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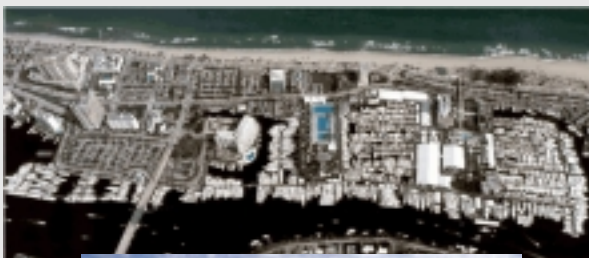
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ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION PROGRAM

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Curriculum: This program is designed to help boat owners learn how each of their electronic navigation instruments function and interrelate.

Date: Wednesday, November 20th

Time: 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Location: Grove Isle Marina, Grove Isle, Coconut Grove (Directions: Turn off S. Bayshore Dr. onto Fair Isle Dr. Continue over bridge onto island and tell security you are attending navigation program). Island is north of Coral Reef Yacht Club and south of Mercy Hospital.

Seminar fee: \$20.00 (Class size is limited. Please mail checks to The Marine Council, 269 Giralda Ave. Suite 302, Coral Gables, FL 33134). For more information, call the Marine Council at 305-856-0206.

Instructor: Bobby Krell of
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Refreshments will be provided.

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ELECTION NIGHT THOUGHTS

Michael Karcher



By the time this article goes to print, the election will be over and the pundits will have spun the various results as to who won and why, and just what the results will mean for the rest of us. Another dozen or so amendments are going to be hung onto the end of the Florida Constitution but, by and large, the status quo seems to remain in effect. Which leads to my late night Election Day question, "I wonder how many of these guys own boats?"

I don't know if Jeb Bush sails. (I do know that his father fishes, which is a start.) I know that Congresswoman Ileana Ros Lehtinen has a boat and that our newly elected Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart knows his way around the Miami River. But I don't know anything about the local politicians' boating backgrounds. While various candidates have platforms on education, and taxes, I'm not sure what their views are on local marine issues. We should know what their thoughts are and what positions they may or may not take to represent our business interests.

One only had to walk down the docks at the recent Fort Lauderdale Boat Show to see the sheer volume of "dollars" being generated by the various marine-related businesses in this area. While sitting out by the docks at Scotty's Landing overlooking Biscayne Bay, it shouldn't take a lot of imagination for a politician to see the amount of "money" that is generated out on the Bay. Like any business group, we also have interests that need to be represented by our politicians.

It is two years to the next major election. While the late night pundits were either cheering or lamenting the elections of the day, they were already being asked about their plans for 2004. It is probably not too early to begin to consider what steps we can take to get into the fight. We should gather as much information as possible as to the economic impact of the combined marine businesses and recreational boat users in the region so as to impress our local politicians.

Whether it's issues like the declining number of storage racks, restricted use of the Bay, limitations on the building of new marinas, or other regulations placing an unfair burden on our marine businesses, we need to get this information to our politicians and find out where they stand. It is probably not too early to start. Even now, while the confetti is just being swept off the floor from the various hotel ballrooms, we need start thinking about how to put forth a plan to bring our interests to the table. It's been said that the best time to plant an oak tree is 25 years ago; the second best time is today. (I learned that from James Carvell on CNN on Election Night. That was before he put the trash can over his head!)

The Miami River Marine Group and the Miami River Commission do a good job of this as does the MIASE. We have worked in conjunction with all of these groups on various functions. We need to do more of this with boaters and other marine businesses. I also see that some great folks in our community are trying to organize a waterfront oversight board to work with the County ... a great step in the right direction. It's time to start looking ahead to the next election and begin to teach our local representatives about the importance of the boating industry.

NEVER SAY NEVER

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident ... of any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort."

Edward J. Smith, 1907
Captain, RMS Titanic
(struck iceberg and went to the bottom
just five years later)

MORE ON THE MARITIME MUSEUM

We all know that Miami is the only U.S. coastal or major waterway city without a living history ship as a museum. With our rich maritime history and a large potential "audience" of residents and visitors, this seems to be a missed opportunity. Maybe, with a little luck and assistance from our public officials, this is about to change.



