



Monthly Meeting



No July Luncheon

Next Luncheon
August 1st, 2013

(Details coming in the next Newsletter)



See you at the Get Away Weekend in Naples!

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



*2013 Ft. Lauderdale Mariners
Club Dinner Cruise*



On June 22nd, Club members and their guests enjoyed a fantastic cruise up the Intracoastal on the *Kathleen Windridge*. Thanks to Elaine Frawley for putting together another great event!



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About Us

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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.

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Tampa Bay Mariners Club

2013 Seminar

FLMC Members Well Represented



Picture from left to right: Ted Crosby, Tom Worthington, Art Campbell, Jonathan Dunleavy, Tom Nolan, Lori Sousa, and Matthew Valcourt

The Tampa Bay Mariners Club held their 2013 Seminar on May 23rd, 2013 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Included amongst the many attendees were members of the FLMC, some of whom are pictured above. Presentations included one by our Club Skipper, Matthew Valcourt.





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This Month in Maritime History:

July 24, 1915

Eastland

On the early morning of July 24, 1915, over 5000 Western Electric employees and their families arrived at a dock on the Chicago River to travel by steamship to the annual company picnic in Michigan City, Indiana. The passengers were to board the steamship *Eastland* or



one of two other ships. However their tickets did not assign a specific ship. The only accounting for how many boarded was a head count as passengers rushed across the gangway. The ship began to list to starboard slightly almost immediately after boarding began at 6:40 a.m. This was considered typical for the vessel as passengers tended to congregate on upper decks on the side of the ship towards the wharf. Consistent with ship's practice, the crew adjusted for the list by adding water to ballast tanks. By 6:53 a.m., the ship began to list to port. By 7:10 a.m., as the number of boarders approached the 2,500 passenger limit for this vessel, the list was 7° to port. By 7:16 a.m. the ship was listing 10-15° to port. The crew corrected the list by adding more ballast. However, by 7:20 a.m. the port list returned and water came onto the main deck. By 7:23 a.m. water was seen running down into the engine room and ship's crew asked passengers to move to the starboard side of the ship. The captain ordered some of the ship's mooring lines cast off. At 7:25 a.m. the list reversed momentarily, but by 7:27 a.m. the ship was heeling 25-30°. Up to this point there was no panic, and also no intent to evacuate passengers. However, at 7:28 a.m., when the list reached 45°, water poured into many parts of the ship and panic ensued. By 7:30 a.m. the *Eastland* came to rest on its port side in the muddy channel bottom. Many passengers scampered up the starboard side of the hull, but many were trapped below deck. It took weeks to sort through the dead and missing. This tragedy claimed 844 lives, more than the Chicago Fire. The cause for the capsizing has widely been attributed to the ship's inherent tender stability, the weight of lifeboats on upper decks added subsequent to the events on the *Titanic*, and the customary addition of ballast water without any understanding of the vessel's current stability condition.

References:

Eastland, Legacy of the Titanic, George W. Hilton, Stanford University Press, 1995
The Sinking of the Eastland, Jay Bonansinga, Citadel Press, 2004



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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Please submit newsletter ideas
and items of interest to the Editor:
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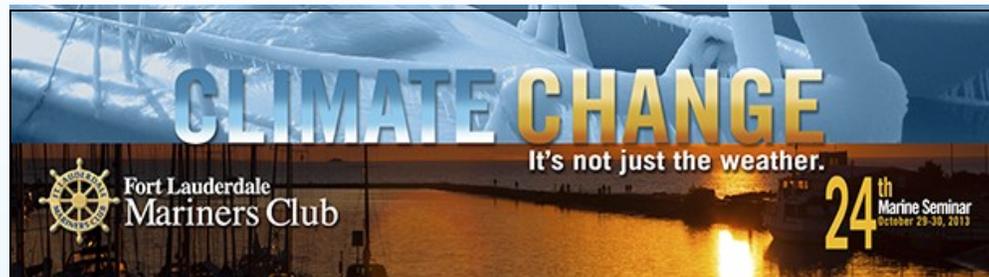
FLMC Crew List

An updated crew
list was sent to
Club members in
June. If you are a
member and did
not receive your
crew list, please
contact a Club
Officer.



24th Fort Lauderdale Marine Seminar

October 29th & 30th, 2013
Registration is Now Open!



Follow the link on the club website to find out more:

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The Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club Proudly Supports:

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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:

“The pessimist complains about the wind;
The optimist expects it to change;
The realist adjusts the sails.”

-William Arthur Ward

