



Monthly

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

Newsletter



■ News & Updates

A successful seminar by all accounts; Another great luncheon; A new administrator.

■ Galleries & Events

The photos tell the story... a good time was had by all at the many recent Club events.

■ In the Spotlight

A new Skipper is taking the helm and stepping into the spotlight.

About the Club

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: Eftihios "Evan" Andronis

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: Tyler Tanner

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: Benjamin Dowers

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: Tom Worthington

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: Charlotte Zubizarreta

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: Tony Gandolf

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: Jo Stanley

Responsible for maintaining all the club photos for the year.

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From the Bridge


Evan Andronis, ESQ

2024 Skipper

Member of FLMC since 2014.

Notes from the Skipper's Log

Dear FLMC Members:

I am happy to announce that starting this past October, the FLMC contracted with Gordon Connell and his team at Connell Communications to act as third-party administrators for the FLMC. Connell Communications will focus primarily on updating our club communications with members (including this new newsletter) and website. They will also be responsible for updating and managing the social media accounts. Many of you know Gordon from his time in Fort Lauderdale at MIAASF. Since then, he started Connell Communications as an association management and marketing communications company and has been working with marine companies in South Florida and nationally.

The goal of this move is to ensure that past, present and future members of the Club stay up-to-date on events and news related

to the FLMC and engage more in club activities throughout the year. Some of you may also know Beth Black from Gordon's team. You will also be hearing from and working with Beth in the coming year. Importantly, their role will provide continuity for the membership as we continue to grow. Gordon knows and respects the Club's history and will be a welcome addition to the FLMC.

I am personally excited to be working with Gordon and Beth, and I cannot wait to see all the benefits the Club experiences as a result of this collaboration. The new formatted email is just one example of what you can expect in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the details of the agreement, please reach out to me or any of the officers under the new slate.

'til next time... Evan

FLMC 34th Marine Insurance Seminar a Success by All Accounts

**Global attendees and incredible speakers;
insightful and thought-provoking topics**

As we wrap up another immensely successful year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended this year's seminar. As one of our highest attended seminars to date, we were honored to welcome not only our perennial attendees, but many new ones as well, who travelled from all corners of the globe, and who engage in all areas of marine insurance.

Our global attendees, and the incredible speakers with their insightful and thought-provoking topics,

are truly what makes the Fort Lauderdale Marine Seminar the preeminent event worldwide when it comes to the marine insurance industry.

This is made possible in large part to our exceptionally strong and valued sponsorship support and partners, who continue to make this event possible knowing the broad reach and influence that it has across all corners of the marine industry. Without their continued support this event

would not be possible therefore all our sponsorship partners have our perpetual gratitude.

While we are turning the page on an incredible event, and year in general, to ensure the continuing success and development of our industry we are already preparing to welcome in the new year, full of possibilities, and putting on another incredible seminar in 2025. So be a friend and tell a friend (or colleague), of all that the Fort Lauderdale Marine Seminar

has to offer and encourage them to attend next year along with you. It is our continued presence and attendees that make marine insurance what it is today, all of whom contribute to unlock many exciting doors and possibilities for tomorrow. We promise that it will always prove to be well worth attending, and will ensure that it remains enlightening, informative, and at the leading edge of the marine industry!



Photo Gallery

From the Golf Tournament and the Seminar, to the Monthly Luncheon and a great Dolphins Game outing, the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club members came together to work hard and to play hard over the past few weeks. This photo gallery is a snapshot of all the reasons it's good to be a member. Enjoy the memories and be sure to add our next event to your calendar.





Photos by: Tom Serio, and Jo Stanley

News & Updates

November Luncheon Recap



November FLMC Luncheon Speaker was Matthew Bierwagen from Resolve Marine.

