Friends of Miami Marine Stadium
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Dade Heritage Trust
Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) is the foremost organization in Miami Dade County devoted to historic preservation. Formerly, DHT was the parent organization to Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, providing important advocacy and support and an administrative umbrella. Since 2011, Friends of Miami Marine Stadium became an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For more information on Dade Heritage Trust, click here.

To: Miami Marines
There’s so much going on…and we’re making significant progress!!

American Express Foundation Announces $80,000 Grant to Benefit Miami Marine Stadium

On October 24, the American Express Foundation announced an $80,000 grant to help fund the analysis, design, and permit study of the seaside pilings at the Miami Marine Stadium. The pilings study is the first step towards the restoration of the Stadium, and it will be conducted as part of the study approved by the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIN) Commission. The grant comes through the National Trust for Historic Preservation through its “Partners in Preservation” Program.

Timothy J. McClinton, President of the American Express Foundation, visited Miami to make the announcement in person and participated in the panel discussion on “The Future of Miami Marine Stadium” at the Coral Gables Museum. The following day, he toured the Marine Stadium for the first time. You can read his impressions in the American Express Foundation Blog.

This grant is a double win for the Marine Stadium. First, it provides vital funding for an important project. Second, the involvement of a blue chip, internationally recognized organization such as the American Express Foundation sends a strong message to other potential donors.
We respect your time and only send emails on average once a month. We do not give or sell our email list to anyone.

**If Seats Could Talk: Miami Marine Stadium and a Real Marine**

One of the most significant events that occurred at the Marine Stadium was the annual service for Our Lady of Charity, the Patron Saint of Cuba. "Our Lady of Charity". Click [here](#) to read Pablo Podermo's recollection of the event.

Since May of 2009, we have been collecting memories of the Marine Stadium for our book "IF SEATS COULD TALK."

Please respond to this email if you would like to contribute your memory! # of memories for IF SEATS COULD TALK

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**Marine Stadium Presentations**

![](image)

The Miami Marine Stadium continues to attract not just local-but national attention. As we move into fundraising mode, it is important for us to get the word out.

We've got an upcoming presentations to Key Biscayne Bar Association and the Miami

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**Miami Marine Stadium Inspires: Art, Sports, and Press**

![Image of graffiti art](image)

**Ken James at Miami Marine Stadium**

Over the last month, we've seen again how the Marine Stadium continues to generate new ideas, inspiration, and press. Now you can experience a work-out at the Miami Marine Stadium by watching the above video by Fitness Guru Ken James.

Another part of the spectrum: Angelica Baini, a student at New World School of the Arts, designed a typeface inspired by the Marine Stadium. Her project won an award and was the subject of a special short video.

The Stadium continues as a press magnet: A renovated Marine Stadium will be yet another reason to own a boat in South Florida, as featured in a story in the October issue of *Southern Boating Magazine*.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Board Member Gloria Estefan's commitment to the Marine Stadium's restoration was featured in the November issue of *Miami Magazine*.

The Marine Stadium was all the buzz at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Preservation at the Crossroads" Annual Conference (last spring, the Stadium was the ten page cover story in *Preservation Magazine*). The Marine Stadium is in the top tier of the National Trust's *National Treasures Initiative* providing us with vital marketing and fundraising assistance. Our partnership with the National Trust is invaluable!

Finally, our effort to restore the Marine Stadium has again been recognized by the Friends of the High Line in New York City. We are proud to be cited in their Fall issue of *High Line Magazine*
Concrete Paradise: The Miami Marine Stadium Exhibition continues at the Coral Gables Museum through January 12, 2014

Panel Discussion: "The Future of Miami Marine Stadium; Coral Gables Museum October 24, 2013 photo by Nina Weber Worth

The Marine Stadium Exhibition at the Coral Gables Museum continues to attract press and opened to rave reviews: Check out the beautifully written story in Architect Magazine, the web based publication of the American Institute of Architects. Locally, there were stories in Miami New Times and the popular real estate blog Curbed, which features a number of photos from the adrenaline-infused opening including one with Hilario Candela standing next to his image from 1963. Finally, Elliot Rodriguez of CBS Channel 6 News filed a comprehensive report about the exhibition.

In addition to the spectacular opening, we’ve had panel discussions on the Future of the Marine Stadium, the Past and Future of Boat Racing, and a Seminar for educators and families. Upcoming: a panel featuring Graffiti at the Marine Stadium on November 20 at 7:00 PM hosted by exhibit curator Rosa Lowinger. Rosa will also provide a curated tour of the exhibit beginning at 6:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Finally, will celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Marine Stadium on Sunday, December 22 with a screening of the Elvis Presley Movie “Clambake” featuring our Miami-style Clambake (paella!). Tickets for this event, which includes the movie and dinner, are only $25. TICKETS are limited and MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE BY CALLING 800-838-3006 and ask for the "Clambake event". This event is (appropriately!) sponsored by the Miami Parrot Head Club.

If you haven’t seen the exhibit, there’s good news. The exhibition run has been extended to January 12, 2014.

Conclusion
After almost six years of effort to save The Marine Stadium, we are garnering both national and international attention almost daily. Our trajectory looks promising. Here's a stunning image of the Stadium today, awaiting restoration.

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