

# MIACC At the Helm



**MIAF at the Capitol** 



# Legislative Days with the Marine Industries Association of Florida

Teams from marine industry associations all across the state will gather next week in Tallahassee to meet with our lobbyists and legislators.



The MIACC Foundation is excited to announce some exciting news for the Keewaydin Preserve legacy project

- Clearing is completed
- Dock construction will commence in May
- Thank you Garland & Garland!!
- WearDeck has graciously donated the decking for the new dock!!
- Donations are still coming in for the island project... THANK YOU!

Catch up on what is happening at the Capitol each week during session to see what might effect you and your business. If you would like our team to meet with a specific legislator while we are there or discuss a topic of interest to you, please let us know!

Legislative Reports: www.MIACC.or/legislative/



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#### Welcome Aboard New Members:

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# **Member News**





Congratulations to the Fish Tale Team celebrating 4 years in a row as the number I Robalo dealer in the world!



Are you running a boat business and looking for ways to reach your target audience more effectively? Have you considered video marketing? If not, you're missing out on a valuable opportunity to connect with your potential customers.

Video marketing has become an essential component of any successful marketing strategy in recent years. With the rise of social media and the increasing popularity of online video content, it's no surprise that boat businesses are also turning to this medium to promote their products and services. Click below to read five reasons why video marketing is a must for your boat business:

https://boatmarketingpros.com/video-marketing-for-boat-businesses/

Let me know if you have any questions!

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The concept of a boat lift marina, pile-mounted lifts that are installed in place of traditional in-water slips, is reshaping how boat owners and marina operators think about vessel storage. Golden Manufacturing looks at this rapidly growing trend and offers insights into the future of mari-

The many benefits of storing vessels out of water have long been known. But they've been limited to owners with small trailerable watercraft, those who own waterfront property or people who don't mind the wait times and limited hours of drystack storage. With a boat lift marina, owners have easy 24/7 access to their boats in a safe, controlled environ ment. Plus, their vessel is cleaner, faster and more fuel efficient than

those stored in the water.

Business Research Insights estimates that the global boat lift market will reach USD 192.2M by 2028 with an annual compound growth rate of 3.5% during the forecast period. Combined with 2020's 13-year high in new boat sales, marina owners are at a unique convergence of trends that could result in significant business growth if strategic expansion is initiat-

From a marina's perspective, fewer employees are needed in comparison to a drystacking operation. Rental rates typically skew higher than either in- or out-of-water storage. Combined with a high demand for this premium offering, boat lift marinas tend to be highly profitable with an aboveaverage customer retention rate. Some businesses that have adopted this model have realized a return on their investment in as soon as 18 to 24 months

Golden Boat Lifts are manufactured in the USA with only fully-welded 6061 marine-grade aluminum and stainless steel. Built to ISO 9001:2015 standards and CE-approved, they have capacities up to 240,000 lbs. The structures are built to withstand heavy use and wind-borne loading pressures brought on by storm conditions. But unlike boats stored in the water, they don't have to contend with wave and storm surge buffeting and resultant damage, nor the potential for sinking due to power loss and heavy rain.

"Whether it's part of a limited makeover or a complete renovation, we're seeing a significant uptick in inquiries related to boat lift marinas," said Bill Golden, president and CEO. "As the trend continues into the future, large marina groups and small business owners will increasingly capitalize on the concept's success. It's truly a win-win scenario." Golden has recently completed boat lift marina projects in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miami Beach and Stuart, Florida.

For over 35 years, Golden Manufacturing has been a global market leader in aluminum boat lifts, and aluminum and floating concrete dock systems. It has a network of over 190 dealers worldwide.

Contact Golden Manufacturing, 17611 East St., North Fort Myers, FL 33917. 888-909-5438 or 239-337-4141. sales@goldenboatlifts.com;





# **Member News & Events**



Calling all fishing lovers! Freedom Waters Foundation is seeking mentors and boat owners to donate their time and use their vessels to share their love of being on the water and fishing with at-risk youth.

