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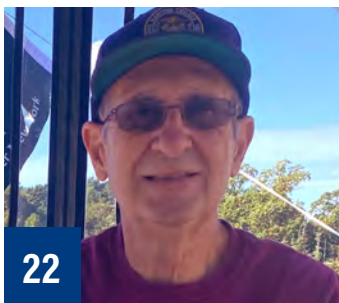
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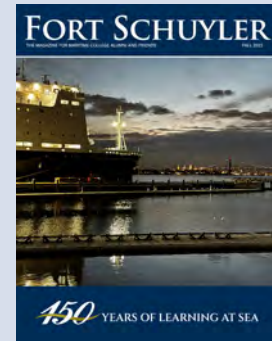
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ON THE COVER:

At SUNY Maritime College we continue to educate dynamic leaders for the global marine transportation industry. In our latest issue we focus on Celebrating in our Past and Investing in Our Future. We look back in order to honor and remember the people, events, and traditions that define us: a college deeply rooted in learning at sea. In 2024 Fort Schuyler Magazine will continue to capture stories, memories, and photos that span our 150-year history and make us such a unique institution.

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LETTER FROM STEVE CARBERY '80

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Greetings to My fellow Alumni and the Maritime College Community,

Looking over my past year serving as your President, I happily reflect on all we've accomplished supporting you – our alumni, our upcoming graduates, and our alma mater.

Our 34th Annual Golf Classic at Nassau Country Club sold out with 127 golfers plus some extra dinner attendees, raising us over \$66,000. Thank you to all our players and sponsors who helped make this event a success. Based upon our Committee's survey, our 35th Annual Golf Classic will be moved to the prestigious Plainfield Country Club in Edison, New Jersey, Monday, June 10th, 2024. Stay tuned for details.

Likewise, the Ancient Mariner Golf Outing, Homecoming Day, and our Paddy's on the Bay reception last October were all greatly successful, with our '3 and '8 classes celebrating their respective graduation anniversaries. The Class of '73 celebrated their 50th anniversary looking as sharp as at their Commencement as they marched into St. Mary's Pentagon. The MUG Class of '27 was squared away during their Pass in Review, reminding us of our mission to keep our Association strong to welcome them aboard on their graduation.

Through the work of our Bylaws Committee, our Association has adopted a tiered membership protocol. As a Maritime College graduate, you are now automatically an esteemed MCAA member. Please update us with your contact information so that we can stay in touch. When you support us through annual dues, however, you are ranked a Sustaining Member, vesting you fully in our fellowship and mission, gaining you full voting rights, the potential to hold office, and other benefits.

At our Fall Networking Event in New York City last November, our Nominations Committee met, and our newly elected MCAA officers are already at work. Thank you to all who have stepped up to serve.

Finally, our annual Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner takes place Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Tribeca 360° in New York City. We honor Joe Starck '90, President of The Great Lakes Towing Company & Great Lakes Shipyard as Alumnus of the Year. For Lifetime Achievement, we honor Captain Robert Cook '80, retired Captain & Master Mariner with The Pilots' Association for the Bay & River Delaware and President and co-founder of the Organization of Black Maritime Graduates. Congratulations to our honorees, dinner attendees, and sponsors, and all of you that helped make this a memorable event.

We are working with Maritime College to organize events commemorating "150 Years of Learning at Sea." The Association is closely allied with College administration and the SUNY Maritime Foundation to secure our alma mater's future through philanthropy. We hope you, our members, will generously support these essential efforts. We need to ensure that America continues receiving the research, talent, and skill emanating from her first and foremost state maritime academy.

In closing, I thank my friend Admiral Michael Alfultis for his ten years at the helm navigating Maritime into a new and exciting future. We would not be back on campus, nor would we have Empire State VII, without his steadfast determination and can-do demeanor. Admiral Mike, we salute you, and we wish you and Kim a long and healthy retirement. Bravo Zulu.

As always, I want to thank my executive officers, directors, committee members, chapter presidents, volunteers, and our staff for the long hours you invest keeping the MCAA steaming along. Thank you all.

In the words of my good friend Joe Gerson '47:

"Steaming ahead smartly and checking compasses frequently."

Stephen J. Carbery

Stephen J. Carbery '80
President, Maritime College Alumni Association

LETTER FROM MICHAEL ALFULTIS

*President,
SUNY Maritime College*



Dear Maritime College Community,

It is a pleasure to share with you, the Fall edition of the Fort Schuyler Magazine!

This past summer proved to be a challenging experience for Maritime College, as we were without a training ship and had to coordinate three cruises on three different training ships concurrently. This feat would not have been possible without the assistance from the US Maritime Administration, our fellow State Maritime Academies, and the dedication and flexibility of the faculty, and of course the ability of our students to adapt to a changing situation. Throughout this time, Captain McManus and the crew of Empire State (VII) were busy observing equipment and system testing, integration, and acceptance, and outfitting the ship.

The fast pace has continued with 300 cadets participating in new cadet indoctrination this past August (a modest increase from the Fall of 2022). In September, the Empire State arrived. While the crew has been busy with tracking post-delivery maintenance items, the cadets have been familiarizing themselves with the new ship and performing routine maintenance alongside the crew.

This fall we opened our new student union in Vander Clute Hall. The hall includes lounge areas, Student Government Association (SGA) offices and meeting areas, a multipurpose room for SGA and club activities, a game room, a new ship's store, as well as updated mailroom facilities.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported this fall's Admiral's Scholarship Dinner! For the first time in College history, we exceeded \$1.0 million in donations. Your generosity is key to assisting our neediest students and helping them reach their goal of graduating from Maritime College. Scholarships continue to remain essential for recruiting new students.

Since my tenure as President, Maritime College has received almost a half-billion dollars of federal and state funding for high-impact capital projects including the new ship, a new academic building, renovated classroom and lab facilities, new simulators, first-class athletic fields, and student-centered programming space – all of which have enhanced the appeal and function of the campus.

This spring we will commence our Maritime College Sesquicentennial Campaign. In order to recruit and retain high caliber students and faculty, we need to invest in people and programming. Such investments will allow Maritime College to continue to deliver top talent to the industries it serves, promote innovation across our areas of expertise, and increase the visibility and value of a Maritime College degree. I hope you will invest in Maritime College's future through a donation to the Sesquicentennial Campaign.

I send best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2024!

Warmly,

RADM Michael A. Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D.

CAMPUS NEWS



Maritime College Ranks #25 in U.S. News Best Colleges 2024

For the second consecutive year, SUNY Maritime College has made double-digit improvements to its U.S. News Best Colleges ranking.

Maritime College is now ranked #25 for Regional Universities (North), up from #40 in 2023 and #58 in 2022. Additionally, the College ranks as the #9 Top Public University (North) and #9 Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Universities (North), according to the publication. Maritime College was also ranked for Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs (no doctorate) and for being a Top Performer on Social Mobility. ■

Color Guard for Maritime College and Merchant Marine Academy Jointly Present the Colors at Citi Field

On May 21, one day before National Maritime Day (May 22), the Color Guard for Maritime College and the Merchant Marine Academy jointly presented the colors at the opening of the NY Mets baseball game in Citi Field.

The Marine Society of New York was instrumental in organizing the opportunity for cadets from both maritime academies to present the colors at the game as a means of bringing awareness to the industry and the academies. Cadets were invited to watch the entire game as the Mets defeated the Cleveland Guardians 2-1. ■



Dr. Leigh Winfrey Receives 2023 Mary Jane Oestmann Professional Women's Achievement Award

The American Nuclear Society has selected Dr. Leigh Winfrey, Dean of the Maritime College School of Engineering, as the recipient of the 2023 Mary Jane Oestmann Professional Women's Achievement Award.

Dr. Winfrey was presented the award during the Opening Plenary of the 2023 ANS Winter Conference and Expo in Washington, DC on November 13.

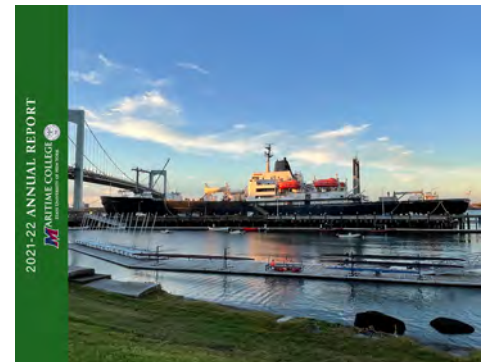


The Mary Jane Oestmann Professional Women's Achievement Award recognizes outstanding personal dedication and technical achievement by a woman in the fields of nuclear science, engineering, research or education. Dr. Winfrey's citation reads: "For her outstanding and trailblazing contributions to fusion technology, research and education and her outstanding leadership in the Society." ■

Maritime College Annual Report Receives Award for Excellence in Design from SUNY CUAD

Maritime College came out on top at the annual State University of New York Council for University Advancement SUNY CUAD Conference in June.

SUNY CUAD is the organization for advancement and communication professionals in the SUNY system. During this year's annual Conference, the Maritime College Office of Communications was honored with the 2023 Award for Excellence: Best in Category, Excellence in Design for its production of the Maritime College 2021-2022 Annual Report. The theme of the award-winning Report was impactful giving and the cover featured an image of the Empire State VI docked at the College's pier prior to its final summer at sea. ■



ATHLETICS NEWS

Women's Cross Country Team Wins Conference Championship

The women's cross country team made Maritime College history at the Skyline Conference Championships on Oct. 22. The Privateers won the team title for the first time, finishing more than 30 points ahead of second-place Farmingdale. Their victory wasn't just Maritime's first Skyline championship in women's cross country, it was the first by any Privateer women's program.

Maritime placed four runners in the top 12, led by First Team All-Skyline performer Adelle Leger, who finished third overall. Aisling Donnelly (8th place), Mary Cirelli (11th) and Hannah Smith (12th), meanwhile, all earned Second Team All-Skyline honors. Overall, the Privateers tallied 72 points, well clear of Farmingdale's 103.

Head Coach Ridge Robinson and Assistant Coach Ameera Khan's championship squad also included Lauren Barriteau, Natalie Boeri and Eily Kochon. Congratulations to the team on becoming Maritime's first-ever conference champions in a women's sport.



