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Cover photo: Day on the Bay guests enjoy aerial acrobatics while onboard the *Training Ship Golden Bear*. Photo by Ben Ailes, Ben Ailes Photography.

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A Letter From the President

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE of *Cal Maritime*, we have ended cruise, started a new academic year, welcomed parents and alums at Homecoming, and embarked more than 650 people for a Day on the Bay to watch Fleet Week activities.

This year's training cruise was successful in having cadets complete their professional training with the South Pacific ports (Fiji, French New Caledonia, Australia, Tahiti, and Hawaii among them) being popular stops. Next year's cruise is under planning, but may be impacted by the current 250 percent increase in marine diesel oil. If anyone reading this has a lead on reasonably priced fuel, Captain Keever and I would love to know of it!

We have started the year with a record enrollment of 740 cadets, having brought in 238 first year students from nearly 1,500 applicants. These numbers cause us to reach our current limits in housing and dining capacity as well as stretching our class week well into evenings and Saturdays. But these are better obstacles to overcome than the opposite ones of insufficient enrollment. One of the advantages of growth is that it is one of the few ways the state legislature will increase our operating budget in these lean financial times.

Last weekend was Homecoming and Kathryn and I enjoyed meeting so many alums from the anniversary classes of '50, '55, '65, '75, and '85, as well as all the others that attended. So many attended the Friday night Welcome Home reception that we more than filled our rooms. It was a great shoulder-to-shoulder evening of meeting old friends and classmates with lots of stories (often revolving around CMA nicknames) and other shared experiences revisited, followed by more of the same at the class dinners the next night.



President and Kathryn Eisenhardt enjoy a "Day on the Bay" onboard the *Training Ship Golden Bear*.

Then on Sunday, the *Golden Bear* set sail for Treasure Island and Fleet Week. The weather was fantastic, the food delicious, and the band entertaining. No more so, however, than the Blue Angels and the other pilots that entertained us with astounding professional skills. The best "show" however, was the cadets and crew who deftly maneuvered and anchored among hundreds, if not thousands, of small craft as well as the usual bay shipping traffic. Those feats reminded us all of what we are fundamentally about—professionalism.

A "well done" to all, and from Kathryn and myself, a Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Eisenhardt".

Bill Eisenhardt
President

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Faculty Notes...



Chemistry instructor **Dr. Jack Bell** served on the 2005 General Chemistry Examination Test Committee of the American Chemistry Society's Examinations Institute. The committee created, edited, and selected questions for the new 2005 version of the ACS General Chemistry Examination, the "standard of the industry" in four-year colleges offering the chemistry major.

Dr. Bunny Paines-Clemes, director of faculty development and professor of liberal arts, had an article on "Hamlet" published in the "As You Like It Shakespeare Journal" last spring. This summer, her article called "The Yugas: Divine Agents of Change" was published in "Joy: The Journal of Yoga." Additionally, Dr.



Paines-Clemes wrote and presented a paper entitled "What is Quality in a Maritime Education?" for the October 2005 International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) conference in Sweden. Also in October, Dr. Paines-Clemes led a roundtable discussion with co-presenter Cynthia Desrochers of CSU Northridge at POD: The International Conference of Faculty Developers, the topic of which was "How to be a Change Agent."

Dr. Jim Gutierrez, associate professor of mechanical engineering, was recently selected by the National Research Council of the



National Academies to serve on a research panel to provide overall counsel and technical guidance on research relating to composite materials used for shear strengthening infrastructures. The research panel consists of eight members from the

professional and academic community who are experts in the area of using composite materials in infrastructure.

Paul Jackson, professor and chair of the engineering technology department, recently presented a workshop at the 2005 Assessment Institute at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Jackson's interactive session was entitled "Assessment at Small Technical or Professional Universities: Don't Reinvent the World."



Dr. Tim Lynch, assistant professor of global and maritime studies, published "Competing for the Soul of Irish America: The Catholic Church and the Fenian Brotherhood of New York City" as the lead article in the October 2005 "New York Irish History." He was also selected by McGraw Hill Publishers to do a pre-publication review of "War in World History." In addition, Dr. Lynch recently completed the following reviews: "Maritime History as World History" in *The Northern Mariner*; "The Wedding of the Waters: The



Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation" in *International Journal of Maritime History*; "Villains of all Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age" in "Maritime Life and Traditions;"

"Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife, 1841-1845" in *Journal of San Diego History*; and "Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution" for *H-Atlantic*.

Dr. Louis M. McDermott, lecturer of global and maritime studies, served as a panel moderator and commentator on the history of World War II at the Missouri Valley Historical Conference in Omaha, Nebraska in March 2005. He was also selected by McGraw Hill Publisher to do a pre-publication review of "War in World History."



Dr. Stephen Pronchick, professor and chair of the mechanical engineering department and Robert Hammaker, professor of engineering technology, were invited speakers at the NORCAL technical conference, which was held at Cal Maritime last May. Sponsored by the Northern California section of The Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society, the conference was a training and technology event covering design and maintenance of modern instrumentation and control equipment. Professor Pronchick's topic was "Measurement of Temperature" and Professor Hammaker presented on two topics—"Flow Measurement" and "Programming and Fundamentals of Programmable Logic Controllers."



Stephen Pronchick

"Dictionary of Maritime and Transportation Terms," which was co-authored by **Dr.**

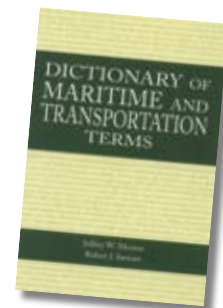
Robert Stewart, professor of business administration, has just been published and is available from booksellers or Cornell



Maritime Press. According to the publisher, the up-to-date standard reference is a must-have for every mariner's bookshelf and is as complete a maritime dictionary

as has ever been available on the market.

The book is available from booksellers or Cornell Maritime Press (800-638-7641) for \$19.95.



Cal Maritime Appoints Director of Maritime Security Projects

CAL MARITIME HAS APPOINTED CAPTAIN **BRUCE CLARK**, USCGR (ret) to the newly created position of director of maritime security projects. Clark's position is funded through a three-year, \$1 million grant Cal Maritime recently received from the California Office of Homeland Security to guide the development and implementation of statewide standards for maritime security training, drills, and exercises for vessels, port facilities, harbors, maritime companies, and other organizations involved in moving freight to and from our nation's harbors.

As director of maritime security projects, Clark is responsible for guiding and participating in the statewide effort to establish and assess standards and protocols related to maritime security training for California. He is also responsible for designing, implementing, and marketing replicable maritime safety and security courses and related training activities for the campus, maritime industry, and associated professions. Moreover, he is responsible for providing guidance for the design, application, and evaluation of maritime security plans for ships, ports, and companies, and working to identify and create opportunities for maritime security grant and contract development.

"I am honored to be offered the opportunity to help guide the development and implementation of realistic, sustainable, and uniform maritime security training and exercise policy," said Clark. "Cal Maritime is particularly well positioned to provide the leadership and facilitation needed to ensure that maritime community stakeholders are working together to achieve functional maritime security at the operational level."

Clark most recently served as vice president of operations for CEI Maritime, a firm specializing in professional consultation to the public and private sector on practical development and implementation of maritime security policy, strategy, and tactics. CEI Maritime has placed particular emphasis on the development and execution of maritime security (MARSEC) training, drills, and exercises specific to the implementation of the U.S. Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code of the International Maritime Organization.

While at CEI Maritime, Clark provided project management support as a non-paid consultant for Cal Maritime's maritime security conference, MARSEC-CON '04—which featured former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry as a keynote speaker—and the role-playing exercise Cal Maritime conducted last fall that involved actors posing as terrorists who attacked Cal Maritime's *Training Ship Golden Bear*. The exercise involved students, faculty, staff, and local and statewide law enforcement and was geared toward helping to determine local and state agencies' and the maritime industrial community's readiness for a maritime terrorist attack.

