



MIACC

At the Helm



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January Boat Parade Awards Ceremony

The next Members Meeting will be the Christmas Boat Parade Awards Ceremony in January. Dates are not confirmed but it will be the first or second week of January.

During this meeting we will invite our members and all parade winners to join us. Winners of the parade will be presented with their awards and prizes, and we will honor the Ricky King Foundation with a large check from the parade donations.

The new Board of Directors will be announced at this meeting as well.

It's not too late to be a part of the MIACC Christmas Boat Parade. Contact Tiffany for more information and download the entry form at www.MIACC.org

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Welcome Aboard New Members:

Garland & Garland
 Deborah Shenstone & Alex Garland
 3490 Enterprise Avenue
 Naples, FL 34104
 Email: alex@garlandmarine.com

From Your Board of Directors



2014 Naples Boat Show January 30th-February 2nd

- ◆ Applications were sent out in November. Vendor Packets can be downloaded from our website www.MIACC.org
- ◆ **Location:** The 2014 Naples Boat Show will be held at the newly renovated Florida Sports Park (8250 Collier Blvd.) In place of a tent, indoor exhibitors will have the luxury of finished floors

and air conditioning in the newly revamped 7,000sqft exhibit hall! The 4-acre white rock graded-pressed field will be complete with water access, 3 access gates, and private vendor parking. The Rattlesnake Hammock extension will be finished by the time of our show, opening up easy admittance and great opportunity for roadside advertisement at the grand entrance to the park!

◆ Space is selling fast so get your reservations in ASAP

- ◆ 2014 Board of Directors Ballots were sent out this month. Be sure to vote for your nominees by **December 20th**

- ◆ We are still seeking sponsors for the MIACC video project. Please let us know if you can help out in any financial capacity.
- ◆ The 2013 Christmas Boat Parade will be held December 14th from 6:15-8:30. The captains meeting will be held at Pinchers Crab Shack on December 11th at 6:30. To sign up for the event fill out the application at www.MIACC.org. The parade theme this year is "The 12 Days of Christmas". Naples Sailing & Yacht Club will host the judges and VIP guests again this year! All proceeds benefit the Ricky King Foundation.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook for updates and news. You can find our business page

"MIACC"

www.facebook.com/MarineIndustries

"Naples Boat Show"

www.facebook.com/MIACCBoatShow

VOTE for your 2014 MIACC Board of Directors

2014 MIACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

THERE ARE **5 DIRECTOR** POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

THERE IS **1 ALTERNATE** POSITION AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CHOOSE SIX CANDIDATES FROM THE LIST BELOW.

To VOTE, copy the names of the nominees with your response "Director" or "Alternate" (select only 1 Alternate) typed next to the nominee's name of your choice and paste it into the body of your email response. Email: Director@MIACC.org

Please vote **5 Directors and 1 Alternate**.

Polling will close **Friday, December 20th**

HUNTER DANE

JIM KALVIN

SHERRY KISH

DAN MERCIER SR

KIT SAWYER

PAUL SPICA

*** Directors/Officers: A voting majority of MIACC full members will elect all vacant Director positions. All Directors shall serve a term of three years or until his or her successor is properly chosen.*

*** Alternate: In the event a member of the Board of Directors is not able to fulfill his or her duties then the alternate director may assume the vacant position for the balance of the term of office.*

2014 NOMINEES

HUNTER DANE

Lykes Insurance

Hunter Dane specializes in helping businesses improve their Worker's Compensation and Longshore programs by comparing business insurance costs and coverage to those of its competitors and designing custom plans to reduce risk and ultimately the cost of insurance. Hunter's father, Kris Dane, was a member of the MIACC in the past on behalf of Calusa Island Marina. His family still owns a part of the business with other friends who are also actively involved in the marine industry. Hunter is involved with other marine organizations including the Gulf Restoration Network and Freedom Waters Foundation.

As a child he grew up running around Goodland with a fishing pole and a handful of "misplaced" shrimp from Calusa Island's tank. At 13 he was encouraged by his father to work at the shrimp shop on weekends. This quickly led to removing bird nests in dry storage, pressure washing floating docks and a handful of other "Hunter, here's 5

bucks..." jobs. In high school he worked at Port O' Call Marina with Rene & Karen and also at Pete's Bait Shop with Mr. Pete. Hunter graduated from Florida State University with degrees in Finance and Risk Management. He will soon earn the elite Certified Marine Insurance Professional designation.

JIM KALVIN

Jim Kalvin LLC

A Founding and Charter Member of the Collier County Marine Industries Association – now known as the Marine Industries Association of Collier County, Jim has also served on the Board of Directors since 2010.