Freedom Waters Foundation's annual fishing tournaments for teens who may not otherwise have the experience have dates now.

Heels and Reels for the girls will be on June 10, 2023, and Buoys and Bait for boys will be on October 14, 2023.

This year, the events will be hosted at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. They are the event sponsor, generously donating the use of the facility for both events.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for both events.

Anglers, boat owners, and sponsors can contact Freedom Waters Foundation at 239-263-2377 or www.freedomwatersfoundation.org

These opportunities to give back to the community are fulfilling and fun.



# **SHIPTR®NICS**

March madness was indeed something spectacular for Shiptronics! As an authorized top-tier Seakeeper dealer in SWFL, we are happy to announce that the NEW SEAKEEPER RIDE release has been a HUGE success throughout all Shiptronics Divisions. As we grow with excellent clientele, we also grow our Ship-Crew and accepting applications for Naples, Fort Myers, Sarasota, and Tampa locations. Please send resumes to helpme@shiptronics.com.

We are looking forward to April Showers and what it rains down on Shiptronics.

Kalvin & Calvin Marine Construction is happy to announce that we have a new location - at 4001 Exchange Avenue. Our 6000 square foot warehouse and shop will allow us to serve you in a more timely manner as we consolidate our operation and improve our inventory and production capacity.

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Acryfin began operations in Charleston, SC in 2011 and is one of the only companies who manufactures it's products and offers full service installations and an excellent warranty. The companies principles were founded on providing a quality coating for the harsh environment that decks and docks suffer through. Acryfin locks down splinters, provides a non-slip surface, and is available in any color. The product is eco-friendly and water based so it will not harm our delicate ecosystem.

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Acryfin Coatings is locally distributed and installed in Southwest Florida and has a dealer network that has grown to many states.

More information can be found at www.acryfinsf.com

Contact: Drew Nugent email: drew@acryfin.com







# **Member News**



LiveBlue, previously Captain Bill Yacht Management, has recently added a new partner to the company, introducing Samantha McEnhill as head of operations. With our new company name, we decided to update our branding and vision to match what both partners bring to the company.

We chose LiveBlue as a symbol of what we, as a company, want our clients to experience. Our vision is that we help our customers create lasting memories that impact and change them forever. We do this by removing the anxiety of boat ownership, offering services that remove stresses, giving boat owners more time to connect with others, and through Private Charters that allow people to remove the daily strains of a hectic world to create special rememberings.

"Live" represents our core principles of knowledge, integrity, and professionalism. "Blue" represents our vision, as blue represents a soothing essence of health, healing, tranquility, understanding, and softness. "We are all adventuring together" symbolizes the teamwork and journey we take as a company to forge lasting relationships by understanding the stress and needs of our clients, vendors, and crew.

We want boating to be as stress-free and relaxing as possible so you can create memories that impact and change your life forever. LiveBlue can now help, support, and give each client the best boating experience, from when you want to buy a boat to when you sell and everything in between. Visit our website today for more information on what LiveBlue can do for you! http://www.liveblue.life



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# Mark Your Calendars: 2024 Naples Boat Show





# **MIPAC 2nd 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 mis-

sions 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 determining how much and

Our Mission: Marine Industries Association of Collier County (MIACC) is a not-for-profit membershipbased organization focused on the responsible growth of the marine industry for the benefit of its members, recreational boaters, the community, and the environment.

Our Goal: MIACC represents recreational boating and member interests at the Local, State, and Federal levels; Issues of interest include Water Access, Recreational Boating, Commercial Boating, Free Trade, Advocating for Property Rights, and Legislative or Regulatory initiatives that impact these interests.

Our Members: Members include Dealers & Manufacturers, Boating & Professional Services, Charters, Marine Contractors, Boat Lifts, Shipyards & Storage, and Equipment & Accessories.

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



2nd Quarter Contributions will be sent soon!

Please Make Checks Payable to MIPAC

## **Upcoming Events**

MIACC Member Meeting MIAF Legislative Days Christmas Boat Parade Naples Boat Show

April TBD April II-I2 December 9 lan 18-21, 2024

