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Dear Maritime Alumni and Friends,

As we look forward to the 2010 Admiral’s Scholarship Dinner, commencement, the beginning of Summer Sea Term, and the conclusion of another successful academic year, I thank our many alumni and corporate friends who consistently support and promote SUNY Maritime College. It is a pleasure to have you as partners in fulfilling the mission of the College. I also thank Maritime’s outstanding faculty for their continued dedication to our students. The College could not have achieved national recognition as one of the top schools in the nation without the effort put forth by our world-class faculty. For 2010, U.S. News & World Report ranked SUNY Maritime in the top 14% of the best undergraduate engineering programs in the nation.

This year, we launched the Sallyport Fund, a new annual giving program designed to raise unrestricted funds for a broad range of campus, student and faculty programs. We are greatly encouraged by the initial response – participation and donations have doubled over last year. As with all contributions made to the College, every penny goes towards supporting our students and enhancing our programs.

Campus renovations continue at an aggressive pace. Maritime boasts a number of new, state-of-the-art engineering laboratories, including the transport-process, tow-tank, electronics, electrical engineering, and strength-of-materials laboratories. By winter of 2011, the new diesel lab will be completed. In addition, navigation laboratories have been upgraded with industry standard equipment in the radar lab and upgraded software in the current bridge simulator. To accommodate the largest Regiment of Cadets in the history of the College, plans are underway to add a second bridge simulator this summer. Additionally, the $10 million expansion and renovation of Olivet Pier is underway. Other less visible, but equally important infrastructure renovations include fire alarm and security system upgrades, renovation of administrative areas, HVAC upgrades in the Fort, and fuel oil tank replacements. Recent campus landscape enhancements—site lighting, resurfaced roads, and new stone-paver walkways—have done much to beautify Maritime’s waterfront campus. A new academic building is in the design phase, and ground breaking is planned for March, 2011.

Overall goals for Fall, 2010, are to have a total student enrollment of 1800 undergraduate and graduate students, 1150 of which will be members of the Regiment of Cadets. Additionally, we plan to increase the number of women from 10% to 15%. By every measure, we are well on our way to meeting these goals. On Sunday, April 11, 2010, over 300 high school seniors, who have already been accepted to the College and have made their deposits for the Fall semester, visited the College with their families for Accepted Students Day. In all, the College welcomed over 1200 enthusiastic visitors to campus!

We are looking forward to graduation on May 7th and then to the departure of Empire State VI for a two-session, 90-day Summer Sea Term. We now have more students than our training ship can accommodate for a single sea term. This is indeed a telling indicator of just how well things are going here at SUNY Maritime College!

First and Foremost,

John W. Craine, Jr.
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)
President
SUNY Maritime Celebrates World Maritime Day!

A delegation of four SUNY Maritime Cadets (Spenser Elliot 2/C, James Spear 2/C, Margaret Klimkowski 1/C, Christopher Frarey 1/C) and three Maritime professors (Ira Breskin, Eric Johansson and Sam Yahalom) were special guests at the 2009 International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Maritime Day Parallel Event. The event was held October 16-18, 2009, at Chelsea Piers in New York City. Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Environmental Protection Agency, the Maritime Administration, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the theme for this year’s meeting was Climate Change: A Challenge for IMO Too! Port cities throughout the United States also hosted simultaneous events. During their visit to the World Maritime Day Parallel Event, the Cadets had the opportunity to meet USCG Commandant Thad Allen, as well as other leaders from the maritime industry.

NY CONTAINER TERMINAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

SUNY Maritime College Cadet Dara Kovarsky, 4/C, a resident of Stony Brook, New York, received a four-year, full scholarship to SUNY Maritime College from the New York Container Terminal. The award was presented by James Devine, President and CEO of the New York Container Terminal, at the Containerization and Intermodal Institute’s (CII) 2009 Connie Awards, held on December 7, 2009, at the The Newark Club, Newark, New Jersey. The mission of the CII is to promote and support the business of international trade and the intermodal container transportation community.

Bahamian Honoree

The Bahamian-American Association honored SUNY Maritime College Cadet Keia Armbrister, 2/C, at the group’s annual dinner in mid-September, 2009. The Bahamas Weekly newspaper featured a story and photo of Cadet Armbrister, who is pursuing a bachelor of engineering degree in Naval Architecture with a 3rd Mate’s License. Her goal is to captain an oil/product tanker, liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier or a container vessel in the U.S., Caribbean, and European waters.
SUNY Maritime College held its winter commencement exercises on Friday, January 29th, 2010, in the Lecture Hall of Marvin Tode Hall, the College’s Science & Engineering Building. Maritime faculty, department chairs and members of the College Council joined family and friends of the graduates for the event.