Fall 2023 Athletic Highlights

- The football, men's & women's soccer and women's volleyball teams all increased their win totals from 2022.
- The football team moved to a new league—the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC). Maritime played Coast Guard for the first time in program history and came away with a 24-21 victory on Homecoming weekend.
- Luke Caliendo was selected as the NEWMAC Special Teams Player of the Year, and five other Privateers were named to the All-NEWMAC Team.
- The offshore sailing team competed at the Kennedy Cup, the Fall National Championship event, and placed ninth in the nation.
- Jake Mundok was named First Team All-Skyline in men's cross country before placing fifth individually at the ECAC Championships.
- Maritime welcomed new head coaches in men's soccer (Max Watson), women's volleyball (John O'Donoghue), sailing (Tara Foster) and men's & women's swimming & diving (Steve Potsklan).
- Head Men's Lacrosse Coach Justin Manjares traveled to San Diego as a member of the Philippines National Team staff for the 2023 World Championship. The Philippines ended up going 5-2 in the tournament and finished 15th overall. Manjares helped the team secure its berth by serving as the head coach during the Asian qualifying tournament. ■



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Massachusetts Maritime Academy Marches Alongside SUNY Maritime in Veterans Day Parade

A combined cohort of cadets from the nation's two oldest state maritime colleges united to proudly march in the New York City Veterans Day Parade on November 11.

Cadets from both institutions, dressed sharply in service dress blue uniforms, marched along the route with a banner representing the United States Merchant Service and the Maritime Industry. In honor

of the nation's veterans that answered the call, the combined contingent of band members and honor guard were honored to give thanks to those who have served our nation in times of war and peace. ■



Maritime College Provost, Dr. Jennifer Waters Shares Expertise on Missing Titan Submersible with News Outlet

Dr. Jennifer Waters represented Maritime College and shared her ocean engineering expertise with the NYC news outlet, Eyewitness News 7, on a segment regarding the Titan Submersible reported missing on June 18 in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Dr. Waters, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – who has a distinguished career as an ocean engineer, naval architect and academician – appeared in an interview on the evening of June 21 with an Eyewitness News correspondent, as well as with the morning and noon Eyewitness News on June 22 with Eyewitness News anchors and responded to their questions.

During her interviews, Dr. Waters explained the purpose of a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that was launched to search for the missing submersible and the five individuals on board. In terms of the vessel response to the missing submersible, Dr. Waters discussed the importance of carefully analyzing any debris that would be recovered to determine whether the debris belonged to the submersible.

View the segment on Eyewitness News:

June 21 <https://abc7ny.com/missing-submersible-titan-titanic-maritime-college/13411647/> ■



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SUMMER SEA TERM 2023

Cadets were excited at the prospect of being the first to sail on the new state-of-the-art ship, TS Empire State VII at the end of the spring semester. In mid-May, however, Maritime College was informed that delivery of the training ship would be postponed due to delays in outfitting, system integration, and testing and commissioning. It was critical that the ship – the first of five training ships under construction – meet

all safety standards prior to embarkation of cadets. In response, the College executed a Summer Sea Term contingency plan that required coordinating three different cruises.

First Class cadets traveled to Texas for summer training onboard the TS Kennedy (assigned to Texas to fulfill the sea time and academic requirements for cadets planning to take the license examination in August). Texas Maritime Academy cadets also shared their cruise on

THE PLAN:



All First Class cadets traveled to Texas Maritime for summer training onboard the TS Kennedy



The Second and Third Class cadets embarked on the TS Golden Bear in Vallejo, California



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Underway, Learning the Cali Way



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the Kennedy with cadets from Maine and Mass Maritime academies. RADM Michael Fossum of Texas Maritime promised that by the end of cruise, Maritime College cadets would be greeting each other with a Texas-style, "Howdy."

Second and Third Class cadets had a lifetime experience as they embarked on the TS Golden Bear in Vallejo, California en route to the Hawaiian Islands and San Diego. As their SST began in mid-July (an

abbreviated SST), these cadets would be required to participate in a three-week winter cruise over the College's winter break (January 9-23). This plan would allow most Second and Third Class cadets to accumulate the necessary sea time prior to taking their license examination.

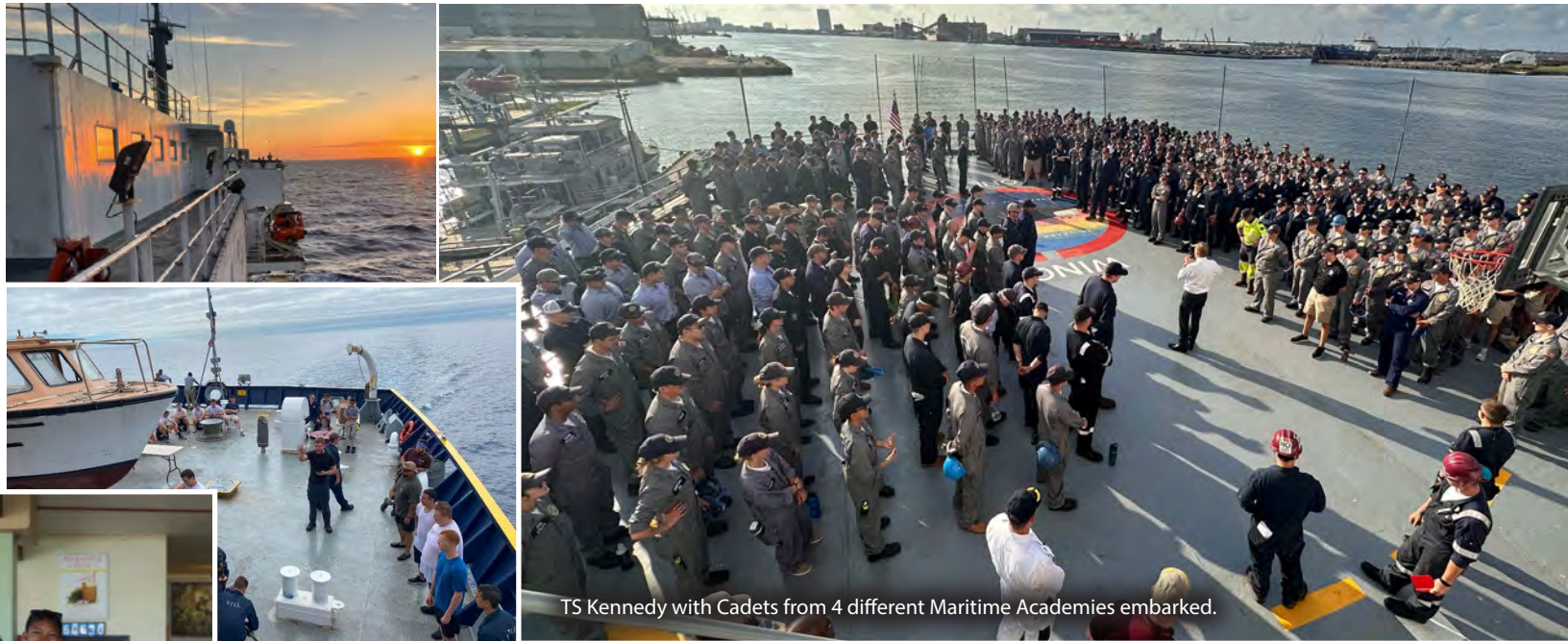
Considering the Golden Bear and Kennedy were at capacity, the Limited License Third Class cadets (1600-Ton Mate/Engine Degree Program) were assigned to the State of Michigan, offering them a unique experience sailing the Great Lakes.

Flexibility was key in successfully executing the plan and Dean of Maritime Education and Training Captain Jeff Spillane noted, "While the preference was to have SST 2023 onboard TS Empire State VII, conducting cruises on three different training ships has provided our students with a broadening experience and demonstrates their flexibility and adaptability, a trait the maritime industry looks for in licensed graduates."

"Coordinating three simultaneous cruises on three different ships would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our professional licensed mariner faculty and staff," said RADM Michael Alfultis. "This all-hands effort included nearly every department on campus. I also deeply appreciate the cooperation and support from California, Massachusetts and Texas Maritime Academies, and the Maritime Administration – it was truly a team effort." ■



Limited License Third Class cadets assigned to Great Lakes Maritime onboard the TS State of Michigan



TS Kennedy with Cadets from 4 different Maritime Academies embarked.



SUNY Maritime Adds its Mural to the TSGB

STUDY ABROAD 2023

In early May 2023, 14 excited students boarded a red-eye flight to Los Angeles. "What does LA have to do with study abroad?" you may ask. The region has 2 of the largest ports in North America and thus visiting the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and the Alameda Corridor gave the students perspective and context for what they would see abroad. Led by Assistant Professor Alison Romain of the GBAT Department and Senior Lecturer Ira Breskin of Humanities, the ITT juniors, Patrick Bartoletta, Carolina Bersani, Jake Cosgrove, Alexandros Demetriades, Joseph Ferrante, Sean Hussey, Bakary Kone, Charlie Lucchese, James Mastro, John Ohanian, Carlos Jaime Pastrana, Tyrel Ross, Cheyenne Snyder, and Darren Walsh, next headed to Asia for a 28-day intensive exploration of culture and international trade.

After 4 days in Los Angeles, the group visited Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, Seoul, and Busan, meeting with a total of 24 organizations, ports, and universities to learn about international shipping, port and terminal operations, economics, supply chain, logistics, manufacturing, strategic planning, research & development, admiralty law, and international relations and regulations. Cultural activities were also included in each city. ■



Malaysia Palm Oil Board, Kuala Lumpur



Visit to General Electric in Hanoi



Nanyang Technological University, Singapore



At Hyundai Heavy Industries in Ulsan



Visit to Korea Maritime & Ocean University

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San Francisco
Las Vegas/Harry Reid
Los Angeles



Highlights:

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Four orientation sessions were held in the spring so that the students could get to know each other and the instructors. The goal was to prepare the students for what to expect in terms of Asian culture and customs, to educate them about security issues when traveling abroad, and to give them an overview of political, economic, trade, and shipping issues pertinent to the region.

LOS ANGELES (MAY 10 – 13, 2023)

Cultural activities included touring the battleship USS Iowa and a behind-the-scenes tour of the LaBrea Tar Pits. Business visits were held with Michael Leue, CEO of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, with Mario Cordero, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach, and with Capt. Kip Louttit, Executive Director of the Maritime Exchange of Southern California. A boat tour of the Port of Los Angeles by Joseph Hurst, District Manager of Transmarine Navigation Corp., was arranged by Prof. Jeff Weiss.