Enter Frans Boetes, a native of the Netherlands who, although he has lived in Miami for less than a year, sees the chance to make a difference in his new hometown. He comes with great credentials, having led the preservation of an American Ocean Minesweeper and helped turn it into a living history museum which now sits proudly in the waters off the coast of Den Haag, operating without government subsidy. Frans is the founder of the Netherlands Maritime Trust and is proud to say that the engines are running, flags are flying, radar is turning while all hands (a captain and 50 or so volunteers) are on deck in uniform on the Hr.MS. Mercur. She is a monument to the U.S. and the Marshall Plan.

Frans wants to do something similar in Miami with a U.S. Coast Guard ship and a U.S. Navy ship. The "museum" would be integrated with overall Bicentennial Park and Baywalk plans. The ships would be moored in the Bicentennial slips next to the American Airlines Arena, creating a patriotic image across the waterway from the park. The plans include educational patriotic programs and hands-on experiences for school children, technical education, and life skills programs along with events for military and veteran reunion groups.

He and his board are working closely with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council, City of Miami Commissioner Johnny Winton, Dade Heritage Trust and has the endorsement of the Great Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, various chambers and military organizations, Governor Bush, Senator Graham and many others.

Water + boats + history = a great idea. Let us wish Frans Boetes great success in this worthwhile plan.

MIAMI-DADE WATERFRONT OVERSIGHT BOARD "IN THE WORKS"

In order to better coordinate the creation of a multi-location maritime museum, bring back a system of water taxis and help preserve the vacant waterfront land, community activists are working to create a waterfront oversight board for the County. They will focus on maximizing access to the waterfront too, including promotion of a baywalk and riverwalk up the Miami River. Their goal is to make sure that the people of Miami-Dade County actually get whatever was promised in the bond issue, etc.

Amy Condon, a project manager with the Trust for Public Land, says, "We have two million residents in Miami-Dade County who pay taxes and deserve access to the waterfront".

The groups participating in this organizational attempt included the Miami River Commission, Urban Environmental League, Miami Maritime History Museum and more. The organizers are especially concerned about tentative plans by the Codina Group to develop a residential tower for the land behind the American Airline Arena that was previously used to host the Volvo Ocean Race Round the World.

They also will be keeping an eye on the upcoming improvements to Bicentennial Park. In addition to rebuilding the seawall, plans are being made to remove the walls and berms, etc., which block our citizens from the water. In fact, the Environmental Phase 2 Survey will be completed in 60 days. The City of Miami Commission has passed the funding and the environmental contractor has been approved.

"It would be really nice," says Bob Weinreb, a consultant to the City of Miami, "to drive along Biscayne Boulevard and actually be able to see the cruise ships and the Bay."

43RD FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW HAS RECORD YEAR

From reports of "very strong sales" to the record-breaking attendance of 130,000, it appears to be a good year for boating. The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show normally does an average of a half-billion dollars' worth of business, and the totals for this year's show are expected in a few months. Several manufacturers outdid last year in sales and others feel that the buyers are going to wait until after the first of the year but still expect sales.



The biggest sale reported was close to the \$22.0 million asking price for the 153-foot Genesis, built by North American Yachts and Shipbuilding. This beautiful megayacht was built with access for people with disabilities. It includes features that enable those who are mobility impaired to have easy passage throughout the yacht. It also has an internal elevator system, wider passageways, and an elevator at the transom to carry guests from the dock. The specs are 153' 3" in length (128' 4" at waterline), 29' 7" beam and draws 7' 2". Congrats to North American Yachts and Shipbuilding, a Ft. Lauderdale based firm, for such innovative design.

LET'S TALK TRASH

By Marella Crane

The Annual Florida Coastal Cleanup was held on Saturday September 21 at various sites in Miami-Dade County and elsewhere within the State. Particularly, one of the cleanup sites located on Key Biscayne, known as Bear Cut Preserve, had over 150 volunteers participate from local schools representing Coral Reef High, St. Hugh's School, Booker T. Washington, Homestead High and various community groups such as 4-H club, ORACLE, and Girl Scouts.