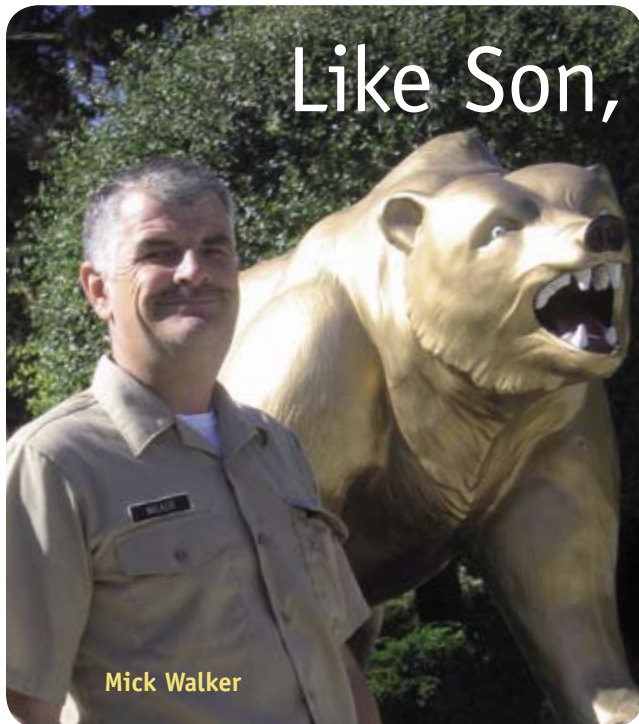
Clark's 26 years of military experience with the U.S. Coast Guard (while jointly attached to the U.S. Navy) includes field level, senior supervisory, command, and command staff assignments in marine safety, environmental protection, and port security/harbor defense missions both inside and outside of the continental United States.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Bruce Clark's caliber joining us as direc-



Bruce Clark

tor of maritime security projects," said Dr. Michael Bittner, dean of sponsored projects and extended learning. "Bruce has a proven track record in maritime security—both with his experience in the military and in the private sector—and has been integral in maritime security initiatives for the campus as a non-paid consultant for more than a year. The addition of Captain Clark to the Cal Maritime campus community enriches the academy's outreach efforts, expands the skill and knowledge base of a talented teaching and research faculty and staff, and enhances the state maritime security planning team effort. It is a win-win scenario."



Mick Walker

Like Son, Like Father

It was while he was operating the press for the September 7, 2004 issue of *The San Francisco Chronicle* that he finally made the decision to apply to Cal Maritime. An article written by reporter Carl Nolte—who rode on the final leg of Cruise 2 in 2004 from Long Beach to Vallejo—featured interviews with two Cal Maritime cadets who had gone back to college later in life.

“That was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” said Walker. “I thought if there were other guys my age pursuing it, I was going to make a go of it too.”

His mentor and 76-year-old co-worker at *The Chronicle*, Carl Kauk—an avid road bicyclist who at the age of 74 rode the Tour de France course—encouraged him every step of the way.

“He told me that the secret to a successful life is to never stop challenging yourself,” said Walker.

After several weeks into his first semester—with a class schedule that includes Environment of Modern Business, Macro Economics, Algebra, Trigonometry, Introduction to Computers, and Spanish—Walker says that he’s definitely following his mentor’s advice.

“This is going to be a challenge, that’s for sure, especially in the mathematics areas—algebra and trigonometry,” Walker said. “I’m almost to the point where I’m going, ‘Oh my gosh, what have I done?’ But, you know the old saying that the worthwhile things in life are hard. I didn’t expect it to be easy.”

Because his son was a Cal Maritime student and he was familiar with the campus, Walker says that there weren’t too many surprises for him the day he put on his uniform and arrived to Cal Maritime for his first day of classes. But there was one thing for which he wasn’t fully prepared.

“The number of hours I have to spend on homework,” said Walker. “I’m used to having a lot of time off to surf and ski, and now my time is preoccupied with studying.”

When he does find free time, Walker takes full advantage of living in the area. He has become an avid road bicyclist, something he says the area is great for. Plus, he’s looking forward to being closer to the ski slopes in the winter.

When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, Walker says he’s just taking it one day at a time. “I’m hoping in taking classes, my experiences here will open up a new direction and possibilities I haven’t even considered,” he said.

His son says that his dad’s pursuit of his educational dreams will also open up possibilities for generations to come.

“It’s not only going to be a complete change for my dad, but a change for my entire family,” said Chris. “My parents have a two-year-old grandson and two more on the way. So, he’s showing the importance of a college education—not only to us kids, but also to his grandkids.”

“WHAT’S UP, HAWAII?” greets Mick Walker to a classmate he passes on the quad. “What’s up, man?” his pal responds.

By the sounds of it, Mick Walker could be your typical college freshman. But the truth is, he’s anything but that. Walker is a 49-year-old business major who recently relocated with his wife, Barbara, from Milpitas to Vallejo to pursue his dream of getting a college degree. His son, Chris Walker, graduated from Cal Maritime in 1999 with a degree in business administration, making the elder Walker the first Cal Maritime freshman to walk in his son’s footsteps.

“He’s been talking about it since I was a freshman, but I don’t think I really took him seriously until he actually went to pick up his uniforms,” said Chris, who is currently working at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley and is in the process of launching a small real estate investment company. “I think it’s great, I’m going to go from a first-generation college student to a son/father legacy.”

A former submarine sailor in the Navy, Mick Walker’s return to Vallejo is somewhat of a homecoming. In 1978, he completed his last year in the U.S. Navy at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, where he served on the nuclear submarine USS Robert E. Lee.

After retiring from the Navy, Walker worked in electronics manufacturing in the Silicon Valley for several years, including a position for Memorex. In the early 1980s, he relocated to Weaverville in the mountains of Northern California, where he held positions at a grocery store and a janitorial company. In 1986, he returned to the Bay Area to work for the *San Jose Mercury News* as a journeyman press operator; and for the past six years he has worked in the same capacity for *The San Francisco Chronicle*.

FRESHMAN FAST FACTS Class of 2009 At-A-Glance

- Think 49-year-old freshman Mick Walker is the oldest member of the Class of 2009? You may be surprised to learn that he's not. The oldest first-year student is 55.
- Cal Maritime's admission process is highly competitive. For the Fall 2005 semester, Cal Maritime accepted 814 applicants—58 percent of the total applicant pool of 1,400.
- 81 percent of the Class of 2009 is from California. 60 percent of the in-state students are from Northern California.
- 19 percent of this year's freshman class hails from Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, or Washington.
- First-year students enrolled for the Fall 2005 semester had an average high school GPA of 3.3 and average ACT score of 24.
- The average SAT score of the Class of 2009 is 1086—the second highest average SAT scores among all the 23 California State University campuses.
- 15 percent of the Class of 2009 is female, which is higher than the average rate of 12 percent found at engineering schools.
- 30 percent of men and women enrolled for the Fall 2005 semester are ethnic minorities.
- This year, Cal Maritime enrolled its first student from Saipan—Joseph Tudela. Tudela's mom, a high school principal in Saipan, toured the ship while it was in port there last summer and was so impressed that she convinced her son to apply.

Calling all Parents and Alums

The Admission Office is looking for parents of cadets as well as alumni to represent Cal Maritime at college nights in your area. We are especially looking for volunteers in Southern California who can spend a few nights a year speaking to prospective students and parents. For those interested in helping out, the Admission Office will mail you the promotional material you need.

Please call Chris Krzak at (707) 654-1330 if you are interested in assisting. We need you!

Cal Maritime Receives National Ranking

Cal Maritime was recently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as being among the top 80 colleges with the best undergraduate

engineering programs for colleges whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's.

Cal Maritime was one of only four state maritime academies to be included on the U.S. News 2006 Best Colleges list, which is available for purchase at www.usnews.com.



Faces on campus

DIANE RAWICZ

Executive Director, CMA Services

Growing up in Nebraska, the only seas Diane Rawicz saw were filled with wheat and corn. But today, as executive director of CMA Services, Rawicz can often be found promoting—and enjoying—the views of Cal Maritime’s picturesque waterfront location.

Rawicz is responsible for the direct business operations of the independent enterprises on campus, including food service, housing, bookstore, conference/event rentals, and concerts.

“I especially enjoy managing the summer residential conferences—the diversity of activities adds a vitality to our unique campus,” said Rawicz.

Other aspects of her job she enjoys are finding ways to improve business operations in order to offer more and better services at reasonable prices, and ensuring the students have safe and comfortable housing, and affordable meals and supplies. She also likes the collaborative nature of her work.

“My role allows me to work with a cross section of CMA staff, from the custodial and grounds crews to food service workers, and vice presidents to student leaders,” said Rawicz. “I enjoy the synergy that results from working with interrelated departments.”

Prior to joining Cal Maritime more than five years ago, Rawicz served as executive director of auxiliaries at Dominican University in San Rafael. Prior to that, she produced more than 50 theatrical productions for Marin Theater Company and EDEN2 Theater Ensemble, which she co-founded with her late husband. She says that her background in fundraising, producing theater, and event management has been the key to her success in her current position.

“It’s all about pulling together a team of people to accomplish a specific task within budget for the enjoyment of an audience,” she said. “I am the eldest of eight so cooperation and delayed gratification are inherent traits.”

Rawicz is a board member of the Vallejo Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as an active member in the National and Western Associations of College Auxiliary Officers, Auxiliary Officers Association, Sonoma Valley Poets Collective, Wellspring Writers Circle, Felder Road Book Club, and RBI Investment Club.



ERICH KRUECK

President, Associated Students
Marine Transportation ('06)

As a high school student with nothing but big adventures on his mind, Cal Maritime seemed like the perfect college to Erich Krueck.

“Having the opportunity to sail the open oceans and explore different countries with a bunch of good friends seemed like a perfect way to earn a degree,” said Krueck, a senior studying marine transportation.

