



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**The Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR Heads Back To School**

**WHAT:** The Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR, the 500-foot training vessel of The California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime), will return home to Vallejo after a summer at sea. The GOLDEN BEAR logged approximately 25,000 nautical miles during its two international training cruises this summer, which took students on an international adventure to the Far East, including stops in Japan, Saipan, Korea, Midway Islands, and Hawaii. For the duration of the cruise, Cal Maritime students have been responsible for running the ship from stem to stern — including navigating and driving the ship, repairing and overseeing the engines, and maintaining the vessel. Approximately 500 students, faculty, and staff members participated in this summer’s two training cruises onboard the GOLDEN BEAR.

**WHERE:** **The California Maritime Academy  
200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo**

**WHEN:** **Sunday, August 29, 2004  
7:30 a.m.**

**WHO:** Cal Maritime cadets, students, and staff returning from cruise

**MEDIA OPPS:**

- Photo opportunities of students reuniting with their families and friends after two months at sea
- Interview opportunities with students, faculty, and staff about their experiences at sea

**WHY:** This summer’s journey aboard the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR is one of several annual international training cruises offered to Cal Maritime students. Prior to graduation, each student is required to participate in at least one training cruise, which helps provide the students with a first-hand perspective of the world and its many diverse political and economic systems, business practices, and social customs. All training cruises are supervised by Cal Maritime faculty, the ship’s captain and chief engineer, and a team of experienced mariners.

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