



Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

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NEWSLETTER



FLMC September Offshore Fishing Trip ↑



November 10, 2023 Panther's Game ↘

Happy
Holidays



RECAP OF NOVEMBER

Florida Panthers Hockey

On November 10, 2023, members got together at the FLA Live Arena to cheer on our Florida Panthers in what turned out to be a route of the Carolina Hurricanes! Thank you all who joined us for this event.



Hurricanes
9-7-0

Nov 10 · Final
2 - 5

@ Panthers
10-4-1





RECAP OF OCTOBER & SEPTEMBER

October 1, 2023 “Jazz Fest”



September 23, 2023 Seafarer's Gala





FLMC Offshore Fishing Trip

On September 9, 2023, members enjoyed a much-needed fishing day. Let's all hope they were able to catch more than a nice tan!



Thanks
for
joining
us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

2023 HOLIDAY PARTY

December 2nd

Cocktails 6:00 to 7:00

Dinner and Dancing 7:00 – 10:00

Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort

321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33304

Valet Parking is included

Discount Room Reservation link

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50690764>

Complimentary for Member and one Guest

Additional Guests are \$195 per person.

Don't forget to bring an unwrapped toy for the Boys & Girls Club



LESTER RILEY JOHNSON, JR



In Memoriam of
Lester Riley Johnson, Jr.
June 13, 1930 – November 10, 2023

Lester Riley Johnson, Jr. passed away on November 10, 2023, at the age of 93. Born on June 13, 1930, in Miami, Florida to Lester R. Johnson and Ruth Still Johnson.

Lester is survived by the love of his life, and wife of 67 years, Susan Merrill Balfe Johnson, as well as daughters Merrill J. Horner (David), Catherine J. Beam (Doug) and Laura J. Sherrod (Scott), grandchildren Riley Beam (Michelle), Nathan Beam (Ellen), Alexandria Olive (Ben), John Horner, James Sherrod and Hannah Sherrod, and great-grandchildren Lucy Beam, Madeline Beam, and Charlotte Beam.

Lester was a great athlete and proud Miami High Stingaree. He played football, but he really excelled in Basketball. He and his Stingarees won the Florida state basketball title in 1947. Lester was invited to the University of Florida to play for the men's basketball team. He played as the Center for the Gators for one year.

His roommate at the University of Florida was his best friend, Fred Kirtland. Lester and Fred were legendary pranksters to their dorm and to each other.

Lester joined Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at UF and made lifelong friends in that affiliation.

Lester served as a first lieutenant in the Army during the Korean war, and achieved the rank of Captain and in charge of the Port of Sassebo in Japan.



Lester created an organization called Third Century USA, which received authority from President Richard Nixon in 1974 to allow Miami to become a premiere city for the celebration of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the USA. At the end of this celebration, the city was also given funds to create a lasting monument to the city. The result was the creation of Bicentennial Park in Downtown Miami.

Lester was dedicated to his family and community. Socially, he was a member of The University Club, Riviera Country Club, Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, and the most fun for him and family was the Orange Bowl Committee. The Orange Bowl Festival was a major part of life, and Lester's chairmanship of the Orange Bowl Regatta for over 20 years was the foundation for the International Youth Regatta's ongoing success as the largest youth sailing event in the USA.

Lester's involvement in sailing extended to his help in foundation of the US Sailing Center, the Olympic Sailing Center in Coconut Grove; and Shake-A-Leg Miami, sailing programs for disabled adults and children, and summer programs for inner city kids.

Lester believed that in order for Miami to be a great city, it needed a public university. He and a few associates created the FIU Foundation and lobbied the State of Florida. They were able to receive approval to found Florida International University. Lester was the President of the FIU Foundation for a number of years and was instrumental in their hiring Chuck Perry as the first president, as well as hiring the dean of FIU's flagship Culinary School.

Professionally, Lester became a key part of a yacht insurance specialty agency called C.A. Hansen Corp. He eventually purchased the agency and had offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Annapolis, and New York. Lester became a "Name" at Lloyd's and built the Hansen cover in to the largest and most profitable program in the market. Their domination of the market lasted for over 20 years.

Lester and Susan always made it their priority to do fun things with their kids, and most of that had to do with sailing on the Ben Gunn. For those of you who don't remember the Ben Gunn, it was a 1937 38' Bugeye Ketch, built by Sam Crocker in Chesapeake Bay. It was owned by the Johnsons and the Meyers. It was the basis of so many of their family memories, challenges, dangers, discomfort, triumphs, and time together. Swarms of mosquitoes and ripping summer thunderstorms be damned! We are going.