A native of Huntington Beach, Krueck has sailed the open seas onboard the *Training Ship Golden Bear* twice—first to South America and, most recently, to the South Pacific. His most memorable cruise experience happened this summer, when he had the chance to navigate purely by celestial means.

Krueck, a member of the Coast Guard Pre-Commissioning Program, will receive a commission as a Coast Guard officer when he graduates this spring. While he hopes to be stationed on a 225-foot cutter in Alaska and continue his leadership development as a Coast Guard officer, his ultimate ladder of success is a mountain.

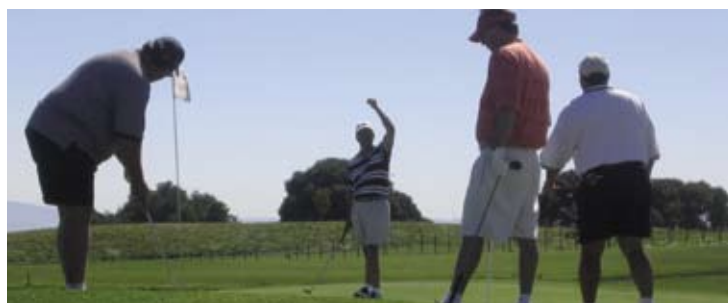
“I hope to one day accomplish some of my lifelong climbing goals—like climbing the ‘7 Summits,’ the highest mountain on every continent—while trying to make it as a professional climber,” said Krueck. “My ideal job would be a mountain climbing guide, helping people push themselves and accomplish their goals while at the same time doing what I love.”

Krueck holds a number of leadership positions on campus—executive president of the Associated Students of The California Maritime Academy (ASCMA), student representative to the Corps of Cadets, and resident assistant. He says that the leadership opportunities have provided him with an invaluable learning opportunity.

“Cal Maritime has so many leadership opportunities for students that it allows you to experience and try different forms of leadership and determine what works best for you,” said Krueck. “I will take with me the leadership skills and lessons I have learned here wherever I go—from my first job to the highest peaks of the world.”



Golf Tournament Tees Off Scholarship Fund



Top right: (L to R) Tom Lytle, Bill Rider (D-56); Lower left: (L to R) Myrna Kingbury, Penny Doll, Lore Hansen, Jim Hansen

THE B. C. KINGSBURY/CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT was held on August 5, 2005 at the new Johnny Miller-designed Eagle Vines Golf Club in Napa. Even though the course presented a challenge to even the most seasoned golfer, the scramble format made the day enjoyable for the sellout crowd of 144 golfers who participated in this year's tournament.

The net income of the tournament was enough to establish the B.C. Kingsbury Endowed Scholarship Fund, the proceeds of which will be used to help deserving students attend Cal Maritime.

"This would have made B.C. very proud," said Myrna Kingsbury, wife of the late Cal Maritime Board member, Chairman and benefactor, Dr. B. C. Kingsbury. "To have the Cal Maritime golf tournament named after him would have been an honor, but to have the event raise enough money to fund an endowed scholarship in his name would have meant the world to him."

"To put on a successful golf tournament requires a lot of hard work, but it was a labor of love," said John Comyns, chair of the golf committee. "All of us on the committee loved B. C. and we firmly believe in and support the mission of Cal Maritime. We are overjoyed that our efforts produced enough revenue to fund an endowed scholarship in B.C.'s name."

Golf committee member Jim Frische said that a lot of the monetary success of the tournament was due to corporate spon-

sors that included Hal Boex, Mike Moreno, Foss Maritime, Van Pelt Construction, Medic Ambulance, American Ship Management, and Mills Services Corp.

"We were also fortunate to be able to give each golfer a fine bottle of wine donated by Allied Domecq, through the good auspices of Joe Caruolo," added Frische. "On-course beverages were donated in part by Tony Lazzarini of Tri-Eagle Beverage. A big thanks to all of our event sponsors."

After the tournament, the golfers retired to the clubhouse patio to enjoy a wine tasting donated by Fritz Trentacoste and Susan Reynolds from askfritz4wine@aol.com, which was followed by a buffet dinner and auction.

The auction proved both spirited and lively, with guests bidding on assorted golf packages, a special picnic on the bay donated by BayDelta Maritime and alumnus Capt. Fred Henning, Giants and A's tickets, a Day on the Bay donated by Foss Maritime, and a special wine tasting at Ceja Vineyards donated by Ceja's president and owner, Amelia Moran Ceja.

In addition to the above, Cal Maritime and the entire golf committee would like to thank the hole-in-one sponsors that included Vince Campagano of Napa Nissan, Rod Cornelius of Wilson-Cornelius Ford, and David Callahan of Weatherford BMW.

Mark your calendars now for next year's tournament, which will be held on Friday, September 15, 2006 at Eagle Vines.

Cal Maritime Hosts Nation's First Port Security Training Exercise Program

IN AUGUST, CAL MARITIME served as the host facility for the nation's first regional test of the Port Security Training Exercise Program (PortSTEP), a joint effort between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and United States Coast Guard that will help establish critical security exercise training programs for U.S. seaports.

The multi-agency command and control tabletop exercise involved the TSA, Coast Guard, Ports of San Francisco and Oakland, regional and local emergency planners, as well as the first responder communities that would be involved if a port-related terrorism event were to occur in the San Francisco Bay Area. More than 200 personnel were involved in the exercise, either as participants, evaluators, controllers, or observers.

The exercise was the first of more than 50 PortSTEP exercises that will be held throughout the United States over the next two years that will assist the TSA in establishing national standards for port security exercises and training that complement other government homeland security training programs. The PortSTEP program is designed to test planning, preparation, response, and recovery capabilities to include all facets of the intermodal port commu-

nity, including maritime, rail, and vehicle transportation modes.

"We are honored to have been part of this first test of a critical national program," said Captain Bruce Clark, USCGR (ret), director of maritime security programs at Cal Maritime. "PortSTEP allows us to move beyond single facility, single vessel, or even single port area footprints and engage in the real process of dealing with the possible aftermaths of a terrorist event, which will transcend artificial company, operational, or jurisdictional barriers."

One major objective for the exercise was to test the Coast Guard's Area Maritime Security Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area as part of compliance with the provisions of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. The exercise tested the plan's site-specific and regional emergency procedures, communications, coordination, and interoperability.

"The exercise was instrumental in identifying the elements of the plan that work well as well as the areas in need of further refinement," added Clark. "Ultimately, the results collected will further advance our region's—and ultimately our nation's—preparedness to thwart a potential terrorist event and to effectively minimize the negative effects of such an event should one occur."



A representative of United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco discusses details of the PortSTEP exercise scenario with representatives of industry, the FBI, and local first responders.

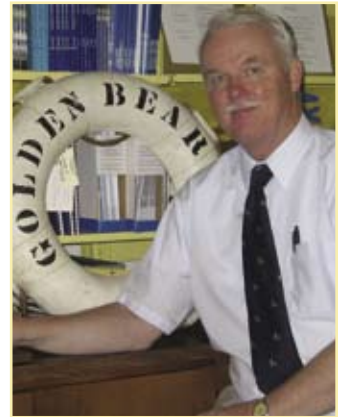


Cal Maritime's crisis management simulator was used during the PortSTEP exercise to provide plot and dispersion modeling of a simulated release of hazardous materials resulting as a collateral effect from a terrorist event occurring within the San Francisco Bay Area port environment. Virginia-based UNITECH® provided multi-media exercise support for the event as a part of their national TSA/USCG PortSTEP contract.

The PortSTEP exercise is the first that Cal Maritime has hosted since recently receiving a three-year, \$1 million grant from the California Office of Homeland Security to guide the development and implementation of statewide standards for maritime security training, drills, and exercises for vessels, port facilities, harbors, maritime companies, and other organizations involved in moving freight to and from our nation's harbors.

Ask the Archivist

Questions for Doug Peterson, Cal Maritime's historical archivist, may be sent to calmaritimemagazine@csum.edu.



Q: I enjoyed the “Ask the Archivist” article about the ferry *Contra Costa*. But I thought the ferry *Solano*, which ran from Port Costa to Benicia with trains, was the largest. Are they sister ships?

—Bill MacFaden, alumnus (D-66)

A: I'm glad you are enjoying the “Ask the Archivist” column. Built in 1879, the *Solano*, which was 424 feet in length, transported entire Southern Pacific railroad trains between Port Costa and Benicia. At the time it was built, it was the largest ferryboat. However, when the *Contra Costa* was built in 1914, with a similar design to the *Solano*, it was 433 feet in length—nine feet longer than the *Solano*.

Both ferries were built with wooden hulls, had multiple independent steam engines driving side paddle wheels, and had four parallel railroad tracks on their decks that could hold an entire passenger or freight train.

