



Fort Lauderdale
Mariners Club

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Monthly

A member news, interests and club activities update
highlighting our social and community engagement.

Newsletter



Skipper Tyler Tanner, Yeoman Charly Zubizarreta, and Bos'n Jo Stanley join the April Luncheon's Speaker, Scott Herman, and honored guests from WISTA. Sailing's programs.

■ News & Updates

New Chapter for TowBoatUS Fort Lauderdale as they make major announcement.

■ Galleries & Events

See if the zoom lens and roving cameras of FLMC caught you out and about this month.

■ In the Spotlight

Meet the Club's newest Officer Kate Kaplan, an attorney-at-law and now Club Historian.

FLMC is a non-profit, non-political organization devoted to promote friendly associations among our members, to encourage high standards of business practice throughout the community, and to provide a forum to improve the marine industry here in South Florida.

**Skipper: Tyler Tanner**

Overall management, direction and decision-making. Approves all purchases and expenditures. Approves all functional changes for the Club. Responsible for the execution of legal and/or financial documents. Has signature authority on all accounts.

First Mate: Benjamin Dowers

Approves all membership applications with Skipper and Membership Committee. Maintains all membership records. Works with Purser to finalize annual renewals. Assumes Skipper responsibilities should the Skipper not be able to do so.

Purser: Tom Worthington

Treasury/money management. Collects money from members for lunches, events and annual dues. Manages checking account and pays for all services offered to the club. Assists the Skipper in the execution of financial documents. Has signature authority on checking accounts.

Yeoman: Charly Zubizarreta

Produces and mails the newsletter each month which includes announcements for all club events including the monthly member meetings, sponsored events, annual events, member & guest profiles and other club news.

Program Chair: Tony Gandolf

Organizes the speakers for all the monthly meetings. Introduces the speaker during the meeting and handles the storage and purchase of speaker gifts.

Bos'n: Jo Stanley

Send announcements for all events including lunches and annual events, coordinates RSVP responses. Coordinates with meeting locations regarding attendance and menus.

Activities Chair: Roy Scott

Responsible for organizing all the special events for the Club and coordinating RSVP responses. This Chairperson coordinates with the Bos'n to communicate with Club members.

Historian: Kate Kaplan

Responsible for maintaining all the club photos for the year.

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From the Bridge

**Tyler Tanner, ESQ**

2025 Skipper

Member of FLMC since 2014.

Notes from the Skipper's Log

Dear Members,

I will keep this letter brief, but first I'd like to thank this year's cast of dedicated club officers and committee members. Thanks to them, the club has had an excellent first quarter hosting social events and luncheons while rolling out refreshing new updates to club communications and the website. Their commitment ensures the club will continue offering meaningful opportunities for members to connect, learn, and grow within our maritime community.

In April members attended the Fort Lauderdale Jazz Brunch. Tents were set up, food was aplenty, and our bar was stocked. Members were able to relax in good company and enjoy great music near the river downtown on a beautiful Sunday morning. Our Club Luncheon at the Lauderdale Yacht Club was well attended once again where we heard from Scott

Herman, Founder and Executive Director of Spectrum Sailing.

A special thank you goes out to our "Minister of Fun," Roy Scott, for putting together our next two social events! Professional rugby and soccer games are the first of their kind being offered to the club, and we expect that tickets will sell quickly, so stay tuned for club emails with further details and ticket information.


May 1: Monthly Club Luncheon -- See flyer with details included and look for the usual email invitation.

May 16: Professional Rugby -- Miami Sharks v. New England Free Jackets.


May 28: Professional Soccer -- Inter Miami v. Montreal. Group tickets will go on sale soon.

As always, remember that your colleagues, families, and friends are always welcome at club events so please continue inviting them.

Warm Regards,
Tyler J. Tanner, Esq.



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May Member Luncheon

Speaker: Captain Herbert Magney,
USCG 3000T
OCEANS MASTER

Topic: Practical Solutions to Lithium
Ion Polymer Battery (LiPo) Fire
Prevention

Venue Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Date May 1, 2025

Time 12:00pm - 2:00pm

What You Will Learn...

- 01**
Baseline history of LiPo battery "fiets" and damages to persons and property. Why relevant to yachting industry?
- 02**
Potential damages to persons and property. Finding compliance solutions for flag, class and insurance requirements for your clients.
- 03**
Identifying and detailing the actions that can be undertaken today to apply the best known equipment and practices.

Why Join Us For Lunch?

We Have Been Providing Opportunities for Social & Professional Development in the Fort Lauderdale Marine Industry and International Marine Insurance Since 1989.

