



## Friends of Miami Marine Stadium Newsletter

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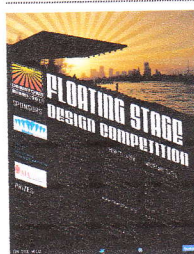
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### A Water Skiing

### To: Miami Marines

WE WANT YOU!!! We have a high profile public event on May 2-the Awards Ceremony and dinner for our Floating Stage Design Contest. We want an impressive turnout to demonstrate overwhelming support for the Marine Stadium! We promise a memorable event and a great meal all for \$30. Please attend and forward this invite to other supporters of the Stadium.

## Floating Stage Design Contest Awards Ceremony+Dinner May 2 at the Rusty Pelican



Since February, we have been collaborating with DawnTown, the annual public international architecture ideas competition for Downtown Miami, to sponsor a design contest for a floating stage of for the Miami Marine Stadium. The competition is co-sponsored by the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Dade Heritage Trust. The contest has picked up a great head of steam with over 160 teams- from all over the world - already registered to enter. The Awards Ceremony will feature a viewing of contest entries, announcement of the winner and semi-finalists, a presentation by Frank E. Sanchis III, Director of United States Programs for the World Monuments Fund and a three course, sit down dinner-all for only \$30! Click [here](#) for details. Viewing of contest entries and cocktail hour begins at 5:30, dinner begins at 6:30 and the Awards Ceremony starts at 7:30 PM.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance no later the April 25  
Deadline by calling Dade Heritage Trust at 305-538-9572**

## Elephant



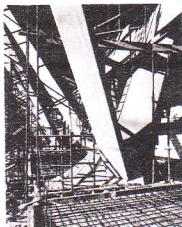
We've been getting some great stories about the Marine Stadium lately, but this one by former Champion boat racer Buddy Byers is one of our favorites. It features a boat race-and a water skiing elephant-on a collision course at the Marine Stadium. Click [here](#) to read the story.

We expect to publish IF SEATS COULD TALK, our book on memories of the Marine Stadium next spring. If you have a story, let us know-we can interview you by phone and write it up. Just hit the "return" button to this email.

P.S. If you happen to have a picture of the water skiing elephant at the Marine Stadium, please get in touch with us...we are looking for it!

# of stories submitted to IF SEATS COULD TALK .....104

## Princeton University Study



The Miami Marine Stadium is admired by architects and engineers worldwide-and its not hard to see why. When it was built, the 326 ft. long roof was considered to be the longest span of cantilevered concrete in the world-and it still may be. The roof itself is comprised of a series of hyperbolic paraboloids, a complex shape which was designed and executed before the age of computers.

We often get inquiries about the Stadium from Universities, but we were particularly pleased to meet Sigrid Adriaenssens, an Assistant Professor at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Princeton University. Sigrid was able to see the Marine Stadium and very quickly, she has become intrigued by it. Together, with an undergrad student she will carry out an engineering analysis of the shells to demonstrate their structural efficiency, research the construction method, and place them in a social-political historical context with the ultimate goal of publishing an article. As part of the study, they will create a 3D printed scale model of the shells.

Increasingly, the world is becoming aware of what a truly remarkable building the Marine Stadium is. Architect Hilario Candela and Engineer Jack Meyer certainly deserve all the credit they are now receiving!

## Conclusion

We recommend purchasing your advanced tickets for the Awards Ceremony and Dinner ASAP as seating is very limited.

We've been hard at work on Marine Stadium issues and we hope to have some news for you soon.

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