Along with 150 volunteers, Dr. Stephen Leatherman, also referred to as Dr. Beach, participated in the cleanup at Bear Cut Preserve. Dr. Beach is a Professor and Director for Laboratory for Coastal Research & International Hurricane Center at the Florida International University in Miami. He published the well-known book, "Americas Best Beaches." Copies of this book were distributed to volunteers at the cleanup.

Volunteers counted the number and identified the different types of trash collected along the beach. A total of 151 bags of trash were filled with wet, sandy litter, which removed an estimated 2,265 pounds of debris covering the shoreline! Most of the items collected consisted of plastic bags, food wrappers, and glass bottles. Some of the more peculiar items found were a car stereo and a huge heavy safe (no money inside).

Marine debris left on the shorelines and seen covering our seagrass beds is not only unsightly, but can lead to serious impacts on marine sea life and habitats and poses health and safety hazards to humans. It takes about 600 years for monofilament fishing line to disintegrate if left in the environment. A six-pack plastic beverage holder has a lifespan of about 400 years in the environment. These items cause problems when they entangle, strangle, or suffocate marine wildlife, which often leads to injury or death. About 1,000,000 sea animals die every year from encounters with plastic bags and other plastic garbage. Thus, it is important to minimize our trash by recycling and disposing of trash



properly and encourage others to do the same.

A special thanks to the following volunteers who assisted Sea Grant in organizing the cleanup event; Don Pybas, Dinah Berry, Maria Villanueva, and Michele Clary and Nicole Sandberg from the Ocean Conservancy. A big thanks also goes to our sponsors, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and the Yamaha Miami Billfish Tournament for their support.

NEWS FROM THE DOCKS

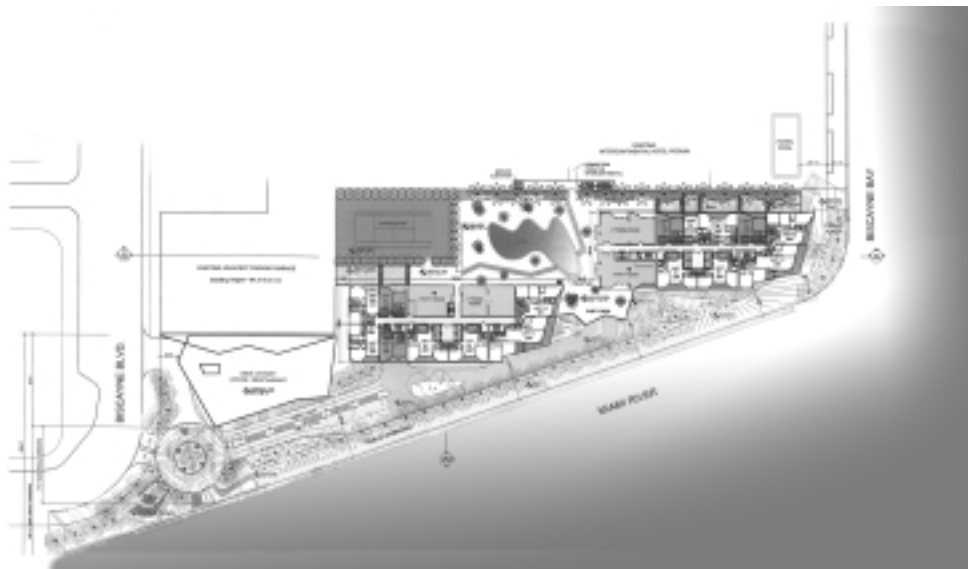
The City of Miami reports that it hopes to finalize and handover the old Merrill-Stevens property to the Grove Harbor Marina developers by the end of the month.

The City of Miami also is working with the Trust for Public Land in finding funding sources for the construction of the continuous Baywalk proposed for downtown Miami.

One Miami Developer Wants Riverwalk Funds

The newest downtown waterfront condo, One Miami, has plans for the Miami Riverwalk but there is a big price tag included.

