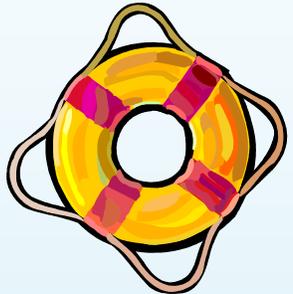


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Save the Date!

**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:

June 15, 1904

SS General Slocum

On the morning of June 15, 1904, approximately 1300 passengers from New York's Lower East Side boarded the Steam Ship (SS) *General Slocum* for an excursion up the East River towards Long Island Sound. As the ship headed north up the East River and through Hell Gate a band played while passengers danced on deck.



For reasons unknown, a fire started in the lamp room at the forward end of the ship. This room was filled with kerosene for the ship's lanterns, polishes for the brass fixtures, piles of scrap wood, flammable paints, bags of charcoal, and barrels filled with hay used as packing material. At about 10:00 a.m. a small boy advised a deckhand that smoke was coming up one of the stairways. The deckhand investigated and opened the door to lamp room. In doing so he provided oxygen to the fire, which quickly flared out of control.

Ship's crew manned pumps and ran fire hoses. But the fire hoses, kinked and leaking, provided only a trickle of water where it was needed - at least until the hoses separated completely. As the flames climbed higher the crew stopped all fire fighting efforts and panic spread through the passengers and crew.

Passengers, most of whom could not swim, fought for life preservers that they soon discovered were useless. The canvass covering had deteriorated over many years of exposure; most tore apart as people tried to don them. The cork inside the life preservers had disintegrated into a powder that turned into a muddy weight when wet. Passengers wearing the life jackets sank like stones when they jumped in the water .

Some passengers attempted to launch the six steel lifeboats, each capable of holding about 20 people each. After struggling for a while to free the boats they found the boats were immovably wired to the deck

Captain Van Schaick, realizing that he was losing his ship, ran the ship at full speed into the wind in an attempt to beach it on an island a mile up river. This fanned and swept the flames aft. By the time the ship grounded on the island it was engulfed in flame. People on shore could only watch as passengers burned or jumped from the ship and drowned. More than 1,000 people died in the accident, making it New York City's worst loss-of-life incident until the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Inquiries after the incident found that complacency and corruption amongst inspectors from the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service (USSIS) had allowed the ship to leave many major discrepancies unresolved. This incident was one of the driving forces that led to an overhaul of the USSIS, an agency who's functions were ultimately folded into the U.S. Coast Guard. The vessel owners and captain were found to be criminally negligent for the appalling condition of the vessel's safety equipment and the crews inept response to the fire.

Source: Ship Ablaze, Edward T. O'Donnel, Broadway Books, 2003

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Plywood Regatta Top Team Trophy

Sponsored by the
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For the results, go to
www.plywoodregatta.org

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

“It was the Law of the Sea, they said. Civilization ends at the waterline. Beyond that, we all enter the food chain, and not always right at the top.”

- Hunter S. Thompson

