



March 2017 Newsletter



April FLMC Luncheon



1821 SE 10th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Ph: 954-522-9191
April 6, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Father Ron Perkins

Topic: Port Chaplain Fr. Ron Perkins, will report on the latest news from Seafarers' House, a place of welcome inside Port Everglades. He will share stories of the many seafarers and port workers who have benefited from the multi-faith chaplaincy that is now 27 years old.

Entrées

Grilled Salmon

Lemon Butter Sauce with Roasted Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables

Rigatoni Bolognese

Chicken Picatta

Capers, Lemon and Herb Beurre Blanc, Roasted Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables

Dessert: Key Lime Pie

Cost: \$25 per member (and up to 1 guest); \$30 per each additional guest

Complimentary parking

Cash Bar available

Please RSVP with entrée choice by March 31, 2017 to:
rchacon@chartwelllaw.com; (305)372-9044

NOTE: SAMS & NAMS SURVEYORS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE (1) CLE CREDIT.

Click here to register: [Monthly Luncheon ~ April 2017 Registration Form](#)

Speaker: Rev. Ronald Perkins

Father Ronald Perkins' service to the Seafarers' House dates back more than a decade. In 2004, he became a member of our Board of Directors. Two years later, following his ordination as an Orthodox Catholic deacon, he became a volunteer chaplain. Between 2008 and 2010, Father Perkins served as President of the Board. Toward the end of his term, in July 2010, Father Perkins took on the role of fulltime Port Chaplain in July 2010. In November 2011, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Father Ron graduated from Marcy State Hospital School of Nursing and served as a U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Officer aboard naval vessels and on shore including the evacuation of Saigon, South Vietnam.

He went on to graduate from the Houston Maritime Chaplaincy Training Program and completed the International Ship Welfare Visitors Training Course of the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare.

Prior to becoming a priest, Father Perkins spent more than 35 years in management and marketing in the healthcare and business services industries. His experience includes managing operations, finance, and marketing strategies for organizations with more than 2,000 employees and revenues in excess of \$500 million.

Father Perkins has served on several community charitable boards and the City of Fort Lauderdale's Advisory Committee for Parks, Recreation, and Beaches as well as its Code Enforcement Board. He is past Chairman of the Business First joint venture between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he also is the volunteer Senior Chaplain for the Fort Lauderdale Police and Fire Rescue Departments.

Father Perkins is married to Karen Unger and they have a son Matthew and two grandchildren.

Introduction: Captain Eugene F. Sweeney

Since 2003, Captain Eugene "Gene" F. Sweeney has served the Port Everglades maritime community through his voluntary services to Seafarers' House. He started as a member of the Development Committee, was later elected to the Board of Directors where he served as Treasurer, Vice President, and today is President. Captain Sweeney has always held to the belief that successful business people must give back to that which enabled them to succeed.

Captain Sweeney has had a long and distinguished maritime career beginning with Texaco Inc., where he worked for 17 years serving in seagoing and domestic and international shore management positions, including Operations Manager of Texaco's U.S. tanker fleet.

He later joined Hvide/Seabulk International in Port Everglades, Fla., where he held a number of senior positions before becoming President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors.

Captain Sweeney later became a principal of Sallyport Marine Services in Boca Raton, providing marine consulting and expert witness services. In 2003, Captain Sweeney joined International Registries Inc., the Marshall Islands Registry, as Senior Vice President, Yacht Operations. During his 12-year tenure he directed the growth of its yacht division, making it a recognized leader in flag state administration and excellence for international yachting.

Captain Sweeney completed an eight-year appointment to the Florida State Board of Pilot Commissioners in 2007 and is a member of the American Bureau of Shipping and the Marine Society of the City of New York. He also serves as a Trustee of the Coast Guard Foundation, and is a past Director of the United States Superyacht Association.

Captain Sweeney holds a U.S. Coast Guard Unlimited Master's license and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nautical Sciences and Marine Transportation from the State University of New York Maritime College.

Having worked in Port Everglades for 34 years, Captain Sweeney is committed to the need for, and the success of, a vibrant welcome center for seafarers and he looks forward to a capital construction campaign that will ensure the continuing success of Seafarers' House of Port Everglades.

Dinner Cruise Invitation



Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club Presents 2017 Dinner Cruise with Sun Dream Yachts Charters, Inc.

When: Saturday, June 3, 2017 aboard the Motor Yacht "CAPRICE"

Boarding Location: DOUBLETREE, SUNRISE, 2670 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

Valet Parking: \$14.00

Boarding Time: 5:45 p.m.

Departure Time: 6:00 p.m. (Cruise ends at 10:00 p.m.)

