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AREA CADETS ON CAL MARITIME 2006 TRAINING VOYAGES

(Vallejo, CA – June 28, 2006)...It's one training voyage down and a second to go as the California Maritime Academy's 500-foot training ship *Golden Bear* returned to the Academy's Vallejo, CA, campus for a brief layover. The ship disembarked its first crew of 254 cadets and picked up a second of 234. This year, the ship's itinerary takes cadets and staff along the West Coast of the Americas to Mexico, Peru, Chile and Costa Rica. Joining the second sailing are about 100 cadets from the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston. Cal Maritime offered space to the Texas cadets after their training vessel was assigned to hurricane relief efforts in the U.S. Gulf. Also aboard are two cadets each from Mexico's Escuela Nautica Maritime Academy and from the Maine and Massachusetts Maritime Academies. The *Golden Bear* departed on the first 12,000 nautical mile cruise April 30th and returned to its berth Wednesday, June 28th. It departs again Saturday, July 1st (9 a.m. with Golden Gate transit at approx. 11 a.m.) and will return to Vallejo August 29th.

During the two 2-month training voyages, cadets run every element of 24-hour vessel operations under the supervision of 50 Academy faculty and staff. The practical hands-on experience covers everything from engine operations and maintenance to navigation, lifeboat and ship safety drills, communication, and watch standing. Depending on their majors, cadets may take part in as many as three cruises during their four years at the Academy, with itineraries to nations throughout the Pacific Basin. Many also gain additional work experience interning for commercial companies operating oil and chemical tankers, containerships, tugboats and ferry boats – experiences which often lead to employment with those companies immediately upon graduation.

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Cal Maritime President William Eisenhardt notes another key element of the on-board training experience – the invaluable exposure to the world and its diverse cultures, languages and customs. “To have a cadet visit foreign countries, where they are in the minority and not always fluent in the language, is an eye-opening experience and one which helps them understand the diversity of the world in which they will be working in the years ahead. Another important element of our overall program is a continuing emphasis on teamwork and leadership skills. The experience, focus, maturity, and leadership skills our graduates develop are elements which are highly prized by employers. That is reflected in the fact that virtually all of our cadets are gainfully employed within weeks of graduation.”

Those interested in following the voyage of the *Golden Bear* can do so via the Academy’s website at www.csum.edu. Visitors can click on a daily calendar to find reports and photos of voyage progress and activities aboard ship and during port calls along the way.

Some cruise facts and figures. What does it take to transport over 500 people back and forth from Vallejo to Chile on two voyages and feed them over a four-month season?

600,000 gallons of diesel fuel and \$250,000 worth of food including in part:

- Nearly two tons of cheese
- 1,500 gallons of milk
- 25,000 pieces of chicken
- 10,000 bowls worth of cereal
- 18,000 bowls worth of rice
- Enough peanut butter for 6,400 PB&J sandwiches, and
- Enough ice cream for 35,000 cones.

Located in Vallejo, California, The California Maritime Academy is a unique and specialized campus of The California State University offering degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. Cal Maritime is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States — and the only one on the West Coast.

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T. S. GOLDEN BEAR

LOA 499' 10" (152.35m) LBP 462' 01" (140.84m) Beam 72' 00" (21.95m)
 Draft 30' 06" (9.29m) [loaded] Displacement 15,821 tons

Engine: Twin Diesels
 Horsepower: 17,000
 Propeller: Single Screw, 5 blade, 18' 7½" (5.68m) diameter
 Speed: 20 knots

Ordered: Jun 28, 1985 under MARAD contract for the Navy,
 Keel laid: July 29, 1986 Maritime Commission hull designation S4-M-MA154a type
 Launched: Sep 4, 1987 at Bethlehem Steel, Sparrows Point, MD
 Delivered: Mar 31, 1989 placed in service with the Navy as *U.S.N.S. MAURY* (T-AGS-39).

Built for the U.S. Navy as a Hydrographic Survey Vessel to map the deep ocean floor. At the time built, she was the largest and fastest oceanographic ship ever built.

She was placed out of service in September 1994 and laid up in Reserve Fleet Suisun Bay.

After the conversion of her living spaces, she was transferred to CMA on May 4, 1996.

T.S. GOLDEN BEAR (TSGB) is the fourth and largest training ship at Cal Maritime, and is the third training ship to carry the name *GOLDEN BEAR*.

Currently, *T.S. GOLDEN BEAR* makes two major training cruises annually.