SINGAPORE (MAY 14 – 19, 2023)

Cultural activities included a walking tour of the city and an excursion to Sentosa Island. Business meetings included a presentation by Bernice Yeoh, Executive Director of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration, visits to the Port Operations Control Center and Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore and to a wastewater treatment plant, and a lecture at Nanyang Technology University by Capt. Tim Kim Hoc.

KUALA LUMPUR (MAY 20 – 24, 2023)

Cultural activities included a walking tour of the city and an excursion to Batu Caves. Business visits included Sime Darby Plantation; the Malaysian Palm Oil Board; presentations by Nakul Rastoggi, Senior Director of Bulk Trading, and Shreenivasan Appanaidu, VP of Human Resources at Pacific Inter-Link; a factory tour of Steelcase; and a tour of Westports terminal by Paul Ravindran, Assistant General Manager of Marketing.

HANOI (MAY 25 – 30, 2023)

Businesses meetings were a tour of Bao Minh Textile factory led by Leo Pham, Chief Sales Officer and Do Quyen, Sales Manager; a tour of SEICO prefabricated steel plant led by Huy Thieu Quang, Deputy Overseas Business Manager; a tour of Duy Minh Garment factory; presentations by Lan Trinh, Communications Leader, and Phung Ngoc Lan, General Director of GE Power Systems Vietnam, at General Electric; and a presentation by Kully Nelson, Commercial Officer of the US Embassy. Cultural activities included a walking tour, a visit to a Buddhist temple, a cooking class, a boat trip to Ha Long Bay, a water puppet show, and a tour of the Vietnam War prison.

SEOUL (MAY 31 – JUNE 5, 2023)

The group attended a lecture arranged by Dean Kowtha Rao at Seoul National University by Dr. Yong Wook Jun and had a chance to interact with Korean students. There were meetings with Energy 11 and Hyundai Heavy Industries Research & Development division. Cultural activities included visits to a palace, the DMZ, and the Zero-energy building.

BUSAN (JUNE 6 – 9, 2023)

The group visited Korea Maritime & Ocean University and had a tour of its training ship; visited an admiralty law firm, Pusan Pacific, for a presentation by Jeffrey Harrison, attorney; and had a tour of the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard.

REGIMENTAL NEWS

INDOC 2023 – ANCHOR CHAINS FOR SUCCESS & SECURITY TRAINING

While traditions remain embedded in the annual INDOC Training Program, continued refinement of processes and training evolutions is paramount to ensure that MUGs are aligned with industry standards. The links of the chains to success at SUNY Maritime College are abounding and readily available but how do you ensure that incoming cadets to the Regiment are knowledgeable about their options? Embedded in the carefully choreographed schedule during INDOC 2022 was a new component to ensure that all of the MUGs were aware of the “chains” that remain at the ready to ensure they stay grounded. Each day, MUGs, guided by their IDO’s, learned of the various Anchor

Chains – the departments and offices on campus – to ensure that all MUGs were aware of their location, points of contact, and services provided. Informing the MUGs of the myriad of services available was a critical factor in their long-term ability to succeed at SUNY Maritime. Additionally, all MUGs completed the VPDS or Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties training during INDOC with a 96.3% pass rate. With responsibilities for security for the TS Empire State VII as part of their MUG year experience, ensuring their knowledge of their individual responsibilities was a seminal training component of their INDOC training. ■



Meet the New Regimental Commander 1/C Cadet Rushawn Henry

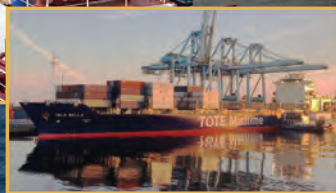
In September, 1/C deck cadet Rushawn Henry was appointed Regimental Commander, Regiment of Cadets for the 2023-2024 academic year. After attaining his Associate Degree and professional diving credentials, Henry, a NYC native, was encouraged to attend SUNY Maritime College by his uncle, Captain John DeCruz, '92. Henry served as Division Officer aboard the Training Ship Golden Bear during Summer Sea Term 2023 overseeing the 2/C and 3/C cadets as they completed their training. The various leadership positions Henry has held throughout his tenure at Maritime College



made him an excellent choice to lead his fellow shipmates into the future. “Part of being a leader took standing up in uncomfortable situations for honest beliefs. Whether it was for me, my fellow classmates, or my subordinates, standing up for those around me is second nature. It is what led me to where I am today.” Henry is aware of the struggles faced by his shipmates and leads by example in his day-to-day roles on and off campus.

His goal is to inspire others through his leadership and ensure the future of the Regiment of Cadets remains grounded in its long-lasting traditions. ■

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14th Annual Maritime Risk Symposium Offers Insight and Discussion on Maritime Risk Issues

The State University of New York Maritime College, in collaboration with the USCG Research and Development Center, the National Academies of Sciences, industry partners, and federal, state, and local agencies, hosted the 14th Annual Maritime Risk Symposium (MRS 2023) on November 14-16, 2023 at New York Maritime College “Managing Impacts of Supply Chain Disruptors, Renewable Energy, Emerging Technology

on the Maritime Transportation System (MTS)” MRS 2023 brought together over 160 participants from academics, government, and commercial entities to discuss the threats, challenges, and risks associated with the international and domestic Marine Transportation System.

This international event focused on various elements of risk, State of Offshore Energy Risk to the Maritime Transportation System, Calculating Offshore Energy Risks, Maritime Autonomy, TSA and Offshore Operations, Offshore Energy and Cyber Risk, Offshore Energy Port Infrastructure Risk, Offshore Regulatory Gaps, and North Atlantic Right

Whale and other mammal Risk. Following the Symposium, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Strategic Analysis conducted an Evergreen Exercise to consider plausible future operating environments that, as a set, capture future opportunities and threats, attended by 60 industry, government, and academic leaders.

MRS 2023 was co-chaired by Captain Eric Johansson, Distinguished Professor of Maritime Transportation, Maritime College, School of Maritime Education and Training, and Dr. Joe DiRenzo, Director of Research Partnerships, USCG Research and Development Center.

“Maritime College is honored to host this prestigious annual event for the second time in five years,” said Captain Johansson, “The level of speakers, panelists, and attendees was impressive, and their contributions will help tackle the growing risks facing the Maritime Transportation System.” ■



Keynote Speaker Admiral Mauger, First Coast Guard District, USCG



RADM Michael Parks, Regional CEO of the American Red Cross and Austin Gould, Acting Executive Assistant Administrator “TSA and Offshore Operations”



Panel on Calculating Offshore Energy Risks. Facilitator: Dr. Henry Willis, Rand; Buckley McAllister, President, McAllister Towing; Paul Hobart, Assistant Director, Homeland Security and Justice; CAPT Ricard Schultz, Chief of Prevention, First CG District; Craig Conklin, Associate Director at DHS.



SUNY Maritime College student-cadets Ari Symrot, James O'Connell, and Devin Noone submitted MRS 2023 Research Posters under the faculty guidance of Rear Admiral Stash Pelkowski. Cadet Noone's Poster won first prize.

CAMPUS NEWS

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps at Maritime College SUMMER 2023



BY CAPT THURRAYA S. KENT, USN (RET.)

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Area Representative

For the second time in a row, more than 200 Sea Cadets, aged 10-18, attended a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps training at SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, NY, from July 9-22, 2023. Led by Sea Cadet adult volunteers and amazing SUNY Maritime staff, Sea Cadets from all over the country stayed on campus and attended specialized trainings including basic and advanced leadership, sailing, boat safety, honors and ceremonies, and STEM.

The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character. Many Sea Cadets at this training learned to work together and adjust to their differences by having roommates for the first time. Uniform and

room inspections taught the cadets attention to detail. Military drill and cardboard boat building encouraged them to communicate and collaborate. Cadets relied on these skills when volunteering at SUNY Maritime in support of the community-wide event Boogie Down to the Long Island Sound.

The trainings enabled Sea Cadet adult volunteers to challenge these emerging leaders in a safe and dynamic environment at SUNY Maritime. Convenient access to the Stephen B. Luce Library and the Maritime Industry Museum made it easier for older cadets to research and complete projects for their summer leadership class.

From the positive feedback received, plans are underway to hold several trainings for Sea Cadets at SUNY Maritime in July 2024. To learn more about the Sea Cadets, please visit www.seacadets.org. ■



SUNY Maritime's extensive campus and waterfront facilities provided the ideal learning environment for these ambitious young U.S. Naval Sea Cadets exploring leadership, marine, and STEM pursuits in July 2023.



CELEBRATING **Our past**



In 1874, the school's first training ship, the St. Mary's, sailed up New York harbor, and by January 1875, the first 26 students boarded the St. Mary's and later departed on their first training cruise. These training cruises were the heart and soul of the New York Nautical School and continue to be so today.

As we launch the Maritime College sesquicentennial campaign, Celebrating Our Past; Investing in Our Future, we will look back to honor and remember the people, events, and traditions that define us: a college deeply rooted in learning at sea. As part of looking back, we will have several events celebrating our past, including a Sesquicentennial Library Lecture Series, Sesquicentennial Faculty Colloquia, and a Sesquicentennial Podcast Series. In our Spring and Fall 2024 Fort Schuyler Magazine, we are looking to capture stories, memories, and photos that span our 150-year history.





CALL FOR ENTRIES

Alumni, faculty, and staff share your stories, memories, reflections and photos in the following categories:

- Favorite Campus Photo (must be accompanied by descriptive caption)
- Most memorable Summer Sea Term (SST)
- Favorite SST story or training ship photo (must be accompanied by descriptive caption)
- Favorite faculty or staff member
- Favorite legend (e.g., haunting, secret space, etc)
- A “one hand” reflection how someone helped financially while you were at Maritime

Reflections/memories and stories should be less than 225 words. Please email to communications@sunymaritime.edu

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024



INVESTING IN **Our future**



Maritime College Celebrates Delivery of Training Ship Empire State

In a first for the State and City of New York, and the borough of the Bronx, a new purpose-built training ship, the Empire State VII, arrived at Olivet Pier, Maritime College on Monday, September 18, accompanied by a parade of ships.