When they were in service, the *Contra Costa* and *Solano* were considered the two largest ferryboats in the world. They were taken out of service in 1930 and abandoned after the completion of the Benicia-Martinez railroad bridge. As you read in the last issue of *Cal Maritime*, the hulk of the *Contra Costa* is at Morrow Cove. The remains of the *Solano* are in the mud flats of Suisun Bay near Antioch.

Q: When did The California Maritime Academy first arrive at Morrow Cove?

—Vallejo School District teacher; Charlie Arms, Sailing Director, Cal Maritime

A: Since before the start of World War II, The California Maritime Academy had been temporarily located in San Francisco while it searched for a permanent home, which ended up being in Morrow Cove in Vallejo. On August 24, 1943, everything was loaded on the *Training Ship Golden State* and it moved from the Ferry Building in San Francisco to Morrow Cove. However, it would be another four months before the wooden barracks were completed and the cadets could move off the ship.



CMA's original wooden barracks in 1943

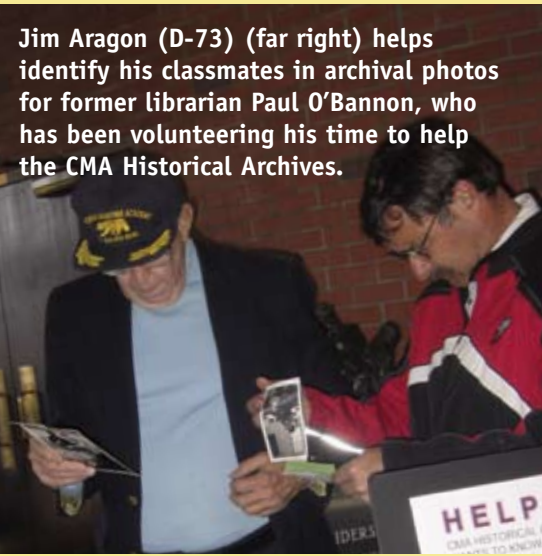
Q: Were the tennis courts that you see as you enter campus built on the foundation of an old building?

—Tommy Reidl, Motor Pool Coordinator, Cal Maritime

A: The athletic slab, which it was called originally, was completed in July 1944—long before construction finished on the first permanent building on campus, Mayo Hall (the gymnasium). According to the August 1944 edition of *The Binnacle*, the multi-purpose courts could be used for tennis, handball, badminton, volleyball, and basketball, and marked “a large advance in the sporting world at CMA.” With the completion of Mayo Hall in 1946, the athletic slab evolved into just being used as tennis courts. However, history has come full circle with this summer's renovation of the courts. Cal Maritime's new athletic courts can be used for tennis, badminton, basketball, volleyball, and roller hockey.

Homecoming

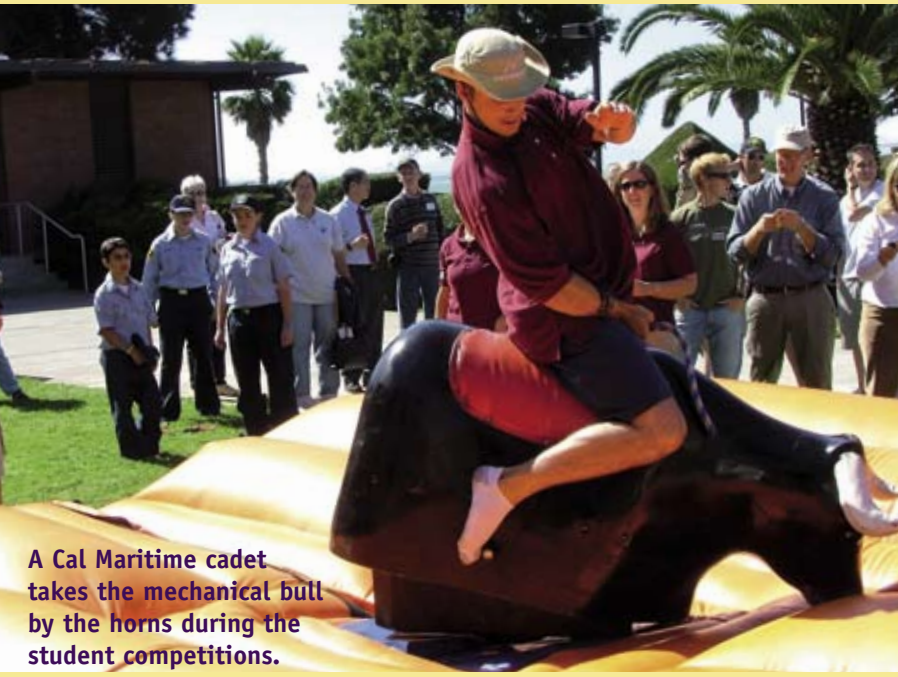
On October 7-9, hundreds of Cal Maritime alumni, parents, students, and friends converged on the Cal Maritime campus and training ship to celebrate reunions, homecoming, and Day on the Bay. The weekend's activities included fun for the whole family: a pirate jumpy ship for the kids, face painting, "White Knuckle Adventures" in the bridge simulator, sailboat rides, waterfront concert, ship tours, and student competitions that were as much fun to watch as they were to compete in.



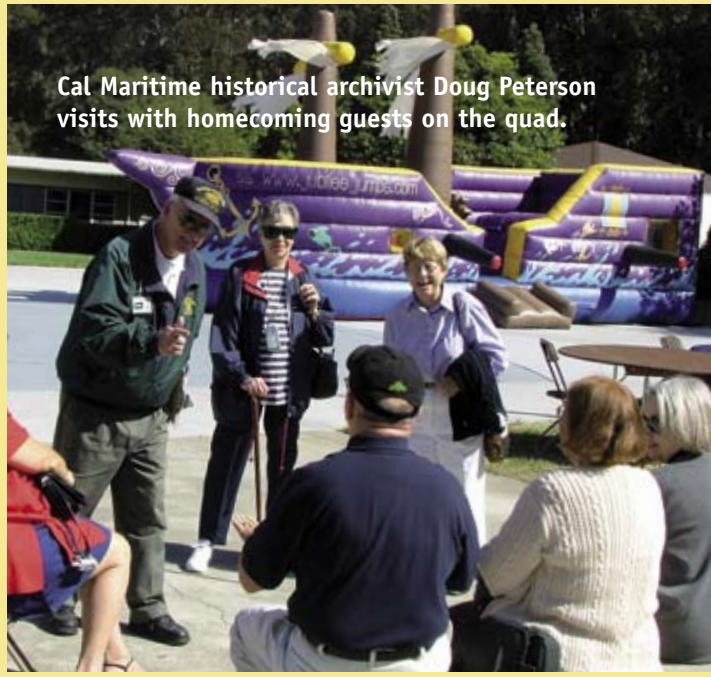
Jim Aragon (D-73) (far right) helps identify his classmates in archival photos for former librarian Paul O'Bannon, who has been volunteering his time to help the CMA Historical Archives.



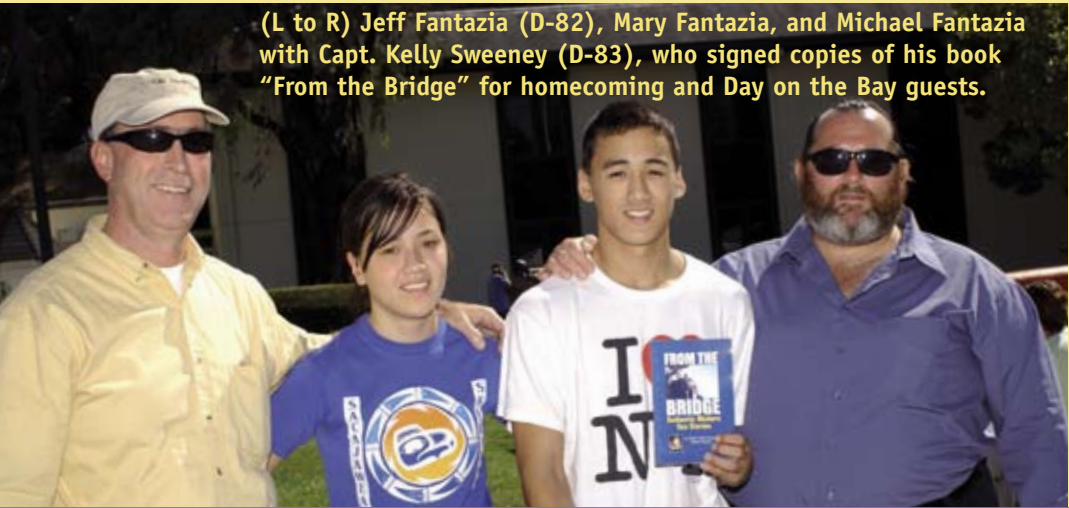
Cadet Donald Salter and his grandmother Loraine O'Keefe.



A Cal Maritime cadet takes the mechanical bull by the horns during the student competitions.



