

# News from the Crow's Nest

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## Gilbertfest!

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Meridian Marina & Yacht Club had a great time at

### **GILBERTFEST**

**A CITY'S RANSOM**

**PIRATE BOAT PARADE & ROCK CONCERT**



We hope you had a chance to enjoy the inaugural Gilbertfest in downtown Stuart in February. MMYC sponsored the inaugural event that not only was a great party, but Gilbertfest was able to raise nearly \$1000 for local non-profits!

The event was kicked off with a pirate boat parade as Pirate Don Pedro Gilbert brought his captives to shore to be ransomed off (for charity, of course!). Pirate Gilbert was escorted in by U.S. Customs & Border Patrol and The Martin County Sheriff's Department. Sea Tow assured all mariners were safe around the villainous Don Pedro Gilbert!

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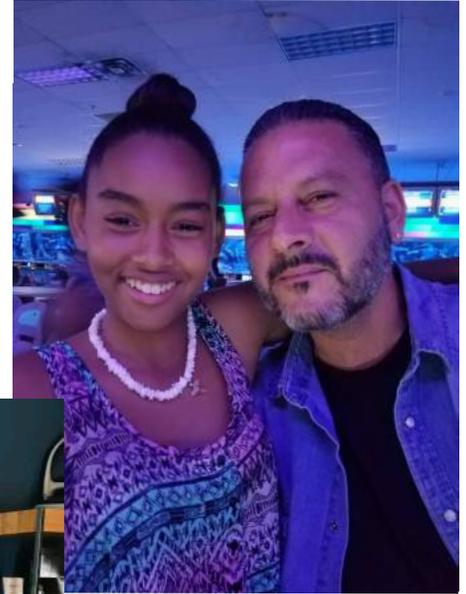
## **Meridian Marina & Yacht Club Welcomes Our Newest Members**

- Dr. Russell Bourne
- Jack Connor
- Phil DiMarco
- Dave Brockwell
- Bob Tise
- Douglas Cubic
- Mac Cadaret
- Melissa Evans
- Richard Kosenski
- Pat Dileo
- Todd Gronda
- Shannon Easter
- Michael Baltes
- Anuj Prasher
- John Eckout
- Wayne Gent
- Bob Fiorito
- Tony Mamone
- Robert White
- Alex Aydelotte
- Michael Falco
- Martin Gajewski
- Paul Tursak
- Father Scott Adams
- Richard Anderson
- JP Zabala
- Dan Erb
- Ronald Glover
- Gregory Nevirs
- Richard Field
- Bob Kazanjian
- Richard Keller
- Nigel MacWilkinson
- Capt. Larry Pringle
- Larry Shemesh
- Thurston Burdick
- John Cardillo
- Richard Erth
- Mark Gordon
- Jeffrey Grand
- Mark Rottman
- Carol Boser
- Kevin Blake
- Norbert Cedler
- Vincent Clark
- Larry Hilton
- Christine Kenny
- Greg Moore
- Max Yearly
- Bill Urbanski
- Ronald Orsini
- John Dellacroce
- Dan Doherty
- David Webster
- Karen & Bruce Jermyn
- Ben Laird
- Arthur Lerner
- Michael Lebhaft
- Andrew Garfield & Lisa Hogan
- Joe Gutierrez
- Dave Hauptner
- Terry Walter
- Ty Young
- Byron Carper
- Robert Degiovine
- Hans Martinsen
- Janet Mercer
- Jason Stocks
- Steven Carter
- Fred Church
- Kevin Singletary
- Jean Pierre Farmer
- Chris O'Sullivan
- Richard Rosiak
- Dorinda Melly
- Cameron Crock
- Brad Smith
- Jim Tommell
- Carlos Morales

***Thank you for choosing Meridian Marina & Yacht Club!  
We do all the work so you can enjoy your boating lifestyle!***



## ***Employee Spotlight...meet Bill Hernandez!***



After working for Meridian Marina & Yacht Club for six years, Bill took a hiatus from the Service Department at MMYC, but we are proud to welcome Bill back as Service Advisor in January of this year.

Bill has lived in the Port St. Lucie area since 1993 when he left the chaos of Harlem to seek the laid-back atmosphere the Treasure Coast offers. In fact, he has only made it to Miami three times since moving here! Bill spends his spare time relaxing pool-side with his beautiful family, wife Marily, daughter Dyamond, and when he is in town, son Brandon. Bill also told us that back in New York he played in some billiard leagues and he still likes to pick up the cue stick and shoot a little pool in his spare time.

