



Fort Lauderdale
Mariners Club

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the January 2022 Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Newsletter!

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2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Please welcome the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club slate of officers for 2022!

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



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SKIPPER

Dear FLMC members,

It is an honor to be your next Skipper. I know I follow in the footsteps of many great Skippers before me. These past Skippers and our dedicated members have laid the foundation upon which this club now stands. We have a very good group of officers, together with our Seminar Committee, committed to serve the Club this year. I expect that we will have a great year. That said, COVID continues to be a serious issue we will have to consider when planning events. We keep all of those, and their families, who have suffered, in our prayers. We will nevertheless continue forward with our Club objectives – promote friendly associations among our members, encourage high standards of business practice throughout the community and provide a forum to improve the marine industry here in South Florida. We will endeavor to do all of this through our annual traditional gatherings, as well as some new events being planned by our Activities Committee. I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly luncheons and hope that you can participate in the various events we will have throughout the year. Together we will strive to make 2022 a great year. Stay safe.

Regards,

Raul Chacon
Skipper



MEET YOUR SKIPPER



Mr. Raul J. Chacón Jr. with MG+M assumes the helm as the FLMC Skipper for 2022. Raul is a partner in MG+M's Miami office and is the Chair of the firm's Maritime Practice Group. His practice focuses on a variety of litigation areas, including maritime, personal injury, products liability, premises liability, infectious disease counseling and litigation, COVID-19, and commercial litigation. He has extensive experience as national and local counsel on marine products liability matters and has represented clients from jurisdictions as far north as Canada and throughout the Continental U.S., Hawaii, the Caribbean and South America. He has tried over 100 cases to verdict in the state and federal courts of Florida. He is regularly appointed to act as national and local counsel by insurance companies on admiralty and maritime matters.

Raul has been a member of the FLMC since 1997. He has served on all of the officer positions leading up to his current position as Skipper. In addition to his time with the FLMC, Raul has served in executive capacities on the Florida Bar Admiralty & Maritime Law Board Certification Committee, the Florida Bar Maritime Law Committee, the Cuban American Bar Association, and the League of Prosecutors. He is an adjunct professor of Marine Insurance Law at the University of Miami School of Law, and is Board Certified in Admiralty and Maritime law by the Florida Bar. He has been



published and has presented on various topics, including maritime law and practice, handling maritime claims in the U.S., management of maintenance and cure, risk shifting in maritime contracts, products liability, and analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

Raul earned his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1993. He graduated with a B.S.E.E from the University of Miami College of Engineering in 1990. He is admitted to the Florida Bar, United States District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals of the Eleventh Circuit. Outside of the FLMC, Raul served on the board of directors for the League of Prosecutors and the University of Miami College of Engineering Alumni Board. He was also very active in the Cuban American Bar Association, and served on its board for 10 years. The highlight of his time there was doing a congressional briefing in DC on the Rule of Law in Cuba.

Raul is also active in his church and his kids' school. He is a big University of Miami fan, and looks forward to a promising year in 2022.

