

The Rotator

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■ Engineering Humor

To the engineer, all matter in the universe can be placed into one of two categories: (1) things that need to be fixed, and (2) things that will need to be fixed after you've had a few minutes to play with them.



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■ Out & About

AME was proud to be the dinner sponsor for the **USSA Golf Tournament** on May 6th.



The AME team Rich Merhige, and Captain Alan Tookey, of CARPE DIEM II took home first place for best dressed. The Egyptian Kings wore their headdresses the entire tournament and were joined by their harem at dinner.

AME teamed up with **Young Professionals in Yachting** as a sponsor for their May Membership meeting on the 11th at **Lauderdale Marine Center/LMC**.



Doug West, President, LMC, addressed the group, sharing his background in the industry, and the yard's exciting plans. "As we work towards a cooperative effort to ensure the yacht service and repair industry remains strong in South Florida, LMC felt it was important to share our vision with the Young Professionals in Yachting network,"

■ What's AME Up To

AME is proud to announce their newest team members, Welding and Fabrication Foreman, Matt W. and Office Manager, Veronica Majewski.

Matt was recruited from the Department of Defense/DOD in April to join AME as the Welding/Fabrication Foreman to spearhead the growth of the company's welding and fabrication department. "Deciding to relocate is never easy, but once I met the AME team, and understood their overwhelming drive for excellence, I felt at home," said Matt. "I hope to be a great addition as a team player and bringing my years of experience to the company." He brings to the team over 10 years of experience welding for the DOD, as well as the marine, and automotive industries. He served in the army for 10 years where he received several commendations for excellence.



Veronica joined the AME team in April, as well, as the Office Manager. She oversees the company's operations and is in charge of Human Resources. Prior to joining AME, Veronica was the Office Manager for 30 years at a South Florida marine transportation agency.

FYBA's Second Annual Engineering Seminar was held on Tuesday, April 5th at the Westin on Fort Lauderdale Beach. AME was a presenting sponsor, and President, Rich Merhige spoke on "Noise Suppression: What's that Noise?". Photo courtesy Suzette Cook/The-Triton.com



Think **The Bloomberg Report** is all business? Not necessarily. AME was cited as a source for an article referencing yacht fires and how they can be avoided. Miss it? Check it out on our website!

■ Out & About

said West. "The South Florida market remains relevant only if the majority of the stake holders share the same values and passion towards the customer experience."

Saturday, June 4th the **MIASF** held their annual meeting at the Broward Center for Performing Arts. AME was honored to be invited to the **Maritime Professional Training/MPT** table. "This year's MIASF Annual Dinner was held at an impressive waterfront venue in downtown Ft. Lauderdale, said MIASF Executive Director, Phil Purcell.



■ Final Thought

Time is money, so don't wait until the last minute to start planning your fall yard period. Now is the time to lay the groundwork for a successful and efficient refit or survey. Make a vibration analysis your number one priority. Even without the presence of obvious noise or vibration, an analysis will pick up and diagnose issues, or potential issues....a map to exactly what you need to be focusing on in the yard. Call us at **954-764-2678**, to schedule your vibration analysis today.



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The weekend of April 9th was busy, with AME mentoring two teams at the 20th MIASF Plywood Regatta and AME CAO, Christine Battles served as emcee for the two day event. "The Plywood Regatta is my favorite event I do for the MIASF. The two days offer the opportunity to introduce a new generation to the marine industry," said Charlie Ernst, President, Dockside Corporate Services. "It's extremely rewarding to see the kids work together as a team towards a common goal and then race their boats on Sunday. Equally rewarding is having the opportunity to work together with the other committee members who make this event possible." That same weekend, AME President, Rich Merhige, participated in the Murray and Associates Fishing Challenge.



■ Marine News

AME just wrapped up a three month factory alignment on **M/Y SANAM**, a 170' Palmer Johnson. The job scope began with precise strain gage measurements, which then lead way to an optical alignment of the vessel's shaftline. Once the vessel splashed, a final laser check was performed to ensure the best results. "AME worked tirelessly to get us out on time and meet our very tight schedule," said Project Manager Donovan Benbrook. "The lead engineer and service manager were always informative and kept our priorities in check. It was a tough project and AME remained positive and diligent throughout."



■ Industrial News

Vibration analysis and alignment may be AME's claim to fame, but our fabrication department is just as good. Most recently, they were commissioned to design and build a custom layup table for fiber glass panels. The table, designed with interlocking joints that allow for it to be easily dismantled, was 10' x 16' when fully assembled, and was leveled using AME's Levalign laser which rotates and takes geometric measurements.



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