Jim Kalvin's career has been marine/marina oriented since 1981 – with all of it here in southwest Florida. He has managed marinas for others (Maropa Marina – now Gulf Shores Marina, Turner Marine – Now Naples Boat Club), he has operated his own dealership (Shipwreck Marine – Glastron, Biddeson, Mercruiser, OMC, Tohatsu), and his own marina (All-Star Marina – Yanmar, Crusader, Westerbeke, Onan, 60 Ton lift – now Royal Yacht). Jim has also worked as a licensed marine contractor in Collier County for almost 15 years. He has been, and continues to be, to some extent, a grass-roots activist on behalf of Florida's boating public as the founder of Standing Watch, and has been instrumental in working with John Sprague of the MIAF in crafting legislation in favor of the marine industries, and stopping legislation that was hostile to the trade. Jim has worked with municipal, County, State, and Federal agencies on behalf of southwest Florida's water access concerns since the founding of our local organization.

SHERRY KISH

Sunshine Ace Hardware

Sherry Kish has been employed by Sunshine Ace Hardware for the past 31 years, currently the Assistant Manager of the downtown store. She has been involved with the Marine Industries for the past 5 plus years, from a vendor in the Naples Boat Show, and helping with the Christmas Boat Parade to the annual Kee-waydin clean up. Through Sunshine Ace, she is involved with several fishing tournaments and the sporting goods industry as well. She has recently been elected to the Board of Directors for the Junior Deputies of Collier County and is involved in organizing the Kids Love Fishing Event.

DAN MERCIER SR

Sea\Tow Naples

Capt. Dan Mercier Sr., is the owner of Sea

Tow Naples and a member of the MIACC since 2010. He and his family have been working and boating in the Naples/Marco Island area since 1992. He has lived and played on the water for as long as he can remember, so he feels that being a member of the MIACC Board of Directors would be his opportunity to be involved on another level of this great boating environment/industry. He and his wife recently received news that they are going to be grandparents for the first time so they look forward to starting the first generation of Mercier's with the involvement of the Marine Industries.

KIT SAWYER

Sawyer's Outboard Services

Kit Sawyer was born and raised in Naples. From fishing with his Father to working at two local marinas, OMC Test Centers and now owning a dealership, Sawyer's Outboard Service, he knows the marine industry like the back of his hand. He has been a member of the MIACC since 1995, has served on the Board of Directors since 2000, and has been boat show chairmen since 2012. He has helped lead this organization with his many positions on the Board such as President and Vice President. Kit is the proud father of three (Tiffany, Daniel, & Clinton), grandfather to 3 beautiful grandbabies and a devoted husband to his wife Susan. Kit will continue to put the Member's needs first in all of his executive decisions and welcomes another year on the Board.

PAUL SPICA

Rose Marina

Paul has been involved in the marine industry since age fourteen. He started working in boat yards in the Midwest. His career has taken him to the Mid-Atlantic and currently to Marco Island for his position in the sales department of Rose Marina. Over the last year he has had good success getting publicity to the rebounding Marine Industry both locally and nationally in an article published by Fox Business. He's excited to work on the various activities especially the boat show. As a recent transplant to the area he's looking to become more involved in the area that he calls home and has plenty of time and attention to give. Thank you for the opportunity, I look forward to working with everyone in the years to come.

From National Marine Manufacturers Association

Florida Boaters: Save Access in Biscayne

Dear Colleagues:



In November, the National Park Service (NPS) announced its supplemental General Management Plan (GMP) for Biscayne National Park, located off the coast of Miami, Florida. NMMA is pleased the supplemental GMP addresses many of the concerns from the recreational boating and fishing communities that were originally contained in the 2011 proposal.

The new preferred plan eliminates previous marine reserve proposals; instead it establishes a 14,585 acre "special recreation zone" along a portion of the park's reef tract in which fishing will be allowed year round with a special permit. The plan also includes a long-term research and monitoring program for future adaptive management of the zone. Recreational fishing and boating will still be permitted in nearly all of the remainder of the park under state and federal rules and regulations. Additionally, the park's new preferred plan significantly reduces the scope of non-combustion engine zones that would have served as de facto boating closures. NPS is now entertaining public comments prior to rendering a final decision on this proposal. It is critical that boaters and anglers speak out during this public comment process. NMMA encourages our members, concerned parties and other stakeholders to participate in the public comment period to express the industry's support of the NPS's proposal.