Register at ftlmc.org

Event Questions:
jo@lawstanley.com

Visit the:
www.ftlmc.org

A Spectacular Luncheon With A Club Favorite Speaker



The FLMC April Luncheon was a spectacular event on April 3rd at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. The Luncheon was wonderfully attended with many enthusiastic members joining us for one of the Club's favorite speakers, Scott Herman from Spectrum Sailing. FLMC is a proud sponsor of Spectrum Sailing for the second year in a row. Spectrum Sailing provides maritime education, programming, and outreach for autistic individuals. Our camps provide opportunities for skill development, social interaction, and confidence building. Sailing is our platform to positively impact the physical, mental, and social health of our participants. The camp is completely free for all participants. This year boasts the most camps ever, spreading throughout the country from Florida to California. The attending members had the opportunity to hear about the origins of Spectrum Sailing, ask Scott questions about the camp, and get updates about what the organization has achieved since last year. Considering how well attended the luncheon was, the energy within the members and for the speaker, made this a not-to-be-missed event! If you would like to learn more about Spectrum Sailing, please visit their website at <https://spectrumssailing.org>. *(Cover, article and Gallery photos from April Member Luncheon)*

Photo Gallery

April was another month of a range of opportunities for members to get together at business and social events. If you made it to the Luncheon, or the Jazz Brunch you may be pictured on the pages here or in the website gallery that will be a feature of the club in the coming months. You know time with fellow FLMC members is always well spent time, whether long-time friends or new acquaintance. As good mariners, a cold beverage is often in hand and fun is usually a top priority! We are always looking for good photos, so please send us a few.



Top Right: April Luncheon speaker Scott Herman made presentation on Spectruc Sailing's programs.



On Left & Below: Tyler Tanner, John Dunleavy hanging with other members and friends at the Jazz Brunch where good food, drinks and a time was had by all.



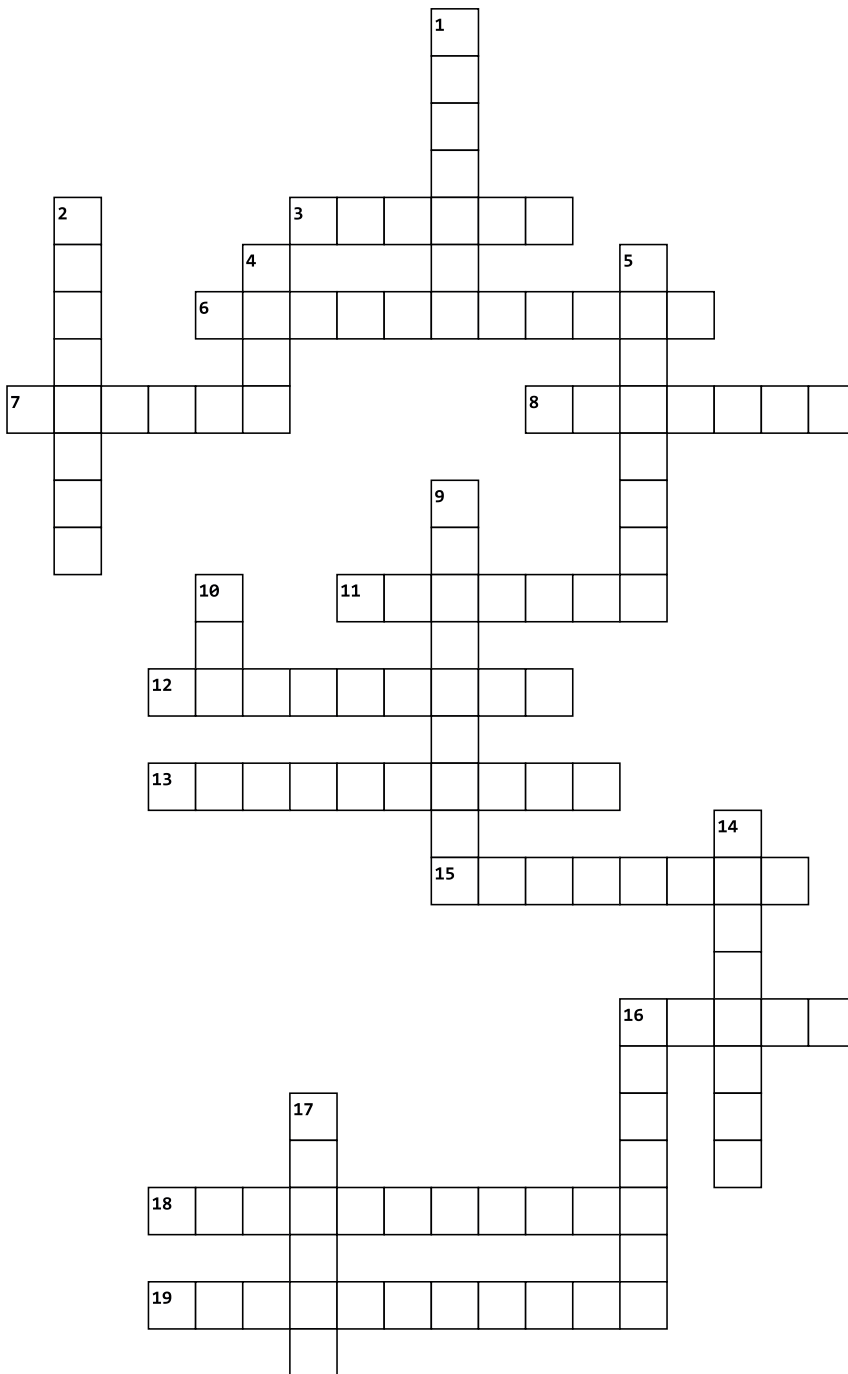
Top Left: Skipper Tyler Tanner welcomes members and guests at April Luncheon.