Cost/Member: \$45 per person (cash or check only upon boarding)
& 1 Guest

Additional Guest: \$140 per person

Menu: Buffet and Premium Bar

Fruit and Cheese Appetizer Display, Butler Passed Hors' D'Oeuvres including Spinach & Artichoke Rangoon, Ancho Lime Chicken Skewers, Mojito Shrimp Skewer, Smoked Salmon Tostada and Mini Beef Wellington

Garden Salad

Parmesan Crusted Lemon Chicken, Slow-Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Carved by Chef, Coconut Crusted Mahi Mahi, Oven Roasted Rosemary Red Bliss Potatoes, and Asparagus & Baby Carrots with Season Butter.

Chocolate Mousse with fresh Strawberries and Key Lime Tarts

Directions: 1-95 to Sunrise Blvd., head East toward the beaches. Hotel is on the right just after Galleria Mall and just before Intracoastal; Ph: (954) 565-3800

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 26TH 2017 TO: rchacon@chartwelllaw.com

FLMC Charitable Efforts



February 9, 2017

Bryan Emond
Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335

Dear Bryan,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Gala Committee and staff, I would like to thank you for supporting the 2nd Annual MICF Chairman's Gala: Masquerade Casino Night! We are very grateful for your donation of \$2,000 and participation as a GameTable Sponsor.

Thanks to your contribution, we raised over \$100,000 in support of MICF and its programs such as our Marine Industry Immersion Summer Camp. With your support we are making plans to expand the camp to a third school and more students beyond the 50 "Faces of Our Future" kids who received sponsorship on the night of the event. This camp and other initiatives like our Youth Creative Arts Contest, not only give middle and high school students an awareness of Fort Lauderdale's marine industry, but also inspire them to look towards brighter futures.

The Marine Industry Cares Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that mobilizes the marine industry's resources, enthusiasm and generosity in developing youth through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) experiences, innovative initiatives and by supporting organizations dedicated to the success of families. Your contribution may be tax deductible in accordance with IRS guidelines.

I invite you to visit our revamped website at: www.marineindustrycares.org to stay up to date on the work we are doing. Once again, thank you for your support of MICF, the Chairman's Gala, and our efforts in the community!

Sincerely,

Gordon Connell
Executive Director



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21st Annual Plywood Regatta
April 1st-2nd, 2017



Dania Beach Marina

Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, 2017

2016 Winners

Lauderdale Marine Center Overall Champion – Neptune Boat Lifts: 'Trident', Sponsored by Neptune Boat Lifts

Division Awards (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced)

- Palm Beach Maritime Academy: 'Save Our Seas', Sponsored by Ward's Marine
- Neptune Boat Lifts: 'Trident', Sponsored by Neptune Boat Lifts
- Riviera Beach Maritime Academy: 'Yeah Buoy', Sponsored by Rolly Marine

Most Spirited Team – Miramar High School STEM Club: 'S.S. Patriot', Sponsored by Rolly Marine

Best Decorated Boat – ASPIRA: 'Aspirantes', Sponsored by ASPIRA

Most Innovative Design – Nova High School Titan Booster Club: 'The Kraken', Sponsored by Derecktor

Future Yacht Broker Award – South Broward High School: 'Broward Snakes II', Sponsored by The Marlin's Foundation

Courage & Perseverance – South Broward High School: 'The Crocs', Sponsored by Interlux

Mariner's Top Team (Best All Around) – South Broward High School: 'The Fast 5', Sponsored by MPT

Propeller Design Champion – New River Middle School: 'Sea Dragons,' Sponsored by Bradford Marine



Marine Industries Association
of South Florida
Since 1961

20th Annual Hospice Regatta
May 20, 2017



20th Annual HOSPICE REGATTA

Where Competition Meets Compassion



On Saturday, May 20th sailboats from throughout South Florida will gather off the shores of Fort Lauderdale Beach to compete in the 2017 Hospice Regatta! For years, this highly competitive sailing event has raised funds to support hospice care for patients and families coping with a life-limiting illness.

Following a day of racing, sailors, guests and supporters of the Hospice Regatta will gather for the Post-race Awards Dinner at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Attendees will enjoy a dinner, live entertainment, silent auction, and dancing under the stars.

Please support this event by donating an item for our silent auction and raffle.

The proceeds from this event will provide support for valuable end-of-life care programs for our patients and families such as charitable care, bereavement services, music therapy, integrative therapies and palliative treatments for comfort that are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance bringing compassion and reassurance into people's lives in times of great need.

*All proceeds will benefit Hospice by the Sea and
Hospice of Broward County's programs and services for patients and families in Broward
County.*

For more information, please contact Lorraine Shim at (954) 315-6789 or
visit www.hobcf.org

Thank you for your support!

Goodbye to a Friend

FLMC's past Skipper and Seminar Moderator Andy Anderson's celebration of life was held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Miami, FL on 25 February 2017.

The memorial service was attended by members of the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club, local admiralty attorney's, USCG comrades, Scottish friends and family.

In the News...

