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Stadium**

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Dade Heritage Trust

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 Dade Heritage Trust, click [here](#).

**Marine Stadium
Presentations**



The Miami Marine Stadium continues to attract not just local-but national attention. As we move into fundraising mode, it is important for us to

To: Miami Marines

Our "quiet campaign" will continue for the next 4-6 months. This involves meeting with and presenting to major donors who will fund the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium. In the meantime, we have plenty of activity to report.

April 26 Marine Stadium Basin Cleanup!

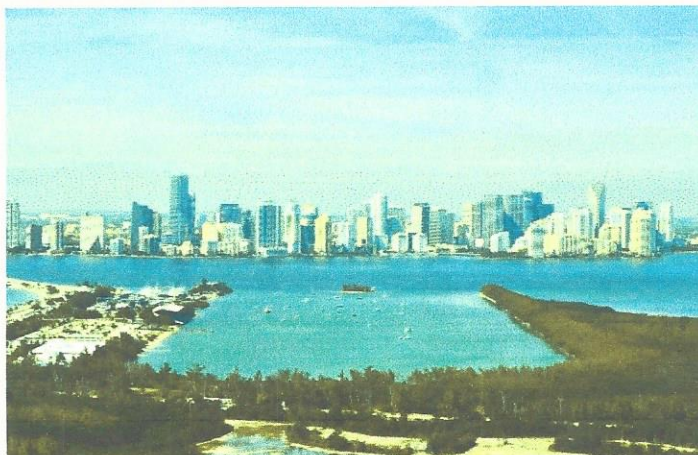


Photo credit: Michael Stephen McFarland

"Baynanza" is the annual Biscayne Bay Cleanup sponsored by Miami/Dade County and many local organizations. For the first time, the Marine Stadium Basin will be part of the cleanup on **Saturday, April 26, from 9 am to noon**. The Marine Stadium Basin is a spectacular site, with a shaded walking path all along the rim. Unfortunately, lots of trash has accumulated around the Basin. This is a great way to help clean up the Basin-and meet others who care about the Stadium and its environment. If you have a paddle craft, you can put in from the launch site. Sail and power boaters are welcome to come by sea.

get the word out.

We've recently made a presentation to the Coral Reef Yacht Club (BAD Night) with an upcoming presentation to the Ponce Business Association.

We're always looking to "get the word out so to request a presentation for your group, just reply to this email.

of Marine Stadium presentations made to date.....85

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of people on Friends of Miami Marine Stadium email list.....2982

We respect your time and only end out emails on average about once a month. We do not lend or sell our email list to anyone.

Help Restore the Marine Stadium!

All contributions are extremely important to us. We urge you to consider making a tax deductible gift to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. We have worked diligently for over six years and your dollars will help us reach the tipping point. You can use paypal by going to our [Marine Stadium](#) website and clicking on the paypal box in the upper left hand corner. You can also send a check to the address below:

Friends of Miami Marine Stadium
7770 SW 31st Street
Miami, FL 33155

We are looking to clean up the island as well as the Basin.

To learn more and to RSVP, please click [here](#). **The first 100 people who volunteer before April 18 will receive a free t-shirt. RSVP's are accepted only until April 18.** Please note that the cleanup involves the Basin only, and not the Marine Stadium.

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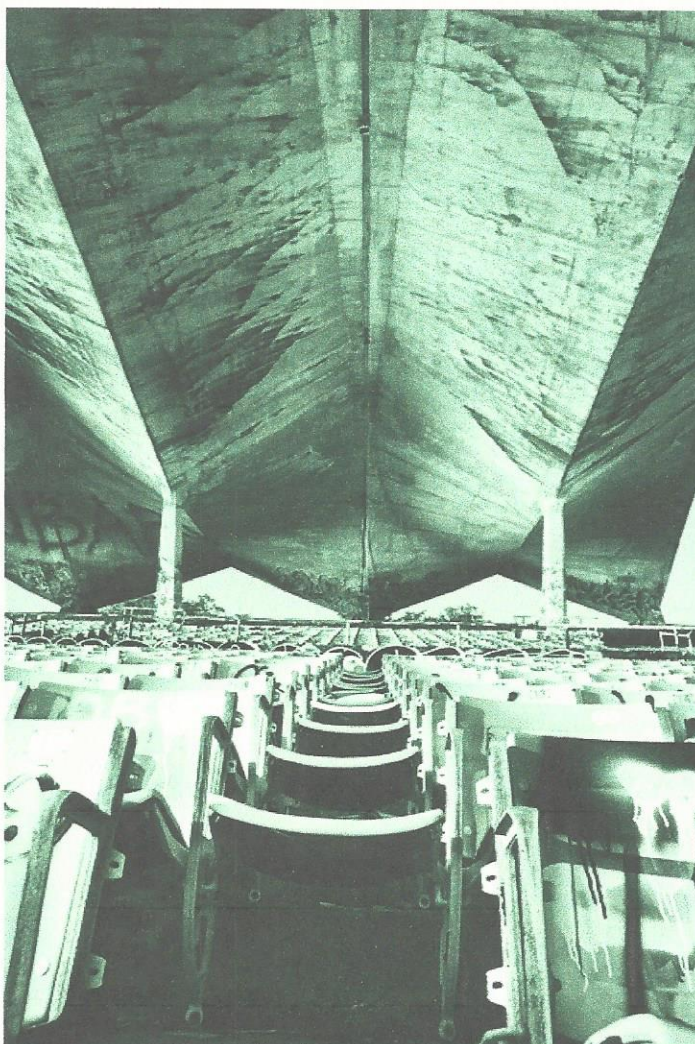
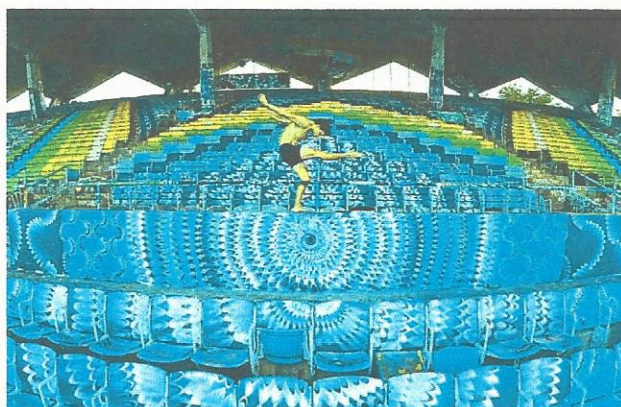


