



# Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

## NEWSLETTER

December 2013



Monthly  
Meeting



### No December Luncheon

See you at the Holiday Party

**FT. LAUDERDALE MARINERS  
CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY  
DECEMBER 7, 2013**

**HOLLYWOOD BEACH MARRIOTT  
2501 N. OCEAN DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD,  
FL**

- Cocktail reception - 6:30 in the Atlantic Ballroom
- Dinner & Viennese dessert table/dancing in the Grand Ballroom - 7:30 – 11:30
- Complimentary valet parking

Please bring an unwrapped toy!

**RSVP to Arlene  
with dinner choice by  
November 30, 2013.**

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### 2013 Officers & Chairs

Skipper: Matthew Valcourt  
First Mate: Charles Davant  
Yeoman: Bryan Emond  
Purser: Kristene Lundblad  
Bosun: Elaine Frawley  
Program: Michelle Otero Valdes  
Activities: Arlene Weicher  
Historian: Terry Jones  
Seminar Chair: Jonathan Dunleavy



## 24<sup>th</sup> FLMC Seminar Meet the Speakers Reception



Photographs by Peter Caspari

# 24<sup>th</sup> FLMC Seminar “Climate Change, It’s not just the weather”

The Crystal Ballroom at Pier 66 was filled with attendees from throughout the country and world for another epic Seminar.  
Thanks to all who attended and to our sponsors.



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## **Fort Lauderdale 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 Kristene Lundblad, [klunblad@lankoil.com](mailto:klunblad@lankoil.com)

Please visit our website at  
[www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org)  
to find out more about us!

# **2013**

## **FT. LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB Golf Tournament**

*98 golfers participated in this year's tournament.  
A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the  
Skills USA program at South Broward High School.*



*Thanks to our sponsors Skuld, Tokio Marine and  
Falvey Yacht Insurance for making this year's event a great success.*

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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Please submit newsletter ideas and items of interest to the 2014 Editor:  
Michelle Otero Valdez at  
[mov@chaloslaw.com](mailto:mov@chaloslaw.com)

And thanks to all who submit  
Materials for the newsletter!

### The Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club Proudly Supports:

Boys & Girls Club of Broward  
County  
Marine Industries Association of  
South Florida  
MIASF Waterway Cleanup  
MIASF Plywood Regatta  
South Broward High School  
Skills USA Program  
Seafarers House Fort  
Lauderdale  
Shake-A Leg Miami  
Women's International Shipping  
& Trading Association  
Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets,  
Spruance Division

## This Month in Maritime History: December 20, 1987 Sinking of the ferry *Doña Paz*



On December 20, 1987, the *Doña Paz*, a Philippine-registered passenger ferry, was traveling from Tacloban City, Leyte to Manila. The visibility was reportedly clear, but the seas were choppy. While most of the passengers slept, the ferry collided with the tankship *Vector*. Both vessels sank within hours. The *Vector* was carrying 8,800 barrels of gasoline. The impact caused a fire which quickly spread to the *Doña Paz*, as well as lighting the surrounding water on fire. The life jackets aboard the *Doña Paz* were reportedly locked up, forcing passengers to jump into flaming, shark-infested waters. An estimated 4,375 people died from this accident, making it the deadliest peace time disaster in maritime history. According to the initial investigation conducted by the Philippine Coast Guard, only one apprentice member of the crew of the *Doña Paz* was monitoring the bridge when the accident occurred. Other officers were either drinking beer or watching television, while the ship's captain was watching a movie on his VCR. Subsequent inquiries revealed that the *Vector* was operating without a license, lookout or properly qualified master.

### Nautical Quotes and Maritime Wisdom:

“The cure for anything is saltwater – sweat,  
tears, or the sea.”

- Isak Dinesen