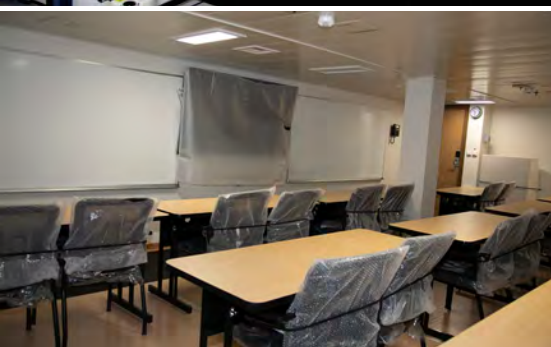
Built in the U.S. and designated for each of America's state maritime academies, the Empire State is the first of five National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMV). It is a world-class training ship and instructional platform designed to serve a dual purpose: supporting merchant mariner education and assisting with humanitarian/disaster relief during times of national emergency. The ship's arrival is a milestone event for the nation, the maritime industry, the city of New York and SUNY Maritime College.

Conceptualization, construction and arrival of the Empire State VII is a historic achievement made possible with the help of elected officials, maritime industry partners, stakeholders and alumni who supported the efforts of President RADM Michael Alfultis as he traveled to Washington, D.C. over several years to speak with Congressional members. "This is an exciting day for Maritime College as we welcome the Empire State VII to its home port," said RADM Alfultis. "This state-of-the-art training ship will provide our cadets the most advanced technology in the shipping and maritime industry, and ensure they are prepared to operate and maintain vessels as licensed deck officers and engineers."

Fabrication of the Empire State began with steel-cutting in 2021, followed by the laying of the ship's keel in 2022, and Christening Ceremony in spring 2023. The new training ship features numerous instructional spaces, a full training bridge, and accommodations for up to 600 cadets to train in a first-rate maritime academic environment at sea.

In addition to being a state-of-the-art training and educational platform, the Empire State features a modern hospital facility, a helicopter pad, and the ability to accommodate up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need. Adding to its capability, the ship will provide needed roll-on/roll-off and container storage capacity for use during disaster relief missions. ■

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Type	Training Ship
Length	524.5 ft (159.9 m)
Beam	88.7 ft (27.0 m)
Draft	21.4 ft (6.5 m)
Installed Power	15,700 kW
Propulsion	4 x Wabtec 16V250MDC engines, single all electric drive shaft
Speed	18 knots (33 km/h; 21 mph)
Range	11,000 nm (20,000 km; 13,000 mi) at 18 knots (33 km/h; 21 mph)
Complement	600 cadets, 100 officers, staff, crew (training); 1000 (disaster relief)



Global Offshore Wind Training



Starting in January 2024, SUNY Maritime College, in partnership with RelyOn Nutec, will offer all five modules of the internationally recognized offshore wind Basic Safety Training (BST). This training is certified by the Global Wind Organization (GWO).

Maritime College will be one of only two of the seven Maritime Academies in the US offering GWO-certified offshore BST training. The BST program offers hybrid courses, with the classroom portion taught online and assessments taking place on campus utilizing our offshore wind training facility. More information about this training can be found on our website at <https://www.sunymaritime.edu/global-offshore-wind-training>

Offshore wind power or offshore wind energy is the energy taken from the force of the winds out at sea, and transformed into electricity and supplied into the electricity network onshore. It is predicted there will be a need for 58,000 full-time offshore wind industry workers needed annually by 2030. Maritime College is in an ideal location to train workers and seafarers involved in the construction of wind farms taking place off the coasts of New York and New Jersey as well as other locations. It is a wonderful opportunity for SUNY Maritime to offer the training and certification.

Maritime College is also working with RelyOn Nutec to develop certified GWO Basic Technical Training (BTT). The BST and BTT course development, GWO certification, and training facilities were made possible by a US Department of Labor Community Program grant sponsored by Representatives Ocasio-Cortez and Tom Suozzi as well as a NYSERDA grant. The grants, totaling \$ 1.5 million, are also being utilized to establish the Maritime College Center of Excellence for Offshore Wind, focused research and scholarship, academic programs, workforce development programs, and outreach and education. ■

Student Union Opens

As our students returned to the campus in August, they were welcomed by the opening of the new Student Union. SUNY Maritime renovated the space below the Mess Deck by closing it in and creating a space for our students. The Student Union has two conference rooms, a multipurpose room, an SGA and MAP office, and a game room (with a pool table, table tennis, foosball, and gaming consoles). There is a large space for our students to gather and relax. It didn't take long for our students to find the space. You can find them studying, working, relaxing in the Student Union daily.

Office of Student Affairs maintain the Student Union as a student space by limiting reservations to students or events with a student focus: student organization fair, student services fair, student employment fair, and peer educators counseling services. We expect more activities to occur in the Union as students see how to utilize their space. ■





THREE ACES: DR. ARTHUR SULZER '74

SUNY Maritime’s education affords graduates unlimited career possibilities. Dr. Arthur Sulzer IV '74 likens it to being dealt a hand with three aces in a card game. “That’s a hand you’d tend to hold,” he says. “At graduation, I got three things: a great academic degree, a Naval Reserve commission, and a Coast Guard license. Any of those could give me a full-time career.” He leveraged all three!

BY DON GALE

Sulzer’s father, Arthur Sulzer, Jr. '42, sailed as an engineer in World War II and became a Naval Reserve officer. Coming ashore in 1955, he worked in shipbuilding, eventually opening his own surveying and marine construction business in Philadelphia.

Sulzer '74 recalls Sundays with his brother chipping and painting his father’s barges while his mother, a teacher, graded papers. This exposure generated interest in engineering and teaching. “My father’s firm provided port engineering services on the hospital ship USS Hope,” Sulzer says. “I’d had opportunities to work and interact with the crew.” Winning the military draft lottery in 1969 prompted him to pursue national service as an officer and to enroll at SUNY Maritime, a choice further cemented by senior summer employment with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Sulzer graduated with a Third Mate license, a BS in Marine Transportation, and his Third Assistant’s license. After sailing with Exxon, Getty, American Export and Farrell Lines, Sulzer returned to Maritime. Sulzer has shared, “Maritime made opportunities for young sailors to take a break from sailing and work as adjunct instructors while continuing education. I took such an opportunity to earn my MS in Transportation Management from Maritime and my MBA in Finance at Hofstra.”

Sulzer shares several distinct Maritime memories: “Valetta, Malta, during my MUG cruise, was like a World War II movie scene with all of us uniformed cadets. Senior year, we sailed the new training ship, Empire State V, formerly USNS Barrett, from California. My Dad, former Chief Engineer on her sister ship, accompanied us. As a Marine Transportation instructor, I led rowing and beach landings Friday mornings, a refreshing release from academics.”



After graduation, Sulzer sailed for several years before returning to Maritime to teach and to pursue further education. Here, he is shown aboard General Dynamics-built LNG Virgo in 1980.



Sulzer served in 2003 as Commanding Officer of USNS Comet in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 1981, Sulzer was called up to establish Great Lakes Maritime Academy's Department of Naval Science. "Having fulfilled my reserve requirements, I continued in the Navy," says Sulzer. "I ascended the ranks to Captain, finishing my career as Commanding Officer of the USNS Comet transporting Marines to the Persian Gulf in 2003. My nephew, Ian Sulzer '13, a third-generation Maritime graduate, serves with the Navy in Bahrain."

Sulzer has also taught at the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School, USMMA, and SUNY Maritime. In addition to working with the family company, Art's industry positions included Vice President of Operations for Sea Line Company and Manager of Industrial Relations for Keystone Shipping.

Art proudly cofounded Philadelphia's Maritime Academy Charter School in 2003. MACS engages over 800 Grade K-12 students annually, several of which have since graduated from Maritime. Sulzer also founded the Maritime Primary and Secondary Education Coalition (MPSEC), nationally promoting K-12 maritime education.

In 2012, Sulzer earned his Doctor of Education at University of Pennsylvania. In 2013, President Obama appointed Sulzer to the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation where he continues to serve.

In addition to "three aces," Sulzer shares what he believes is the trump card:

"I'm part of the Maritime family. I've developed friendships with my teachers like Professor Femenia '64 and Captain John Hagedorn '67, and former students like Professor Joe Ahlstrom '79." Eight years ago, Art started The Ancient Mariners, for which, he explains, "Membership requires only a connection to Maritime, love of the sea and being a good shipmate. We gather annually for an adventure somewhere in the world. It's the best example I know of the family that Maritime has created out of many different individuals across generations." ■

Dr. Sulzer offers three pieces of advice to Maritime students:



Stay connected to your teachers and classmates. They're your greatest career resource.

Plan for your next job. Listen and learn from others in that role now.

Accept challenges. Don't stay comfortable. Don't stay where you're unhappy. Walk through that next door.



At the 2013 Commencement (l-r): Capt. John Hagedorn '67, Dr. Art Sulzer '74, Kevin Tokarski '84, and Sulzer's nephew Ian Sulzer '13. Hagedorn was Chief Mate aboard TSES IV and V when Sulzer was a cadet, and Sulzer was Chief Mate on TSES V when Tokarski was a Chief Cadet Officer. Ian is the third generation Sulzer to graduate SUNY Maritime and serves in the U.S. Navy in Bahrain. Dr. Sulzer served as Engineering Watch Officer aboard TSES VI when Ian was a cadet.

A GUIDING LIGHT: JOSÉ FEMENIA '64

BY DON GALE

With the training ship EMPIRE STATE VII ingrained into Maritime life, it's ironic that José Femenia '64's first introduction to marine engineering was his candle-powered steamboat! José recalls that his journey began back in middle school. "My eighth-grade principal called me and my mother into her office one morning. She said that I should take the Brooklyn Technical High School entrance exam. She needed to submit her list of exam candidates that afternoon!" He passed and was accepted into this bastion of technical excellence. He found he was immediately drawn towards engineering.

Femenia was further motivated by family friend and Maritime cadet Bob Pagnucco '59. Bob often talked about Maritime with José, further fanning the flame and prompting José to enroll. Tragically lost in the 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, Pagnucco was honored years later in an MCAA scholarship fundraiser managed by José's wife, Eileen.

Because new dormitories were under construction, Femenia's Class of '64 lived three years aboard the training ship. "MUG year I lived on "E" Deck aboard TSES IV. Compared to the holds where most of the MUGs lived, "E" Deck was a luxury suite. Not your typical college dorm experience." He also enjoyed decorous holiday and pre-cruise balls in Maritime's gym.



Professor José Femenia boasts a 47-year legacy of guiding students at SUNY Maritime and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in developing their knowledge and skills. Here, Femenia pilots his 31-foot Mainship yacht Eres Tú.

