



FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

May / 2008

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, May 1

Registration 11:30 am
Lunch 12:00 pm
Cost \$20.00

Location

Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Ft. Lauderdale FL 33316

Please RSVP with your
Choice of Entrée:

Chicken Cordon Blue with toasted herb and butter sauce, scalloped potato, vegetable

NY Strip Steak topped with sautéed spinach, garlic herb Boursin cheese

Potato and Chevre Crusted Grouper with rosemary cream sauce

Included with Entrée:

Mixed Salad and Key Limo Pio

Please join us for good conversation, an interesting speaker and a pleasant lunch. See you there!

RSVP requested no later than April 28 to
Matthew Valcourt at
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Officers 2008:

Skipper: Nancy Chambers

First Mate: Bill Johnson

Purser: Laura Sherrod

Yeoman: Tina Cardone

Bosun: Matthew Valcourt

Program Director: Mark Brown

Activities Chair: Kristene Lundblad

Seminar Chair: Dick Basom

Seminar Co-Chair: Chris Karentz

Historian: Shary Patton

May 1, 2008 Luncheon — Dr. Ellen Prager, Guest Speaker

The Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club welcomes Dr. Ellen Prager, Chief Scientist, Aquarius Reef Base, as our guest speaker at the May 1, 2008 luncheon. Dr. Prager is a well-respected marine scientist and author, widely recognized for her expertise and ability to bring science to the layman. She recently became the chief scientist for the Aquarius Reef Base program in Key Largo, FL, which includes the world's only undersea research station. Dr. Prager has appeared on numerous network news programs, was featured in the ABC News Special Planet Earth 2000 and Miami's NBC EcoWatch Coral Crisis, and has been in shows for the Discovery Channel. She focuses much of her time on bringing earth and ocean science to the public through writing, working with the media, creating innovative partnerships, and special events.



Before becoming the chief scientist at the Aquarius Reef Base, Dr. Prager worked as a consultant and freelance writer with clients including Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami, the President's U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Celebrity Cruise Lines, and StormCenter Communications, Inc. Dr. Prager is adjunct faculty and former Assistant Dean at the Rosenstiel School. She has participated in research expeditions to places such as the Galapagos Islands, Papua New Guinea, Caribbean, Bahamas, and the deep waters of the Florida Reef tract. She has a BA from Wesleyan University, Connecticut, a MS from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and in 1992, a PhD from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Prager was confirmed by the Secretary of the Navy as a member and is now Chairman of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel for the federal government and was hired by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy to help write their report to Congress and the President submitted in 2004. She continues to focus her efforts on developing innovative ways to share her passion for the oceans and the environment with others.

Announcements!

NEW MEMBERS- Please welcome our new members: Lenore Alpert, FAU Center for Urban & Environmental Solutions; Lorne Nero, Atlass Special Risks; and Kathleen Ante, SEA Ltd

MARINERS CLUB GET-AWAY WEEKEND-JULY 18-20, 2008- FLMC Weekend Get-away 2008 to Key West is quickly approaching! The dates are Friday, July 18th thru Sunday July 20th! We will be at the Southernmost Hotel again this year. Rooms are \$179+ taxes/night. Reservations need to be made by May 18th! The fun starts on Friday night with a welcome reception at the tiki bar. A fun excursion is planned for Saturday!. See flyer enclosed for more details!

Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Annual Picnic was held Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Snyder Park in Ft. Lauderdale. The bounce house and rock climbing wall kept everyone busy while our own Matt Valcourt entertained the group on guitar and vocals. Jett Lundblad wowed the crowd by singing The Star Spangled Banner, while others, including Nancy, Beverly and Joyce added backup vocals for Matt later in the day. A few adventurous adults tried to out run the children in the sack race to no avail; the children left them in the dust! Ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers satisfied everyone's palate. Beer, wine and soft drinks were plentiful. Brownies, cookies and watermelon completed the menu. Great fun was had by all!





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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 Bill Johnson, 954-492-3457 or email Bill at wjohnson@gmm-law.com.

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



Nautical News Around the Globe-

The World Superyachts Awards, San Maggiore Island, Venice, Italy, April 18, 2008-

Four hundred owners and leading members of the superyacht industry witnessed the presentation of the 2008 World Superyacht Awards during a glamorous gala evening in the magnificent Palladian buildings of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini in Venice, during which a total of 18 highly coveted 'Neptunes' - the 'Oscars' of the Superyacht World - were presented.

This event is distinguished by the fact that the winners are selected by a 13 person jury of which 10 members are yacht owners and, as such, are uniquely qualified to pass judgement on these craft. In a further important distinction, World Superyacht Awards' jurors actually visit the competing yachts, all of which were delivered between the 1st January and the 31st December 2007, and also receive a highly detailed brief on each competing yacht written by its owner, builder and designers. Subsequently, jurors attended a two-day meeting in Paris during which every yacht was considered in detail and awarded marks under six distinct headings that, when totalled, determined the winners.

For the 18 awards, yachts were divided by size and type into seven distinct classes, while awards were also given for the best exterior and interior design in the sailing yacht and motor yacht categories, and for the Best Refitted Yacht, Best Newcomer Company of the Year and an award for the best new yacht-related Technology introduced in 2007. In addition, this year saw the presentation of a special Superyacht Legacy Award to the late Jim Moran - an enthusiastic American yachtsman and philanthropist who, during his long and distinguished life, owned a succession of yachts named *Gallant Lady*.

For a full and detailed list of all of the winners please visit www.worldsuperyachtawards.com. Full coverage of the awards ceremony will feature in the July 2008 edition of *Boat International*, available on newsstands in mid June.

(courtesy Boat International)

FORT LAUDERDALE MARINERS CLUB SEMINAR UPDATE

The 2008 Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Seminar is titled: **Boats Without Borders**. This year we will take a look at some of the international aspects of the marine industry and issues related to marine insurance that span the globe.

Our sessions will focus on the following:

- The geographic influences and workings of the underwriters; non-traditional markets and spreading the risk.
- Fraud and questionable claims. What to do when fraud is suspected. Estimates of fraudulent activity and expected trends in the current economic downturn.
- Building yachts in the USA to meet international standards. Why and how US yards are doing more work on European build craft. Quality of work, facilities and monetary exchange rates.
- The successes and failures of ISM, also the broad range of nationalities found onboard world class yacht and ship crews. What are the legal and insurance concerns?
- Current and emerging international and local environmental regulations. Criminalization at commercial ship level, will it reach our yachts too? Can it be insured?
- And a very fun topic. The unauthorized "export" of your boat. Where did it go and how did it get there? Can we get it back?

Watch the club website www.ftlmc.org for more details to be posted soon.

Nautical Term of the Month:

Derrick- (Named for Thomas Derrick, hangman in the Queen Elizabeth's time who to devise an improvement on the gibbet in that the condemned were suspended from the hoisting end of a spar.) Essentially an arm or spar extended to support a tackle or other rig for hoisting. On shipboard, derricks are fitted to hoist and lower cargo through hatchways or to and from the deck, and are rigged with topping lifts attached to the mast in order to vary the lead of the hoisting gear from their heads or upper ends as required.

Thanks, Matt, for your contribution!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FLMC 2008 HOLIDAY PARTY-DECEMBER 19!