Middle Left: Tyler Tanner and Tony Gandolf present April Luncheon speaker Scott Herman with a thank you gift.

Bottom Left: Speaker Scott Herman speaks as members enjoy lunch at the Fort Luderda Yacht Club.



Know Your Marine Insurance Lingo



Across

3. Contract outlining insurance coverage.
6. Insurance company pursuing a claim on behalf of the insured.
7. A boat or ship.
8. Payment for insurance coverage.
11. Recovering a damaged or sunken vessel.
12. Legal responsibility for damages or injury.
13. Amount paid by the insured before insurance kicks in.
15. Related to ships, sailors, or navigation.
16. Request for payment after a loss.
18. Amendment to an insurance policy.
19. Evaluates risks and sets insurance terms.

Down

1. Securing a vessel to a fixed point.
2. Inspects vessels for insurance purposes.
4. The main body of a boat.
5. Protection provided by an insurance policy.
9. When two vessels strike each other.
10. Protection and Indemnity insurance.
14. Assurance of compliance with insurance conditions.
16. Leasing a boat for use.
17. Middleman between insurers and clients.

New Member Welcome

Welcome to the following new members who joined FLMC in 2025 to date. Here, you'll find a community of like-minded individuals passionate about the marine industry in its many shapes and forms of small and big boats. Whether you're here to learn, contribute, or just connect and build friendships, we're excited to support your journey. You'll find that fellow members are always happy to help and we can't wait to see the impact you'll make. We are thrilled to introduce you to the Club and, welcome aboard!

Paulo Barbosa, RIMKUS

**James Bishop,
Marsh McLennan Agency**

**Chole Collins,
TowBoatUS Ft. Lauderdale**

**Hunter DeCamp,
Offshore Marine Towing Inc/
TowBoatUS Fort Lauderdale**

**Michele Kerrigan,
Sea Tow Ft. Lauderdale**

**Daniel Rutherford,
One80 Intermediaries**

**John Tomlinson,
P & L Towing and
Transportation, Inc.**

Joseph Turano, JDT

Hector Valdes, Davant Law

**Brandon Volk,
Sher & Volk, P.A.**

**Andy Wheeler,
Maury Donnelly & Parr, Inc**

Essential Bearings

Marine Insurance Seminar Articles - Insights to Help You Navigate the Industry

Evolving Challenges and Solutions in Marine Fire Suppression

by Robert Ellis, VP of Business Development / Sea-Fire Marine

Over the past five years, the marine fire suppression industry has faced significant challenges and changes. Traditionally, clean fire suppression systems like FM-200 (HFC227ea) and NOVEC 1230 (FK5112) have been the primary solutions, especially for recreational pleasure craft. However, the AIM Act of 2020 imposed restrictions on products contributing to global warming, significantly limiting the availability and use of HFC227ea.

Additionally, PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) have emerged as a major environmental concern, with many states proposing bans. It's important to note that PFAS encompasses a wide range of products. While some PFAS are persistent in the environment and labeled as "forever chemicals," others break down rapidly and are safe for various applications, including fire suppression. FK5112, for instance, has an atmospheric lifetime of just five days and is non-toxic within its design concentration. The 3M Corporation's decision to cease production of all PFAS products, including FK5112, has led to misconceptions about FK5112 being a forever chemical, which it is not. It continues to be readily available and remains a viable and cost-effective solution for marine fire suppression.