Cal Maritime historical archivist Doug Peterson visits with homecoming guests on the quad.



(L to R) Jeff Fantazia (D-82), Mary Fantazia, and Michael Fantazia with Capt. Kelly Sweeney (D-83), who signed copies of his book "From the Bridge" for homecoming and Day on the Bay guests.



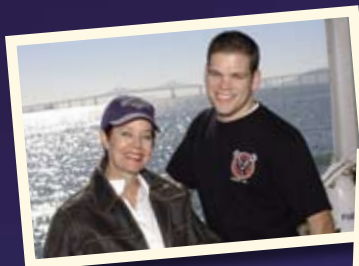
Freshman Gina Robles shows her school spirit.

Day on the Bay

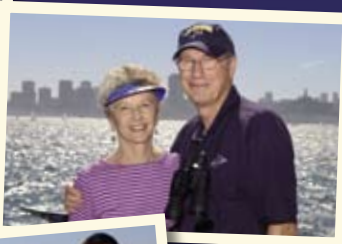
On Sunday, October 9, more than 600 guests boarded the *Training Ship Golden Bear* for a "Day on the Bay," a cruise from Cal Maritime's dock to the San Francisco

Bay to take part in Fleet Week. Guests enjoyed perfect weather, catching up with their classmates or cadets, rhythm and blues music performed by Vallejo's Urban Bushmen Band, tours of the ship's bridge and engine room, and a front row seat to view the exciting maneuvers of the Blue Angels.

Tammy and Justin (E-09) Holthouse



Art and Ben Scharlack (GSMA-07)



Georgi LaBerge and Warren Dale (D-60)



Bree, Sally, Pete, and Ryan (BA-09) Grandon



Karen Butler, Richard Butler, Jane Birdsong, Paul Butler (BA-09)



Barbara and Bob (D-55) Semans, and Ralph (D-55) and Bonnie Koch



Above: One of the youngest Day on the Bay guests takes a closer peek at the Blue Angels.

Joseph P. Rizza Endowment Fund Established



Joe Rizza poses for a photo in front of his portrait in Rizza Auditorium during an on-campus “Presidents’ Day” reception last February that reunited the five living presidents of Cal Maritime.

JOSEPH P. RIZZA, RADM USMS (RET), who served as president of Cal Maritime from 1972 –1983, has established a \$100,000 endowment fund, the initial use of which will be to create a speaker series on campus on topics that will engage students and faculty in a number of “forward-thinking” issues, such as the future of world commerce and international relations, as well as what’s over the horizon in the areas of new technology, energy, and communications.

Rizza launched a similar speaker program in Southern California, the Coronado Roundtable, for which he served as president for a decade. During his leadership, the Roundtable grew from 20 to 200 members who attend the monthly discussions on thought provoking issues. Topics of the Coronado Roundtable have ranged from nuclear challenges to the future of the Internet, supercomputers, and computational sciences. Rizza hopes to replicate the series on the Cal Maritime campus.

“My hope is that the endowment I have established will help develop a successful speaker series at Cal Maritime that will help spark students’ and faculty members’ thinking into new areas of science, technology, and communications,” said Rizza. “I think it’s exciting, and I hope that it will encourage students to look forward into the future, catch new ideas, and develop them. The world is changing so rapidly that people need to recognize opportunities when they see them.”

Rizza, the longest serving president of Cal Maritime, achieved a number of firsts during his presidency—the first women were admitted and graduated from the campus, the three-year course of study was expanded to four years, and the academy for the first time became a fully accredited institution of higher education.

Also during his leadership, Cal Maritime undertook the most extensive construction program in its history, the result of which was the transformation and modernization of the educational programs and supporting laboratories and related campus facilities. The academy purchased and installed what was at the time the most modern diesel simulator in the world, and installed two radar simulators, an oil barge simulator, and the most advanced tanker loading and discharge simulators that were available in the country.

“I never worked so hard, but it was a work of love,” said Rizza.

His retirement more than two decades ago hasn’t diminished his commitment to the campus and its students. He frequently attends on-campus events, most recently last spring’s commencement as well as “Presidents’ Day,” which reunited the five living presidents of Cal Maritime in honor of the campus’ 75th Anniversary. He also attended a reception onboard the *Training Ship Golden Bear* this summer while it was in San Diego, where he had the chance to visit with Cal Maritime students and their parents.

“I had the opportunity to talk to a lot of students while I was on the ship and I was very impressed with their attitudes,” said Rizza. “They are proud of their courses and the school, and the parents I spoke with are excited about the school and what it is doing for their children.”

Rizza graduated with distinction from the Pennsylvania Maritime Academy in 1936. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington and master’s degree from Boston University in 1958. He also attended the U.S. Naval War College, where he studied naval warfare and national security-defense management, and subsequently served on the faculty.

When World War II came along, Rizza was ordered to active duty in the U.S. Navy, which he made his career for 31 years. During the war, he served in the Pacific Amphibious Force. As executive officer of two large attack transports in succession—the *USS Leedstown* (APA 56) and *USS Banner* (APA 60)—he took part in most of the major amphibious assaults of the Pacific War. His post-war service included serving as commander of two destroyer squadrons and an amphibious attack transport, *USS Mountrail* (APA 213). Each ship under his command won the battle efficiency award for each year.

Rizza served as chief of staff for Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, serving as the principal executive officer to Zumwalt in directing the U.S. Naval Forces in Vietnam. In Washington, Rizza served on the staff of the Joint Chiefs, with responsibilities for political and military policy planning in East Asia and the Pacific.

GETTING THE CALL

In the summer of 1972, Rizza was in Africa with graduate students from the National War College. At the time, he was serving as the college's academic dean. During the trip, he and his students had the opportunity to meet and interview the presidents of many African countries.

When he got the call from Governor Ronald Reagan offering the presidential post at Cal Maritime, Rizza and his students were having lunch with Idi Amin, who served as president of Uganda from 1971-1979. According to the "CIA World Factbook," during Amin's eight years in power, his dictatorial regime was responsible for the deaths of some 300,000 opponents, though some human rights organizations say that figure is much higher.

"I was sitting there having lunch with this blood-thirsty dictator, who in person was very pleasant—these dictators are the most charming people in the world," said Rizza. "Then, the U.S. ambassador came in to tell me I got a call from Governor Reagan."

Initially, Rizza admits, he had reservations about taking the position because he hadn't heard much about Cal Maritime except that the legislature wasn't funding the school at the level necessary and there was speculation that it might be shut down.

"I told him, 'The academy has done an excellent job and it can't continue to operate without adequate funding.' But the governor assured me that he was committed to supporting the school, staff, and midshipmen."

After thinking about it, Rizza decided to accept the position and began serving as president of Cal Maritime in August 1972. He was convinced that Governor Reagan supported the school, but convincing the California legislature to fund the academy would prove to be a challenge.

"The toughest job was convincing the legislature that we needed an adequate budget," said Rizza. "I told them that well educated and trained maritime academy graduates were essential to develop the great maritime industry, shipbuilding, and international commerce of California. I had a heck of a job convincing them to fund the academy, and I think I did well."

Upon his retirement from Cal Maritime in 1983, Rizza received the Department of Transportation's highest award for his exceptional public service, outstanding contribution to maritime education, and inspirational leadership. He also received personal letters of commendation from President Ronald Reagan and California Governor George Deukmejian, and commendations from the California State Assembly and Senate for his outstanding performance and leadership.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD!

Admiral Rizza's distinguished career landed him a spot in a "bachelor auction" fundraiser sponsored by the San Diego/Imperial Counties chapter of the American Red Cross in 1997. Rizza, then 82 years old, was doing a favor for a friend, who was the co-chair of the event and a fellow philanthropist. Rizza was



Captain John Keever, vice president for marine programs and student development; Joe Rizza; and Tom Dunworth, vice president for advancement, at this summer's reception on the *Training Ship Golden Bear* in San Diego

hand-selected as one of 15 eligible bachelors who would be put up for auction to benefit local disaster relief.

Though he hesitated at first, Rizza agreed to participate, but not without first making arrangements with a female friend to bid on him if his appearance on stage didn't generate significant "buzz." Little did he know that his participation would generate so much attention that a date with him sold for a whopping \$4,200—the highest bid of the evening—to a woman by the name of Francis Walker. After a first date that included him picking her up in a white stretch limousine with champagne and flowers followed by dinner in La Jolla, the pair continued to date. They were married on June 19, 1999 and are now living happily ever after in Coronado, Calif.

Looking back on his life, Rizza has learned a great deal about what it takes to be successful and has a message for today's college students.

"Don't work so darned hard that you're forgetting the social part of college," said Rizza. "There are some students who work so hard that they neglect friendships. College is where you can make your lifelong friends."

Rizza added that students should keep in mind that employers are looking to hire well-rounded individuals, not just book learners. "What is equally as important as good grades and communication skills is broader thinking," he said. And that's something he hopes students will achieve through the speaker series made possible through the Rizza Endowment Fund.

