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Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) is the foremost organization in Miami Dade County devoted to historic preservation. Formerly, DHT was the parent organization to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, providing important advocacy and support and an administrative umbrella. Since 2011, Friends of Miami Marine Stadium became an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more information on DHT, click [here](#)

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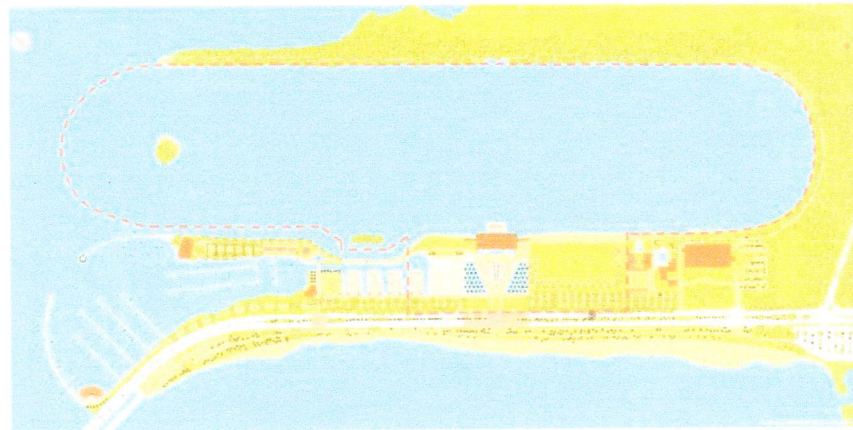


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To: Miami Marines

We're bringing in the New Year with positive news!

Marine Stadium Site Plan Approved!



**Marine Stadium Site Plan
(dotted line is boundary)**

We are pleased to report that on December 18th, the **Miami Marine Stadium Steering Committee** (appointed by the City Manager) **unanimously approved the site plan proposed by Friends of Miami Marine Stadium.**

This is an important step forward:
The site plan establishes the areas for the "Flex Space Park" to the East of the Stadium (necessary for Marine Stadium events) and to the West - the "Maritime Center" (necessary for supporting Stadium operations and supplying cultural amenities to the site.) The process to determine the appropriate amount of space required was rigorous; the Steering Committee met six times and requested a great deal of back up information.

The next step is Site Plan approval by the Miami City Commission

Email List # of people on Friends of Marine Stadium email list...2401

Our email list continues to grow steadily. It is the best way to stay informed and involved with our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium. Please encourage others to get involved and sign up!

We respect your time and only send emails on average once a month. We do not give or sell our email list to anyone.

Marine Stadium Presentations

A great way to "spread the word" about the Marine Stadium is through community presentations. We've got a nifty powerpoint that is always well received. We have upcoming presentations to the Philanthropic Educational Organization and The Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce.

If you know of a group or organization interested in a presentation on the Marine Stadium, please contact us!

of Marine Stadium
presentations made to
date.....65

HELP Friends of Miami Marine Stadium!

As you follow the trajectory of this incredibly challenging project and the many hundreds of volunteer

and Miami Sports and Exhibition Authority. **We plan to go before the Miami City Commission in late January or February-and we'll be requesting your support at that time.**

With full approval of our site plan, we then will turn our full attention to fundraising for the Stadium.

Marine Stadium Shines At Art Basel/Design Miami



**Delphine Dray, Owner of
The National Hotel and
photographer Jay Koenigsberg**

The Miami Marine Stadium received terrific exposure through Art Basel. The Stadium was featured on the FRONT PAGE of [The Art Newspaper](#) -the most important publication of the Art Basel Fair-on opening day. We conducted two successful tours of the Marine Stadium hosted by Art Basel/Design Miami-one for VIPs and a second for the Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York City.

The photography exhibit of Jay Koenigsberg's High Dynamic Range photos at The National Hotel was a huge success. Approximately 200 people attended the opening attracting and array of press coverage of the event: WLRN Radio aired a story, [interviewing](#) the photographer. The [Key Biscayne Islander](#) ran an informative cover story on the exhibit and Koenigsberg's technique. We also were written up in the blog for the [National Trust For Historic Preservation](#).

Art Basel is an extremely competitive time in Miami. The fact that

hours we have spent, please consider CONTRIBUTING to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. Every dollar counts and your support will have a huge impact. We are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization so all contributions are tax-deductible. You can either contribute by paypal -to do so, click [here](#) - or go to the Marine Stadium website. If you scroll down, you will see a "paypal donate" box on the left. You can also send a check to:

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the Marine Stadium was able to garner so much attention is testament to its dynamic and universal appeal.

A Death Defying Marine Stadium Memory



Johnny Reed (upside down; you can see his head)

For three and one half years, we have been compiling memories of the Marine Stadium for our book entitled, IF SEATS COULD TALK. Currently, we're up to 175 stories.

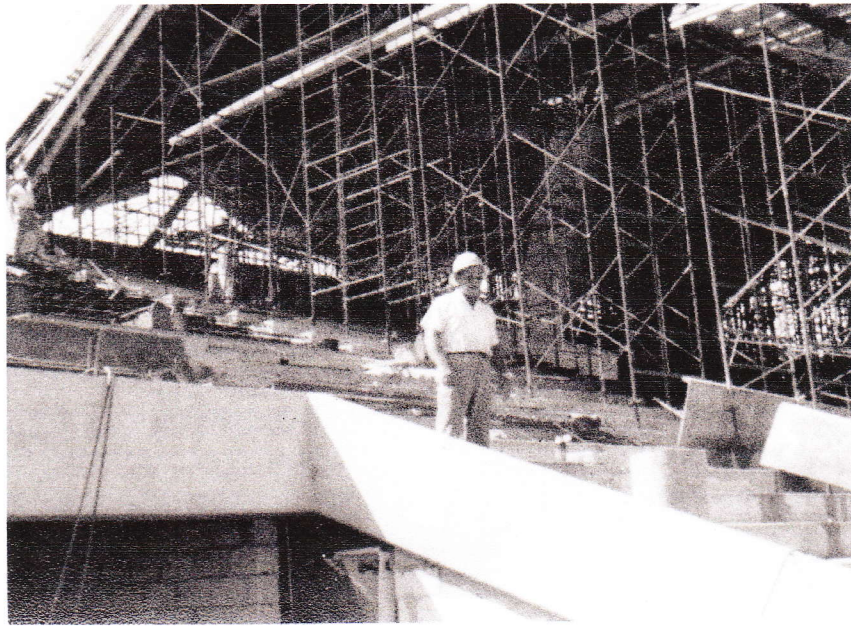
Johnny Reed's story was so spectacular that we decided to feature it in this month's newsletter. Boat racing at the Marine Stadium was a dangerous sport, and the boats would frequently crash. Johnny was a champion boat racer at the Marine Stadium for twelve years, winning three World Championships and three High Point Championships. He also had his share of close calls. To read Johnny's vivid story-including how he survived this crash-click [here](#)

We are interested in collecting your memories of the Marine Stadium for our book! If you've got a good story, just respond to this email and we will interview you.

Conclusion

We feel energized, starting the New Year with positive momentum, looking forward to the next series of accomplishments.

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From The Bramson Archives

The Marine Stadium opened in December, 1963. **Construction started right about this time, fifty years ago.**

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