

# docklines

FALL 2008

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MARINAS

## CALENDAR

### Year-round EcoAdventures

Various locations  
305-365-3018  
[www.miamiecoadventures.org](http://www.miamiecoadventures.org)

### October 4, 2008, 8 a.m. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Bayfront Park  
301 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami  
305-755-7899

### October 4 – 5, 2008 UCAF Dragon Boat Festival

Haulover Beach Park Marina  
10800 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach  
305-345-8489

### November 7 – 9, 2008 Ribfest 2008

Outdoor grilling event by local and national ribbers. Live entertainment includes Rodney Atkins, The Atlanta Rhythm Section and The Classic Rock All Stars. Also featured are a motorcycle rally, carnival games, arts and crafts vendors, classic car show and family fun zone. Info: [www.miamiribfest.com](http://www.miamiribfest.com)  
Homestead Air Reserve Park  
SW 268 Street & 122 Avenue, Homestead  
305-233-3150

### November 8, 2008, 7 p.m. "Fall in Love" Jazz Concert

Featuring Patti Austin and Gerald Albright  
Deering Estate at Cutler  
16701 SW 72 Avenue, Miami  
305-235-1668, ext. 233

### March 2009 (Date TBD) 2nd Annual Miami Agriculture & Cattle Show

Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center  
at Tropical Park  
7900 SW 40 Street, Miami  
305-755-7800

### March 7 – 8, 2009 20th Annual Asian Culture Festival

Fruit & Spice Park  
24801 SW 187 Avenue, Homestead  
305-247-5727

## A Dog-Gone Rescue

**P**elican Harbor Marina has a wonderful Seabird Station that rescues injured pelicans and seabirds, but on a hot July day, Dockmaster Sherri Compton noticed several jet skis circling something in the water. Stepping outside, she observed a dog frantically struggling to stay afloat. The jet skiers yelled for help, but as the dog was growling everyone was afraid to grab her. Knowing the dog would drown in the bay, Park Service Attendant Rick Rodriguez took his shoes off and jumped in for the rescue, and though the dog took a little nip at him, Rick got her ashore. The large hound dog, dripping wet and scared, took off running towards the causeway. She had just been saved from drowning! How could she now be hit by a car? Everyone took off running after her, including the marine patrol next door.

The hound jumped in the mangroves and disappeared, to everyone's dismay, but they went back to work hoping to see the poor dog again. The next day, Wendy from the Seabird Station called saying there was a stray dog in the marina. Staff set out to find her and this time succeeded in catching her. She had a collar with a current rabies tag so Sherri gave the information to animal services, who located the owners.

It turned out her name is Blue Bear but the staff at Pelican Harbor call her "Lucky."



Rick Rodriguez and Blue Bear, aka "Lucky"

## July 4th Fireworks Explode at Black Point Park and Marina

Black Point Park and Marina, in conjunction with the Perrine Baseball and Softball Association (PBSA), held its 5th Annual Community Fireworks Display. The crowd enjoyed seeing and taking tours in Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's newest fire boat and marveled at a U.S. Coast Guard jet flyover. The Black Point Ocean Grill provided music, lunch and dinner specials for attendees. But the main event was a half-hour fireworks display that had the crowd of 5,000 oohing and aahhing!!!

Many local businesses generously contributed to the event, with proceeds going to the PBSA, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to provide additional funding for the enhancement of park facilities, services and programs. Thank you!



## Crandon Park Marina Kicks Off Boating Safety Awareness Week

On May 14, 2008, Crandon Park Marina hosted representatives from the Miami-Dade County Marine Patrol Unit, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and numerous units from other municipalities to kick off Boating Safety Awareness Week. Speakers from these agencies stressed the importance of year-round water safety and made everyone aware of the resources available to promote and enforce water safety. The U.S. Coast Guard demonstrated an emergency recovery on the water from their evacuation helicopter, showing the professionalism and exemplary work they perform day in and day out.



Helicopter rescue at Crandon Marina

## 5th Annual Blue Water Fishing Classic

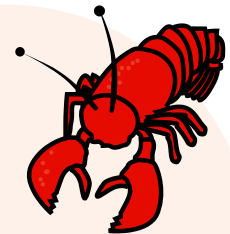
Launching from all six county marinas and the Miami Outboard Club at Watson Island, 29 anglers competed in this event which offered a total of \$30,000 in cash and prizes. This year, a \$1,500 Lady Angler Grand Prize category was added. Winners were determined by the combined weight of the three largest fish within the species of dolphin, wahoo, black-fin tuna and kingfish.

The tournament concluded with an awards ceremony and celebration dinner with Miami-Dade Parks' Director Jack Kardys announcing the winners and distributing prizes.

