



FORT LAUDERDALE

MARINERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2009

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, March 5

Registration 11:30 am

Lunch 12:00 pm

Location

Bimini Boatyard

1555 SE 17th Street

Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316

Speaker

Commander Scott Buttrick
USCG Pilot

**Topic: The Perfect Storm
Rescue and other Stories
as a USCG Sailor**

Choice of Entrée:

Mahi Mahi Blackened with
Key Lime Butter Sauce

Breast of Chicken Mushroom
Lemon Herb Butter

Rib Eye Steak Béarnaise
Sauce

Served with...

Salad: Mixed Field Greens

Dessert: **CHEESECAKE** with

**RSVP online at www.ftlmc.org
by March 3, 2009 or email
Charles Davant at**

**cdavant@houckanderson.com
with your entrée selection**

Officers 2009:

Skipper: Laura Sherrod

First Mate: Dick Bason

Purser: Tina Cardone

Yeoman: Gordon Connell

Bosun: Charles Davant

Program Director: Matt Valcourt

Activities Chair: Kristene
Lundblad

Historian: Bill Johnson

Seminar Chair: Chris Karentz

Longshore Insurance Reform Part of Stimulus Package

The U.S. House and Senate recently approved a provision as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that modifies the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and provides long-awaited relief for the recreational marine repair and service industries.

The bill signed by President Obama on February 17th removes longshore insurance requirements and is estimated will save small businesses an average of \$100,000 annually. "This is a significant accomplishment for the recreational marine industry," said Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) president JJ McConnell, in a statement. "It will result in valuable economic relief for our industry, and MIASF is proud to have been in the

forefront of the campaign to bring about this much needed change for our members."

MIASF says marine business operators should contact their insurance agents to determine how this legislative change affects your current policy. This exclusion does not apply if the company does not carry state workers' compensation insurance.

Ian Greenway of LIG Marine Managers, a former Mariners Club Seminar speaker and insurance expert briefed marine industry businesses on the changes at a MIASF meeting following the legislation being enacted.

Top Boat Names of 2008 Compiled from Leading Nautical Sites

FirstBoat.com, an online destination for new boaters, in January announced its list of the most popular boat names of the past year. The list, compiled by FirstBoat.com in collaboration with CustomBoatNames.com, BoatNameGear.com, and the Boat Name Blog, includes nautical puns, tributes to recent movies and TV shows, and an overall celebration of the boating lifestyle.

Following are the top ten most popular boat names for 2008:

1. Happy Ours
2. Carpe Diem
3. Aqua - Holic
4. State of Mind
5. Anchor Management
6. The Office
7. Feelin' Nauti
8. Yes Dear
9. Sundance
10. Serenity Now

Several of the boat names on the list, such as "Happy Ours", "State of Mind" and "Carpe Diem", reflect how much enjoyment people derive from the boating lifestyle. In fact, the popularity of these particular boat names may suggest that boat-



ing, for some, offers a temporary respite from the unremitting news about a distressed economy and record-high fuel prices which were experienced during the peak of last year's boating season.

In general, most of the names on this year's list of top boat names illustrate that boaters are imaginative and passionate individuals who like to have fun.



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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 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 Dick Bason, rbasom@sealimited.com

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

SAVE THE DATE

If your schedule for summer fun is already looking jam packed... Save space on the calendar for a **June 13th 20th Anniversary Dinner Cruise on the Tikki Beach!** More details to come... Stay tuned!



**Ft. Lauderdale
 Mariners Club
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Sunday, March 29, 2009!

Noon to 4pm

at

Snyder Park
 3299 SW 4th Ave.,
 Ft. Lauderdale - Pavillion #5
 (South of SR84 on SW 4th Ave.)



**Crawfish & Clam Chowder!!
 Music & more...**



Join us for a great Barbecue!
 The Mariners will be cooking!!

Lots of fun to be had for both kids and adults!

Activities include:

Bounce House

Rockwall climbing

Pirate Obstacle Course & Slide



Please RSVP to Kristene by March 20th klundblad@lankoil.com or 954-214-2265

Nautical Word of the Month

“Chop Chop” In Pidgin English to make haste or hurry up a job. In semaphore signaling, the end of a message indicated by both arms on one side moved rapidly up and down past each other. (A **pidgin** is a simplified language that develops as a means of communication between two or more groups that do not have a language in common, in situations such as trade)