Next week, three public meetings will be held in South Florida to allow interested parties to weigh in on the proposal. The meetings are scheduled for:

Monday, December 9, 2013
Newman Alumni Center at the University of Miami
6200 San Amaro Drive
Coral Gables, FL
Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
City Hall
404 West Palm Drive
Florida City, FL
Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Holiday Inn
99701 Overseas Highway
Key Largo, FL
Time: 6-9 p.m.

For more information on the public meetings and comment process for Biscayne National Park, contact Michael Lewan at mlewan@nmma.org. Public comments will also be accepted online or through the mail until February 20, 2014. Further guidance will be provided after the New Year.

Member News

- ◆ The Marine Service Technology Program at Lorenzo Walker Institute has three young men that will be graduating at the end of the semester (January) These three have recently shadowed the top technicians at Molly's Marine, Marine Max, Gulfcoast Marine and Naples Boat Mart. If you would be interested in having future marine technicians shadow at your place of business, so that you could get to know them, Call Chris Fowler at 239-377-0928
- ◆ Continue to watch Naples Daily News' Special Section, SetAnchor (publishes the first Wednesday of every month) for the MIACC article of the month!

- ◆ The MIACC Board of Directors is also looking to appoint new directors to the Foundation Board. Valerie Pike of Hamilton Harbour Yacht Club has been nominated for a position on the board. The MIACC BOD will vote on Valerie's opportunity to sit on the board at their next meeting.

Valerie Pike is originally from the Cleveland area. She graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1984 and has been a resident of Naples, Florida the past 29 years. Valerie's background includes a 20+ year career in software sales and seven years with Collier Enterprises. As a Project Manager for Collier Enterprises, Valerie was involved in permitting and land planning for the real estate division. Four years ago Valerie was "deployed" to Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, (a Collier Enterprises owned property) as the Membership Director. Later, Valerie was moved to the Director of Marina Operations

position, and in 2012 she assumed the role of General Manager. When Valerie is not at work (which is not very often) she enjoys boating, traveling, and taking care of her dog, "Handsome Lance".



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MIPAC 4th Quarter Contributions

Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens

In 2002 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County formed a Political Action Committee named Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC). This action was taken so that we can support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, the MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from

each member. The MIPAC's missions and goals are to act upon problematic issues that must be addressed at the legislative level for the growth and protection of the marine industry. Monies collected from the MIPAC donations are used in supporting political decision makers that will tackle the very issues that affect all members of our industry. As a good steward of our member's donations, MIPAC adheres to uniform contribution criteria when determin-

ing how much and to which candidate assistance is allocated.

MIPAC will educate you about the political landscape and issues facing our organization and will strategize political impact. In addition, the committee is always open to suggestions, questions and comments.

Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101

Upcoming Events

Boat Parade Captains Meeting	December 11th	6:30pm
Christmas Boat Parade	December 14th	6:15pm-8:30pm
Merry Christmas	December 25th	
Happy New Year	January 1st	
2014 Naples Boat Show	January 30th - February 2nd	

Stolen Vessel: Isle of Capri

A 32-foot Yellowfin center console boat was stolen sometime between 10 p.m. Dec. 2nd and 6:30 a.m. Dec. 3rd from behind a residence on E. Hilo Street in Isle of Capri.

This program is designed to:

1. Increase the ability of participants to interact with and educate anglers about marine fisheries issues, and
2. Increase the local network of agency staff capable of identifying and reporting marine fisheries violations

Topics Addressed:

- State and federal regulation and management updates
- Tarpon gear changes
- History and management of Florida's mullet fishery
- *Vibrio vulnificus* and angler safety
- Law enforcement updates

To register for this **FREE** workshop:
<http://2014marinefishregulations.eventbrite.com>



FL Sea Grant Workshop

The Florida Sea Grant Agents from Lee and Collier Counties and FWC law enforcement are pleased to announce their 5th annual marine fisheries regulations and management workshop.

The workshop is intended for park rangers, informal educators, resource managers, and marina workers who commonly interact with and get questions from anglers.

The MIACC represents you, the marine business owner and your business interests to the government and to the public. At a time when government regulations are expanding, the MIACC is striving to work with government - locally, statewide and nationally to protect equally all marine business concerns. Our goal is to inform our members how their business will be affected and how solutions can be reached if new regulations are at odds with marine business interests. In addition, it is equally important to work with the public in preserving their right to safe and fun boating. The MIACC works with educators and safety organizations to educate the public to practice safe boating. The MIACC also encourages members to put in place hands-on environmental business practices that will prevent pollution and damage to our coastal waters thus protecting boaters' enjoyment of healthy waterways and ensuring a sustainable future for the environment and the marine industry.



4th Quarter Contributions!
PLEASE
Remember to make checks payable to MIPAC!