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While Femenia dedicated 47 years of academic experience to SUNY Maritime and USMMA, teaching was not his original objective on graduating. Offered employment with General Dynamics, he instead accepted a three-year teaching position with Maritime Engineering Department Chair John Foody to support graduate study. “Teaching four days a week, earning graduate credits in the evenings, I worked the fifth day for professional development,” he explains. His early employers included J.J. Henry Naval Architects and Webb Institute. Throughout his career, Femenia has consulted for engineering, machinery, and marine companies on propulsion and industrial projects, regularly introducing field material into his classes.

In May 1974, as Maritime College celebrated its Centennial, Admiral Sheldon Kinney appointed Femenia Engineering Department Chair, offering him and his young wife, Eileen, on-campus housing. “We moved in for two years, and we stayed for 21!” says Femenia. “I remember the excitement and enthusiasm surrounding the College’s Centennial brought on by Admiral and Mrs. Kinney, the hoopla and banners.”

Eileen recalls planning the September 1974 Centennial Dinner: “The Alumni Association was on the top floor of the old College Club. When we moved on campus, José said they needed help, so I volunteered. I remember helping Association administrator Grace Connelly and stuffing envelopes with Forest Smith ‘22 and his wife, Martha.”

When Admiral Floyd Miller set Department Chair term limits in 1995, Femenia stepped down as Engineering Department Chair. Immediately, he was hired as Engineering Department Head at USMMA. “I intended to stay a few years, help them with ABET accreditation, retire, and expand my consulting activities. Seventeen years later, I retired,” says Femenia. A crowning achievement of his tenure at USMMA was establishing the nation’s first online Marine Engineering Master’s degree program. “To my knowledge, USMMA was the only Federal academy offering a Master’s degree at the time,” he says.

José served as President of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and the Society of Marine Port Engineers. In 1991, he was appointed to the New York Board for Engineering and Land Surveying, serving two 5-year terms. He was instrumental in establishing the national P.E. Examination in Naval Architecture. He continues serving as an extended member. He is most proud of being inducted into Maritime’s Heritage Hall as a Distinguished Alumnus.

For students and alumni, Femenia adds: “Be sure your life partner supports your goals and interests. Despite her own busy career, Eileen raised three children and hosted cadets, industry and professional society visitors for dinners at our campus home.” Eileen served 21 years as MCAA Executive Director and is a tireless booster of the Association and the SUNY Maritime community.

Inspired by a candle-powered steamboat, José Femenia ‘64 has built a life empowering countless engineering clients and students. He stands as a true exemplar of Maritime’s legacy. ■



Above, José and Eileen Femenia prepare to depart from Quarters 7, their home on campus from 1974 to 1995, for the Centennial Ball in September 1974.

2023 ADMIRAL'S DINNER RAISES RECORD-BREAKING

ONE MILLION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The sun set perfectly over the New York City skyline on September 19, as over 500 Maritime College alumni and friends gathered at Marina del Rey in the Bronx to raise a historic \$1 Million for student scholarships. The annual celebration drew a vibrant crowd of community partners and proud alumni for an evening of networking and camaraderie capped off with a lively paddle-raise and recognition of industry thought leaders and dedicated changemakers.

SUNY Maritime Foundation Board of Trustees Chair Robert Johnston '69, the evening's Master of Ceremonies, and RADM Michael Alfultis led the awards ceremony. Honored were American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier and its President/CEO Eric Ebeling, TOTE Services and its President Captain Jeff Dixon, and the Masters of the T/S Empire State VI represented by Captains Joseph Ahlstrom, '82 and Morgan McManus '92.

Regimental Commander Cadet Rushawn Henry 1/C, addressed guests, remarking on his journey at Maritime College and the challenges facing students today. "I discovered my potential at Maritime and am fortunate that between my scholarships and income from working multiple jobs, I can afford my education. But many of my peers aren't as lucky as me. Like one student who works several jobs to help her single mother pay the bills. Another can't afford to live in the dorms and travels two hours each way on

public transit from Brooklyn to campus.

"We all recognize that a Fort Schuyler degree is not easy, but as the Regimental Commander, it would hurt me to see a member of our student body lose the opportunity to continue at Maritime because they can't afford it," added Henry. Resonating with the audience, his comments drew loud applause.

Attendees, who joined the Dinner, in-person and virtually, participated in a dynamic scholarship auction. With the inclusion of a generous \$150,000 match offered by the Board of Trustees, an unprecedented goal of \$1,000,000 was raised for students. These funds aid in recruiting and retaining the best and brightest to Maritime College and demonstrate that, regardless of their financial situation, the next generation of graduates will have the opportunity to succeed and contribute meaningfully to the industry.

Noting this would be his final Admiral's Dinner prior to his retirement in July 2024, RADM Alfultis thanked the community. "Congratulations to our honorees and a huge thank you to our outstanding sponsors. Tonight's record-setting results are a good omen for the College's 150th anniversary and campaign. It has been my honor and privilege to know you over these ten years. I ask that you all join me and Kim in supporting this effort, which is critical to future of Maritime College." ■



Honoree Captain Jeff Dixon, President of TOTE Services with Admiral Alfultis



Honoree Eric Ebeling, President/CEO of American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier with Admiral Alfultis



Professor Sean Carswell '99 and students enjoy the views from Marina del Rey



Students network with industry professionals



Top bidder Hernan Ayala-Rubio '88 receives the first limited edition TSESVII coin



Tim Angerame '00, Joe Lorino '87, Pietro Lorina '26, and Peter Angerame '04 enjoy the scholarship dinner



Mike '65 with wife Carol Toner and guests



Cadets Carolina Bersani '24, Deputy Regimental Commander (l) and Rushawn Henry '24, Regimental Commander (r) connect with USCG Deputy Sector Commander Jon Andrechik



Guests from Honoree TOTE Services

LETTER FROM ROBERT JOHNSTON '69

Chairman, SUNY Maritime Foundation



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One hundred and fifty years ago, the school ship St. Mary's was launched to provide career training for "wayward boys", we all recognize that the College has come a long way since then.

At its core, Maritime College has always been an institution that changes lives. Throughout our history, Maritime has provided a pathway to economic prosperity for countless graduates both at sea and ashore. As the articles about Art Sulzer '74, and José Femenia '64, within this issue illustrates, a Maritime College degree is a springboard to a wide range of opportunities.

In celebration of the College's 150th anniversary, Admiral Alfultis and the Maritime College Foundation launched the Maritime College Sesquicentennial Campaign. Its purpose is to raise financial support for students, faculty, and facilities. These efforts will allow Maritime to continue to provide a rigorous, well-rounded academic education, a strong technical foundation, applied learning opportunities, and an emphasis on leadership development second to none so graduates can compete and succeed in the industries we serve. Initiatives include the recruitment of accomplished, visionary educators to fill positions of retiring faculty, increasing student enrollment, and providing enhanced academic programs that will prepare students to solve problems, adapt to changing shipboard and shoreside technologies, and equip them with the skills necessary to rise to the highest levels of corporate leadership.

One of the greatest challenges the College faces today is keeping the cost of education affordable so that aspiring students from every economic background can attend Maritime. To do this, we must increase scholarship support. The success of the 2023 Admiral's Dinner, which grossed over one million dollars, was an impressive first step in increasing scholarship support and highlighted the commitment of alumni and industry partners to extend "one hand" to students in need. But we need to do more.

We must increase regimental and non-regimental student enrollment to ensure the financial stability of the College and continuously advocate for increased state and federal funding to offset the high cost of Summer Sea Term.

With your help, the Sesquicentennial Campaign will provide the financial resources needed for the College to continue its trajectory as a global leader in maritime education. I hope you will join me in making a three-year pledge of support to build on the College's success under the leadership of Admiral Alfultis and to successfully launch our next president.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Capt. Robert Johnston '69
Chairman, SUNY Maritime Foundation



SESQUICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN INVESTMENT *in* PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

The SUNY Maritime Foundation's Sesquicentennial Campaign, Celebrating our Past and Investing in our Future, raises critical funding in support of the people and programs of Maritime College. Funds raised through this campaign will ensure that the College continues delivering top talent to the industries it serves – industries that need graduates who are well prepared to meet the challenges of an increasingly changing world.

While creating a bridge to the future, this campaign also pays tribute to the outstanding faculty members who have served the College throughout the past 15 decades, as well as the many generations of Fort Schuyler graduates. It is based on their commitment to excellence and drive for innovation that we are working to invest in the College's present-day faculty and students. The next few pages provide an outline of the campaign priorities. Please join in the celebration of this milestone anniversary and consider the campaign priorities that you would like to support.

Positioning Maritime College For the Future

The significant Federal and State capital investments have laid the foundation for the College's continued success. Nonetheless, to remain first and foremost, we must meet the following challenges head-on:

- Enrollment is a challenge as the nation experiences a marked decline in high school-aged youth, and high Summer Sea Term costs discourage students from enrolling in Maritime's USCG license programs and the Regiment.
- Retirements of long-serving professors have accelerated since the pandemic's onset, resulting in a generational change in Maritime's faculty. The College needs to recruit accomplished, visionary educators to fill those ranks and to ensure that our curriculum is innovative. The College needs to provide robust incentives for new hires, support the creation of new courses, and promote faculty and student-faculty research.
- The rapidly changing landscape for industry means that students must graduate with the agility to solve problems, adapt to the ever-changing technology in the workplace, and possess the skills and mindset required to rise to the highest levels of corporate leadership and responsibility.

Strategic Investments in People and Programs

To meet these challenges, the College looks to its community of alumni, industry professionals, families, faculty, staff, and friends to make philanthropic investments in Maritime College's people and programs. Such investments will allow Maritime College to continue to deliver top talent to the industries it serves, promote innovation across our areas of expertise, and increase the visibility and value of a Maritime College degree.

“Supporting the Sesquicentennial campaign is my way of saying ‘thank you’ to an institution that afforded me so much in life: a fulfilling career, an unsurpassed alumni network, and a connection to classmates and shipmates who I consider family. Knowing that my campaign contribution may open the door to the same level of personal and professional success for the next generation of Fort Schuyler grads, and push the College to new heights, is extremely rewarding.”

