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Friends of Miami Marine Stadium c/o Dade Heritage Trust 190 SE 12th Court Miami, FL 33131

To Whom it May Concern:

The National Marine Manufacturers Association applauds the efforts of the Friends of Miami Marine Stadium to restore the Miami Marine Stadium and build the Marine Exhibition Center.

As the owner/operators of the Miami International Boat Show & Strictly Sail, we recognize how important the development of waterfront property is for the future of recreational boating. In the day, the Miami Marine Stadium offered a variety of boating events that could be enjoyed by the thousands of recreational boaters in the greater Miami area. We are certain that the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium and building of the Marine Exhibition Center has the potential to attract more water related events and will give us a first class venue to host even more.

We believe that the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium and Marine Exhibition Center fits well with the great boating destination that Miami is, and strongly urge the City of Miami to expedite its renovation process.

Best Regards,

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