



# May 2017 Newsletter



## **Public Service Announcement!!!**

### **Be on the Lookout for Lost FTLMC Members**

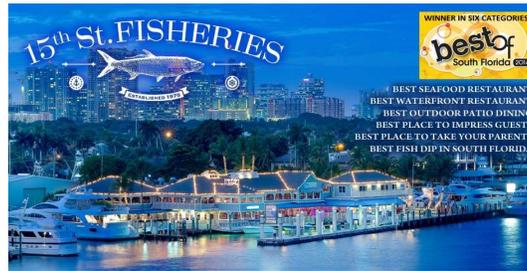
**We ask for your assistance in locating lost Club Members. There are many colleagues and friends who remain active (paid) Club Members but have not been seen in quite a while. The proverbial 24 hours have passed and we are now legitimately concerned. We ask that all Club Members maintain an active lookout.**

**Should you spot one of our lost Club Members, do not wait for the authorities. Immediately engage the Club Member. Inform them that they are missed and their active participation is a benefit to them and the Club at large. Ask them, no, implore them to join us at the next Monthly Luncheon or Club Sponsored event. Should you meet resistance, in the words of President George W. Bush, all options are on the table.**

**Brought to you by the Concerned citizens and Members of the Club**

## **Make FTLMC Great Again**

# May Monthly Luncheon



1900 SE 15th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

May 4, 2017

11:30 a.m. - SEMINOLE ROOM

## Entrées

### **Skirt Steak & Frites**

Black Angus Skirt Steak, House Made Fries, Sauteed Spinach, Demi Glace

### **Coconut Crusted Shrimp**

House Made Fries, Sweet Chili Sauce, Coleslaw

### **Grilled Mahi Sandwich**

Brioche Bun, House Made French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion

## Dessert

Double Chocolate Brownie

Key Lime Pie - Chantilly Cream, Pineapple Salsa, Seasonal Berry Coulis

***GUEST SPEAKER: Jonathan Ellis TOPIC: Bridge Tendering***

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

**Parking available**

**Cash Bar available**

**Please RSVP & register online with entrée choice by April 28, 2017**

**Please direct all inquiries regarding luncheon to Raul J. Chacon Jr. at [rchacon@chartwelllaw.com](mailto:rchacon@chartwelllaw.com)**

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

# 2017 FTLMC PICNIC AT SNYDER PARK



# 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](mailto:rchacon@chartwelllaw.com)

**Did you miss the April Monthly Luncheon?  
Many thanks to Father Ron Perkins for his work  
at Seafarer's House and his presentation to the  
Club!**



## Seen a Ghost Ship Lately? (Top 10)

### 10. The Caleuche

It is a legend of the Chilota mythology, where it is described as a ghost ship, which comes into being every night near the island of Chiloe. It says the ship carries the spirits of all the people who have drowned at sea. The Caleuche is strikingly beautiful, bright and gay as always surrounded by party music sounds and laughter.



However, it only stays for a few moments, and then suddenly disappears or submerges itself under the water. Three Chilota 'water spirits' - the Sirena Chilota, the Pincoya, and the Picoy - who resemble mermaids, summons the spirits of the drowned.

### 9. The SS Valencia

In 1906, the SS Valencia sank off the coast of Vancouver, British Columbia after encountering bad weather near Cape Mendocino and thereafter became a subject of mysterious ghost stories. Eventually 37 of merely 108 people were saved using [lifeboats](#), among which one simply disappeared.



Since then, many a fisherman has claimed to witness ghost ship sightings with human skeletons even after many decades post sinking.

## 8. The Ourang Medan

In 1947, two American ships, while passing through the Strait of Malacca, went off to a rescue mission after receiving a distress call from Ourang Medan. The caller claimed to be a crewmember and conveyed the message of death of everyone else on-board. His words weirdly ended with "I die". The rescuers found the ship unharmed but the entire crew, including the dog, dead with terrified faces and expressions.

Before further investigation, the abandoned ship caught fire and exploded. The probable reason could be over-exposure of nitroglycerin, which it was carrying illegally. The other mystery revolves around the story of paranormal activities and/or alien invasion.

## 7. The Carroll A. Deering

This ship ran aground in the notorious Diamond Shoals near Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1921, where it was stuck for several days before any rescue team could arrive. Later, the Coast Guard found that the equipment, logbook and two lifeboats were missing from the abandoned ship, otherwise undamaged.