Photo credit: Flor Mayoral

Last month, we wrote about Flor Mayoral's Marine Stadium photography exhibit featuring some of the most stunning and original images of the Marine Stadium to date. Flor and Tub Gallery have generously agreed to donate a percentage of the sales to our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium. Flor has recently written an [ebook](#) that includes these images and she has already sold 29 prints! Interested in purchasing a print? Contact [Miguel Fernandez](#) of Tub Gallery.

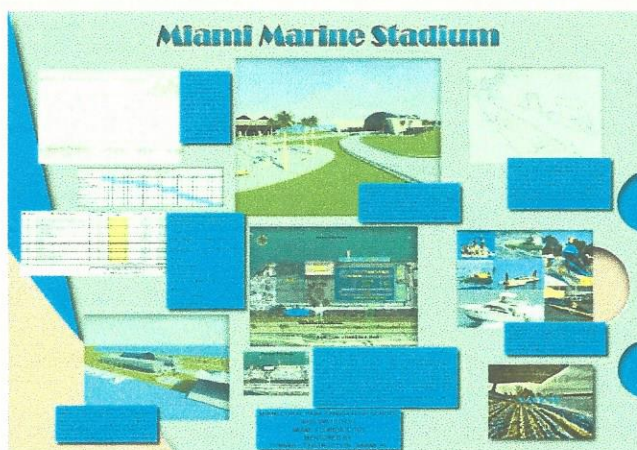
A condensed version of our Marine Stadium Exhibition is now on view at [HISTORYMIAMI](#) through May 31. Originally developed by the Coral Gables Museum, our exhibit compliments "Some Like It Hot", the masterful homage to Miami's history and street art scene. The visually stunning juxtaposition of the two shows is not to be missed!

Of course, the Marine Stadium continues to capture the attention of street artists. Awareness of the Marine Stadium-locally, nationally, and internationally-as a street art mecca is exemplified in this remarkable image by the artist Hox enhanced by dancer Todd Fox.



Art by Hox; Dancer Todd Fox

Marine Stadium Inspires Coral Park High School



Coral Park High School Entry Into Construction Industry Round Table Ace Mentor Program Design Competition

A plan to redevelop the Marine Stadium site, created by a team from Coral Park High School, has been selected as one of three national finalists for the Construction Industry Round Table Ace Mentor Design Competition! A record 44 entries, received from 21 affiliated chapters across the country, competed for these top honors. The students will travel to Washington, D.C. for the finals, on May 5.

We met the students and their teacher at Coral Park, Charles

Delahoz, back in November. They have been working diligently since then to develop the site plan. We're proud of what they have accomplished and we wish them well! To see their plan, click [here](#)

Flashback Miami: The Past AND The Future...

