



Monthly Meeting

January Meeting TBA

Location: TBA

Menu Choices: TBA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MARINER'S CLUB!

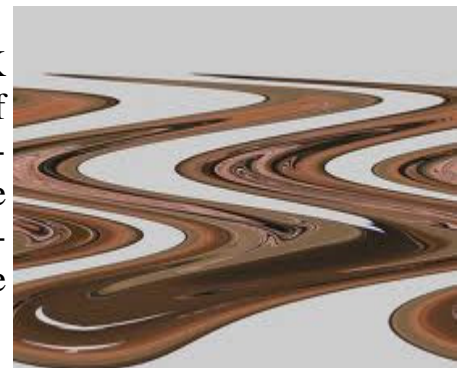


On behalf of the officers of the Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club, we want to wish you a great and fun holiday season and a very prosperous New Year. Special thanks to the Club and its members for another successful year in the Club's activities, meetings, seminar and its charitable works. We are looking forward to another great year!



Nautical term of the month:

CHOCOLATERO: a BRISK North West wind in the Gulf Of Mexico, so called from its resemblance of the sea during the breeze to a variety of chocolate confection, also called a chocolate gale...yum.



2011 Officers & Chairs:

- Skipper: Tina Cardone
- First Mate: Captain Karentz
- Yeoman Charles Davant
- Purser: Matthew J. Valcourt
- Bosun: Efrain Sora
- Program Director: Hector Ramirez
- Activities: Terry Jones
- Historian: Arlene Weicher
- Seminar Chair: Bryan Emond

Mariner's Club Members can now enjoy a corporate rate at Pier 66/Hyatt. The Seminar Committee has secured a corporate rate and discount at the Pier 66 venue. Mariner's Club member can use code #65051 for this rate.



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Mariners Club**

About Us

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club is dedicated to the promotion of ethical business practices among the sea-going community as well as the circulation of accurate and useful information to the boating community.

Our membership includes both professional and leisure boating enthusiasts, as well as industry experts and professionals in many disciplines from around the world.

Join Us

We welcome your interest in the Mariners Club and invite you to become an active member to the benefit of each of us individually and all of us as a community.

The easiest way to join is to attend a monthly meeting as a guest of a current member.

Request an application form from an officer, complete it and mail it with your check for \$50.00 to the Mariners Club for consideration by the membership committee. Two sponsors are required.

If you want to join and do not know an active member, contact Dick Basom, rbasom@sealimited.com

Please visit our website at www.ftlmc.org to find out more about us!



HEAR YE HEAR YE HEAR YE GET YOUR PLAID ON AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW MARI- NERS AT OUR BOOTH IN THE SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

The Fort Lauderdale Stadium And Event Site becomes part of Scotland Saturday, with the celebration of the twenty-eighth annual Scottish Festival and Games, from 9-7, rain or shine. Admission: \$20 at the gate (\$15 in), children 7-14, \$5 at the gate, (\$3 in) children 6 & under free. Parking is free. (Sorry, No Pets)

The festival site is located 1/2 mile west of I-95 on Commercial Blvd.)

Enjoy folk singing, fiddling, children's games, sheepdogs, craft demonstrations, Find your roots at the clan encampment. Browse through the Scottish shops stocked with items of Highland dress, jewelry, music, china, crystal, instruments, books, keepsakes etc. Savor Scottish pies and pastries and Scottish beer. The opening ceremonies with the and massed bands will be at Twelve o'clock noon.

RSVP TO: CAPTAINJ@THE-BEACH.NET





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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Please submit newsletter ideas and items of interest to the Editor:

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And thanks to all who
submit Materials for the
newsletter!

Famous and Infa- mous Female Pirates



Judging from the volume of pirates I spied at several costume venues this Halloween, I concluded the lovable pirate is still in vogue. What was striking is that there were few pirate wenches and more women pirates. I mean why should the men have all the fun pillaging and plundering for treasure? It got me thinking and researching folklore of the female pirate and I discovered many a treasure.



Anne Bonney was an Irish pirate who plied her trade in the Caribbean. When Bonny was 13, she supposedly stabbed a servant girl in the stomach with a table knife. Bonny was a red-haired beauty and considered a sexy catch. She married a poor sailor and small-time pirate named James Bonny. According to legend, James Bonny hoped to win possession of his wife's family estate, but she was disowned by her father. Sometime between 1714 and 1718 she and James Bonny moved to Nassau, on New Providence Island in the Bahamas, which was then a pirate hub and base for many pirate operations.



Grace O'Malley

Grace O'Malley (Granuaile) The Irish daughter of a pirate who grew up to be a pirate herself. The legendary reason for her seizure of Doona Castle in Ballycroy was because the MacMahons, who owned the castle, killed her lover, Hugh de Lacy, the shipwrecked son of a Wexford merchant Ní Mháille had rescued. When the guilty members of the MacMahon clan landed on the holy island of Caher for a pilgrimage, She captured their boats. She and her men then captured the MacMahons and killed those responsible for her lover's death. Still not satisfied with her revenge, She then sailed for Ballycroy and attacked the garrison at Doona Castle, overpowering the defenders and taking the castle for herself



Ching Shih

Ching Shih belonged to a family of successful pirates who traced their criminal origins back to the mid-Seventeenth century. Following his marriage to Ching Shih, Zheng Yi used military assertion and his family's reputation to gather a coalition of competing Cantonese pirate fleets into an alliance. By 1804, this coalition was a formidable force, and one of the most powerful pirate fleets in all of In 1807, Zheng Yi died, and Ching Shih maneuvered her way into his leadership position. The fleet under her command established hegemony over many coastal villages, in some cases even imposing levies and taxes on settlements. According to Robert Antony, Ching Shih "robbed towns, markets, and villages, from Macau to Canton." She ended her career in 1810, accepting an amnesty offer from the Chinese government. She kept her loot, married her lieutenant and adoptive son Cheung Po Tsai, and opened a gambling house. She died in 1844, at the age of 69.



TUG SAND MAN



For the wood boat fans in the crowd, we discovered this 100 year-old lady who has never been introduced by Willard Scott or Smuckers© Jam. Located in Olympia Washington, she has been restored and is available for tours. She was built from 1908 – 1910 by Crawford & Reid, Tacoma, with her wheel-house designed and built by the Long family, Olympia From 1999 – 2000 restoration of the hull was done by PT Shipwrights Co-op, Port Townsend from 2000 – 2005 restoration of the cabins and engine, has been supervised by Paul Deranleau, Olympia, with help from many volunteers.



She does not have an exotic, storied history, but she has been a hard working tug mostly moving sand and gravel barges for the bulk of her seagoing career. She is a fine example of western boat building and was originally powered with only a 50 hp motor.

She was used commercially until 1987 and has been in restoration since that time. Kudos to her foundation and dedicated volunteers for keeping this maritime gem around. You can visit the vessel's site at <http://www.tugsandman.org/index.htm>



- Length overall 59' 10"
- Length on waterline 49' 10"
- Beam 14' 6"
- Draft 6' 5"
- Hull & deck old-growth Douglas fir
- Stern winch powered by a two-cylinder Stanley Steamer auto engine
- Fuel capacity 1,280 gallons
- Gross tons 28
- Net tons 19
- Displacement weight 74,000 pounds or 37 tons (fuel tanks not totally full)