Legally, they have to build a walkway around their property that will connect to the Baywalk coming from Bayfront Park and beyond, wrap around the northeastern entrance to the Miami River and hook into the Riverwalk that goes past the Brickell Bridge. Their extravagant plans include a multi-layered design for a "Miami River Gateway". Tentative plans include sculpture, a water wall, a beacon, art wall with changeable segments and upgrades to everything, which would create a spectacular gateway or entrance to the Miami River. Naturally, all of this does not come free. One Miami has asked City of Miami commissioners to contribute up to \$4.7 million for the project. (FYI- The estimate for the 2500 linear foot seawall in Bicentennial Park is only \$5 million.)



MARINE COUNCIL PARTNER NEWS

Miami River Commission reports the following:

1. The proposal by the City of Miami Police to build a new facility at Sewell Park for their Police Mounted Patrol is not finding much success. Not only do several neighbors oppose the 2.3-acre usage of the 10-acre park for horse stables, but the City of Miami Planning Advisory Board recommended that the City Commission deny changing the zoning from conservation to the necessary parks and recreation. The Miami River Commission also voted against the proposal. This will be on the City of Miami's Nov. 19 agenda.
2. The Miami River Dredging Project - The draft RFP goes out later this month with a final RFP in January. The award will be made in April, and dredging by the Army Corps of Engineers will begin in July or August. The best news is that \$21 million funding is already appropriated from the Feds, \$6.1 million from the State and \$10 million from the County.
3. The Urban Infill Plan goes to the City of Miami Commission on Nov. 19.

4. The Miami River Greenways is moving ahead with funding from the Knight Foundation and the Trust for Public Land. The Trust for Public Land's consultant team has completed the greenways schematic design on both shores between I-95 and SW 12th Ave. The next step is construction drawings followed by development with secured funding. The Riverwalk at the Lumus Park Landing is already out for bids. The Spring Garden section (north side from 7th Avenue to 12th Avenue) has shared funding by the City of Miami Public Works and the Knight Foundation. It will include a 10-foot sidewalk, underground utilities with period street lighting. This Spring Garden segment of the project is 95% complete for the engineering phase.
5. The Miami Circle will have a greenway too and already has a \$100,000 grant. They need \$25,000 matching funds from the City of Miami. The Miami River Commission approved recommending the City matching funds. This is also on the City of Miami's agenda for Nov. 19.

CELEBRATE OUR NAUTICAL BLESSINGS!



Beautiful Biscayne Bay is our jewel and the funky Miami River is our secret treasure, but we all know that boating in Miami is paradise. Whether you love to overnight at Elliott Key or hang out in Key Biscayne's Hurricane Harbor, you never run out of places to boat to. It is a quick run to Bimini and there are always kingfish south of Fowey Light. The sailing is superb too with a fresh breeze and the famous Biscayne Bay chop to make it challenging. Shake-A-Leg's success benefits us all and makes us smile to know that whatever our age or skill level, we can keep on "messing about" on boats. We realize that there is no prettier sunset than the ones we see over the Miami skyline when we are sitting on our boats in Biscayne Bay and no better place to watch the moon over Miami or the fireworks around the bay than from our nautical perches on our boats. So, wherever you boat and whatever you sail or power on, now is the time to celebrate our blessings.

The Annual Marine Council Holiday Party

When? Tuesday, December 3, 2002

Where? Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove

Time? 6 to 8 p.m.

Details? Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. No fee

Requirements?

Must be current Marine Council Member

or Miami River Commission

Board Member and guests only

RSVP to

Marine Council at 305 856-0206

MARINE COUNCIL ANNUAL MARINA RATE SURVEY

Calling all boaters! We would like to find out the current boat storage rates at marinas across our County and Broward too. Please help us by giving the attached (or a copy) to your favorite marina or dry storage facility and asking them to fax it and a copy of their rate sheet to the Marine Council at (305) 443-5040. This can be the marina where you keep your boat (private or public) or other marinas with which you are familiar. The Marine Council will publish the results of this survey. Deadline is December 5.

Name of marine storage facility _____

Location _____

Phone number if you knowsa it _____

How current are these rate quotes? _____

Do you have to be a member or resident to keep a boat there? _____

Could you please supply us with your rates along with this completed form? _____

Do these rates include electricity or is it metered separately?