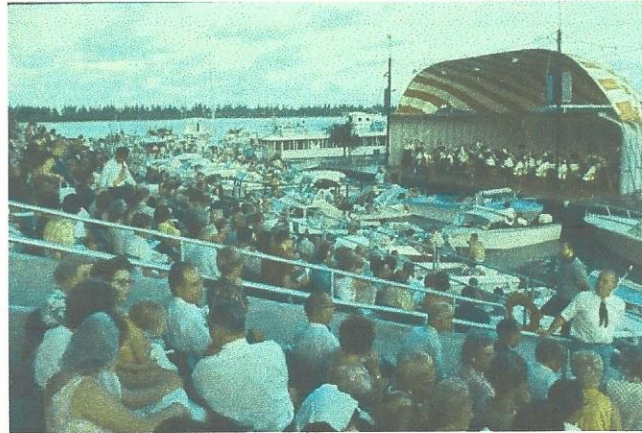
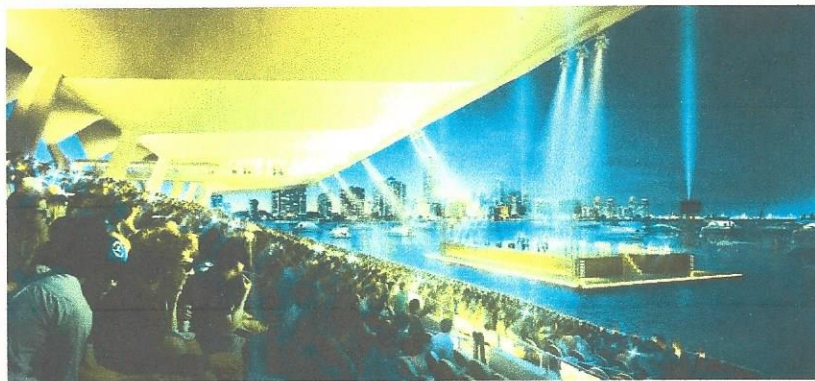


Photo Courtesy of The Miami Herald

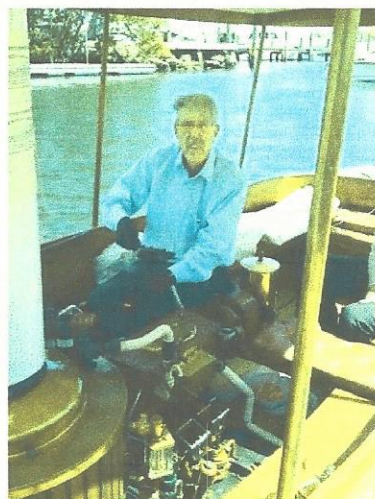
The Miami Herald has an enormous cache of photographs documenting Miami's history. In 2014, The Herald initiated a new program called Flashback Miami to bring some of these photographs to light. Recently, they published an extensive article with many photographs of the Miami Marine Stadium we have never seen before. Check out this remarkable [photo essay of the Marine Stadium](#). We'd like to thank Amy Driscoll and Monika Leal of The Miami Herald for their research-and we look forward to more!

The floating stage pictured above - which saw many historic performers like-Jimmy Buffett, The Who, Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops- is being demolished. Below is an image of the future.



Rendering By Arseni Varabyeu

If Seats Could Talk: Walter Ferguson Remembered



River Rat Walter Ferguson, on his Steamboat
"The Florida Queen"

During our six year effort to save and restore the Marine Stadium, we've met some pretty remarkable individuals. Walter Ferguson stands out from the pack. A self proclaimed "River Rat" Walter arrived in Miami alone at age 14, ultimately building a successful diesel business. He worked with the likes of Jacques Costeau and played an important role in Miami's remarkable evolution.

Walter loved the Marine Stadium. As head of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club's (BBYC) legendary stag night, he hosted several speaking engagements for us. Walter sponsored our Floating Stage Design Contest in 2011 and was one of the speakers honoring the Engineer of the Marine Stadium, Jack Meyer, at BBYC in 2012. Fittingly, Jack Meyer served as Commodore of BBYC. Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, the oldest organization in Miami, was founded in 1887 by Miami pioneer Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe-whom the Stadium was named after.

Walter Ferguson passed away on March 31 at the ripe age of 90. We remember him for his moxie, style, "can do" spirit, common sense and wise judgement. We are fortunate to have his [memory](#) of the Marine Stadium which shows that we can actually trace the origins of the Stadium back to Prohibition! Walter was an original!

Conclusion

All the above articles demonstrate the broad appeal of the Marine Stadium. From long time residents like Walter Ferguson-to the younger generation exemplified by the students of Coral Park High School-the Marine Stadium continues its role, bringing our community together. It's a tribute for such a place - any place - to be equally fascinating and magical to different generations.

Our logo has been tweaked for us by the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), which continues its broad range of assistance. We are proud that The Trust included the Marine Stadium as part of its

National Treasures initiative. They remain our major partner and their support is vital to our efforts to restore Miami Marine Stadium.

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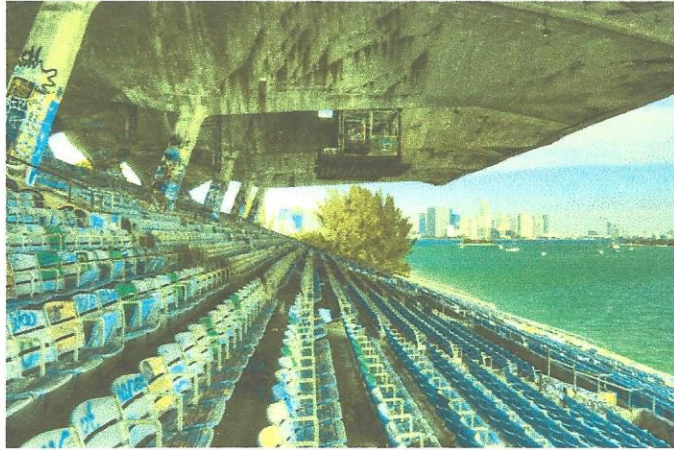


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