Lester and Susan spent their summers in North Carolina at Big Ridge in Glenville, NC.

Lester Johnson lived a life full of achievement, vision, and community involvement. He was loved by his family, friends, and all of those that knew him. His sense of humor was unsurpassed. Lester's love of golf, sailing, and food are legendary, as are his dedication to the City of Miami, Youth Sailing, and the mountains of North Carolina. His broad spread of interests and involvement will make his unique mark on the City of Miami an indelible part of its history.

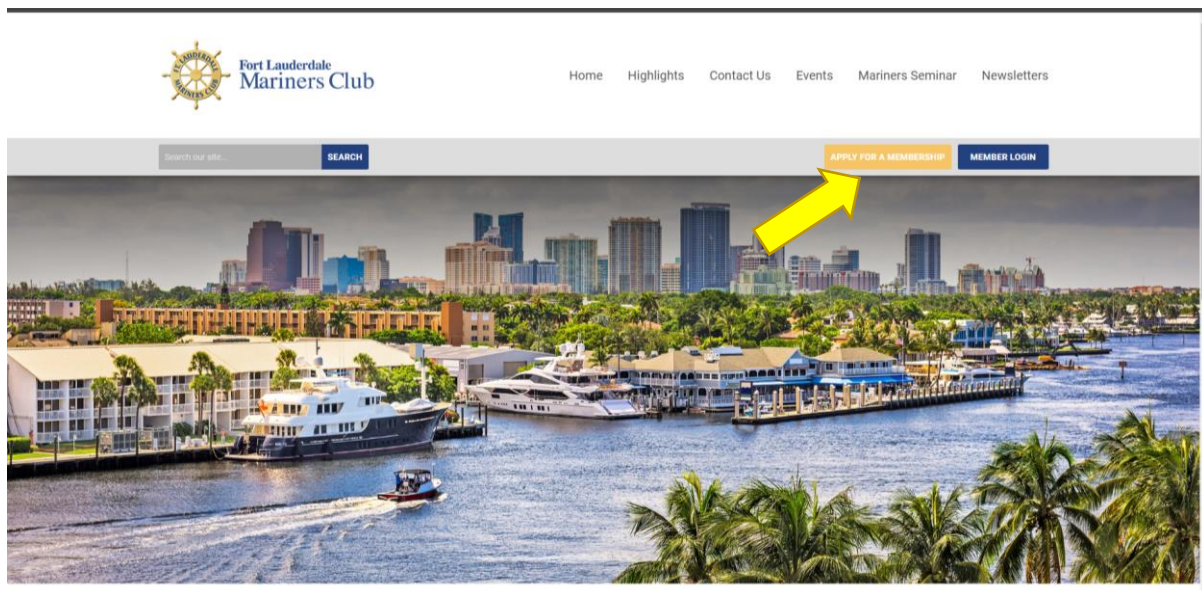


2023 FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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.ftlmc.org/>

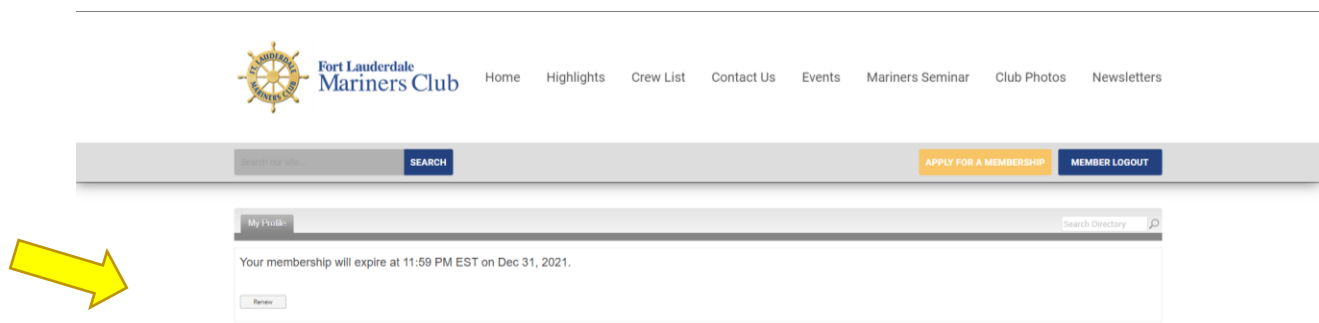
Also, take the time to update your profile to keep up to date with any announcements.

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 2023.



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 ttanner@mtm-legal.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!