And the date has been set for next year's event – June 6, 2009. Make sure you mark your calendars!



## Lobster Season Is Here Again



Another year, another season. The much anticipated lobster season starts August 6 and rumor has it that it will be a healthy one.

For complete information on rules and regulations, visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

Good luck to all and don't forget safe boating and diving practices.

## UCAF South Florida Dragon Boat Festival

This exciting two-day paddling competition on boats painted to resemble dragons will be held at Haulover Beach Park Marina October 4–5, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The tradition of the Chinese dragon boat festival dates back over 2,000 years to South China to commemorate a great patriot, poet and statesman, Qu Yuan, and honors the dragon, an important ancient symbol in Chinese culture. Other



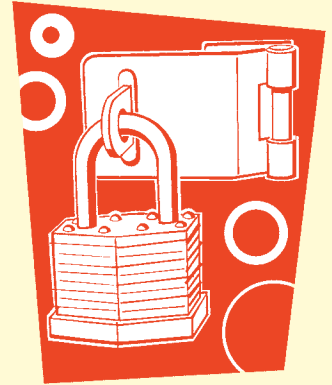
activities include a stage cultural performance, egg roll eating contest, martial arts performance, lion & dragon dance, authentic Asian food, face painting, bounce house, and much more. Fun for the entire family! For information, visit [www.miamidragonboat.com](http://www.miamidragonboat.com) or call 305-345-8489.

## Make Security a Top Priority at Marinas

Marinas in South Florida have been experiencing an increase in boat-related thefts and marina staff and law enforcement are stepping up efforts to combat the situation. What are some things owners can do to ensure the safety of their boats and equipment?

- Remove all portable equipment such as fishing rods, external GPS systems and boat hooks/gaffs from boats.
- Report any unusual activity in and around the marinas to the proper authorities.
- Be aware that the level of crime associated with stealing "lower units" is on the rise along with the fencing of propellers.

Let's all work together to keep our marinas and equipment safe!



## Pelican Island Skipper Cruises

Miami-Dade County has some of the most beautiful waters, temperatures and skylines in the world, so it's no wonder residents and visitors flock to the Park & Recreation Department's attractions, marinas and parks to enjoy the many fun and affordable outdoor activities offered.

A crowd favorite is the Pelican Island Skipper pontoon boat cruise departing from the Pelican Harbor Marina and other locations. The boat is a U.S. Coast Guard-certified 45-foot Corinthian catamaran. Christened in October, 2003, it carries up to 49 passengers and has provided thousands with pleasure and educational rides - from short hops to Pelican Island to longer trips to Elliot Key in Biscayne National Park.

The Skipper has even been featured on television shows such as The Amazing Race and Miami Vice, as well as in Tommy Hilfiger ads and on The Discovery Channel.

So, whether it's planning your wedding, watching the sun as it breathtakingly sets over Biscayne Bay, or enjoying an unforgettable summer excursion, the

Pelican Island Skipper with Captain Steve at the helm, is the perfect venue for all. For more information, please contact Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 St., Miami, at 305-754-9330 or visit online at [www.miamidade.gov/parks](http://www.miamidade.gov/parks). Bon voyage!



## Haulover Marina - Upgrade Updates



By the time you read this, the commercial fleet will have moved back to the south end of the marina. It has taken over a year to rebuild but results show it was well worth it! The new look is cleaner and bigger. There are 22 slips on the "E" dock and captains will certainly be proud to operate out of the new facility.

Future renovations include excavation in the north end of the marina and the creation of another 115 slips for non-commercial use. A new dockmaster/park office will be in construction concurrently and should be completed simultaneously. A "not-to-be-missed" grand opening is planned when the work is done!

As another point of interest, a Request for Proposal has been issued for the demolition of the old Solo's restaurant and restroom, and a proposal for a new restaurant and restrooms was sent out for bid.

When the dust settles, Haulover Marina will undoubtedly be one of the nicest marinas in South Florida.

# New Regulations Go Into Effect

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has established new red snapper regulations and new gear rules for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. To view a complete list of changes, log on to <http://myfwc.com/marine/redsnapper/index.htm>



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Mayor



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# Miami-Dade County Marinas



**Crandon Park Marina**  
4000 Crandon Boulevard  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149  
305-361-1281



**Pelican Harbor Marina**  
1275 NE 79 Street  
Miami, Florida 33138  
305-754-9330



**Haulover Beach Park Marina**  
10800 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33154  
305-947-3525



**Black Point Marina**  
24775 SW 87 Avenue  
Princeton, Florida 33032  
305-258-4092



**Homestead Bayfront Marina**  
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Homestead, FL 33033  
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