Matt gave an awesome presentation about Resolve Marine's overall services and capabilities as a company. His presentation included details on some very interesting past projects they have worked on and mobilized for. Overall, Matt touched on their Emergency Response Operations, Salvage & Wreck Removal jobs, Offshore & Nearshore Marine Projects, some Regulatory Compliance, and some of their Marine Services. The presentation gave the audience insight into some very complex marine operations and was very interesting.

I'd love to have Matt or someone else from Resolve come talk about any one of the many items he touched on in more detail at another FLMC luncheon in the future.

Connell Communications A Trusted Industry Partner

Founded in 2011, Connell Communications is headquartered in the Greater Charlotte, North Carolina area. The company serves primarily small to medium-sized businesses and non-profit organizations within the recreational marine industry, with clients in South Florida and across the United States. The company specializes in association management, membership program development and support, business communications, website development, online marketing and social media management, as well as event production. The firm's expertise and tailored services make it a valued partner for organizations aiming to enhance their operational efficiency and market presence.

At the helm of Connell Communications is Gordon Connell, a respected figure in the South Florida marine industry. Gordon's experience includes serving as the Director of Association Services at the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF). He remains actively engaged in various marine industry initiatives, leveraging his extensive experience to support clients effectively. Beth Black, a key member of the Connell Communications team, works closely with Gordon to provide exceptional third-party administrative services. She is also well-known within the Fort Lauderdale marine community for her work as an event manager and her long-standing association with *Triton News*, where she previously played a pivotal role in organizing monthly networking events and the annual Triton Expos.

With a proven track record and a team of dedicated professionals, Connell Communications, is expected to support the growth and success of FLMC.

New Club Officers Elected for 2025

At the November Member's Luncheon, a vote was held in accordance with the Club by-laws and the following Officers were elected to serve for the 2025 year.

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Skipper	Tyler Tanner
First Mate	Benjamin Dowers
Purser	Tom Worthington
Yeoman	Charly Zubizaretta
Program Director	Tony Gandolf
Bos'n	Jo Stanley
Activities Chair	Roy Scott

Join us in thanking the 2024 Club Officers for their efforts and the success the Club enjoyed in 2024, and in welcoming in the incoming Officers. Please plan on actively engaging in Club events, volunteering and supporting the Club, and encouraging marine industry friends and colleagues to become members and join FLMC.

In The Spotlight



Tyler Tanner is a Partner with the firm Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel and a trial lawyer. He is Board Certified in Admiralty & Maritime Law by the Florida Bar, and practices exclusively in this arena. He is particularly skilled at handling passenger and crew claims, vessel collisions, products liability matters, cargo claims, marine insurance, salvage, and the enforcement of maritime liens. He is an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University College of Law where he teaches Admiralty Law and serves in leadership roles for several local industry organizations. He is currently the First Mate and the incoming Skipper for the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club, and has leadership roles in the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, and the Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee, the latter of which included two years as Chair.

Tyler's active practice and service has led to recognition, including regular speaking engagements, writing invitations, and inclusion within publications highlighting legal talent such as Best Lawyers, Attorney at Law Magazine, and ten consecutive years by Super Lawyers Magazine in Transportation & Maritime Law. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, graduating cum laude. During law school, he earned Honors in the highly acclaimed Litigation Skills Program, was a member of the International Moot Court Board, and served as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Judge Shelby Highsmith at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Events

2024 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Cocktails 7 – 8 PM

Dinner and Dancing 8 – 11PM

Dust off your tuxedo or your favorite lucky tie. The dress attire for this event is cocktail attire (semi-formal/black-tie optional).

Valet Parking is included



FLMC's Rooftop Viewing Party of the 53rd Annual Holiday Parade

December 14th, 2024

5:00 PM start time due to bridge closures listed below. Don't get caught by the bridges. Traffic is mayhem!

\$130 per ticket, 2 max (online payments only)

Ticket includes boatshow, passed food, drinks.

EVENT LOCATION:

Kimpton Shorebreak Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort

2900 Riomar Street
Fort Lauderdale



Fort Lauderdale
Mariners Club



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