"My hope is that students will listen to a lecturer and suddenly an idea will dawn on them that has not yet come to fruition because it's emanating from new sciences, new technology, new inventions," said Rizza. "I hope the speaker series helps spark their imagination to get into that science or subject and think about it. I think it will excite the students to think about the future with new ideas."

Cal Maritime Water Polo Team Heads East



The 2005 water polo team. Back row L to R: Fletcher McCue, Jeff Balistreri, Nic Beene, Peter Gillette, Adron Beene, Blake Amon, Joe Mahach. Front Row L to R: Lynn Langdon, Kristen Swader, Robert Taylor, Cole Van Gundy, Megan Braun, Evan Markstrum, Coach Timm Torchiana.



The Keelhaulers on defense against Villanova

THE CAL MARITIME WATER POLO TEAM found itself in uncharted waters as they traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the 20th Annual Villanova Wildcat Invitational, which took place September 23-25. The trip marked the first time that the Keelhauler water polo team has traveled away from the West Coast to compete against top teams in the east, including Lehigh University, Fordham University, University of Pennsylvania, and Villanova, which is ranked ninth in the country.

The Keelhaulers faced Lehigh University in Cal Maritime's first game of the season on Friday night, September 23. Cal Maritime scored early and often en route to a 19-7 win. The Fordham Rams, a NCAA Division I program that had already played 10 games, were next up for the Keelhaulers on Saturday morning. The game was close throughout, with the lead changing hands several times; however, in the second half, Fordham was able to maintain a slight advantage, and held on to a 10-8 win.

Cal Maritime returned to the pool an hour later to face host Villanova, which had been ranked ninth in the country coming into the weekend. Although physically and mentally exhausted from the first game, the Keelhaulers played well, falling to the Wildcats 14-13 on a last-minute score. On Sunday, the Keelhaulers faced the University of Pennsylvania, soundly defeating the Quakers 11-4 in the fifth game. UPenn is currently ranked twelfth in the country.

"Clearly, Cal Maritime made its case to be considered as one of the top teams in the country," said Coach Timm Torchiana. "Without a doubt, these games were the best four the team has played in my time with the program."

Junior Evan Markstrum led all scorers in the tournament with 21 goals in four games. Senior Blake Amon, the Keelhaulers goalie, rebounded well in his first action in two years, with a solid effort in the nets. Several coaches felt that Amon was by far the best goalie in the tournament.

Cal Maritime finished the tournament with a record of 2-2, coming up only three goals short of playing in the championship game. Only time will tell if the effort was enough to garner Cal Maritime its first-ever national ranking.

Because most of the students who made the trip to Villanova had never been on the East Coast, Coach Timm Torchiana made sure that they got the most out of their trip. Between games and study hall, the students were able to spend some time in Philadelphia learning about the origins of our country, visiting such landmarks as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Valley Forge. They also had the quintessential Philadelphia experience as they dined on cheesesteaks for lunch at Geno's and Pat's in South Philadelphia. To top off the trip, the students burned off their cheesesteaks with a run up the "Rocky Steps" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

"The trip was a success for the students, both athletically and educationally," added Torchiana. "It was a great team-building experience. Hopefully, this trip will be the first of many."

Cal Maritime's water polo team competes in the Collegiate Water Polo Association Pacific Coast Conference (PCC), which features several of the top teams in the country every season. Historically, Cal Maritime's water polo program has managed to balance the demands of a top-level education with the physical and mental challenge of training to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Students in the water polo program have earned 13 Academic All-American honors in the past three years.

If you would like to learn how you can support Cal Maritime's water polo team or other athletic programs through the Shipmates Booster Club, please contact Marv Christopher, director of athletics and recreation, at (707) 654-1050 or mchristopher@csum.edu.



(L to R) Piet van Os, Andy Goodman, Paige Johnston, Nathan Prather (holding Shields Cup), Trevor Bozina, Wade Poor, Bud McKay, and Nathan Woodward standing on board a Navy 44.

Cal Maritime Wins at Navy

FOR THE SECOND TIME in three years, Cal Maritime has won the U.S. Service Academy Offshore Sailing Championship. Skipper senior Andy Goodman driving in his second event at the Naval Academy in Navy 44s will have his name engraved on the prestigious Shields Trophy, thanks to the flawless work by the bow team, William "Bud" McKay in the pit, Trevor Bozina at the mast, and Paige Johnston on the bow.

All total, nine races were sailed in great sailing conditions on the Chesapeake on September 24 and 25, with a breeze ranging from eight to twelve knots. Cal Maritime had a tremendous comeback in the last race on Saturday after being called over early at the start to leading around the second weather mark, but the US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point (KP), was able to sneak in when Cal Maritime had a halyard breakdown. Tactician Piet Van Os was under pressure to win his second Shields event finishing Saturday's racing tied with last year's winner Kings Point, but losing the tie breaker. Trimmers Nathan Prather, Nathan

Woodward, and Wade Poor got the boat moving in the first race on Sunday to pass Massachusetts Maritime on the downwind leg, winning the race and taking the lead by three points.

Mass Maritime was now closing in on KP for second and sailing very well, trading positions several times in the second race while KP faltered towards the back of the fleet. Going into the final race Cal Maritime had an eight-point lead and just needed to keep close to KP. Maine Maritime protested Cal Maritime at the start. Although he felt that no foul occurred, Van Os decided to take the two point scoring penalty rather than risk a disqualification in the protest room, which kept Cal Maritime in front of KP for the win.

The win gives President Bill Eisenhardt, a Naval Academy alumnus, bragging rights with his fellow classmate and counterpart, the superintendent of the Naval Academy.

"President Eisenhardt has fostered the Offshore Sailing Team after several

cadets shared their hopes for a team while on a training cruise on the *Training Ship Golden Bear* a few years ago," said Susan "Charlie" Arms, Cal Maritime's sailing director. "Since then the team has traveled to Annapolis for three Shields trophy events and three Kennedy Cup events, which is the US Intercollegiate Offshore Championship. We are so appreciative of his support of the program."

Arms added that the team's performance was particularly remarkable considering the crew was not able to get a practice in before heading back east because none of the boats the team has borrowed in the past were available.

"What we really need is a boat of our own to practice on and compete here in the Bay Area," Arms said. "We are actively seeking the donation of a boat in the 35- to 45-foot range."

For more information or to learn how you can support Cal Maritime's Sailing Program, contact the Sailing Office at (707) 654-1257.

From The Bridge

By Lynn Korwatch (D-76)
Alumni Association President

LIKE MANY ORGANIZATIONS, The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association's (CMAAA) biggest challenge is communication, communication, communication. We need to expand our communication with cadets, improve our communication with the academy, and increase our communication with alumni. While we have made some progress over the past year, I believe we still have room for improvement.

One area where we have seen improvement is our outreach to the cadets. Last year, Dick Cochran began what is now becoming a tradition by hosting a champagne reception for the soon-to-be alumni immediately following graduation rehearsal. This year we hosted the same event and also gave the newest members of the CMAAA a t-shirt commemorating their inclusion into the Association. Both activities have been well received and hopefully will continue as the years go on. In October, thanks to the sponsorship of Brian Goldman (Class of '99) and Chevron, a Pizza Party for cadets and alumni was held in the Student Center on campus. More than 80 people showed up and took advantage of the opportunity to share sea stories and enjoy free pizza and drinks. Everyone had a great time and we hope to have more of these casual events in the future.

Our communication with the academy and the CMA Foundation is improving as well. Currently several members of the CMAAA Board also serve on the Cal Maritime Foundation and the goal of the CMAAA Board to concentrate on "friend raising not fund raising" is moving forward, thanks to our increased level of communication with the administration and the CMA Foundation.

While we still need to do better, our communication with the alumni is improving too. Recently Ken Passe, our Northwest Chapter President, has begun a monthly newsletter updating grads about the latest events at the school and providing information that is helpful to the alumni in the area. John Ryan in the Los Angeles area has been the model of how



Lynn Korwatch (far right), with (L to R) Sue Cuthbertson, Ian Cuthbertson (E-75), and Pat Morris (E-74) at the WaterBarge Restaurant and Tavern, the site of many reunion dinners that were held on October 8.

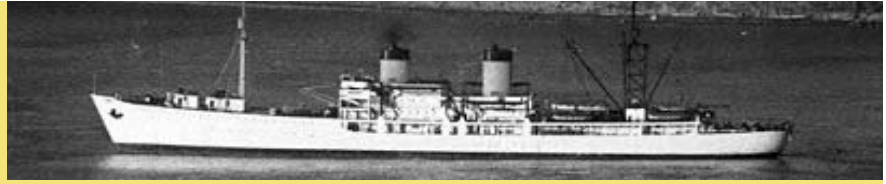
to successfully communicate with his region. I recently met with alumni in Hawaii and Dick Cochran met with alumni in San Diego with the goal of establishing more local chapters. Did you know that we do not even have a Northern California chapter? Obviously, we need to work on this, and to this end a dinner was held recently at a local brewpub with about 50 people attending.

