



Fort Lauderdale
Mariners Club

JULY/AUGUST 2025

Monthly Newsletter

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



Roy Scott (on left) and Chris Coleman (on right) represented FLMC at the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) Member Showcase promoting FLMC events and our fun/social side, and business side via the Marine Seminar.

■ News & Updates

Summer featured fun FLMC and partner events that brought members together.

■ Galleries & Events

See if you made the photo gallery this month. Do you know the FLMC "secret sauce"?

■ In the Spotlight

Meet FLMC's Minister of Fun, Roy Scott of Scott Marine Surveyors & Consultants.

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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Only One More Article Submission Opportunity for Members & Sponsors in Seminar Program Book

Each year, our seminar program book serves not only as a guide to the event but also as a platform for thought leadership within the marine insurance and legal communities. In both 2023 and 2024, we proudly featured four journalistic-style papers per edition—each written by club members, repeat seminar attendees, and sponsors. These articles explored contemporary issues, emerging trends, and critical insights across the recreational, large yacht, and commercial marine sectors.



As we look ahead to the 2025 seminar, we're once again inviting our club members to contribute. This is your opportunity to share your perspective, showcase your expertise, and help shape the conversation around the evolving marine landscape.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We welcome submissions that explore:

- Contemporary topics relevant to today's marine industries
- Insurance or legal subject matter, including regulatory updates, case studies, or risk management insights
- Emerging trends in recreational boating, large yachts, or commercial marine operations

Our audience is diverse—ranging from underwriters and attorneys to vessel operators and brokers—so articles should be informative, accessible, and broadly relevant.

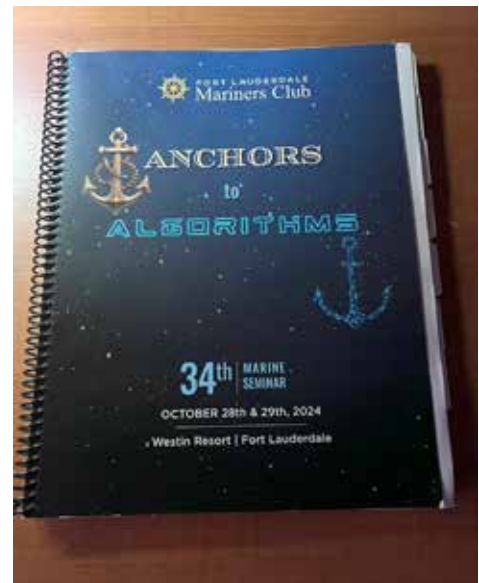
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Here's what you need to know:

- Length: Maximum of 1,000 words (about two pages)
- Format: Simple Word document in any basic font; no design or publishing skills required
- Tone: Journalistic and educational—please avoid promotional or advertising content
- Recognition: Your name, company and photo will be published alongside your article

We'll handle the formatting and layout to ensure your work fits seamlessly into the program book. So if you have a topic in mind or would like to be considered for inclusion, please reach out to club member Christopher Karentz at ckarentz@sealimited.com. The seminar committee will decide on the four papers to be published. Whether you're a seasoned contributor or a first-time writer, we encourage you to share your expertise in the program for the 2025 seminar by offering insightful, member-driven content—and make this year's program book the most compelling yet.

If you have an idea for a topic/subject and wish to be considered to include your article, please contact club member Christopher Karentz at ckarentz@sealimited.com. The seminar committee will decide on the four papers to be published.





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**35th | MARINE
SEMINAR GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, October 27, 2025

Sponsored by







Photo Gallery

From chilling on sun-soaked Pompano Beach shores to stadium cheers for America's favorite sport and legendary rock riffs, this summer season brought some unforgettable moments. This issue's photo gallery captures the highlights—from the Marlins Game and Beach Day fun to the Monthly Luncheon, MIAAF Member Event, and The Who Concert. Dive into the snapshots that showcase the energy, connection, and good times shared by all.



Page 4: The Family Beach Day had games like corn hole, good BBQ and the Club's "secret sauce" of good conversations between old and new friends.

Page 5: Members were enthralled at Lunch Meeting featuring Finn Wollesen Petersen and all had a good time the Marlins vs. Kansas City Royals as the photos show.

Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery



Top & Left Column: Scenes from *The Who Farewell Tour* at the Amerant Bank Arena

Top Right: Group of FLMC Members and friends capture memorable photo from night of *The Who Farewell Tour*



**Fort Lauderdale
Mariners Club**

September Member Luncheon

Topic: The International SeaKeepers Society - Vessel Donation Program

Speakers:

Michael Moore,
Founder of Moore & Co., Maritime
Lawyers and Chairman Emeritus at
International SeaKeepers Society

Mary Moore,
Yacht Donation Facilitator at the
International SeaKeepers Society



What You Will Learn...

