



FORT LAUDERDALE

**MARINERS CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER**

January 2012

## Monthly Meeting

**November Meeting**

**January 5, 2012**

**11:30 Registration**

**Location:**

**Gallery One**

**2670 East Sunrise Blvd**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33304**

**Speaker:**

Brent Winans:

“If it’s not covered, is it the agent’s fault? – understanding the liability of Florida insurance agents when there is an uncovered claim.”

**Menu Choices and RSVP  
Details Inside!**

**Congratulations 2012 Officers  
& Chairs:**

Skipper: Captain Karentz

First Mate: Matthew J. Valcourt

Yeoman Kristene Lundblad

Purser: Charles Davant

Bosun: Terry Jones

Program: Brian Emond

Activities: Arlene Weicher

Historian: Elaine Frawley

Seminar Chair: David Gambach

## Happy New Year!

Mariner’s celebrate the holiday season and recognize the 2011 Officers at another great holiday party!



**Congratulations 2011 Officers:**

Tina Cardone - Skipper

Chris Karentz - First Mate

Matt Valcourt - Purser

Charles Davant - Yeoman

Kristene Lundblad - Bos'n

Hector Ramirez - Program Chair

Brian Emond - Seminar Chair

Arlene Weicher - Historian



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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.

#### 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 Christopher Karentz  
ckarentz@sealimited.com

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



Please Join us for Lunch:



## Fort Lauderdale Mariner's Club Luncheon January 5, 2012

### Salad

Greek Salad

Romaine Lettuce with Feta Cheese, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Onions, and Olives  
with Preserved Lemon Vinaigrette

### Entrée

Choice of:

French Cut Lemon and Oregano Chicken

Or

Parmesan Herb Crusted Tilapia

With Grilled Asparagus and Whipped Garlic Potatoes

### Dessert

Cheesecake with Assorted Berries  
Freshly Brewed Superior Columbian Coffee and Herbal Teas

### Beverages

Freshly Brewed Pitchers of Iced Tea  
House Wine Red or White  
Freshly Brewed Coffee

### Valet Parking

No Charge. Please Tip



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# Mariner's 2011 Holiday Party!





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No Word of the Month, a poem instead:

**Christmas at Sea**  
Robert Louis Stevenson

The sheets were frozen hard, and they cut the naked hand;  
 The decks were like a slide, where a seaman scarce could stand;  
 The wind was a nor'-wester, blowing squally off the sea;  
 And cliffs and spouting breakers were the only things a-lee.

They heard the surf a-roaring before the break of day;  
 But 'twas only with the peep of light we saw how ill we lay.  
 We tumbled every hand on deck instanter, with a shout,  
 And we gave her the maintops'l, and stood by to go about.

All day we tacked and tacked between the South Head and the  
 North;  
 All day we hauled the frozen sheets, and got no further forth;  
 All day as cold as charity, in bitter pain and dread,  
 For very life and nature we tacked from head to head.

We gave the South a wider berth, for there the tide-race roared;  
 But every tack we made we brought the North Head close aboard.  
 So's we saw the cliff and houses and the breakers running high,  
 And the coastguard in his garden, with his glass against his eye.

The frost was on the village roofs as white as ocean foam;  
 The good red fires were burning bright in every longshore home;  
 The windows sparkled clear, and the chimneys volleyed out;  
 And I vow we sniffed the victuals as the vessel went about.

The bells upon the church were rung with a mighty jovial cheer;  
 For it's just that I should tell you how (of all days in the year)  
 This day of our adversity was blessed Christmas morn,  
 And the house above the coastguard's was the house where I was  
 born.

O well I saw the pleasant room, the pleasant faces there,  
 My mother's silver spectacles, my father's silver hair;  
 And well I saw the firelight, like a flight of homely elves,  
 Go dancing round the china plates that stand upon the shelves.





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(continued)

And well I knew the talk they had, the talk that was of me,  
 Of the shadow on the household and the son that went to sea;  
 And O the wicked fool I seemed, in every kind of way,  
 To be here and hauling frozen ropes on blessèd Christmas Day.

They lit the high sea-light, and the dark began to fall.  
 "All hands to loose topgallant sails," I heard the captain call.  
 "By the Lord, she'll never stand it," our first mate, Jackson, cried.  
 . . . "It's the one way or the other, Mr. Jackson," he replied.

She staggered to her bearings, but the sails were new and good,  
 And the ship smelt up to windward just as though she understood;  
 As the winter's day was ending, in the entry of the night,  
 We cleared the weary headland, and passed below the light.

And they heaved a mighty breath,  
 every soul on board but me,  
 As they saw her nose again pointing handsome out to sea;  
 But all that I could think of, in the darkness and the cold,  
 Was just that I was leaving home and my folks were growing old.





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17 December 2011

Commander Alan Starr  
 Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets  
 Spruance Division

Commander Starr,

It is my pleasure to present the Spruance Division, Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets with a donation from the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club in the amount of \$1,000.

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club would like these funds to be used for Cadet Training Program Scholarships and we are pleased to announce that this donation has been designated by the Mariners Club to become an annual contribution to the Spruance Division Cadets.

Our membership is comprised of many different and varied members of the marine community, and we pride ourselves in the diverse vocations and backgrounds of our membership. It is hoped that our donation will help to motivate Cadets to become a part of the maritime industries with the training and experiences they enjoy as members of the Spruance Division, Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets.

Best regards,

Captain Christopher Karentz  
 Skipper  
 Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

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