



FORT LAUDERDALE

**MARINERS CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER**

January 2013



**Monthly  
Meeting**



### **January Luncheon**

**January 3rd, 2013  
11:30 Registration**

#### **Location:**

**The Fort Lauderdale  
Yacht Club. Registration  
begins at 11:30 am and  
lunch is at noon.**

#### **Speaker:**

**WISTA member Ginger  
Garte of Lloyd's Register.**

**Cost for Members &  
Guest \$20**

### **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



## **Happy New Year!**

**Mariner's celebrate another holiday season and recognize the 2012  
Officers at another great holiday party!**

Club members and their guests rocked the night away at the W in Fort Lauderdale. It was a grand way to end another fantastic year. Thanks to Arlene Weicher for putting together a great party!





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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!



**SAVE THE DATE: February 13, 2013**

## Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Miami Boat Show Kickoff Party

**Hosted by:**

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

**Benefitting**



**More details to follow**



Club members Christopher and Leslie Karentz,  
Manuel F. Valdes, and Michelle Otero Valdes at  
the 2012 Event

Find out more about Shake-A-Leg at  
[www.shakealegmiami.org](http://www.shakealegmiami.org)





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## South Broward High Centennial Celebration

South Broward High  
School, a Marine Science  
Magnet School, will cele-  
brate its Centennial Anni-  
versary on January 19,  
2013. Find out more at:

[www.broward.k12.fl.us/  
sobrowardhigh/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sobrowardhigh/)

## Membership Renewal

Don't forget to re-  
new your member-  
ship for 2013. You  
can renew online at  
the club website.

[www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org)

Or ask the First  
Mate:  
Charlie Davant



# This Month in Maritime History: January 1945

On January 30th, 1945, the German ship *Wilhelm Gustloff* sank after being torpedoed by the Soviet submarine. An estimated 9,400 people were killed in the sinking, making this the largest known loss of life to occur during a single ship sinking in recorded maritime history. Despite this, the event is not as well known as other maritime disasters, perhaps because it took place near the end of World War II and because of inherent controversy that continues to today.

The MV *Wilhelm Gustloff* was a German KdF (Kraft durch Freude) flagship between 1937 and 1945. It was constructed by the Blohm & Voss shipyards. The ship was named after *Wilhelm Gustloff*, the assassinated German leader of the Swiss Nazi party. It was



requisitioned by the Kriegsmarine (German Navy) on 1 September 1939 and served as a hospital ship in 1939 and 1940. Beginning in November 1940, it was stripped of medical equipment and repainted from its hospital ship colors (white with a green stripe) to standard naval grey. The *Wilhelm Gustloff* was then assigned as a floating barracks for naval personnel in the port of Gdynia which was located in Nazi occupied Poland (renamed during German occupation to Gotenhafen), near Danzig (Gdańsk, Poland).

The *Wilhelm Gustloff*'s final voyage was during Operation Hannibal in January 1945, when it was sunk while participating in the evacuation of civilians, military personnel, and Nazi officials who were surrounded by the Red Army in East Prussia. The *Gustloff*, designed to carry a maximum of 1,865 people total, was transporting 10,582 refugees, soldiers, sailors, and crew - including scores of sick and injured, as well as women, children and the elderly. The *Gustloff* was hit by three torpedoes from the Soviet Submarine S-13 in the Baltic Sea under the command of Alexander Marinesko on the night of 30 January 1945 and sank in less than 45 minutes.



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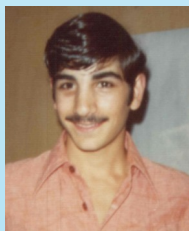
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### Who is this Mariners?



Please email childhood  
photos of yourself or other  
members to:  
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Last  
Months  
photo  
was...  
Christopher  
Karentz!



## Boat of the Month: Innespace's new orca-inspired Seabreacher



The Seabreacher Y series seats a pilot and a passenger in a watertight cockpit. From there, they can watch the above- and underwater scenery whip by through a half-inch-thick fighter jet-like acrylic canopy and (in the case of the pilot) floor-mounted view ports.

The watercraft can plane along the surface like a boat, but is also able to make brief dives down to a maximum depth of

five feet (1.5 meters), which can be followed by leaps into the air as high as 12 feet (3.6 meters). A snorkel and video camera mounted on the dorsal fin respectively provide air the engine while the craft is underwater, and allow the pilot to see what's going on above the surface. All three models can also perform 360-degree rolls while traveling along the surface.



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### 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:

**Above Board:** The term today means someone who is honest, forthright. It's origin comes from the days when pirates would masquerade as honest merchantmen, hiding most of their crew behind the bulwark (side of the ship on the upper deck). They

### Nautical Quotes and Maritime Wisdom

"Yes, as every one knows, meditation and water are wedded for ever."

- Herman Melville (Moby Dick)

