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Tribute to Bill Ando (1947-2013)

By | For NANCY BIRNBAUM

We wanted to dedicate a piece of this page to acknowledge the passing of one of our best contributors – William (Bill) Ando. The Boating Writers Community will remember Bill for his many years of service contributing to publications such as The Robb Report, Showboats International, Naples Illustrated, Southern Boating and of course, Yachting Times Magazine. He wrote about everything boating: sailing, powerboats, mega yachts, and travel. Remembering Bill, colleague and former Editor at Southern Boating Magazine, Louisa Beckett said, "He was extremely knowledgeable in the marine industry and always stayed on the cutting edge of marine electronics."

I worked with Bill briefly when I took over as Managing Editor with Southern Boating in 2011. A mild-mannered man, Bill was dedicated to the industry with a career that spanned over a decade.

William Leon Ando was born on November 8, 1947 and passed away on December 12, 2013 in his home in Dania, Florida. Here at Yachting Times, where he was very much appreciated and respected, we will remember him with great fondness. To quote from one of his articles, "Wings & Water: Old-School Cool" (Robb Report, February 2002),

"I am like an alcoholic who cannot put his bottle out of his life. With me I cannot not sail." –E.B. White

Fairwinds and following seas.



Lisa Besalel, Dolores Barciela and Bill Ando at the 2012 Miami International Boat Show.