Stephen J. Carbery '80, President, Maritime College Alumni Association and Committee Member, Maritime College Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee

Admiral Alfultis and the SUNY Maritime Foundation have identified an urgent need for strategic investments across three areas:

Campaign Goals and Priorities

SCHOLARSHIP

- \$750,000 to attract high-achieving students as well as provide financial support to students in need for whom a Fort Schuyler degree will open new doors to economic prosperity.
- \$150,000 for the One Hand Student Relief Fund to help students facing financial crises.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

- \$150,000 for Privateer Athletics to support pre-season training, replace the aging fleet of vans used by teams for away games, and upgrade equipment.
- \$150,000 to enhance Campus Student Activities to foster a stronger sense of community that will increase student retention.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The College's history is steeped with beloved and dedicated faculty, many of them alumni, who taught generations of students. The College is facing a generational turn-over as the pandemic has increased the rate of retirements. Simultaneously, an evolving industry and technological change necessitates new and innovative course offerings.

\$150,000 annually for each of the College's three Schools

- School of Business, Science & Humanities
- School of Engineering
- School of Maritime Education and Training

These funds will enable the Deans to provide faculty start-up grants to entice bright, new faculty to join the College; fund professional development, such as sending faculty and students to conferences, and; fund the development of new courses, faculty research and projects, and engage industry leaders.

EMERGING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- \$1.5M for the Sallyport Fund

The Sallyport Fund provides the resources to support new initiatives for innovative course development. An infusion of unrestricted leadership gifts in support of the Sallyport Fund will accelerate innovation on campus to best prepare our graduates for future industry needs and emerging industries such as:

- Offshore Wind
- New fuel and propulsion systems
- Digitization within the maritime industry

“I am proud to contribute to the College's Sesquicentennial Campaign in support of the School of Engineering's Dean's Fund. My contribution is helping to attract the next generation of top-tier faculty to Maritime College, ensuring that students have the training and resources needed to address the complex engineering challenges facing the marine industry. This is my personal commitment to education and to the future success of our industry.”

Bruce Rosenblatt, Founder, Bruce S. Rosenblatt & Associates, LLC, Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Committee Member, Maritime College Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee

SUNY Maritime College's Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee has officially launched its campaign activities, marking the beginning of a significant fundraising initiative in support of Maritime College's people and programs.

To date, nineteen individuals have joined the Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee. These dedicated volunteers have committed their time to fundraising on behalf of the College and have each pledged to contribute \$5,000 or more annually, for the next three years, to help advance the College's campaign priorities and to provide a bridge to the future for the incoming President.

Admiral Alfultis welcomes all alumni, industry professionals, and friends of Maritime College, who can make this level of commitment, to join the Campaign Committee. For information on how to serve on the Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee, or to learn more about the campaign priorities, contact Jeanne K. Murphy, Senior Director of Development: jmurphy@sunymaritime.edu, (347) 842-1691.

The College extends our deep appreciation to the founding members of the Sesquicentennial Campaign Committee.

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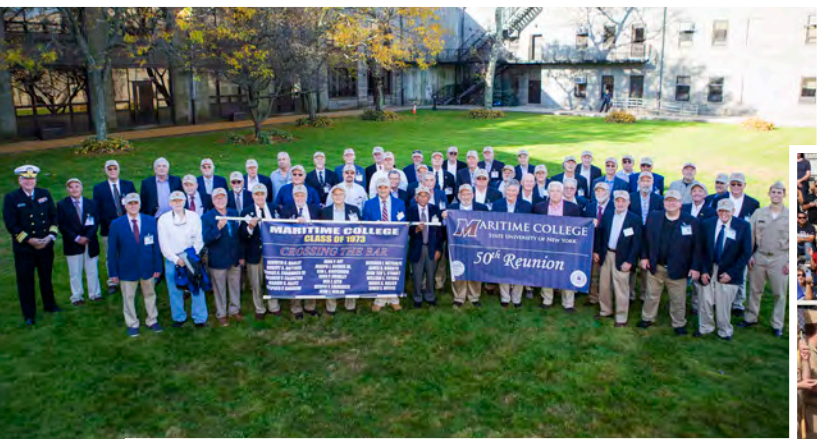
Homecoming 2023: A Time of Reunion and Remembrance

On October 28, Fort Schuyler alumni returned to campus in force for Homecoming and to cheer on the Privateers during their 24-21 win over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy football team. As part of the two-day celebration, the Alumni Association's Ancient Mariner Golf Classic took place on Friday along with the annual Marine Society of the City of New York President's Cup Challenge Monomoy Race against the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy plebes, in which the MUGs took the day with a handsome lead.

Early Saturday morning, RADM Alfultis greeted the reunion classes in the Library as alumni enjoyed breakfast, sharing stories and reminiscing. Among the many classes to join the festivities was the

Class of 1973, the honorary class celebrating their 50th reunion. MUGs took center stage at St. Mary's Pentagon as performed the traditional Pass-in-Review. Three individuals were inducted into Heritage Hall that morning in recognition of their dedication and service to the College: John Valvo '83, Professor John Mathieson '59, and Professor Karen Markoe.

Hundreds of alumni enjoyed their first glimpse of the Empire State VII with cadet-led tours while the football tailgate brought old friends together to enjoy a warm afternoon. The Alumni Association held their Annual Meeting on campus in the Special Events Room (the old "Senior Mess").



Immediately following the Pass-in-Review ceremony in St. Mary's Pentagon, members of the Class of 1973 gathered at SUNY Maritime College's sea wall overlooking the Long Island Sound. The Class dedicated a bronze plaque which was installed by the SUNY Maritime Foundation in recognition of their achievement in raising over \$124,000 to establish the Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will provide financial support each

year for one Deck and one Engine student to participate in Summer Sea Term. Additionally, the class took the opportunity to remember nineteen deceased members of their class. Rev. Tom Hauser '73 delivered remarks in memory of the deceased and read Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem, Crossing the Bar. After Rev. Hauser's remarks, members of the class tossed flowers and a wreath over the sea wall.



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Homecoming 2023 MCAA

What was not to love on Homecoming Day, October 28, 2023? A new training ship at the pier, sunshine, warm breezes, and a hearty group of Domers from across decades descending on campus set the stage for a day of fellowship and celebration. Alumni gathered bright and early at the tailgaters' lot, with 50th, 55th, 60th, and 65th Reunion celebrants meeting for breakfast at the Stephen P. Luce Library. The temperature and the energy rose through the morning after the annual Pass In Review Ceremony as alumni

showed their mettle in games of lacrosse, basketball, and baseball.

There was time for business, too. At the MCAA's Annual General Meeting, President Stephen Carbery '80 reinforced the value of Sustaining Membership and presented updates on the Membership and Chapter structure for promoting camaraderie, networking, and outreach and on the Committees for carrying out our mission. Treasurer Sam Reilly '95 presented an informative and encouraging picture of

the Association's financial affairs despite turbulent economic seas.

Some tense third-quarter moments during the Privateers' premier meet-up with the Coast Guard Academy Bears ultimately led to a 24-to-21 win for the home team on Reinhart Field, duly celebrated at Paddy's on The Bay afterward. Campus-wide alumni meet-ups carried well into late afternoon, with folks undoubtedly planning their gatherings for next year with old and new-found friends.



L-r, ladies Abby Gonzalez and Kathleen Cotter accompany their husbands Steven Gonzalez '68 and Capt. Bill Cotter '68 on the fellows' 55th Reunion at Homecoming.



L-r, a tailgate tête-à-tête with Mike Trotta '99, Seth Lucas '01, Rich Vonhout '00, Robert Immediato '99 and Russel Avolio '00.



Alumni across millennia are Al Guardino '71 (L) and Vin Melwani '02



L-r, reuniting 40 years out are '83 classmates Kevin Comerford, Mark Nielsen, Vin Horan, Gerard Dundon and Joe Cordero (seated).



Gathered for the game, L to R, are '19 alumni Peter Georgiou, Calvin Tonguay, and Joseph Butterworth.



Maritime brothers in blue – Shamus and Connor McDaniel, '16 and '18, L and R, respectively, flank Mike Sobkow '01, center.

Ancient Mariner Golf Outing 2023

Pelham Bay and Split Rock Golf Courses once again played host for the MCAA's annual Ancient Mariner Golf Outing Friday, October 27, 2023 to kick off Homecoming weekend. A troupe of 149 golfers gathered to demonstrate their prowess under fair skies and warm, light breezes. Over \$15,000 was raised among participants and sponsors, including an MCAA Board Challenge of \$2,250 for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin, to empower our fellowship

and outreach endeavors. The MCAA thanks all our event sponsors for your support. Mark your calendar for Friday, October 18, 2024 for the next Ancient Mariner Golf Outing!



L-r: Steve Gulotta '80, Joe Breglia '80, Steve Carbery '80, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80.



L-r: Past MCAA President Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80 and President Steve Carbery '80 honor Longest Drive Sponsorship effort from MCAA Board members Steve Carbery '80, Greg Tuthill '86, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, John Valvo '83, Victor Corso '83, Sam Reilly '95, and Rick McClain '13.

CLASS NOTES

Class of '57 Celebrate 66th Reunion

At their 65th Reunion over Homecoming weekend October 2022, the **Class of '57** agreed to continue meeting annually. Last September 19-22, eleven classmates and their companions upheld that commitment when they gathered for a 66th Reunion at OceanCliff Hotel in Newport, RI to enjoy each other's company and the fabulous end-of-summer weather. Tuesday evening's dinner at 22 Bowen's, on Bowen's Wharf, was followed Wednesday by a trolley tour of Newport and the legendary mansions. The day closed with a Memorial Dinner at OceanCliff.

While the Class of '57 have traditionally remembered classmates who had passed since their prior gathering, they made the 2023 memorial dinner Wednesday evening at OceanCliff extra special: all classmates and their spouses who had passed away since graduation were each named and commemorated with one ring of the memorial bell. Remembrances were closed with eight bells and a short prayer.



Reunited in the top row of the photo, l-r, are Ed Shepherd, Ray Ehlers' guest Carol Whitener, Ray Ehlers, Jack Burns, Ted Mason, Edward Vilella, John Turnbull, Tony Criso, Ralph Sirico, Jim McGovern, Gil Williamson, and Art Loefstedt. Front row, l-r, are Ed Shepherd's daughter Pam and classmates' spouses Kathy Shepherd, Nancy Loefstedt, Linda Vilella, Anne Turnbull, and Claudia Criso.

'57 The benefits of rowing as a low-impact full-body workout – flexibility, cardiorespiratory fitness, balance – aren't lost on **Ted Mason '57**. Shown here sculling on New York's Hudson River in his 22-foot Small Craft Ocean Racer, Ted, now 88, has been rowing out of Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club since 1991. Ted follows his grandfather, Frederick Schaefer, past member of Harlem River's Dauntless Rowing Club and stroke oar of their "fast eight." Schaefer's highly successful crew set two national records in 1902 and went on to qualify for the Henley Royal Regatta in England.