Investigation showed few other ships had also disappeared under mysterious circumstances around the same time, which could be the pirates' barbarity, crews' mutiny or extraterrestrial activity around the infamous Bermuda triangle.

## 6. The Baychimo

Built in the early 1920s this is one of the real-life ghost ship which was, in 1931, became trapped in the pack-ice near Alaska, leaving no hopes for the owner Hudson Bay Company but to abandon it. However, amazingly it remained adrift for the next 38 years and was frequently sighted floating aimlessly in the waters off Alaska.



Weather condition had always made it impossible to salvage, but since 1969, it has disappeared completely. A few expedition programmes had since been launched to trace back this mysterious ghost ship.

## 5. The Octavius

The Octavius became more than just a legend back in 1775, when a whaling ship named the Herald found it aimlessly drifting off the coast of Greenland with all its crew frozen dead by the arctic cold. To add to the spooky environment, the ship's captain was found sitting at his desk, with a logbook in front him, and finishing a log entry from 1762.



Relating to this could mean that the Octavius had been floating for 13 years and completed its passage to the Atlantic while returning to England from the Orient via the Northwest Passage as a ghost ship.

#### 4. The Joyita

In 1955 this fishing and charter boat was found abandoned in the South Pacific, five weeks after it had been reported overdue. The air-search mission could not trace it, until a merchant ship found it drifting almost 600 miles off its original source with no sign of crew and cargo.



There was a doctor's bag and several bloody bandages on the deck and the radio was tuned to the universal [distress signal](#), but what happened actually there was never revealed as none of the crew was ever seen again.

#### 3. The Lady Lovibond

An interesting story of love, jealousy and rage complements the tale of this haunted ship. In 1748, the day before the Valentine's Day, it was set assail as a celebration of the ship's captain's wedding. Nevertheless, his friend, who was too in love with her, out of vengeance, steered the ship into the notorious Goodwind Sands, sinking it and killing all on-board.



Since then it could be seen every fifty years sailing around Kent. 1798, 1848, 1898 and 1948 has witnessed this ship's sightseeing and some boats had sent out rescuers, assuming it was in distress, but later could not be found. Albeit, there was not any confirmed spotting in 1998, this famous ghost ship continues to be a legend.

## 2. The Mary Celeste



Probably the most famous real-life ghost ships story embraces the *Mary Celeste*, found adrift in the Atlantic Ocean in 1872 in a completely unharmed condition with all its sails still up, the crew's personal belongings intact and a cargo hold of over 1500 alcohol barrels untouched. The only things missing were the lifeboat, the captain's logbook and most importantly, the entire crew. Since pirate's attack could not be held responsible for such a phenomenon, theories of crew mutiny, waterspout killing, and consumption of poisonous food leading to madness

came into being. However, the most reasonable explanation could there be a storm or some kind of technical issue, compelling the crew immediately abandon the ship in the lifeboat and die later at



the sea. Apart from these, the mystery of this haunted ship surrounds with ghosts and even sea monsters and alien abduction theories.

### 1. The Flying Dutchman

In maritime folklore, this ghost ship has left the maximum impact like no other by inspiring numerous paintings, films, books, opera, etc. Van der Decken, the captain, on its way towards East Indies, with sheer determination tried to steer his ship through the adverse weather condition of the Cape of Good Hope but failed miserably even after

vowing to drift until the doomsday. Legend says that since then they have been cursed to sail the oceans for eternity. To this day, hundreds of fisherman and sailors from deep-sea have claimed to have witnessed the Flying Dutchman continuing its never-ending voyage across the waters.

### Maritime Dictionary

#### Words of the Month

**Baggywrinkle:** This strange-sounding gem is simply a soft covering for ropes aboard yachts that prevent chafing of the sails. Where ropes and lines come into contact with sails there is serious potential for damage to the sail due to the abrasive nature of most rigging.

**Futtock:** Futtocks are the curved timbers used to form the interior ribs on the hulls of wooden ships.

**Larboard:** From Middle English *ladebord*, referring to the side of the ship on which cargo was loaded. Changed to *larboard* in the 16th century by association with starboard. Now referred to as "Port."

# Speaking of Lost Members....



**“Art and Harriett are looking pretty good but where in the world are they now?”**

**Hint: Historical 1800s Whaling location that is not Nantucket or New Bedford.**

## Upcoming Events

**May 4, 2017**

FTLMC May Luncheon @ 15 Street Fisheries

**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



# Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

## 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

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## 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.

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## 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

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Please click here to learn more: [www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org)

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