Bill enjoys his work as the Service Advisor at MMYC because every day is different bringing new challenges and solutions.

Bill wants you to know that when you have your service work done at MMYC, you will not have to worry about your boat breaking down or being stranded on the sandbar. Providing customers with top-notch service is rewarding, and Bill enjoys "seeing the enthusiasm and happiness on our customer's faces." Rest assured Bill makes certain every job is well-done, and he strives to exceed all expectations. At MMYC, we truly love to do all the work so you can enjoy your boating lifestyle!

Stop in and say hi to Bill and ask him about the latest service specials. Bill welcomes your questions and is always happy to help!

**Welcome back to the MMYC family, Bill!**



## **GILBERTFEST - A City's Ransom**

A special thank you to our captives, Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton, Comm. Troy McDonald, Comm. Becky Bruner, and City Manager David Ross. Don Pedro Gilbert kept his eye open for future "possible" captives and spotted Senate President Joe Negron and his wife, School Board member Rebecca, Martin County Commissioner Harold Jenkins, Martin County Commissioner Ed Ciamp, and School Board member Marsha Powers. We can't be certain who Don Pedro has his eye on, or even if it is any of these visitors, but he has promised to return next year!

The afternoon wrapped up with not one, but two national recording artists taking the stage! Tony Stevens (formerly of Foghat and Savoy Brown) opened the concert with his SLOW RIDE band, and they had the crowd rocking as they brought the house down! Next up was Brian Howe, former lead singer with BAD COMPANY, who was a real crowd pleaser and captivated the crowd with all the BAD COMPANY favorites and some new releases too!

Click on the links below to visit our Events Page to view videos of Gilbertfest as well as the photo album section for pictures. If you were there, chances are you will find a photo or two that you will recognize! If you are on Facebook, be sure to LIKE the official Gilbertfest page!

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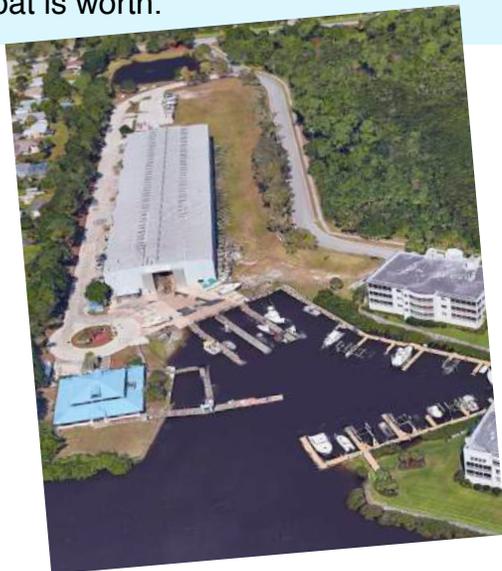
We do all the work so  
you can enjoy your boating  
lifestyle!

**A Boater's Blessing... from Days of Yore**

May there always be water under your boat,  
May she always be seaworthy and ever  
afloat,  
May your bilge pump be certain to work all  
night and all day,  
May your compass and charts always show  
the safe way,  
May you find gentle harbor as every day  
ends,  
May you lower your anchor amidst peace  
and good friends.

**A Boater's Blessing...Nowadays**

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that  
rock,  
May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your  
dock,  
May you find your new watch that fell  
overboard,  
May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's  
power cord,  
May Lysol mask the musty smell under your  
berth,  
May you someday owe less than the damn  
boat is worth.



*Meridian Marina & Yacht Club is located on the banks of the St. Lucie River in Palm City, Florida and is the premier marina in Martin County focusing on excellent customer service so you can enjoy your boating lifestyle. We offer concierge services, yacht club amenities, sales, and service surrounded by a lush tropical setting. We are the largest marina in Martin County on 11.75 acres with a 62,000 sq. ft. indoor storage facility that can accommodate up to 300 boats.*

*Our service department offers certified, factory-trained technicians, a knowledgeable support staff, as well as a fully stocked parts department. Service is open six days a week for your convenience. You'll discover that Meridian Marina offers stress-free, relaxing boating so you can enjoy your boating lifestyle without all the work.*

*Our mission is to provide you, our customers, with the highest quality of service and boat performance in the industry. We strive to make sure you enjoy your boating experience to the utmost expectations. We will do all the work: your boat will be in the water at the simple convenience of a phone call, we will wash your boat before it goes in the water and when it comes back out, we offer valet service, and even provide complimentary ice for your day out on the water! All this at extremely competitive prices. We want you to join our family so you can simply bask in the warm memories you will make with your friends and family while boating in paradise.*



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