



## Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

### JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

#### MONTHLY MEETING

No Monthly meeting for July, but join us for a fun-filled weekend. July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> is our annual summer getaway at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa, Fort Myers.

Reservations required by  
June 17th

Located at 17260 Harbour  
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4000

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#### TO GET THE NEWS WHILE IT'S STILL NEW...

You no longer need to wait for the next newsletter to get information on upcoming events and items of interest to FLMC members. All individual news items will be posted on the club website, [www.ftlmc.org](http://www.ftlmc.org), as soon as they have been vetted by the Yeoman or another club officer.

#### SEND THE NEWS WHILE IT'S STILL NEW!

If you have information on an upcoming event or item of interest to the FLMC members, please send the details to your Yeoman, Arlene Weicher, at [arlene.weicher@alliancemrm.com](mailto:arlene.weicher@alliancemrm.com), or any other club officer. They are listed in this newsletter. We'll do our best to get the information posted on the club website as quickly as possible. The information will also be published in the monthly newsletter, if appropriate. Just let us know by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, so it can be included in the newsletter.

#### Industry Corners

Calling all aspiring writers for our Industry Corner! This section of the newsletter highlights a different aspect of our industry and membership each month. If you are interested in educating the members in what you do, please provide your own submission, such as:

- Legal Corner
- Repair/Refit Corner
- Insurance Corner
- Surveyor's Corner
- Sailor's Corner
- New Member's Corner (2014 members)

Please submit your article for consideration by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month of 500 words or less to Arlene Weicher at [Arlene.weicher@alliancemrm.com](mailto:Arlene.weicher@alliancemrm.com)



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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 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.

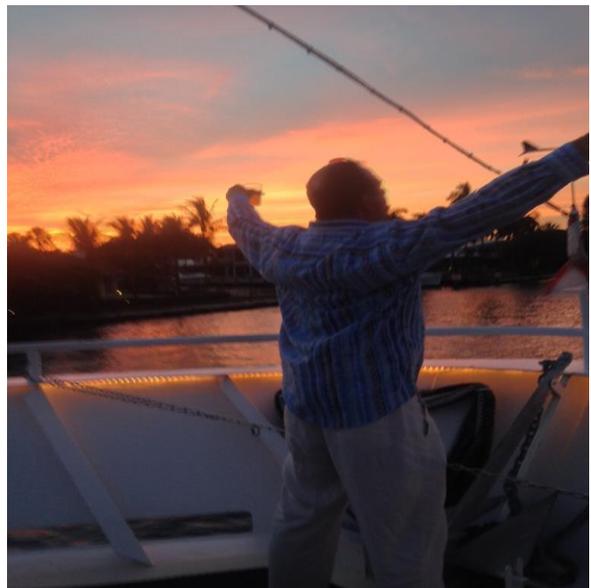
The easiest way to join is to attend a monthly meeting as a guest of a current member.

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 Brian Emond at [bemond@sealimited.com](mailto:bemond@sealimited.com).

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

## JUNE DINNER CRUISE





**The Ft. Lauderdale  
Mariners Club Proudly  
Supports:**

Boys & Girls Club of Broward  
County

Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets,  
Spruance Division

Marine Industries Association of  
South Florida

MIASF Waterway Cleanup

MIASF Plywood Regatta

ReThink + ReUse Center

South Broward High School Skills  
USA Program

Seafarer's House Fort Lauderdale

Shake-A-Leg Miami

Women's International Shipping &  
Trading Association

**Nautical Dates in June**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776**

Unites States declares independence

**July 17, 1858**

U.S. Sloop Niagara departs Queenstown, Ireland to assist in laying first Trans-Atlantic telegraph cable.

**July 25, 1956**

Italian luxury liner, "Andrea Doria" sank after colliding with the Swedish liner "Stockholm" on its way to New York. Nearby ships came to the rescue saving 1,634 people.

