



Monthly Meeting



February Luncheon

**February 7th, 2013
11:30 Registration**

**Location:
Bistro Mezzaluna
1821 Southeast 10th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

Speaker:

Andrej Milic
Social Media Page Manager
on
**Social Media and the
Yachting Industry**

2013 Officers & Chairs

Skipper: Matthew Valcourt
First Mate: Charles Davant
Yeoman: Bryan Emond
Purser: Kristene Lundblad
Bosun: Elaine Frawley
Program: Michelle Otero Valdes
Activities: Arlene Weicher
Historian: Terry Jones
Seminar Chair:
Jonathan Dunleavy



Sunday Jazz Brunch

**February 3, 2013
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**



Come join us for a beautiful day in downtown Ft. Lauderdale at the Riverwalk just east of the Riverhouse Restaurant.

We will have Brunch Libations such as Bloody Mary's, Mimosas and Screw Drivers, bagels, lox, SAUSAGE AND PEPPERS, coffee, hot chocolate, croissants, muffins and more. Please bring a dish to share and don't forget YOUR chair!!!

Please RSVP by 1/25/2013 with number attending and dish : arlene.weicher@crystalco.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 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 Charlie Davant

charles.davant@sedgwicklaw.com

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



Join us for

The 3rd Annual Miami Boat Show Kickoff Party

*At the
2013 Miami Yacht & Brokerage Show*

February 13, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Cocktail Barge #1,

4700 Block of Collins Avenue, Miami Beach

Hosted by:



*The Ft Lauderdale Mariner's Club and
the Florida Yacht Broker's Association
And Benefitting*



Space is limited! \$30 per person in advance or \$40 at the door.
All proceeds benefiting Shake-A-Leg Miami

Entrance fee gets you 2 drink tickets and light dinner.

To register or find out more: www.fyba.org
fyba@fyba.org
954-522-9270

For Sponsorship Opportunities
Please Contact Laura Sherrod
954-653-2835 lsherrod@atlassinsurance.com

Find out more about Shake-A-Leg at
www.shakealegmiami.org



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Training Opportunity:

The Florida Gold Coast CPCU Chapter is holding Insurance Education Programs for CPCU and ARM.

For the CPCU Program Description go to:

http://www.aicpcu.org/comet/programs/cpcu/assets/CPCU_Program_Flyer.pdf

For the ARM Program Description go to:

<http://www.aicpcu.org/comet/programs/arm/assets/arm-flyer.pdf>

This Month in Maritime History:

February 6, 1822

Tek Sing: “Titanic of the East”

The *Tek Sing* (“True Star”) was a large, three masted Chinese junk. It was approximately 50 meters (164’) long and had a beam of approximately 10 meters (33’). The ship was on a voyage from the port of Amoy, (Now Xiamen, China) to Batavia, (now called Jakarta) Indonesia. The junk was carrying approximately 1600 passengers aged between 6 and 70 years old in addition to 200 crewmembers. The passengers included merchants, couriers, and students, but most were impoverished migrants emigrating to work in the sugar cane fields of Java. The ship also carried a large, valuable cargo of porcelain goods, including teapots, plates, dishes, cups, cosmetic jars, ginger pots, bird feeders, water carriers, soup spoons, oil lamps, tiny figurine ornaments, and glass beads.



On the evening of the February 5th 1822, the *Tek Sing* struck some rocks in the of **Gaspar Strait** (between the islands of Bangka and Belitung, eastern of Palembang, Sumatra). These rocks had been identified as the Belvidere Shoals.



On the morning of February 7th, an English East Indiaman, captained by James Pearl, passed through the Gaspar Strait. The crew saw that the rocks appeared to be moving towards them. Then it became evident that they were not rocks at all but numerous pieces of wreckage. Enormous numbers of people were struggling in the water, clinging the wreckage. Captain Pearl and his crew saved a total of 190 persons. Another 18 persons were saved by a small Chinese junk. Because of the massive loss of life, this catastrophe has come to be known as the “Titanic of the East”.



On May 12, 1999, British marine salvor Michael Hatcher discovered the wreck of the *Tek Sing*. His crew raised about 350,000 pieces of the ship's cargo in what is described as the largest sunken cache of Chinese porcelain ever recovered. Human remains were also found, but they were not disturbed. The *Tek Sing's* recovered cargo was auctioned in Stuttgart, Germany .

Sources:

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Kam, Nadine (2002-11-21). "Own a Piece of China". Honolulu Star-Bulletin.



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Who is this Mariners?



Please email childhood photos of yourself or other members to: bemond@sealimited.com

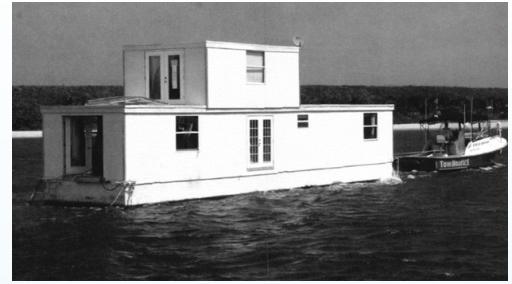


Last Months photo was... Terry Jones!



**The Boat of the Month:
... is not a Boat!**

As many Mariner's Club members are probably aware, on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the "floating home" owned by a Riviera Beach resident is not a vessel subject to maritime laws. While this ruling will certainly have ramifications far



beyond this case and will probably be a point of discussion for years to come, one of the more interesting facets of the case involves the use of a children's story as a reference for maritime law. (See the quote of the month below.) We can't help but wonder if (A) an Amicus brief was filed by Geppetto and (B) how other children's literature might figure in future decisions. The Little Mermaid story alone could turn fishing and maritime salvage laws upside down. No word yet on how this ruling might impact the rules for this April's Plywood Regatta .

The Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club Proudly Supports:

- Boys & Girls Club of Broward County
- Marine Industries Association of South Florida
- MIASF Waterway Cleanup
- MIASF Plywood Regatta
- South Broward High School Skills USA Program
- Seafarers House Fort Lauderdale
- Shake-A Leg Miami
- Women's International Shipping & Trading Association
- Fort Lauderdale Sea Cadets, Spruance Division

Word/Term of the Month:

Bitter End: The end of a line, especially an anchor rode, which is turned around a bitt. The end of any line which is opposite to the working end. The free or slack end of a line. Ashore: the ultimate culmination of events.

Nautical Quotes and Maritime Wisdom

"Not every floating structure is a 'vessel'. To state the obvious, a wooden washtub, a plastic dishpan, a swimming platform on pontoons, a large fishing net, a door taken off its hinges, or Pinocchio (when inside the whale) are not 'vessels' ..."

- Justice Steven Breyer 2013