Rowing may be in the Mason family's blood. Ted's son, Drew Mason (far right in photo), rowed at Brown University under legendary coach Steve Gladstone in 1991. This, and his grandfather's rowing stories, prompted Ted to attend Craftsbury Sculling Camp in Vermont that same year. After completing his naval service, Drew rowed again with the crew at Harvard Business School. Ted's grandson, sixteen-year-old Eric (photo, center), rowing since 2022, has amassed enormous success with RowAmerica Rye (NY), winning more than a dozen medals thus far in his career. Eric's crew became USRowing's (under 17) New York State and then U.S. National Champion in 2023. Fourteen-year-old Christina, Ted's granddaughter, is extending the legacy, having dipped her oars with RowAmerica Rye this past December.



CLASS NOTES



Pass in Review - Winter 1959 - TS Empire State III in background

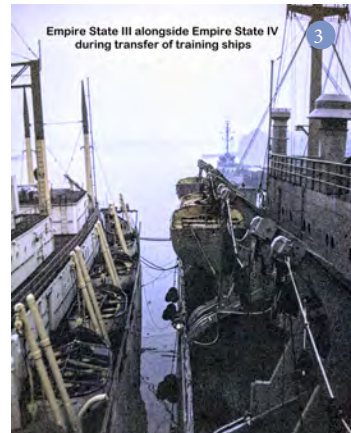


Leaving on Mug cruise - June 11, 1960

Cliff has lovingly memorialized his classmates who have crossed the bar in a video that he has maintained and regularly shares at Class of '63 reunions. He has also assembled on his YouTube channel a compilation of all Maritime training ships to date at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSMr3ugwNa4>.

'63 A parallel in Maritime College history is shared between **Cliff Dahl '63's** cadet years and the present: the delivery of a new training ship.

1. TSES III moored beyond a pass in review during the winter of Cliff's MUG year at Maritime. Note construction of the Throggs Neck Bridge.
2. TSES IV ships out, Cliff and classmates aboard, for his MUG cruise June 1960 as Throggs Neck Bridge construction continues.
3. A rare photo from May 1960 shows gear transfer from TSES III, former USS Mercy (AH-8) at left, to the newly-arrived TSES IV, former USS Henry Gibbins (T-AP-183) at right.
4. A four-bunk berthing space aboard TSES IV.



Empire State III alongside Empire State IV during transfer of training ships



Tight quarters

'80 If a picture is worth a thousand words, the verbal equivalent of a wedding photo may well be incalculable. And the presence of alumni witnessing the joyous occasion bespeaks fervor beyond words. Such was the case Sunday, October 22, 2023, when **Jennifer Barnes Hayes '80** gave her daughter, Meredith, Class of '19, to unite with Zachary Azira, Class of '16, by the historic waters of Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. Meeting and courting from their time on campus, Meredith and Zach shine as an example of how Maritime College has launched enduring relationships as well as lucrative careers through its 150-year history.



In the soft glow of the westering sun, we see, from left to right, Shannon Brady '18, Rachel Johnson '18, Ryan Cook '16, Alex Duqmaq '19, Alex Smith '15, Steve Gulotta '80, Ted Mason '57, Jennifer Barnes Hayes '80, Meredith Hayes '19, Zachary Azria '16, Tom Breglia '80, Joe Colella '79, Steve Carbery '80, Kirby Stross '77, Jay Webster '80, Thomas Farrell '19, James Conway '19.

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1980 Eleventh Annual Islamorada Fishing Excursion

The warm glow of sunshine and the soft subtropical breezes of the Florida Keys provide the perfect setting for the Class of 1980 on their eleventh annual Islamorada fishing excursion. Timely, too, was their getaway – the Friday-to-Tuesday trip last February 3-7 encompassed what was otherwise one of the most bone-chilling weekends of winter '23 in the New York Metro area.

Activities enjoyed by this group of classmates included an Italian meatball dinner, fishing on Saturday, a fish fry dinner Saturday night, a mass conducted by Father John Corbett '80 on Sunday morning, followed by a barbecue dinner Sunday night. Fishing and excursions around the island paradise carried on through Monday with everyone looking forward to the next Islamorada invasion planned for February 2-6, 2024.



Front Row, l-r: Bill Kreppein, Peter Brock, Anthony Ruggerio, Andrew Werner, Paul Theofan (black shirt), Billy Bauman, Eddie Johnston, Dan Hawley, John Sharko, Pete Sammis, Steve Gulotta. Back Row, l-r: Victor Corso '83 at far left, George McCarthy, Don Berdan, Joe Breglia (blocked by Don Berdan), Wayne Schmidt (blocked by Randy Johnson), Randy Johnson, Bill Trenkle, Mark SanAntonio, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes, Brian Kelly (behind Paul Theofan), Steve Carbery, Jack Whitney, Jay Webster, Tom Breglia, Dan Morgan, John Wenz.

'88 What better way for Maritime classmates to celebrate a reunion year than aboard ship? Folks from the Class of '88 did just that last July 7-14, with the help of **Brian Fierro '88** and Coastwise Travel, operated by Brian, retired Maryland State Pilot for the Port of Baltimore, and his wife, Pamela. Royal Caribbean Lines' Oasis of the Seas provided the venue for this gathering with many reunion-oriented activities.

For anyone planning a similar venture, Brian Fierro '88 gives this guidance: "We started planning about a year out. It took work to canvas the class and to track people down; it was an email, phone call and word of mouth process. We got to about 45% of the class in that try, then got a few more as time went on." Some structured activities kicked off the camaraderie, and more gatherings evolved. Planning paid off – and "a good time was had by all!"



Bowing out due to a last-minute emergency, Brian arranged the cruise from Cape Liberty, NJ, to the Bahamas for nine classmates plus families. Pictured at Giovanni's Italian Table aboard ship are Brian White, Mike Parr, Neil Franklin, Ray Reichel, Gerry Reynolds, Michael DeMato, Bob Vrendenburgh, and Ray Feige.

'88 Members of the **Class of 1988** celebrated their 35th anniversary together last July 29 beside the blue waters of the pool at Jim Hogle's home.



L-r: Rob Hintz, Vessel Supervisor at Vane Brothers; Jim Hogle, Vice President for Facilities at RWJ Barnabas Health; Noel Capellini, Broker for True North Chartering; Ray Feige, Chief Engineer for New York City Dept. of Environmental Protection; Ray Reichel, Deputy Chief of Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Dept. and George Doumar, Director of Facilities Management at Matheny Medical and Education Center.

INDUSTRY ENCOUNTERS

IMO, London, UK February 2023

SUNY Maritime College was well represented at the International Maritime Organization in February 2023 for the ninth session of meetings of the Sub-Committee of the Human Element, Training, and Watchkeeping (HTW 9) held in London from February 6–10, 2023. Among crucial tasks, the in-person meeting group validated many IMO model training courses that had been backlogged through the past two years of remote meetings.



L-r: Capt. John Hafner '86, Capt. Jerry Pannell '86, Ms. Jennifer Pralgo '98, Mr. James "J.D." Cavo '80, and Capt. Bob Fay '80.

IDEA Conference June, 2023

The wisdom among Maritime alumni is that "a commercial building is merely a ship that doesn't float." Small wonder that many Maritime graduates enjoy rewarding careers shoreside working with complex engineered systems in healthcare facilities, university campuses, and other commercial developments.



We meet six Domers at the International District Energy Association (IDEA) Annual Conference held in Chicago June 5-8. L-R: Ken Daycock '84, Tim Angerame '00, Robert Berninger '86, Jay Sikora '88, Coleen (Halloran) Barsley '88, and Brian Wodka '00. At the Conference, Coleen, Assistant Director of Engineering Services at California State University Northridge, presented a topic on Women in the Workforce. Bob Berninger, Director of Plant Operations, Energy and Engineering with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, gave his presentation on Next Generation Healthcare Infrastructure Heating and Cooling.

AEE-NY Awards Gala, June 2023

The New York Chapter of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) had their 34th Annual Gala Awards Celebration on June 20, 2023. Bob Berninger, Board member of AEE-NY, attended the gala in support of employer Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's receiving the Energy Project of the Year Award for the "Super Campus Steam to Hot Water" project, along with MSKCC colleagues Letson, Lawson, and Johnson. Brian Kirk and Tim Smyth attended in support of their colleague at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Dan Mastin, who was awarded Energy Manager of the Year. David Ahrens is also a member of the AEE-NY Board.



Seven alumni were among the celebrants of energy innovation and achievement. L-r: Brian Kirk '83, Tim Smyth '98, Robert Berninger '86, John Letson '76, David Ahrens '85, David Lawson '17, and Jay Johnson '96.

TS Empire State VII Christening June 2023

A balmy summer Monday, June 26 in Philadelphia, PA, saw a group of Maritime alumni witnessing the celebratory christening of TS Empire State VII at Philly Shipyard.



L-r, are William Austen '80, John Valvo '83, Capt. Robert Cook '80, John Bree '78, MCAA President Steve Carbery '80, and MCAA Delaware Valley Philadelphia Chapter President Dr. Art Sulzer '74.



Settling in for proceedings are, foreground left, John Valvo '83, with Matt Nolty '91 directly behind him, and AJ McAllister '80.

CHAPTER GATHERINGS

DELAWARE VALLEY / PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER 54th Annual Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society Crab Feast

The Del Val Philadelphia MCAA Chapter, headed by President Dr. Art Sulzer '74, jointly presents the Annual Crab Feast with the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society. On September 15, a group of crab aficionados gathered at historic Revolutionary War Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River to enjoy their crab feast under a clear late-summer sky. Great fellowship was shared among Maritime alumni from Classes of 1962 through 2022. Those willing to take a short break from enjoying their crab dinner for a Chapter photo are, left to right: Steven Hudson '16, Dan Wooster '99, Kirsten Johnston '16, Art Sulzer '74, Ian Mullins '08, and Charlie McCammon '87.



Last Line Cast Off as the New Training Ship Sets Sail for Fort Schuyler

Friday, September 15, 2023, saw the departure of our new training ship, Empire State VII, from the pier at Philly Shipyard for her berth at Olivet Pier at SUNY Maritime. Alumni from the Del Val Chapter joined to help give her a proper send-off aboard tugs from Moran and McAllister assisting her away from the bulkhead and onward into fair winds and following seas.