HUSTED NAMED TO FLORIDA BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 16, 2017

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HUSTED NAMED TO FLORIDA BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL

STUART, FL – Past Rear Commander William E. Husted has been appointed as the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) representative to the Florida Boating Advisory Council. The appointment was made by USPS Chief Commander Louie Ojeda.

The 18-member advisory council makes recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Economic Opportunity regarding issues affecting the state's boating community. Issues include boating and diving safety education, boat usage and access, and boating-related facilities.

In USPS, Husted had chaired the National Public Relations Committee and later the Government and Partner Relations Committee. He now serves on the Public Affairs Committee as the Homeland Security team leader. Currently a member of the St. Lucie River Power Squadron, Husted also had been District Commander for District 8, now encompassing 14 squadrons from Key West to Sebastian Inlet.

In addition to memberships in a number of South Florida boating-related organizations, he served on the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee (BCMAC) for 13 years. Including Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Pompano Beach, Broward is the state's second most populated county. Husted was BCMAC's vice chairman from 1997 to 2003.

More Information:

Florida Boating Advisory Council – www.myfwc.com/boating/advisory-council

United States Power Squadrons – www.usps.org



Bertish Completes Transatlantic Paddleboard Crossing

On Thursday, South African surfer and motivational speaker Chris Bertish became the first person to paddleboard across the Atlantic without assistance.

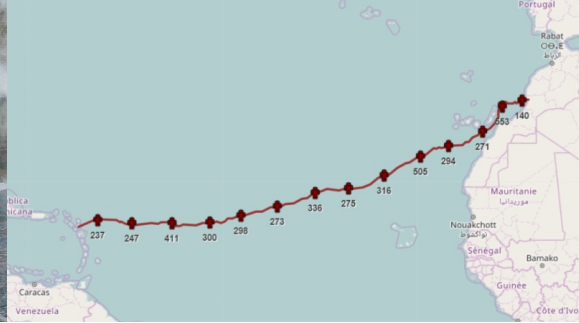
Bertish is no stranger to challenging feats on the water: he holds the 12-hour and 24-hour distance record for open ocean stand-up paddleboard; the 12-hour downwind distance record; and the biggest wave in recorded surfing competition. His arrival in Antigua marked the end of a three month, 4,000 nm, two million-paddlestroke journey, the culmination of years of planning and training.

He departed Agadir, Morocco on December 6 on a route that would take him around the Canary Islands and across the Atlantic to Florida. However, due to an unfavorable weather forecast, he changed his destination to Antigua's Leeward Islands. He described the emotional moment of his arrival in a final logbook post: "As I approach the the outer limit of the bay at English Harbour and turn the corner . . . still surging with inspired energy and adrenalin surges, the pain in my shoulder, hands and body, disappear and is replaced by pure sense of renewed energy, upliftment and joy," he wrote.

"The last few days were super intense," he told the Times. "It's just so nice to be on dry land and not to have to worry about all the billions of things that could [go] wrong."

Bertish's "board" for the crossing was a custom 20-foot boat designed by Phil Morrison, a noted naval architect and sailboat racer. It has a watertight compartment forward for shelter and navigational equipment, and it was designed to be self-righting in the event of a capsize. He told the Times that it suffered multiple leaks and equipment failures, but he was able to keep it moving forward despite storms, high winds, exhaustion and injury (a torn rotator cuff).

<http://maritime-executive.com/article/bertish-completes-cross-atlantic-paddleboard-voyage>



Legislators Call for US-flag LNG Carriers

The House of Representatives will introduce a Bill requiring 30% of exported liquefied natural gas to be carried on U.S.-flagged vessels. However, there currently are no such flagged LNG carriers.. <http://www.maritimeglobalnews.com/news/legislators-usflag-carriers-ck69a9>

Upcoming Events

April 1-2, 2017

ANNUAL PLYWOOD
REGATTA

April 6, 2017

APRIL LUNCHEON @
BISTRO MEZZALUNA

April 15, 2017

ANNUAL PICNIC
@ SNYDER PARK

April 28, 2017

MICF 8TH ANNUAL
SPIN-A-THON

May 17, 2017

TAMPA ANNUAL
MARITIME
INDUSTRY/MARINE
INSURANCE SEMINAR

May 20, 2017

ANNUAL HOSPICE
REGATTA

June 3, 2017

DINNER CRUISE

July 14-16, 2017

GETAWAY WEEKEND
@ SINGER ISLAND IN
PALM BEACH

November 1, 2017

FT. LAUDERDALE
MARINERS SEMINAR

December 16, 2017

HOLIDAY PARTY HILTON
A1A

2017 Officers & Chair

Skipper: Michelle Otero Valdes

First Mate: Arlene Weicher

Yeoman: Hector Ramirez

Purser: Jonathan Dunleavy

Program Chair: Craig Liszt

Bosun: Raul Chacon

Actives Chair: Terry Jones

Historian: Tom Nolan

Seminar Chair: Charles Davant

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

Michelle Otero Valdes

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Please click here to learn more: www.ftlmc.org

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