

**Monthly Luncheon Meeting****Thursday, February 7****Registration 11:30 am****Lunch 12:00 pm****Cost \$20.00****Location****Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316**

Please RSVP with your

Choice of Entrée:

Chicken Cordon Blue with toasted herb and butter sauce, scalloped potato, vegetable

NY Strip Steak topped with sautéed spinach, garlic herb Boursin cheese

Potato and Chive Crusted Grouper with rosemary cream sauce

Included with Entrée:

Mixed Salad and Key Lime Pie

Please join us for good conversation, an interesting speaker and a pleasant lunch. See you there!

**RSVP requested no later than February 4 to
Matthew Valcourt @
mvalcourt@fowler-white.com****Your prompt response is greatly appreciated!****Officers 2008:**

Skipper: Nancy Chambers

First Mate: Bill Johnson

Purser: Laura Sherrod

Yeoman: Tina Cardone

Bosun: Matthew Valcourt

Program Director: Mark Brown

Activities Chair: Kristene Lundblad

Seminar Chair: Dick Basom

Seminar Co-Chair: Chris Karentz

Historian: Shary Patton

February 7, 2008 Luncheon — Mr. Peter Caspari , Guest Speaker

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club welcomes Mr. Peter Caspari, photographer, as our guest speaker at the February 7, 2008 luncheon. Peter and Jackie, his partner and wife, have established themselves as world traveled, published photographers. Their photographs have been published in almost every marine print media as well as other periodicals. Several of their photos have been on the front cover of magazines and one such cover photo has been nominated for several national awards. Their photography assignments have taken them from locations in the United States to Italy, Costa Rica, Abacos and Exumas.



Peter stated that photography is their passion. "Over the past 17 years that we have been shooting professionally, we have had experiences whose memory will last a lifetime," remarked Peter. "From flying in a helicopter over the hills and valleys of Tuscany, Italy; to exploring the rain forests of Costa Rica; to capturing photos of anglers hooked up to sailfish and marlin as the fish leaped out of the ocean creating a spectacular sight; to photographing speedboats doing 70 miles per hour hanging out of a helicopter just 20 feet above the water."

Airplane Recovered

TowBoatU.S. Ft. Lauderdale in conjunction with Air & Sea Crash Recovery recovered a sunken "caravan" airplane in Bahamian waters in early January and returned it to Port Everglades.

First 2008 Board Meeting Held

The 2007 and 2008 Officers met for the annual "change-over" meeting at The River House on Wednesday, January 9. The group enjoyed dinner and shared thoughts and ideas for the upcoming year.

Past Skipper, Kitty McGowan, spoke to the new officers encouraging everyone to move the club proudly into the future. The Club has ample funds (thanks to the overwhelming continued success of the Seminar) to cover our numerous activities, supplement the luncheon costs and contribute to the marine community. Nancy Chambers commented that she looks forward to leading the Club this year with the help and support of all.



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About Us

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club is dedicated to the promotion of ethical business practices among the seagoing 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 Bill Johnson, 954-492-3457 or email Bill at wjohnson@gmm-law.com.

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



Nautical News from Around the Globe—

Dramatic Rescue of a Stranded Caribbean Fisherman

World ARC yacht Tillymint, an Oyster 82 taking part in World Cruising Club's round the world rally, has been involved in the dramatic rescue of a stranded Caribbean fisherman whilst on route to Panama.

The small open fishing vessel, the Vegas from St. Lucia, had been drifting for 20 days without a serviceable engine. In the early hours of Saturday 26 January (local time), at position 13°28N 67°23W approximately 80 nautical miles off the island of Aruba, the on-watch crew of Tillymint heard faint cries for help from close by, though they could not see another vessel. In the time it took the crew to drop sails, turn the yacht around and get back upwind against 25 knots to the incident position, the crew of the Vegas had started a small fire to attract attention. The fishermen were in a desperate situation, since despite passing close to other vessels they had been unable to raise a distress call.

Unfortunately, their signal fire got out of control and before Tillymint reached their position, the crew had to abandon the vessel and jump into the sea to escape the fire. One crewmember was rescued and taken onboard Tillymint. However, in the darkness and weather conditions prevailing at the time, they were unable to locate the remaining three fishermen.

Under the direction of MRCC Curacao, Tillymint conducted a search of the area around the wreckage, joined at first light by other World ARC yachts - Southern Princess, Grey Lady, Harmonie, BlueFlyer and Strega, and a Coastguard SAR aircraft. The Netherlands Coastguard ship, the Jaguar was also sent to the area to co-ordinate the search.

The survivor, Sherwin John, from St. Lucia has been evacuated onto the Jaguar. Despite the best efforts of the search vessels, MRCC Curacao called off the search at 18:30 local time on the 26 January, having failed to locate the three missing crew.

All World ARC yachts have now resumed their course for Panama.

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Nautical Term of the Month:

"Buzzo": A Sicilian fishing-boat, 20 to 30 feet in length and rigged with one lanteen Sail. Also the term for a capacious cargo-carrier of the Venetians in the 17th Century propelled by both sail and oars; Also termed "Bucca". - *Encyclopedia of Nautical Knowledge*

Thanks, Matt, for your contribution!

Nautical Trivia! Test your knowledge! Answers next month!

1. Which boat, the Nina, the Pinta or the Santa Maria, sank after hitting a coral reef?
2. What was the name of Henry Hudson's most famous ship?
 - a). Wandered
 - b). Hornet
 - c). Half Moon
 - d). Sea Crest