Left, Captain Morgan McManus is just visible on the port bridge wing sounding the ship's whistle as Chief Mate Peter Vecchio '92 hauls the forwardmost last line aboard ship at the foredeck. Right, Art Sulzer '74 shows off the Del Val Chapter banner as he observes cast-off and departure from aboard the launch Pelican.



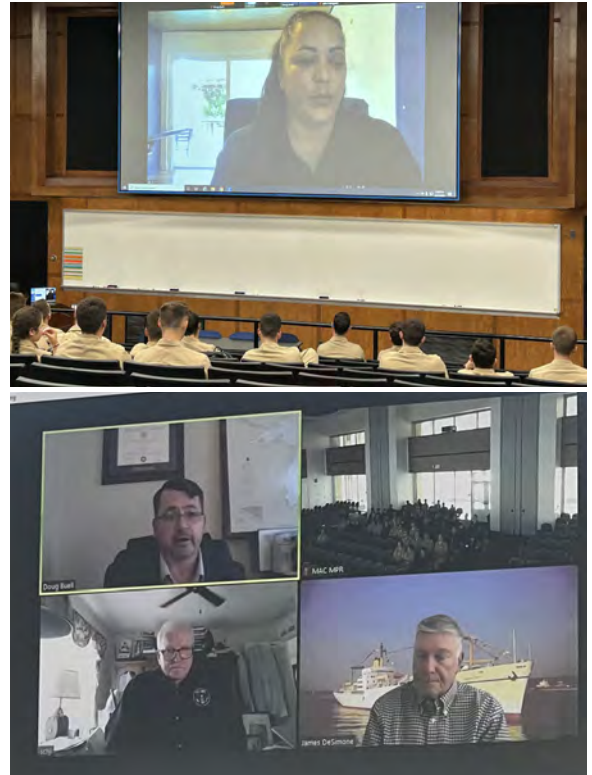
CHAPTER GATHERINGS

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

Gerson-Rasmus Career Exploration Speaker Series

The Niagara Frontier MCAA Chapter, headed by President Doug Buell '01 and covering western New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the Great Lakes, has teamed with Maritime College Commandant of Cadets Capt. Adam Grohman to present Maritime's monthly Career Exploration Speaker Series. Alumni from among various industry niches share their experience dating back to their Maritime education and their career paths and ventures following graduation including opportunities pursued and degrees and certifications earned. The series is named for alumni Joe Gerson '47 and Ronald Rasmus '60.

Following a soft opening April 13, 2023 featuring Jim Rankin '79 and Captain Randy Lund '83, the series officially kicked off September 21 at the Maritime Academic Center. Stephen Carbery '80, MCAA President and former Vice President Facilities Design Construction and Real Estate at Yale New Haven Health, joined Crystal Allen '01, Chief Engineer and Manager of Propulsion Systems at Royal Caribbean Group (top photo) and John Mangano '00, Sales Manager - Marine at Hempel A/S. 2/C cadets met at the MAC on October 19, listening to Doug Buell '01, Capt. James Scheffer '71, and Capt. James DeSimone '73 (counterclockwise, bottom photo). Dr. Joseph Hoffman '75 and Amie Carter '00 were featured November 16.



September Gatherings

On International Maritime Day, September 28, 2023, the Niagara Frontier Chapter, gathered at the Dockside Bar & Grill in North Tonawanda, NY for fun and fellowship.



L-r: Tom Hurley '86, red shirt, Ed Moore '85 with "thumbs-up", and Mike Dell'Isola '18 at the far end of the bar join local friends.

November Gatherings

On November 2, the Chapter paid tribute to the Great Lakes freighter SS Edmund Fitzgerald approaching the 48th anniversary of her loss in a storm on Lake Superior on November 10, 1975 with all 29 crew.



Chapter President Doug Buell '01, third from left, is accompanied by Dennis Sokolski, Denny Johnson and Pat Duggan who together form the barbershop harmony quartet French Onion Soup. The troupe regaled the tribute singing "Eternal Father Strong to Save." Note the ship model near the quartet and the wreck rendering on the slide presentation on the wall. Not shown but also present was Jim Rankin '79 who played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes.



Event announcer Tom Asklar presents a slide show interview featuring Doug Buell '01 on screen in the background.

WHERE IN THE WORLD



The passing of an alumnus and friend is always a sad occasion. The gathering of Maritime classmates and cohorts, while helping to ease the burden and pain of loss, also gives an opportunity to catch up with each other and to gratefully commemorate the ties we share. Such was the case when Dave Wooley '80 crossed the bar on December 26, 2022. In addition to the camaraderie shared by the fourteen alumni observing his memorial in Smithfield, Virginia January 9, 2023, the Wooley family were impressed and gratified by the Domers' turnout and support.

L-r, front row: Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, Pete Brock '80, John Sharko '80, Tom Higgins '81, Larry Calame '80, Ed Crouch '82 and Bill Gonyea '80; middle row: Jay Webster '80, Ken McCormack '82 and Steve Gulotta, '80; third row: Steve Carbery '80, Jack Whitney '80, Josh Hazelwood '80, and Brian Kelly '80.



Far from the fabled blue water world of many Maritime grads, these four alumni gathered early last August in the lofty Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming for fly fishing, catching up on past times and escaping the heat in which so much of the country broiled through last summer. L-r: George McCarthy '80, Frank McGinty '80, Pete Sammis '80 and Tim Ritz '81 (August). Says Tim: "While I've known Frank nearly my whole life, I hadn't seen Pete in twenty years, George nearly since graduation." In addition to fond memories, the four were rewarded with such a robust catch of fish ... that they'd prefer to keep their favorite angling spots a secret!



Booking his seven-day Danube River cruise in early May qualifies Randy Lund '83, left, as a savvy traveler. Cool, pleasant spring weather on the journey from Budapest to Regensburg allows enjoyment of the legendary river's beauty and the charms of the old-world cities along the way without the summer throngs. He's not alone in his thinking – the third day of his cruise, he chanced to meet fellow Domer Bill Monti '61, right, aboard the Viking Jarl. Randy credits his meet-up with wearing his Maritime Alumni clothing – so, be sure to pack yours wherever the urge to travel leads you!

CALL FOR ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT


Memories matter – and we’d like you to share yours! So, we’re asking you to send us your favorite stories and photos from your time at the Fort - Sallyport reflections, favorite Summer Sea Term explorations and exploits, campus and cruise photos, classes, labs, school sports, honors to faculty and those who guided you on your way. We’ll include these in The Fort Schuyler Spring and Fall 2024 issues and on school and alumni web and social media channels. Fill up my inbox! Email Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org – and share your memories!

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Here is this month's Alumni Spotlight: Matthew D. Devins '97, Vice President, Business Development, NORESOCO.

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Matthew D. Devins
Class of 1997

Major: Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

Current Title: Vice President, Business Development (NORESOCO)

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Job History:

- There were not many shipping jobs available after graduation. There was a gap in the transportation business of Air trucking for help in operations, so Matthew loved his resume more.
- He spent almost 2 years at MMA after graduation, working to be and providing an old connection with signs infrastructure. The foundation.

Matthew D. Devins
Class of 1997

Job History (cont'd):

- Engineers since then include Career Crossroads, as well as others: Autotech, Laysan, and NORESOCO, in the Management and Management roles.

Current Position:

- Vice President, Business Development at NORESOCO.
- Responsible for leading business development for energy efficiency solutions.


Traits of a Successful Person in the Industry:

- Problem solving, the Capacity to digest technical methods, trends, automation, has played a pivotal role in the achievement career.
- "Curiosity" is what while many exist as a hobbyist, not one drive deep into the details or purpose problem, and their own "hobby".

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We had a perfect day on Monday the 34th Annual MCAA Golf held out long enough for us to relax on the patio during the day.

Thank you to all of our guests who have not been able to have




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Aug 23 · 🌐

Today was the first day of Indoctrination for MUGs (mariners under guidance). Within a few hours, they began their transition to the Regiment of Cadets, which requires them to learn MUG knowledge under the leadership of their IDOs. The competition between the MUG sections has already started. #indoc2023 #MUGs #maritimecollege



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David Richards '64

Christian Sweeny '64

Bruce Zimmerman '65

Kevin Brandt '66

Richard "Dick" Dreye '66

Gary Lueck '66

Charles Kellett '67

Richard Knoop '68

George Zoller '71

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Adam Dreibratt '78

Tod Raynor '82

Wilson "Bill" Bacon '86

Erich "Kip" Soltes '88

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MARITIME COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

MCAA Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner

Thursday, January 25, 2024 at Tribeca 360°, NYC

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year –
Joseph P. Starck '90 – President, The Great Lakes Towing Company

Lifetime Achievement – Capt. Robert K. Cook III '80 – Captain,
The Pilots' Association for the Bay & River Delaware;
President and Co-Founder, Organization of Black Maritime
Graduates

Spring 2024 Career Fair

March 12 & 13

In-person Career Fair will be taking place on campus.

MCAA New Alumni Night – TBA

TBA (further information via MCAA website and social)

This is typically held an evening in / around April in the Bronx

Admiral Alfultis Retirement Celebration

May 21, 2024

NROTC Commissioning

May 23, 2024

Senior Awards Reception

May 23, 2024

The College recognizes many of its outstanding seniors of the Class of 2024.

May Commencement

May 24, 2024

Recognize members of the Class of 2024 and welcome them to the ranks of Maritime alumni.

MCAA Annual Golf Classic

Monday, June 10, 2024 - Plainfield Country Club,
Edison, NJ

Admiral's Dinner

September 17, 2024 - Marina Del Rey

The annual Admiral's Dinner is the College's premier event to raise support for our students. The event builds vital support for individual student scholarships and campus-wide initiatives, including establishing lecture series, renovating and updating labs and other facilities, and achieving the goals of the College's strategic plan.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Maritime College Alumni Association – Ancient Mariner Golf Outing

October 18, 2024

Maritime College Alumni Association Ancient Mariner Golf Outing at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses, Bronx, NY

October 19, 2024

- Maritime College Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting
- Class Reunion events, Pass-in-Review
- Heritage Hall Induction
- Tailgate and Football Game with Reunion Class Parade/Regimental March On
- Alumni Post-Game Celebration at Paddy's on the Bay

Maritime College Alumni Association – Fall Networking and Nominations Meeting

TBA (further information via MCAA website and social)

This is typically held an evening in November, before Thanksgiving Day, in Manhattan

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