



# FRIENDS OF Miami **Marine Stadium**

## Friends of Marine Stadium Newsletter

Marine Stadium Update

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No dramatic events over the last month, just steady, positive progress. Below is an update:

### Dade Heritage Days



Dade Heritage Trust, Miami Dade County's most important organization devoted to historic preservation, is our "parent" organization. During the months of March and April, DHT sponsors "Dade Heritage Days" which features many events about historic preservation. Click [here](#) to see these activities and events.

### Email List

Number of names on Friends of Marine Stadium email list.....1405

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**Raise Money For The Marine Stadium!**

### Virginia Key Planning Charrette on March 27

Several classes from the University of Miami (UM) are developing plans for Virginia Key and the Marine Stadium Basin with the full cooperation of the City of Miami Administration. The City hopes to incorporate the results of the student work in its final recommendations for the Master Plan for Virginia Key, scheduled to be presented to the City Commission in June or July.

You too can help shape the future of Virginia Key and the historic Miami Marine Stadium at a charrette co-sponsored by UM, The Urban Environment League, and Dade Heritage Trust. Students from UM's School of Architecture, taught by UM Professor and Friends of Marine Stadium Co-Founder Jorge Hernandez, and Hilario Candela, architect of the Stadium, will be presenting their work (in draft form) followed by public input on Saturday, March 27 at the Rusty Pelican, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Virginia Key from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. The event is free. Call 305-358-9572.

Don't miss this important opportunity to participate.

### Presentations, Letters of Support, and Press

Our work to generate awareness and "re-introduce" the Marine Stadium to our community never stops. Last month, presentations were made to the following groups:

Ponce Business Association  
Marine Industry Council





The Treasure Coast InBoard Hydroplane Regatta, a major boat race, will be held in Jensen Beach Florida the weekend of April 24-25. The sponsors of the race have generously offered to donate 100% of the proceeds of sales from the beer tent to Friends of Marine Stadium! If you would like to join us and volunteer for this event, please email Don at [Dontonton@gmail.com](mailto:Dontonton@gmail.com). We expect that hotel rooms will be provided. Click [here](#) for more information about this exciting event!

### Upcoming Marine Stadium Presentations



Don Worth will be presenting a power point presentation, "The Future of Miami Marine Stadium" on the following dates:

March 10 at Design Within Reach, 927 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach; Reception is from 6:00-8:00 PM; with presentation at 7:00 PM; This FREE event is part of Dade Heritage Days.

March 31, at the Van Dyke, 846 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach at 8:00 PM. Event is part of the Civic Circle, an informal forum that gathers to listen to speakers and to discuss issues of concern to the community. Click [here](#) for details. Event is FREE.

Rotary Club of Coconut Grove (our sixth Rotary Club presentation!)  
Latin Builders Association, Board of Directors  
Miami Dade Sports Commission  
Matheson Hammock Yacht Club  
Miami Rowing Club

Upcoming presentations:

Hialeah Chamber of Commerce  
Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce  
Civic Circle of Miami Beach - open to the public lecture at 8pm on March 31  
at the Van Dyke on Lincoln Road, Miami Beach; click

No matter where we go, the Marine Stadium is always enthusiastically embraced. At every presentation, we gather more support. If you know an organization that would appreciate a presentation, please let us know!

In addition, we continue to get more press. The interest seems to come from everywhere-national as well as local.

Check out the steady stream of new press items and letters of support we've added to our website: [www.marinestadium.org](http://www.marinestadium.org)

### Miami International Triathlon



The Miami International Triathlon will be held at the Marine Stadium Basin on Sunday, March 14. The "pre-event" featuring many booths and shopping areas, will be held Friday and Saturday. Click [here](#) to go the website and see details of this exciting event.

Triathlons are a very fast growing participatory sport and the Marine Stadium Basin has the potential to be a world class facility. We have been working closely with Excel Promotions, the producers of the Miami International Triathlon, and other triathlon groups to make sure that the Marine Stadium becomes THE perfect place for triathlons.

Friends of Marine Stadium will have a booth at the Triathlon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to "spread the word" on our initiative. We could use some volunteers to man the booth and spend a few enjoyable hours at this amazing site. Please email [dontonton@gmail.com](mailto:dontonton@gmail.com) if you're interested.

### Conclusion



Work continues on feasibility issues for the Marine Stadium. In past updates, we have focused on boat races and triathlons-both potential users for the Stadium and Basin.





Miami Marine Neil Harden, has written a wonderful memory of Marine Stadium that manages to combine both boat racing and triathlons, past and future. Click [here](#) to read it. The story will tell you what the "1st place award" pictured in this box

means and how the Marine Stadium inspired Neil to win it.

We encourage you to submit *your* great story about the Marine Stadium to Girl Scout Hannah Imberman, who is compiling them for a book called IF SEATS COULD TALK. Email your story to Hannah at [ifseatscouldtalk@gmail.com](mailto:ifseatscouldtalk@gmail.com) Several paragraphs is fine.

We continue to make remarkable progress!

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