**2015 Officers & Chairs**

Skipper: Kristene Lundblad

First Mate: Bryan Emond

Purser: Michelle Otero Valdes

Yeoman: Arlene Weicher

Bosun: Hector Ramirez

Program Chair: Jonathan Dunleavy

Activities Chair: Sandy Hoekstra

Historian: Aimee Hoalt

Seminar Chair: Tom Worthington

**WELCOME TO 2015!!!!**

**July**

**17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Getaway Weekend**

## What's Newsworthy This Month

# MLC Compliance Guidelines

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The UK Club is providing a package of the International Shipping Federation's (ISF) guide publication "Guidelines on the Application of the ILO Maritime Labour Conventions (2nd edition)" and the Lloyds Register/UK Club "ILO MLC pocket checklist" free to all its members

Both publications focus on helping employers ensure compliance with the ILO Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), which enters into force in six months time on the 13th August.

An important feature of the ISF Guidelines booklet is the insight it provides of the MLC certification process. The booklet includes a completed example of the new Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) to demonstrate ongoing compliance as required by the ILO Convention. Guidance on the Port State Control procedure includes the list of standards that are inspected, a summary of the inspectors' powers and explanation of the grounds for more detailed inspections, or detention.

The Lloyds Register/UK Club checklist is enclosed in hard copy notebook format but it can also be downloaded as a smartphone app. The pocket checklist app serves as an interactive tool that enables ships' crews and their managers to view the requirements of the ILO MLC and check off required activities as they are completed. The app is free and available for iPhone, iPad, Android devices, Windows phone and BlackBerry.

The package addresses MLC requirements relating to seafarers' contractual arrangements, oversight of manning agencies, work and rest hours, health and safety, crew accommodation, catering standards and new requirements concerning on board complaints procedures. Compliance with all relevant standards can also be checked with a detailed checklist which can be printed via an accompanying CD.

UK Club members will be able to buy further copies of the guidelines with the benefit of a twenty per cent discount from the ISF headquarters ([www.ics-shipping.org](http://www.ics-shipping.org)).

## Also Newsworthy...



### **SSA Points to Differences Between Piracy and Armed Robbery**

It is important to distinguish between armed robbery and piracy when reporting incidents in South East Asia waters, says the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) which has commissioned a study to determine the scale of threat posed to seafarers in the area.

The findings reveal that in the first quarter of this year the vast majority of incidents in this region fall under the category of armed robbery (which is within the territorial waters and under the jurisdiction of the sovereign state) not piracy (which is on the high seas).

The distinction determines whether a merchant vessel can seek protection from the navy/coast guard of the littoral state or from the navy/coastguard of the vessel's flag of registry.

The findings revealed that only 14% of attacks on merchant vessels were classified as piracy. Of the remaining incidents, 85% were cases of armed robbery with almost half of these (46%) occurring while in port or at anchorage. The vast majority of incidents (68%) involved "petty theft" by unarmed perpetrators where crew members were unharmed and economic loss was low.

SSA stresses that, with an estimated 50,000 – 90,000 vessels transiting SOMS (Straits of Malacca and Singapore) each year and further numbers sailing around the South East Asia and South China seas, it can be calculated that the likelihood of a merchant vessel, which exercises high vigilance and conducts anti-boarding watch, being attacked is between 0.012 and 0.07%.

The situation in the South China Sea is vastly different to the situation in the Gulf of Aden where heavily armed pirates board vessels in open seas with the intention of taking the ship and its crew hostage for ransom payments.

The report undertook a detailed analysis of the quarterly reports of the International Maritime Bureau of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC IMB) and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) for the first quarter of 2015 (1 Jan to 31 March).



  
**Monica Burguera**  
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**THURSDAY, August 6, 2015**  
 CAPTAINS MEETING  
**SATURDAY, August 8, 2015**  
 TOURNAMENT DATE

For more information on registration,  
 sponsorship or volunteering, please  
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