Clearly, communication impacts everything that the Alumni Association is involved in. My goal during the next year of my term is to improve in all areas and all of you who read this newsletter can help. The CMAAA is not financially a rich organization, but what we do have is an abundance of alumni with a wealth of knowledge and experience. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions on how we can improve, please do not hesitate to let me know. My email address is korwatch@sfxm.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Top left: *Training Ship Golden State*, Top right: *Training Ship Golden Bear (TSGB) 1*; Bottom left: *TSGB 3*, the current training ship; Bottom right: *TSGB 2*



The Golden Bear Society Makes Its Long-Awaited Debut

WHETHER YOU ARE FROM THE CLASS OF 1932 OR 2005—or anywhere in between—you know first-hand about the unique bond that alumni from Cal Maritime share. It's a bond that is due in large part to the shared experience of the annual training cruises, on which all cadets learn about the value of, and dependency upon, their shipmates and what it means to be a part of a larger crew.

The California Maritime Academy is proud to announce the formation of the Golden Bear Society, named aptly for all the ships—the *Golden State*, *Golden Bear I*, *Golden Bear II*, and *Golden Bear III*—on which Cal Maritime cadets first tested the theories learned in the classroom against the reality of operating and maintaining a ship.

The Golden Bear Society honors alumni and friends who provide a legacy gift to Cal Maritime, either in their estate plans or through some other form of deferred gift like a charitable trust, gift of real estate or life insurance, or gift annuity. These gifts provide an opportunity for alumni to leave a legacy for future generations of Cal Maritime cadets.

"Estate and planned gifts help ensure the long-term fiscal health of Cal Maritime," said President Bill Eisenhardt. "Whether a gift establishes an endowment to provide a faculty chairperson to help strengthen the academic resources of the academy or provides needed scholarship assistance for deserving young cadets, it is both needed and deeply appreciated."

All those who qualify for membership in the Golden Bear Society will, with their permission, be listed in the annual Honor Roll of Donors, be invited to a special Presidential Luncheon each spring, and receive a California Maritime Academy Stock Certificate emblematic of their investment in the future of the campus.

Cal Maritime will honor in a special way those who become charter members of the Golden Bear Society by including the donor's name, or that of a loved one they would like to honor, on the Golden Bear Society Founding Member plaque that will be prominently displayed on campus. Charter membership is open to all who inform the academy by the end of the current academic year that Cal Maritime is included in their estate plans.

"The Golden Bear Society was formed for those alumni and friends who love Cal Maritime and her proud traditions and want to ensure her future," said President Eisenhardt. "Whatever its size, each contribution is essential to the academy's future and continuing its reputation as one of the finest maritime educational institutions in the country. By joining the Golden Bear Society, alumni and friends form a partnership with Cal Maritime as it continues to serve the maritime industry and our nation into the 21st century."

For more information or to become a charter member of the Golden Bear Society, contact Tom Dunworth, vice president for advancement and executive director of The California Maritime Academy Foundation, at (707) 654-1037.

CLASSMATESreunite

Class of 1955 with President Eisenhardt



(L to R) Classmates Jim Sundfors (E-65) and Ray Jubitz (D-65) at their reunion dinner at Captain Blyther's



Gary Haines (D-75), Hugh Gallagher (D-75),
Judy Gallagher



Robert Semans (D-55), Pat Spotts, Jim Spotts (D-55),
Dave York (D-55), Pat York

AS PART OF HOMECOMING WEEKEND, which kicked off on Friday, October 7 and continued through to Day on the Bay on Sunday, October 9, Cal Maritime celebrated the reunions of the several milestone classes, ranging from the 50-year reunion class of 1955 to the 10-year reunion celebrated by the Class of 1995. Over the course of the weekend, more than 160 alumni spanning five decades met to relive old times and to update their classmates on their lives after CMA.

The festivities began at a Welcome Home wine reception at the Holiday Inn, Marine World on Friday, and continued on throughout the weekend, including the next morning's reunion breakfast onboard the *Training Ship Golden Bear* that kicked off the Homecoming Day events.

In addition, President Bill Eisenhardt and his wife Kathryn hosted the traditional 50-year reunion class Presidential Luncheon at their home on campus. At the lunch, President Eisenhardt presented each class member with a "diploma" conferring the degree of "50 years' Experience" with "all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto."

Homecoming Day culminated on Saturday night with each reunion class getting together for dinner at one of two local hot spots—The WaterBarge Restaurant and Tavern in Vallejo and Captain Blyther's in Benicia. As with all reunions, the more the wine flowed, the taller the tales became, and good times were had by all.

REUNIONclassgifts

AS PART OF THE REUNION WEEKEND, four classes presented President Eisenhardt with class gifts in a special ceremony that was held in Peachman Hall on Homecoming Day. The reunion class gift is becoming a tradition at Cal Maritime, with classes raising funds for scholarships and other endowments as a way to give back to the academy and help new generations of students fulfill their educational and professional dreams.

Under the leadership of Dick Cochran (E-50), the class of 1950 presented President Eisenhardt with a check for \$31,940 for an endowed scholarship in the name of their class. The funds represent the continued fund-raising efforts on behalf of the class as it nears its stated goal of \$50,000.

In addition, Ray Ferbrache (E-60) presented a check for \$1,750 to the president as the first installment of the Class of 1960's pledge to raise a \$25,000 Endowed Memorial Scholarship honoring those classmates who have passed away in service to their country. John Hedrick (D-60) and Ray Ferbrache are spearheading the effort on behalf of their class.

"It took us 45 years, but we got started good this year," said Ferbrache. "We hope to complete this gift in the not so distant future."

Capt. John Porter (D-65) presented President Eisenhardt with a check in the amount of \$39,120, representing funds raised from his classmates for an Endowed Memorial Fund honoring classmates who have passed away. The proceeds from the endowed fund will provide stipends to qualifying cadets and instructors who seek opportunities in maritime-related professional development.

"The purpose for the Class of 1965's endowment is to fund professional development opportunities for faculty and students," said Porter. "Our ultimate goal is to get up to \$50,000."

And during the last class gift presentation, Jack Orme (E-70) and Captain John Keever (D-70) presented the president with a check for \$2,000, representing the first installment of a \$25,000 endowed scholarship in their class' name. "I think it's important to start giving back," said Orme.

Next year's reunion classes are already hard at work securing funds for their own class gift. Scholarship funds can be established (or existing funds may be added to) by contacting Thomas Dunworth, vice president for advancement and executive director of The California Maritime Academy Foundation, at (707) 654-1037.



Class of 1950 gift: Alumni Association President Lynn Korwatch (D-76), Dick Cochran (E-50), President Eisenhardt



Class of 1965 gift: Alumni Association President Lynn Korwatch (D-76), Capt. John Porter (D-65), President Eisenhardt

Denny McLeod Named Distinguished Alumnus



After a distinguished career in engineering construction, Denny McLeod takes time out to enjoy the great outdoors.

DENNY MCLEOD (E-46) has received the highest honor bestowed upon alumni by The California Maritime Academy—the title of Distinguished Alumnus. This is the third year of the Distinguished Alumni Award program, which was established to recognize and honor graduates of the academy who have distinguished themselves and brought credit to the academy through their outstanding personal or professional accomplishments.

“I was initially taken aback,” said Denny McLeod when asked how he felt about being named this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. “But I am very pleased to have been selected and think so highly of the academy.”

McLeod’s classmate Rushton (“Rush”) Backer nominated him for the award. Backer said that McLeod, who graduated first in his engineering class, established himself early on as a leader while attending CMA.

“He was such a leader in our class,” said Backer. “He had a winsome personality, but he was also a diligent student and just had those natural leadership qualities. He could inspire people so they would want to emulate him and be his friend.”

Backer added that he nominated McLeod because of his demonstrated leadership abilities and the strong record he built in his career subsequent to Cal Maritime. Upon graduating from Cal Maritime, McLeod sailed in the merchant marine for a couple of years before enrolling at UC Berkeley, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration. While a student at UC Berkeley, he used the naval reserve commission he received upon graduating from CMA to serve as a naval reserve officer in a submarine reserve group.

After graduating from UC Berkeley, McLeod joined Bigge Drayage Co. and Bigge Crane and Rigging Co., where he served as the senior contracting officer and vice president until he formed his own highly successful independent engineering construction company, Rigging International, in 1969. He served as CEO and chairman of Rigging International until he retired in 1994.

Since its founding, Rigging International has had a number of construction and construction related engineering projects that were outstanding and recognized as such. One of his company’s earliest successes was the recovery of a Japanese DC8 jetliner that had landed in the soft mud in the San Francisco Bay just short of the runway at San Francisco International.

