

Boat Shows and FYBA Events Still to Come

No rest for the weary as we recuperate from the Yacht & Brokerage Show in Miami Beach and get ready for the Palm Beach International Boat Show! The general feedback I have heard from the Miami show is extremely positive. There were more than 500 boats along Collins Avenue this year and even with a washout on the Friday, serious clients showed up. A huge thank you goes out to Rebecca Miller and Zeelander for providing their boats to be used as tenders during the show.



The Yacht & Brokerage Show in Miami Beach

The Yacht & Brokerage Show Kickoff Party was another success, bringing in about \$14,000 for the benefit of Shake-A-Leg Miami. Thank you to all who attended and gave their support! Event organizer Laura Sherrod said, "I am so happy we have been able to make this an annual event. Our hope all along was that the marine community, with the work of the FYBA and FLMC, could reach out and do something to support an organization like Shake-A-Leg that is doing great things to get people on the water. We are looking forward to next year."

The International Superyacht Society (ISS) met again

in Miami. It was a smaller turnout than at the Monaco Yacht Show and at FLIBS; however the exchange of ideas and the support from all who attended was encouraging. These meetings are helping us to communicate on an international level and keep abreast of what is happening in other areas of the world, in terms of both the yachting industry itself and the legal issues that affect us.



In addition to our regular FYBA events, two important conferences coming up this spring are the American Boating Congress (ABC) in Washington D.C. on May 8-9 and the American Superyacht Forum in Las Vegas on May 14-16. At the moment, Lon McCloskey, Jeff Erdmann, and I will be attending the ABC, but we would like to see a larger delegation going from the FYBA. We will be stronger in numbers!! Please see the article, "Join FYBA on a Visit to Capitol Hill This Spring" in this issue.

The program for this year's American Superyacht Forum includes both interesting discussion topics and fun networking events. FYBA members have been given a discount on the attendance fee. If you are interested, please email me at ann@fyba.org, and I will send you an application. You can find more information on the link from the FYBA website's Events page.

Our website, www.fyba.org, has received more than 13,000 visits since the beginning of the year. The FYBA staff does their best to keep this website active by adding articles that may interest you. I'd also like to encourage you to visit the FYBA Facebook page, as photos and information are added regularly.

See you at the FYBA booth at the Palm Beach show. It is located at #837/838!

All the best,

Ann

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