



## Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club

### SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

#### MONTHLY MEETING

Join us for our monthly  
Luncheon Thursday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Location: Hyatt Regency  
Pier 66 (Panorama  
Ballroom) 230 S.E. 17<sup>th</sup> St,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Speaker: Commander Alan  
Star

Cost of Lunch: \$25.00

Complimentary Self-parking

#### MENU

##### Entrée choices:

**Pan Seared Chicked Breat with  
Pesto Cream Sauce  
Mahi Mahi with Key Lime Beurre  
Blanc  
Skirt Steak with Chorizo**

**Dessert choices: Chef's choice**

**Please RSVP with entrée choice  
by, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
hramirez@hamiltonmillerlaw.co  
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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)



## 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 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!

## PICS FROM THE GETAWAY















**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 September**

**September 4, 1804**

USS *Intrepid* fire ship, Lt. Richard Somers, blew up  
in failed attack on Tripoli with loss of all hands.

**September 7, 1864**

USS *Wachusett* captures CSS *Florida* at Bahia, Brazil

**September 28, 1850**

Congress outlaws flogging on US Navy ships

**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!!!!**

**September**

3<sup>rd</sup>-Luncheon

**October**

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Murder Mystery Experience**

Join us on October 2nd for Crime and Pun-ishment A 1920's Murder  
Mystery Experience from 6:30pm-10:30pm at the Downtowner Saloon

## **NEWSWORTHY THIS MONTH**

### **Researchers Prepare Oceanic Trash Clean-Up Plan**

*Researchers returned on Sunday from mapping and sampling a massive swirling cluster of trash floating in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, as the Dutch-borne crew works to refine a clean-up strategy it will roll out globally.*

The crew of the Ocean Cleanup, backed by volunteers in sailboats, ventured to areas of the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch", a swirling mass of human-linked debris spanning hundreds of miles of open sea where plastic outnumbers organisms by factors in the hundreds.

The debris, concentrated by circular, clockwise ocean currents within an oblong-shaped "convergence zone", lies near the Hawaiian Islands, about midway between Japan and the U.S. West Coast. The trash ranges from microscopic pieces of plastic to large chunks.

Working for about a month, the group collected samples as small as a grain of sand and as large as discarded fishing nets weighing more than 2,000 pounds. They mapped the area, using aerial balloons and trawling equipment to locate samples, said oceanographer Julia Reisser.

"We did three types of surveys in 80 locations, and now we are working on completing an up-to-date estimate of the size of the patch, making a chart of hot spots and publishing our findings by mid-2016," Reisser said.

"There were hundreds of times more plastics in these areas than there were organisms," she added.

The reconnaissance trip is the brainchild of Ocean Cleanup's 21-year-old founder, Boyan Slat, and backed financially by Salesforce.com's chief executive Marc Benioff, among other philanthropic and crowdsourcing initiatives which brought in some \$2.2 million, according to Ocean Cleanup.

The next phase, planned for 2016, is the deployment in Japanese coastal waters of a 2,000-meter scale model of the group's proposed debris collection system, which researchers believe could extend for 60 miles (96 km).

That system will contain floating stationary booms tethered to the ocean floor and linked in a V shape intended to skim and concentrate surface plastics floating on top of ocean currents.

Slat, a Dutch inventor who gained attention as a teenager when he developed the floating boom system which uses technology used for anchoring deep sea oil rigs, said the project would be situated in international waters, away from shipping lanes.

The cost of the reconnaissance expedition and the debris collection system was not disclosed. Critics say the system is too costly or unlikely to function as designed.

by Joseph Keefe and Marinelink.com



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11 - Marine Industry Goes to the Ballpark - Marlins Park - Tickets: \$45

August 19 - Member Mingle - Timpano Chophouse, Las Olas Blvd - Cost: \$10

August 25 - Member Luncheon - Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club - Cost: \$15 / \$25 (non-member)

October 7 - Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show Kick-off Party - Hilton, Ft. Lauderdale

November 5 - 9 -Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS)

March 5, 2016 - 39th Annual Waterway Cleanup ([waterwaycleanup.org](http://waterwaycleanup.org))

April 9 & 10, 2016 - 20th Annual Plywood Regatta ([plywoodregatta.org](http://plywoodregatta.org))

June 4, 2016 - MIA SF Annual Meeting

June 18, 2016 - 3rd Annual Marine Industry Day ([marineindustryday.org](http://marineindustryday.org))

Contact MIA SF for sponsorship opportunities

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