“It was an amazing recovery operation,” said McLeod. “Not only did everyone survive, but we were able to rescue the jet aircraft in such a manner that it was flown again.”

In another high profile project, Rigging International made headlines in 1989 when it was hired to stabilize and repair the Bay Bridge after the powerful Loma Prieta Earthquake wrenched it out of alignment, which resulted in a 50-foot section of the upper deck of the bridge pulling free and slamming down on the deck below.

“Mayor Agnos was the mayor of San Francisco at the time and he pleaded with us to do everything we possibly could to open the bridge again,” said McLeod. “We did it in 30 days, working around the clock. The mayor felt we had done such a service to the City of San Francisco that during the bridge re-opening ceremony he awarded us the official key to the city. I thought it was pretty nice.”

International projects took Rigging International to England, Scotland, France, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, and Japan, as well as Vietnam for a wartime project at Cam Ran Bay.

McLeod—who lives in Piedmont with his wife of 53 years, Ruth—is a father of four and grandfather of 11. He is now actively enjoying retirement, pursuing hobbies of fly-fishing, photography, duck and pheasant hunting, and playing bridge.

When thinking back to his time at Cal Maritime, he says it played an important role in his development from a young boy to a young man.

“There we were, all fresh out of high school during World War II, and we were being taught by naval professionals who had already served in the war, and we looked up to them substantially,” said McLeod. “The leadership and education I received at CMA was the very formation of my character, and the beginning of 60 years of friendship with my classmates.”



Nominate A Fellow Alum Today!

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established by The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association to recognize and honor alumni who during their chosen career after graduation have distinguished themselves and brought credit to the Academy through their outstanding personal or career accomplishments. It is also established to recognize and honor non-alumnus individuals or organizations for their significant contributions to the goals and objectives of Cal Maritime or its Alumni Association.

To nominate an alum, return this completed nomination form by February 1, 2006 to The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association, 200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination (Please print.)

Name of Nominee _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Work Telephone _____ Fax _____

Please describe how the nominee has distinguished her/himself since graduation. Be as detailed as possible. (Use additional sheets, if necessary.)

Please list information regarding service record, employment, professional associations, community involvement, etc. (Attach professional resume or use additional sheets, if necessary.)

Nominee submitted by:

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Work Telephone _____ Fax _____

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LAURA KOVARY (D-78)



AN ALUMNA FROM THE CLASS OF 1978, Laura Kovary's education at Cal Maritime was truly a family affair. She and her older brother, Glenn, were the first brother and sister team to graduate from the academy together, which they did in 1978.

But that wasn't the last time the siblings would make history. Kovary and her brother both sailed on the S.S. California during the Gulf War, he as captain and she as chief mate.

"I believe that was a first, not only in the U.S., but probably in the world," said Kovary.

After graduating from Cal Maritime with a degree in Nautical Industrial Technology, she sailed on and off for 17 years, primarily out of Masters, Mates, and Pilots as a third, second, and chief mate. She also served as chief mate for Matson Navigation, sailing on the West Coast/Honolulu run and on the Coastwise run.

"Professionally, I suppose I am the most proud of my time sailing and the fact that I hold an unlimited Master's License," said Kovary. "I have some of my best—and some of my worst—memories from my time at sea."

Kovary, who received her master's degree in Maritime Management in 1989 from Maine Maritime Academy, also worked ashore in tanker operations for

Gulf Oil Company and Teekay Shipping, and taught Tanker Operations at Texas A&M, Galveston and Seamanship, Navigation, and Management at Cal Maritime.

Now living in San Pedro, Calif., she is currently a sales manager for Harley Marine Services, and is responsible for managing the sales and marketing for the tugs that escort tank vessels and assist ocean-going vessels to and from their berths.

"I enjoy my job and am very pleased with the commitment that Harley Marine Services has to the community," said Kovary. "The company is committed to raising money to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis and also raises money for the Seattle Children's Home."

Her appreciation for helping the community is something she shares with her 10-year-old daughter, Alexandra. It was by Alexandra's insistence that the pair now volunteer with a local pet rescue group and with Harbor Animal Shelter.

"My daughter makes me very proud," said Kovary. "She is caring, aware, inquisitive, and thoughtful."

Kovary also volunteers her time to serve as vice president of the CMA Alumni Association of Greater Los Angeles and on the Board of Governors of the Propeller Club of Los Angeles/Long Beach, and is a member of the Council of American Master Mariners.

Joseph P. Ursich (E-47) recently donated his model of the Matson Liner *S.S. LURLINE* to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro, Calif., where it remains on display alongside other models that represent ships with significance to the Los Angeles/Long Beach harbor area.



At the age of 13, Ursich began the model of the glamorous white-hulled steamship, which took him two years to complete. The model was on display at CMA while Ursich was a cadet.

Brian Medlin (E-95) is currently serving as a financial speaker, teaching young adults how to become fiscally fit. His company—Money 101—provides students with the framework needed to create a lifetime of prosperity. Medlin's interactive classroom environment and carefully designed lesson plans are focused on engaging students in the subject matter, empowering them with the tools and confidence to make wise financial decisions now and for years



to come. For more information, visit www.money--101.com. Medlin, who also serves as a staffing company manager, lives in Alameda, Calif. with his wife Veronica.

Chris Walker (BA-99) is currently working at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley as associate director of the annual fund. He is also in the process of launching a small real estate investment company.



Attention Alums: We want to hear what you're up to. E-mail your updates to calmaritimemagazine@csum.edu and we will include it in the next issue of Cal Maritime.

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RALPH GLENN DAVIS, PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Professor Emeritus Ralph Glenn Davis, who taught in Cal Maritime's engineering department for 14 years, passed away suddenly at home on July 23, 2005. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and George Washington University, Davis spent 22 years in the U.S. Navy as an engineering duty officer. After retiring at the rank of commander, he moved to Texas, where he worked for Brown and Root, and Conoco. From 1980 to 1987 he taught at the Texas Maritime Academy, Galveston. He then moved to Vallejo to teach at Cal Maritime, from which he retired in 2001.

Ralph loved sailing his Hobbicats, bicycling, amateur radio, singing, traveling and reading. He was very active in the life of Community Presbyterian Church, sang in the Vallejo Choral Society, Solano Choral Society and rarely missed a concert presented by the Vallejo Symphony. He leaves behind his wife, Sue; daughters, Brenda and Karen; stepdaughter, Jennifer; and stepson, Brian. Davis was one of the sweetest, kindest men you'd ever find. He will be sorely missed by his CMA family.

MIKE LACY (D-81)

Mike Lacy passed away on August 15, 2005. He graduated from Cal Maritime in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in Nautical Industrial Technology, and also earned a bachelor's degree in history from UC Berkeley. Lacy most recently served as general manager of operations for Washington United Terminals, Port of Tacoma. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; two sons, Jason and Joshua; his brother, Dan; and sister, Codie.

LAWRENCE M. PLATZ (E-42)

Lawrence M. Platz died on June 3, 2005 in Auburn, Calif. An alumnus from the Class of 1942, Platz served his country for six years in the U.S. Navy. He retired from PG&E after 40 years and enjoyed 20 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts. Later in life he learned and loved to scuba dive. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Sandra; and son, Gregory; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister.

AUGUSTINE (GUS) SINKYS (D-63)

Gus Sinkys succumbed to cancer with his family by his side at his home on May 26, 2005. An alumnus from the Class of 1963, Sinkys sailed for MSTs Pac Fleet and several shipping companies

before coming ashore in 1971 to work in real estate, which he did until his death. He is survived by his 93-year-old father, Emil; his wife of 40 years, Betty; four children; and four grandchildren.

ROGER SWAIN (D-42)

An alumnus from the Class of 1942, Roger Swain passed away on August 5, 2005 at his home in Citrus Heights, Calif. After graduating from Cal Maritime, Swain served with distinction in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II as a deck officer and survived the torpedoing of his ship in 1943. In 1946, he became a ship's captain at the age of 23, one of the youngest to do so. From 1947 to 1950, he was a navigation instructor at Cal Maritime, and in 1950 he went on active duty as a U.S. Coast Guard officer.

In 1952 Swain became a pilot in the Panama Canal, where he enjoyed a distinguished 27-year career until he retired as a senior pilot in charge of the largest, most difficult ships. Following retirement from the Panama Canal, he became captain of the tanker Mission Santa Clara, traveling through many ports on the West Coast, up to Valdez, Alaska, and out to Hawaii. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years Antonia (Toni) in 1990.

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- NOVEMBER 17** Pacific Northwest Chapter Alumni Dinner
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(Contact: Stephanie Wright, swright@harleymarine.com, (206) 334-3256)
- DECEMBER 3** So. Cal Academy Alumni Dinner
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- JANUARY 17** Cal Maritime Career Fair 2006
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