



Fort Lauderdale  
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# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to the April 2022 Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Newsletter!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SKIPPER  
REMEMBERING MARK RICHARD HOUCK



Dear FLMC members,

Mark Houck was my former partner and friend. He was a champion of the FLMC and the marine industry. When we first started working together in 2006, he made sure that I immediately renewed my membership. I was a member that was rarely involved and had let my membership lapse. I laugh when I think about that, and that almost 20 years later I'm the Club Skipper. He was a great advocate for anyone he represented, outstanding in the courtroom. We tried cases together, developed business and spent way too many hours talking on a myriad of subjects. He seemed always well versed on every topic one could imagine. Travelling together was always an invitation to talk non-stop at an exhausting pace on everything from work, to family, to sports and life in general. I actually miss that, and firmly believe that I learned a great deal from him. We worked together as equity partners at Houck Anderson, the firm he founded in 1992, and then after our merger, at Chartwell. He joked that it was our eventual disagreements that forced me to break away from him and succeed on my own. He took credit for that. It's funny because it's likely true. After I left Chartwell and joined MG+M, I would run into Mark on occasion; usually at the FLMC Seminar. We would always catch up. He would tell me how impressed he was with me and in what I had accomplished. I knew then, as I know now, that I have adopted a lot of what I learned from him (with my own twist) in what I do today as a lawyer. I often find myself thinking of him, and what it would be like if we still worked together. I believe he would be proud that I finally read the marketing and business development books he bought me and have implemented a lot of what he preached then. To be a successful lawyer is not only measured by what one does in the courtroom, but also by how one develops and maintains his business. Mark was gifted at both. There are a lot of maritime attorneys that have passed through his firm's doors, and whether they want to admit it or not, he definitely left an imprint on them. Mark passed away on March 25, 2022.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Raul Chacon  
Skipper

More information can be found at [here](#).



## **APRIL LUNCHEON – APRIL 7, 2022– RECAP**

***Speaker:*** Russel Simmons, P.E., CFEI – CED Technologies, Inc.

***Topic:*** Electric Shock Drownings







## TOP GOLF – RECAP





## THE MAIDEN FACTOR FOUNDATION EVENT – MAY 2, 2022



Join us in an evening to honor Tracy Edwards MBE  
and to benefit The Maiden Factor Foundation.

WHERE: Yacht Haven Grande Marina  
at Island Gardens Miami

WHEN: Monday, May 2, 2022

TIME: 6-8 p.m.

\$150 per person  
(Space is Limited)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

 



Jennifer Valoppi  
Honorary Chair

Sarah Newberry Moore and Norma Trease  
Host Committee Co-Chairs

The Committee of Women in Yachting and Ocean Advocacy:

Erin Ackor  
Ann Avery  
Antonella Bertello  
Jill Bobrow  
Diane Byrne  
Pamela W. Cole  
Patty Elkus  
Ivonne Gamboa  
Kitty McGowan  
Abi McGrath  
Claudia Potamkin  
Laura Sherrod  
Maggie Winchester  
Captain Sandra Yawn

 

## TICKETS



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## **MAY LUNCHEON – MAY 5, 2022**



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### **FLMC Monthly Meeting Meeting Notice**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

12:00 P.M. ~ 2:00 P.M.

Doors open at 11:30 AM - Lunch at 12:00 noon



Café Vico Restaurant & Piano Bar  
1125 N. FEDERAL HWY | FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33304  
Phone: 954-565-9681

**Menu: Choose at Restaurant**

**Soft Drink, Iced Tea or Coffee**

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**Speaker:** Captain David Ulrich

**Topic:** Big Ships, Narrow Channel: The Challenges of Piloting in Port Everglades

\*We will be meeting in the private dining room inside the restaurant.

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To register for this luncheon please use this link: [May Monthly Luncheon Registration Form](#)

Cost for members and up to one guest \$25, additional guests are \$30

For questions contact Tom Worthington (954) 218-6394 or [tworthington@sealimited.com](mailto:tworthington@sealimited.com)

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## **TACO TUESDAY EVENT – MAY 10, 2022**



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### **TACO TUESDAY**

***Tequila Terrace at Lona Cocina Tequileria***  
***Located at THE WESTIN Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort***  
***Tuesday, May 10, 2022***  
***6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.***

Tacos and open house bar  
COST: \$35 per person

**Register Now**

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#### **EVENT LOCATION:**

**LONA COCINA & TEQUILERIA**

321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

#### **QUESTIONS:**

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## **2022 ANNUAL GET AWAY – JULY 15, 2022 – JULY 17, 2022**



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**ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS GET AWAY  
JULY 15th - JULY 17th**



**LAPLAYA**  
BEACH & GOLF RESORT  
A NOBLE HOUSE RESORT

9891 Gulf Shore Drive, Naples, FL 34108



Guests may now make reservations at any time by calling 800-237-6883 and referencing your room block or by going to [laplayaresort.com](https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=29035&Chain=11910&group=1110FF) and using your group code: 1110FF <https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=29035&Chain=11910&group=1110FF>

**ROOM RATES ARE \$279.00 PER NIGHT + TAX**

There is a reduced \$18 resort fee and \$18 valet parking fee in addition to the room rate.

**Reservation Cut Off Date is 06/15/2022 at 5:00 PM**

Join your fellow Mariners for the

**FRIDAY NIGHT MEET AND GREET**

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Hors d'oeuvres and Libations**

and

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AND DANCING**

Cocktails 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

For questions contact Janice D'Ovidio @ 772-834-1747 or [Janice.dovidio@Assuredpartners.com](mailto:Janice.dovidio@Assuredpartners.com)

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## **MEMBER UPDATES**

Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club member and former Skipper Jonathan Dunleavy has joined MG+M The Law Firm as a partner in its Miami office. Jonathan brings his nearly 25 years of experience representing clients in litigation related to admiralty and maritime law to MG+M, a national litigation firm with 13 offices across the US. He currently serves on the club's seminar committee. [Learn more about Jonathan.](#)



## A CALL FOR UPDATES

**Are you interested in  
featuring a local maritime  
business or have  
interesting news to share  
with the Club?**



**We want to hear from you!**

If you want to introduce a local business to the FLMC or have news you would like to share, please email the Yeoman at [eftihios.andronis@icloud.com](mailto:eftihios.andronis@icloud.com) to be featured in next month's newsletter. The goal is to show members the breadth of maritime businesses in the local area and the different services offered. It is also a great place to share important news with the membership!



## **FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB INFORMATION**

### **2022 OFFICERS**

SKIPPER:	Raul J. Chacón Jr.
FIRST MATE:	Jonathan Hernandez
PURSER:	Benjamin Dowers
YEOMAN:	Eftihios "Evan" Andronis
PROGRAM DIRECTOR:	Tyler Tanner
BOS'N:	Tom Worthington
SEMINAR CHAIR:	Stephanie Wylie
ACTIVITIES CHAIR:	Roy Scott with co-chair Janice D'Ovidio
HISTORIAN:	George Florez

### **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 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 the Yeoman at [eftihios.andronis@icloud.com](mailto:eftihios.andronis@icloud.com).