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## **WESTREC Marinas Celebrate Mega Yacht Industry With 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Captain & Crew Appreciation Event**

**May 2010, Fort Lauderdale, FL:** On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 WESTREC Marinas' Sunrise Harbor in Fort Lauderdale was once again host to the annual Yachting Industry Captain & Crew Appreciation Party. The event is a costume affair with a different theme each year. For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the theme this year was of international spies / Monte Carlo Casino design. The evening included faux-gaming tables, show girls, and musical talent "Hot Rod," a Rod Stewart impersonator that "drove the crowd wild," said party host and WESTREC Southern Region Vice President, Captain Gary Groenewold.

The annual appreciation party is designed in recognition of the hard working captains and crew that are integral to the international yachting community. "WESTREC recognizes that it's often the captain and crew that choose to be our marina customers and at least annually we like to say thanks for their business and for making a WESTREC marina their destination," said Groenewold. The annual gala was again this year a staggering success with participation in the "invitation only" event topping 1,000.

The event again this year included a contest for the best-dressed party goers. The costumes are often outrageous and every one gets into the spirit of the event and the theme.

First place this year was judged a tie between Calvin Annandale of the Yacht *Fortunate Sun*. Annandale's rendition of *James Bond 007 in scuba* was judged above most but on par with Kenia Fulton paying homage to Bond character *Pussy Galore*. Annandale won round trip airfare on Continental Airlines and two (2) nights stay at Valentines Resort and Marina. Fulton also received round trip airfare on Continental and her destination is Cape Eleuthra for a two (2) night stay. Third place went to David Levin for his interpretation of *Austin Powers* and for his effort he was awarded round trip airfare on Continental and a two (2) night stay at Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbor.

WESTREC's Captain & Crew Appreciation Party is made possible by the participation of many generous sponsors. This year's top level sponsors (each contributing at least \$5,000) included: Dockwise Yacht Transport; Feadship; Fernandina Beach Marina, Brownies Yacht Diver; Professional Captains Service; Aere Fenders; Awlgrip; MegaFend; High Seas Technology; Dockwalk; Hugh's Culinary and IK Yacht Design.

"Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to each of these sponsors and also to the many more that contributed in making this party a terrific success again this year! In total over \$80,000 was raised for this celebration of yacht captains and crew and their hard work in support of the yachting industry," said Captain Groenewold. "Without the generous support of these sponsors we could never have produced such a successful event," added Groenewold.

For more information on the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Captains and Crew Appreciation Party*, contact Brad St. Coeur at Sunrise Harbor Marina – 954-667-6720 [shmarina@fdn.com](mailto:shmarina@fdn.com) To learn more about WESTREC Marinas visit [www.westrec.com](http://www.westrec.com).

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