- **Seakeepers' Mission**
 - Research, Educate, Protect, and Restore
- **What Seakeepers Do**
 - Bridge the Gap Between Science and the Yachting Community to Support Ocean Research, Conservation, and Education through the DISCOVERY Program.
- **Vessel Donation Support**
 - Scientist-Led Expeditions
 - Citizen Science
 - Educational Outreach
 - Community Engagement

Venue: La Fuga Restaurant at
Kimpton Shorebreak Hotel
2900 Riomar Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Date : September 4, 2025

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Parking: Discounted Valet - \$12 per car

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

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www.ftlmc.org

News & Updates

Smiles, Sunshine & Sea Breeze at August 2nd FLMC Beach Day

FLMC hit the sand in style on August 2nd for our annual Beach Day! The pavilion was packed as members, families, and friends soaked up the sun with cornhole battles, wiffle ball pitching, and the annual lifesaving misting fan. Shout out to Capt Ben for the excellent BBQ grub! Folks feasted on delicious burgers and hot dogs, sweet treats, and enjoyed refreshing swims in the ocean. We even had a visit from the ice cream truck! Perfect weather, good tunes, fun vibes, new friendships, and a few new members made it a day to remember! Thanks to our generous sponsors, Stanley Yacht Services and Colodny Fass, for helping make this sun-soaked day another one to remember!

2025 MIA SF Member Showcase

We had a fantastic evening at the MIA SF member showcase, meeting and connecting with other maritime companies and foundations. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our upcoming seminar and share more about the Ft Lauderdale Mariner's Club. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing strong interest in joining the club and participating in our events—especially the seminar.

Summer Update on Spectrum Sailing - Camps, New Autism Training Program & GWU Program Partnership

FLMC was honored to sponsor Spectrum Sailing again this year. For those of you who have had the pleasure of attending a Luncheon featuring Scott Herman from Spectrum Sailing, you know how close this organization is to many of the FLMC members' hearts. We are pleased to be able to feature a Summer Update from Spectrum Sailing:

This spring, Spectrum Sailing returned to Jacksonville and Pensacola, each welcoming 20 autistic youth to their free, three-day sailing camps. Jacksonville marked their third year partnering with Florida Yacht Club and their second year in Pensacola, hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club and the Satori Foundation. In September, they'll wrap up the Florida season in Sarasota, celebrating their third year in partnership with Sarasota Youth Sailing and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

Each of Spectrum Sailing's Florida camps welcomed a mix of new and returning participants. It's always inspiring to watch returning sailors build on the skills and confidence they've developed in past camps, while new sailors experience the excitement of being on the water for the first time.

Welcome Aboard!

Dear New Members,

We're delighted to welcome you as the newest FTLMC members approved in June and July 2025.

FTLMC is a vibrant community of individuals who share a deep passion for the marine industry—from small recreational vessels to large commercial ships. Whether you've joined to learn, contribute your expertise, or simply connect and build lasting friendships, we're here to support your journey.

You'll find that fellow members are always eager to lend a hand, share insights, and celebrate your successes. We're excited to see the impact you'll make—and proud to have you as part of the Club.

Welcome aboard!

Ben Dowers,

First Mate

**Savanna Hamilton,
Law Offices of Michelle
Otero Valdes**

**Michael Hutchens,
Ray Qualmann Marine
Construction**

**Maria Pou,
U.S. Maritime Consultants**

**Lee Savage,
BOAT SHOW LIVE LLC**



News & Updates cont'd.

They're Saying Farewell, But The Who Showed No Signs of Their Age at Concert

An outstanding night for all at the Corona Beach Lounge at Amerant Stadium for The Who Farewell Tour Concert. Even at 80 years old, Roger and Pete belted out powerhouse performances like it was still the 1970's. It was an amazing farewell concert tour event with a setlist of all the great tunes and timeless hits, that like the band have not aged either.

Great conversation and mingling was the order of the night, while chatting with friends old and new was as usual the bonus FLMC "secret sauce".

SAVE *the* DATE



Summer Update on Spectrum Sailing

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We have hit some exciting milestones this year at Spectrum Sailing! We launched our very own Autism & Water Safety Training Program for all instructors and volunteers. This training ensures every team member feels prepared and confident, covering understanding autism and supporting neurodiverse sailors, boating safety and awareness, the role of a volunteer, and a walk-through of camp structure and expectations.

We have also partnered with George Washington University's Occupational Therapy program on a doctoral thesis study exploring the impact of inclusive sailing on social-emotional development in autistic youth. Conducted at several of our camps this year, including Jacksonville and Pensacola, the research found consistent perceived gains in confidence, teamwork, problem-



solving, independence, and friendship skills, reported by both caregivers and youth (Tober, 2025). These results validate the lasting impact of Spectrum Sailing and highlight our program as a model for inclusive, evidence-based recreation.

While Florida remains a cornerstone of our work, 2025 marks our largest season yet. In 2025, Spectrum Sailing is reaching 250 autistic youth in 12 cities nationwide, including two brand-new locations. With waitlists growing and an increased demand across all three Florida camps (and across the country), the need is clear: more camps, more spots, and more youth served!