With the phasing out of HFC227ea, aerosol fire suppression systems have emerged as a viable option for marine vessels. These systems offer an effective solution that is efficient, compact, and lightweight. The AT-series by SEA-FIRE® is one such example. Unlike clean fire suppression systems, aerosol systems do leave a residue that requires cleanup. However, in scenarios where lack of cleanup is not a priority, aerosol systems provide a practical, cost-effective solution, especially in situations where space and weight are critical concerns.

The marine sector is also facing increasing challenges with the rise of lithium-ion batteries in devices (i.e., tools, recreation toys, etc.) and as alternatives to fossil fuels for supplemental energy and propulsion. Lithium-ion battery fires are highly destructive, extremely dangerous, and difficult to suppress due to their high energy density and the phenomenon

known as thermal runaway. Thermal runaway is an uncontrolled positive feedback loop where the battery releases stored energy as heat, leading to expansion, leakage of flammable electrolytes and gases, catastrophic explosions, and fires that spread rapidly to adjacent cells. Conventional fire suppressant agents are not designed to mitigate thermal runaway and often fail when used on lithium-ion battery fires. Even if the flames are smothered, the underlying thermal runaway can cause reignition, sometimes immediately or deceptively long after initial suppression.

To effectively address a lithium-ion battery fire, an agent must smother the flames and halt the thermal runaway within the battery cells. The marine industry is now heavily focusing on lithium-ion battery fire protection, with guidelines and recommendations calling for modifications to vessels' fire control plans to incorporate suitable fire protection measures. One suitable agent that has been designed, tested, and shown to be effective on lithium-ion battery fires is the thermal runaway mitigator used in LiCELL® fire extinguishers. It targets both flames and thermal runaway. This highly beneficiated mineral-based suppressant is all-natural, environmentally safe, produces no toxic byproducts when used on a fire, and can be readily incorporated into fire control plans.

In summary, the marine fire suppression industry has been rapidly evolving to meet new regulatory and technological challenges. The continued transition from fossil fuels to alternative energy sources like lithium-ion batteries, along with accompanying new regulations, can be expected to hasten further changes in this ever-evolving industry.

Robert Ellis is VP of Business Development for Sea-Fire Marine (manufacturers of marine fire solutions) www.sea-fire.com. We thank Iris Saleh of Summit Fire & Security for this article. Sea-Fire Marine and Summit Fire & Security operate under an exclusive business arrangement.

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News & Updates

Member Spotlight: TowBoatUS Announces New President



On March 24th TowBoatU.S. Ft. Lauderdale announced the appointment of Chloe Collins as president, and that company founder Larry Acheson is transitioning to the role of chairman. FLMC is proud to have been graced with members that are affiliated with TowBoatUS for many years, and has been honored to host TowBoatUS's team at many FLMC events. Specifically, the Club has been graced with the incomparable presence of Larry Acheson, the company's founder, for many years. FLMC congratulates both Larry and the entire TowBoatUS team in its' exciting new chapter in the company's history.

TowBoatU.S. Ft. Lauderdale, a leader in marine towing and salvage services, proudly announces Chloe Collins as its new President. This marks a significant milestone in the company's 36-year history of excellence and growth. Chloe joined the company in 2002 as a dispatcher and has played a pivotal role in shaping its operations over the past 22 years. Her leadership has been instrumental in implementing innovative systems, streamlining processes, and managing complex negotiations with global insurers. Larry Acheson, the company's founder, will transition to the role of Chairman, focusing on long-term strategy and growth.

FLMC looks forward to being a part of many more years of TowBoatUS's success under Chloe's leadership.

In The Spotlight



Katherine ("Kate") Kaplan is the Fort Lauderdale Mariner Club Board's newest member. Kate joins the Board as Historian, in charge of the records of events through photographs and videos throughout the year, documenting events and social activities, preserving them and circulating them for use in the Club's newsletter and other publications. Kate is an attorney at Wilson Elser, a national defense firm with over 1,000 attorneys specializing in every corner of the law. Kate specifically is a Miami-based attorney specializing in admiralty law. Her practice focuses on a variety of maritime law matters, including personal injury, product liability and contractual disputes, under federal and state law. Prior to her current role, Kate worked on matters under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). She also served as executive director to a nonprofit focused on the protection of cultural heritage. FLMC is honored to welcome her to the Board, and excited to be a part of the enviable future she is certain to create.

Please Join Us for Major League Rugby



VS.



SAVE THE DATE!
MORE EVENT DETAILS
COMING SOON.

7:30 pm
Sat. May 16th

CHECK OUT OUR
EVENTS CALENDAR
AT WWW.FTLMC.ORG

AutoNation Sports Field - 306 NW 56th St, Fort Lauderdale

Questions: Roy Scott | roy@scottmarine.com | 631-697-1013

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