



FORT LAUDERDALE

MARINERS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2010

### Monthly Meeting

Saturday, Jun 5, 2010, 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM Departing from Pier 66 Cost \$30 per member and \$30 for the first guest. Additional guests tickets available for \$100 per guest. Please RSVP right away to reserve your spot. Contact Kristene V Lundblad via Phone at 954-978-6600 or email Klundblad@LankOil.com



### 2010 Officers & Chairs:

Skipper: Dick Basom  
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Program Director: Charles Davant  
Activities: Terry Jones  
Historian: Hector Ramirez  
Seminar: Efrain Sora

## DRILL BABY DRILL? FLORIDA BRACES FOR THE OIL SPILL

As the world watches in helpless horror at the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, we in the Florida Marine community brace for yet another disaster to the economy, environment and insurance world. The effects are currently being felt in the loss of tourism and fisheries on the Gulf Coast. The insurance and reinsurance industry will also feel the impact as the claims and class actions will pile on from Houston to Hatteras.

The response effort appears to be massive in scale and organization, but with the world's strongest current, The Gulf Stream, distributing the oil, not many places will be spared. An oil field lawyer friend commented that the Deepwater Horizon incident will also be known as "The Maritime Attorney Employment Act of 2010."

The response has been massive but not enough to contain the volume of oil or real estate it will affect. We have not heard many Floridians continue to shout "Drill Baby Drill." It is apparent that the technology to drill and extract oil and gas is sound, but the ability to effectively engineer prompt repairs at great depths appears to be lagging. Like the tragedies before it, Titanic, Challenger Disaster, etc., there will be lessons learned and new engineering marvels developed, but they will be at such a tremendous cost.

But Water World hero Kevin Costner to rescue...Kevin Costner spent years and millions of dollars perfecting a device that cleans oil from seawater and British Petroleum gave the okay to test six of Costner's units. Costner's high-speed centrifuge machine, named "Ocean Therapy", is placed on a barge and sucks in large quantities of polluted water, separates out the oil and spits back 97% clean water.



## Seminar News

The Annual Ft. Lauderdale Mariner's Club Seminar has been Schedule for October 26-27 at the Pier 66 facilities. The topics and slate of speakers are near completion. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities available for the seminar and golf event.



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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 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 Dick Bason, [rbasom@sealimited.com](mailto:rbasom@sealimited.com)

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



### TAMPA BAY MARINER'S CLUB HOLDS ITS ANNUAL SEMINAR

Our Sister Club, the Tampa Bay Mariner's Club, held its Annual Seminar at the St. Pete Yacht Club along the St. Pete waterfront on May 20, 2010. The event was well attended and included a sizable Fort Lauderdale contingent



Joel Cooper, Peter Tyson, Ted Crosby, Jolie Tadrowski, Jim Gallaudet, Matt Valcourt, Art Campbell

Nautical Word of the Month:  
**Rombowline:** Old sea term for canvas or cordage that have been condemned as unfit for use except in chafing gear, a/k/a rumbowline





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## Historic Ship Series Continued

# S.S. UNITED STATES



SS United States is a luxury passenger liner built in 1952 for the United States Lines designed to capture the trans-Atlantic speed record. Built at a cost of \$78 million, the ship is the largest ocean liner constructed entirely in the United States, the fastest ocean liner to cross the Atlantic in either direction, and retains in her retirement the Blue Riband given to the passenger liner crossing the Atlantic Ocean in regular service with the record highest speed.

Her construction partially subsidized by the United States government, the ship was designed to allow conversion to a troop carrier should the need have arisen. The United States operated uninterrupted in transatlantic passenger service until 1969; since 1996 she has been docked at Pier 82 on the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

The construction of the ship's superstructure involved the largest use of aluminum in any construction project to that time, and presented a challenge to the builders in joining the aluminum structure to the steel decks below. The significant use of aluminum provided extreme weight savings. At 105 feet (32 m) beam, *United States* was built to Panamax capacity, ensuring the ship could clear the Panama Canal locks with just 2 feet (0.6 m) to spare on either side.

*United States* had the most powerful steam turbine in a merchant marine vessel. The ship was capable of steaming astern at over 20 kn (23 mph; 37 km/h), and could carry enough fuel and stores to steam non-stop for over 10,000 nautical miles



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