



## Monthly Meeting



### August Luncheon

**August 1st, 2013**  
**11:30 Registration**

**Location:**  
**Bistro Mezzaluna**

1821 Southeast 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

**Speaker:**

**Mr. Mark Bononi,**  
Director, Yacht Division for MHG

*“The Benefits of the MLC 2006”*

**Cost for Members & Guest**  
**\$20**

\*\*\* Wine available by the bottle  
\$25 payable to Elaine\*\*\*

RSVP for the luncheon via the website  
[www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org) on the Event Calendar or  
by email: [Elaine Frawley](mailto:Elaine.Frawley) at  
[efrawley@atlassinsurance.com](mailto:efrawley@atlassinsurance.com)  
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### 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 FLMC Getaway Weekend



No one is sure how Arlene Weicher got Tropical Storm Chantal to dissipate and miss Florida, but the attendees had great weather and a great time at the 2013 Getaway Weekend. Thanks to Arlene for arranging another fantastic event!





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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

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

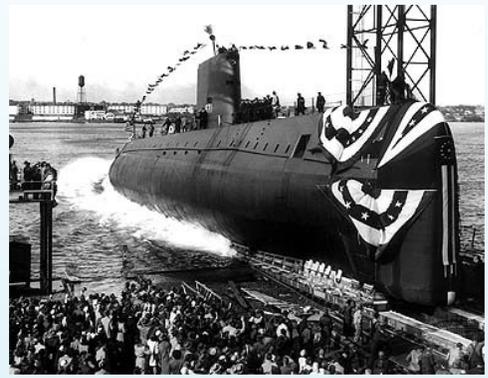
#### Trivia Question Answer: (B)

For more information go to <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/datums/vertical/VerticalDatums.shtml>

# This Month in Maritime History: August 3, 1958

## *USS Nautilus* Makes First Submarine Voyage to North Pole

In 1958, the United States was in the midst of the Cold War and still reacting to the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik. At that time, the United States did not yet have reliable rockets to launch satellites or long range missiles. One of the responses by the US was to direct the *USS Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, to transit under the polar ice cap and the North Pole. This top secret mission, known as "Operation Sunshine" demonstrated several important strategic realities. It highlighted the relatively close distance between the two nations when traveling over (or under) the North Pole. It demonstrated the ability for submarines to navigate underwater, without having to surface to take a position - which was a remarkable achievement for that time. It also demonstrated the potential for submarine launched missiles. It even inspired predictions of nuclear submarine being used to carry cargo under the ice under the ice pack, through an underwater Northwest Passage of sorts.



55 years later, it is interesting to examine the differences between then and now. Today, the Soviet Union is no more and, though tension still exists, the Cold War is officially over. Now we are concerned about certain other countries obtaining long range missile capabilities. The polar ice pack is shrinking and the Northwest Passage is sometimes navigable - with or without a submarine. To navigate the polar regions, we now rely upon GPS, which is made up of a constellation of satellites, the technology for which descended from primitive satellites like Sputnik. Nuclear power enabled the *Nautilus* to navigate under the polar ice cap without surfacing, as diesel submarines must do. Now all US submarines are nuclear powered, though there are occasional calls for building diesel boats again.

Today, you can tour the *Nautilus*. It is an exhibit at the Submarine Force Museum near the Navy Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut. For more information go to <http://www.usnautilus.org/>



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**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Please submit newsletter ideas and items of interest to the Editor: Bryan Emond at [bemond@sealimited.com](mailto:bemond@sealimited.com)

## Nautical Trivia

This question (and correct answer) comes to us from Kristine Lundblad. If you have a trivia question and would like to test the knowledge of your fellow Mariners, send it to Bryan Emond at [bemond@sealimited.com](mailto:bemond@sealimited.com)

Where is zero sea level officially registered in North American waters?

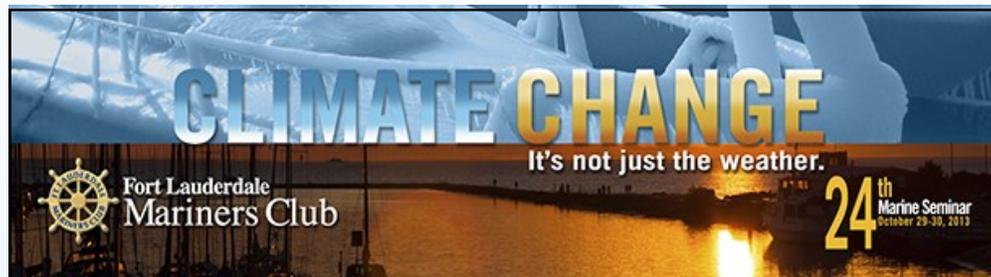
- (A) The Verrazano Narrows, New York side.
- (B) At the mouth of the St. Lawrence River at Rimouski, Quebec
- (C) Sunshine Skyway, Tampa Bay, Florida
- (D) Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine, Florida

(The answer is on page 2.)



# 24th Fort Lauderdale Marine Seminar

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



Follow the link on the club website to find out more:  
[www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.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

“Smooth seas do not make for skillful sailors.”

- African Proverb