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SHIPS CALENDAR

- Nov. 16 - Miami River Corridor's Adopt-A-Tree Event from 9:00am – Noon at the Curtis Park Community Center, 1901 NW 24th Ave. (Homeowners within Miami-Dade County are eligible to receive two free trees per household.)
- Nov. 20 - Marine Council Electronics Seminar – 7pm-9pm at Grove Isle Marina, \$20 and reservations are a must. Sponsors are Langer-Krell Marine Electronics and Grove Isle Marina**
- Dec. 2 - Miami River Commission at noon (United Way Ansin Building, 3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue). Interested members of the public are invited to attend.
- Dec 3- **Marine Council Annual Holiday Party** at Coral Reef Yacht Club from 6 to 8pm (Members, Miami River Commission members and guests only) Cash bar and complimentary and hors d'oeuvres. No fee.
- Dec. 5 Florida Bar Maritime Ethics Seminar, 2:00pm – 5:00pm followed by reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science – Sponsor – **Underwood, Karcher & Karcher and Marine Council**
- Dec. 10 City of Miami Waterfront Advisory Board, 6:30pm at the Miami City Hall in Dinner Key
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COAST GUARD STEPS UP PATROLS TO DETER AND INTERDICT ILLEGAL MIGRANTS

(Straight from the USCG news release)

In response to a possible increased flow of migrant activity from Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba toward South Florida, the Coast Guard is increasing its patrols and surveillance of the Windward Pass, Old Bahama Channel and the Straits of Florida.

Coast Guard cutters, boats and aircraft are increasing their already significant presence in these areas for the direct purpose of interdicting migrants attempting to enter the U.S. illegally. These patrols save lives by removing migrants from unsafe vessels and deterring dangerous activity. They simultaneously cover the overlapping transit routes for smuggling of drugs and other contraband.

All migrants interdicted at sea remain in Coast Guard custody, receiving food, water and medical care if necessary, and will normally be repatriated back to their country of origin according to existing policies.

In the event of migrant smuggling interdictions, the Coast Guard will continue to work closely with other U.S. agencies including the U.S. Attorney's office to investigate and identify those involved in smuggling and hold them accountable for their dangerous and criminal actions. Conspiring to bring migrants into the country illegally is a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I) and carries a maximum penalty of ten years of imprisonment.

The U.S. actively discourages illegal migration as a matter of national security and for reasons of maritime safety. Migrant voyages are inherently dangerous and regularly result in injuries and deaths during voyage attempts on both homemade vessels and boats used by migrant smugglers.

Since Jan. 2000, at least 157 migrants are believed to have lost their lives in the Seventh District's area of responsibility. Last May, 13 Haitian migrants lost their lives when their 35-foot sailboat capsized throwing an estimated 86 migrants into the dark waters off Great Inagua, Bahamas. The Coast Guard was able to rescue 73 Haitian migrants. The actual number of deaths is believed to be much higher, but is unknown due to the large number of unreported voyages that never make it to their destination. Coast Guard cutters and aircraft not only patrol our ports and waterways in the U.S., but also the entire Caribbean Basin and the common transit routes used by those who try to violate U.S. laws. This includes an area of 1.8 million square miles. The concern for South Florida is the approximately 250 miles of coastline that serve as the targeted destination for migrants.

"While we do the best we can to patrol the approaches to the U.S. we also need help from the commercial and recreational mariners who sail these same routes," said Capt. James Stark, chief of operations for the Seventh Coast Guard District. "It is a vast ocean that we are responsible for, and we ask anyone who sees any suspicious vessels or activity to report them to us." Mariners should use their VHF marine radios or cell phones to notify the Coast Guard and/or the local authorities. A toll free telephone number is available to report suspicious vessels or activities, 1-800-424-8802.





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Signature _____

Membership levels are **Boater/Advocate \$100, Individual Business Owner \$150, Small Business Owner \$250, Corporate \$500**. For more information, please call (305) 856-0206 and ask for Nancy Morgan. With a variety of Marine Council Membership levels available to you, there is one that best suits your individual circumstances. Please complete this application and forward it to us today at 269 Giralda Avenue, Suite 302, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. We look forward to your participation in numerous opportunities for networking, educational programs, seminars and receiving up-to-date information about the marine industry, boating in general, as well as political and governmental issues. We welcome your membership, will appreciate your support and look forward to your active involvement.