In The Spotlight



Roy Scott is FLMC's Minister of Fun, and true life of the party. He is responsible for putting on every imaginative, energy-driven, social, and creative activity the Organization has the honor of hosting. To know Roy Scott is to love him, and FLMC has the privilege of loving him immensely. Outside of being the host of all activities, Roy Scott is a pinnacle of the maritime community in South Florida.

Roy is a 1984 Coast Guard Academy graduate, who went to sea after graduation on the United States Coast Guard Cutter Unimak out of New Bedford, MA. Roy then took his talents to land, transferring to the Marine Inspection Office in Manhattan and becoming a fully qualified marine inspector/investigator. Roy separated from the service, moving onto earning his Merchant Mariner's license. Putting the license to the best use there is, Roy then sailed as a 2nd mate on tankers during the first Persian Gulf War. After coming ashore once more, Roy dedicated himself totally to working as a Marine Surveyor and Expert Witness. Eventually, in 1992, Roy gave the people what they had been asking for, and opened the now infamous Scott Marine Surveyors & Consultants.

Scott Marine Surveyors & Consultants have been providing expertise in a variety of marine specialties and disciplines since. The surveyors provide documentation, reports, and expert testimony, investigation, and analysis with the upmost professionalism and respect amongst the community. The firm engages in various specialties across the marine industry, including marine consulting, construction and conversion supervision, damage surveys, inspections and appraisals. Their clientele is boasted to include prominent ship owners, underwriters, attorneys, investors and financial institutions. They have also been known to assist in the resolution of insurance claims and providing recommendations to underwriters of insurance companies, when asked.

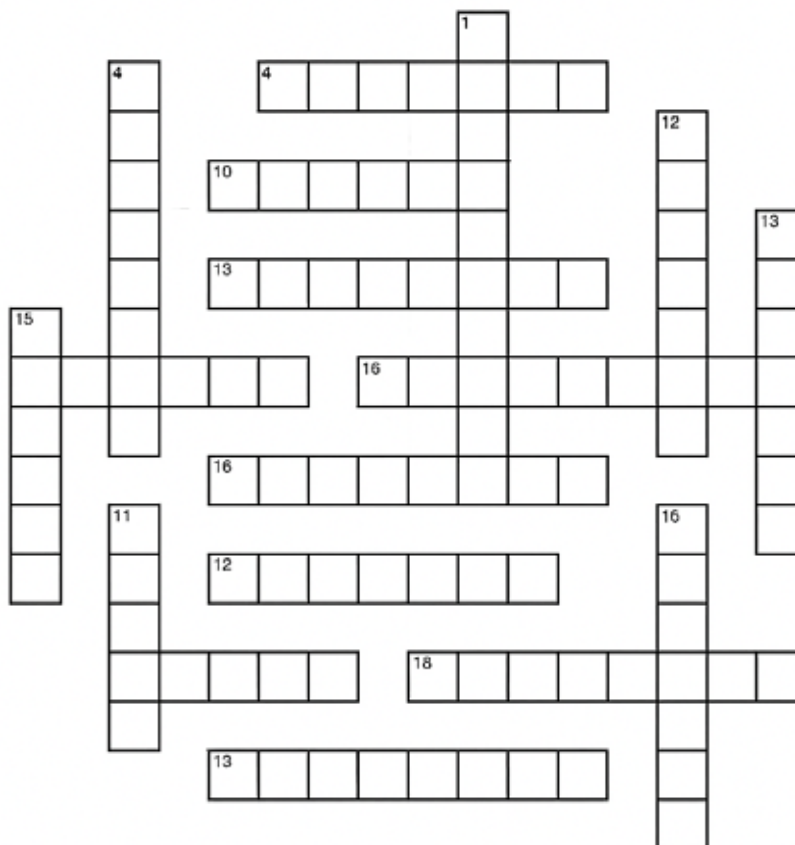
Roy Scott joined FLMC in 1992 and swears that Arlene Moschella told him that he was going to become what is now known as the Minister of Fun, but he himself has no recollection of the conversation. However, FLMC is so glad and thankful to Arlene for tricking him into the position, and him for embracing it so fully. In his own words, "I joined FLMC in 1992, and have been causing trouble in the marine industry ever since."



Brain Break

Tired of doomscrolling? Give your brain a break! Take on this history of Fort Lauderdale Crossword to see how well you know this city and its origins. Finish it and you'll feel refreshed and accomplished! Can't quite get it done...? Answers will be in the next newsletter issue.

Fort Lauderdale History Crossword



Across

1. Fort built during the Second ____ War
4. River that runs through Fort Lauderdale
6. County where Fort Lauderdale is located
8. Railroad tycoon who extended his line to the city
10. Year Fort Lauderdale was incorporated
12. Devastating hurricane in 1926
13. Nickname: 'Venice of ____'
15. Booming industry during the 1920s
16. College tradition that began in

Down

1. Year first fort was built
2. Famous missing flight from 1945
3. Airport named after this U.S. congressman
5. Historic hotel opened in 1926
7. Highway that boosted growth in 1960s
9. Museum preserving African American heritage
11. Historic district with early architecture
14. Decade of downtown revitalization

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