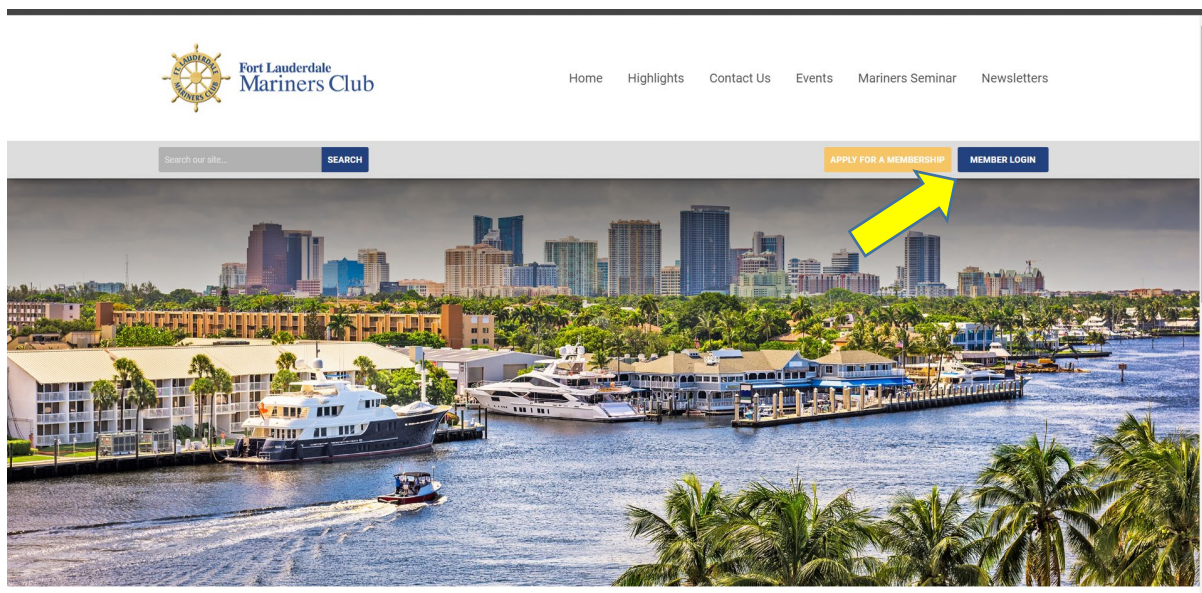


2022 FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please make sure to pay your dues because dues help offset our monthly luncheons, support our administrative cost, and ensure we keep the FLMC afloat! The easiest way to renew is to login through the FLMC website and pay online at <https://www.flmc.org/>

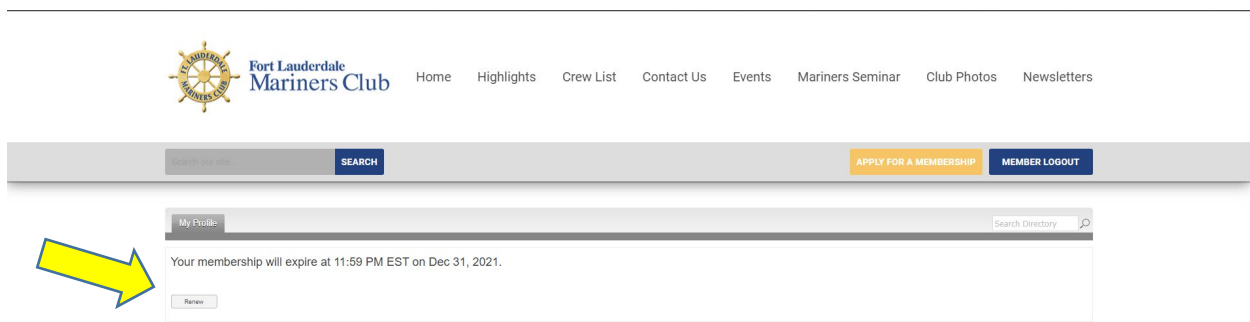
Also, take the time to update your profile to keep up to date with any announcements.

First, go to “Member Login” and enter your username and password.



Second, click on “My Profile” and you should see the “Renew” option

Third, click on “Renew” and proceed to pay for your dues



Per the revised bylaw, Membership Dues were increased to \$75.00 for 2022.



FLMC MONTHLY MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022



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FLMC Monthly Meeting Notice

Thursday, February 3, 2022

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



Café Vico Restaurant & Piano Bar
3496 N. OCEAN BLVD | FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33308
Doors open at 11:30 AM - Lunch at 12:00 noon

Appetizer

Meatballs
House Italian Salad

Choose an Entrée

Lasagna Bolognese
Filet of Snapper with Lemon Wine and Caper Sauce
Breast of Chicken with Marsala Wine and Mushrooms
Vegetarian: Penna Pasta Primavera with Sauteed Vegetables

Dessert - choice of one

Tiramisu
Vanilla or Chocolate Gelato

Soft Drink, Iced Tea or Coffee

Speaker TBD

To register for this luncheon please use this link: [February 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

Disclaimer: The health of FLMC members is our top concern. For your sake and the sake of those around you, consider staying at home while COVID-19 is still spreading. If you do attend events, remember to take precautions such as physical distancing and wearing a mask and following recommendations as suggested by your local authorities and the CDC.



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A CALL TO LOCAL MARITIME BUSINESSES

Each month, the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Newsletter introduces a local maritime business to its members. The goal is to show members the breadth of maritime businesses in the local area and the different services offered. If you know of a business that should be featured in upcoming newsletters, please email the Yeoman at eftihios.andronis@icloud.com.