



**Monthly Meeting**



**February Luncheon**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
11:30 Registration**

**Location:  
Bistro Mezzaluna  
1821 Southeast 10th Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

**Speaker:**

**Andrej Milic**  
Social Media Page Manager  
on  
Social Media and the  
Yachting Industry

**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



**Sunday Jazz Brunch**

**February 3, 2013  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



**Come join us for a beautiful day in downtown Ft. Lauderdale at the Riverwalk just east of the Riverhouse Restaurant.**

**We will have Brunch Libations such as Bloody Mary's, Mimosas and Screw Drivers, bagels, lox, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, coffee, hot chocolate, croissants, muffins and more. Please bring a dish to share and don't forget YOUR chair!!!**

**Please RSVP by 1/25/2013 with number attending and dish : [arlene.weicher@crystalco.com](mailto:arlene.weicher@crystalco.com)**





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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 Charlie Davant

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



*Join us for*

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miami Boat Show Kickoff Party

*At the*

*2013 Miami Yacht & Brokerage Show*

**February 13, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Cocktail Barge #1,**

**4700 Block of Collins Avenue, Miami Beach**

*Hosted by:*



*The Ft Lauderdale Mariner's Club and  
the Florida Yacht Broker's Association  
And Benefitting*



Space is limited! \$30 per person in advance or \$40 at the door.  
All proceeds benefiting Shake-A-Leg Miami

Entrance fee gets you 2 drink tickets and light dinner.

To register or find out more: [www.fyba.org](http://www.fyba.org)  
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954-522-9270

For Sponsorship Opportunities  
Please Contact Laura Sherrod  
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Find out more about Shake-A-Leg at  
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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

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#### Training Opportunity:

**The Florida Gold Coast CPCU Chapter is holding Insurance Education Programs for CPCU and ARM.**

For the CPCU Program Description go to:

[http://www.aicpcu.org/comet/programs/cpcu/assets/CPCU\\_Program\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.aicpcu.org/comet/programs/cpcu/assets/CPCU_Program_Flyer.pdf)

For the ARM Program Description go to:

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## This Month in Maritime History:

### February 6, 1822

*Tek Sing*: "Titanic of the East"

The *Tek Sing* ("True Star") was a large, three masted Chinese junk. It was approximately 50 meters (164') long and had a beam of approximately 10 meters (33'). The ship was on a voyage from the port of Amoy, (Now Xiamen, China) to Batavia, (now called Jakarta) Indonesia. The junk was carrying approximately 1600 passengers aged between 6 and 70 years old in addition to 200 crewmembers. The passengers included merchants, couriers, and students, but most were impoverished migrants emigrating to work in the sugar cane fields of Java. The ship also carried a large, valuable cargo of porcelain goods, including teapots, plates, dishes, cups, cosmetic jars, ginger pots, bird feeders, water carriers, soup spoons, oil lamps, tiny figurine ornaments, and glass beads.



On the evening of the February 5<sup>th</sup> 1822, the *Tek Sing* struck some rocks in the of **Gaspar Strait** (between the islands of Bangka and Belitung, eastern of Palembang, Sumatra). These rocks had been identified as the Belvidere Shoals.



On the morning of February 7<sup>th</sup>, an English East Indiaman, captained by James Pearl, passed through the Gaspar Strait. The crew saw that the rocks appeared to be moving towards them. Then it became evident that they were not rocks at all but numerous pieces of wreckage. Enormous numbers of people were struggling in the water, clinging the wreckage. Captain Pearl and his crew saved a total of 190 persons. Another 18 persons were saved by a small Chinese junk. Because of the massive loss of life, this catastrophe has come to be known as the "Titanic of the East".



On May 12, 1999, British marine salvor Michael Hatcher discovered the wreck of the *Tek Sing*. His crew raised about 350,000 pieces of the ship's cargo in what is described as the largest sunken cache of Chinese porcelain ever recovered. Human remains were also found, but they were not disturbed. The *Tek Sing's* recovered cargo was auctioned in Stuttgart, Germany.

#### Sources:

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**Who is this Mariners?**



Please email childhood photos of yourself or other members to: bemon@sealimited.com

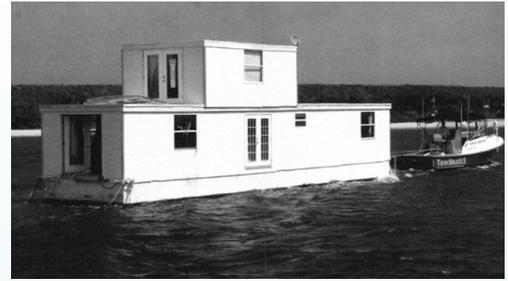


Last Months photo was... Terry Jones!



**The Boat of the Month:  
... is not a Boat!**

As many Mariner's Club members are probably aware, on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the "floating home" owned by a Riviera Beach resident is not a vessel subject to maritime laws. While this ruling will certainly have ramifications far



beyond this case and will probably be a point of discussion for years to come, one of the more interesting facets of the case involves the use of a children's story as a reference for maritime law. ( See the quote of the month below.) We can't help but wonder if (A) an Amicus brief was filed by Geppetto and (B) how other children's literature might figure in future decisions. The Little Mermaid story alone could turn fishing and maritime salvage laws upside down. No word yet on how this ruling might impact the rules for this April's Plywood Regatta .

**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

**Word/Term of the Month:**

**Bitter End:** The end of a line, especially an anchor rode, which is turned around a bitt. The end of any line which is opposite to the working end. The free or slack end of a line. Ashore: the ultimate culmination of events.

**Nautical Quotes and Maritime Wisdom**

"Not every floating structure is a 'vessel'. To state the obvious, a wooden washtub, a plastic dishpan, a swimming platform on pontoons, a large fishing net, a door taken off its hinges, or Pinocchio (when inside the whale) are not 'vessels'..."

- Justice Steven Breyer 2013