Dr. Joseph C. Hoffman, ’75, Maritime Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, conferred the following degrees upon 91 graduate and undergraduate students: 30 Master of Science in International Transportation Management; 20 Bachelor of Engineering; 38 Bachelor of Science; and, 3 Associate in Applied Science degrees.
Summer Sea Term 2009

Summer Sea Term, 2009, began under a cool, overcast sky on Monday, May 18. Under the direction of Captain Rick Smith, ’81, Commandant of Cadets and Master of Training Ship Empire State (TSES) VI, 593 enthusiastic Cadets, sharply clad in summer dress whites, bid farewell to the more than 1000 family members, friends, faculty and staff who had assembled at Olivet Pier for Maritime’s annual bon voyage send-off.

It was soon time for Cadets to assume shipboard responsibilities, as the Empire State VI eased its way up the East River, under the Throgs Neck Bridge, out into Long Island Sound, and on to the Atlantic Ocean for the 60-day Summer Sea Term to European ports.

After spending the first night anchored off the coast of Montauk Point, Long Island, Empire State VI embarked on its journey to the Azores. “The Cadets gain knowledge that only comes with experience,” noted Captain Tom Greene, USN (Ret.), Deputy Commandant of Cadets. Cadet Jason Fetter, 1/C, an engineering major coming off duty from a tour of the engine room, summed up his enthusiasm for Summer Sea Term training, saying, “I love it down there. I could work on engines for the rest of my life.”

On May 25, after seven days at sea, Pico, the first island of the Azores came into view, as Empire State VI headed to its first port of call at Ponta Delgada on the island of San Miguel. For many 3/C Cadets, this would be their first taste of a foreign culture.

Now familiar with the daily rotation of class work, watch standing, navigation and ship maintenance, the Cadets began the next leg of the journey on May 31, when the ship set its course for the Mediterranean Sea, where it anchored off-shore to conduct on-board crisis
simulation training. Upon arriving at the Royal Naval Dock of Gibraltar on June 5, the Cadets eagerly disembarked the ship to explore the fascinating coastline of Gibraltar and enjoy tours of exotic Morocco.

After departing Gibraltar on June 8, at the scheduled 0800 hours, Empire State VI began the voyage to Iceland. Good weather was a plus for the crew, as the ship traversed the Straits of Gibraltar to the Atlantic, then north to the Bay of Biscay off the West Coast of France, and ultimately into the North Atlantic to Iceland. “It is wonderful to see the professionalism of the Cadets, standing watch, securing lines, responding to engine orders from the bridge, maneuvering through the many ships at anchor in Gibraltar, getting the ship back out to sea and transiting the Straits,” wrote Admiral Craine in his blog from on board the TSES. After docking in Reykjavik, the capital and largest city in Iceland, and the world’s northernmost capital of a sovereign state, the Cadets took advantage of the opportunity to explore this late 9th-Century city, which was founded by Norwegian and Celtic immigrants. By June 18, the ship was steaming along the West coast of Iceland, north to the Arctic Circle, (approximately 67 North), crossing into “King Neptune’s Realm.” The ship was at this latitude on the Summer Solstice, as it made its way along the North Channel to Belfast.

Empire State VI berthed at Belfast’s newly constructed pier, Stormont Wharf, becoming the first vessel to dock there. Built primarily for cruise ships, the pier is located directly across from the construction and launching site of HMS Titanic. While in Belfast, the Maritime rugby team played a match against the local Belfast Harlequins. The Men’s Crew Team, under Captain Smith’s direction, rowed against two local teams, the Belfast Rowing Club and Queens University. Both Irish teams were practicing for the Irish Championships. After three days in the Emerald Isle, it was time to head home as the ship made its afternoon departure for New York on June 28.

In the early morning hours of July 10, Admiral Craine and State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher boarded the ship in New York Harbor to join the Cadets on their return to Olivet Pier, where they were enthusiastically greeted by a throng of cheering parents, brothers, sisters, girlfriends, boyfriends and Maritime colleagues.
Höegh Autoliners Chairman Visits Maritime

Leading Maritime industry executive and Höegh Autoliners Chairman James Butcher addressed a Fall Global Business and Transportation (GBAT) class and spoke about roll-on-roll-off (ro-ro) operations, a vital part of the shipping industry. GBAT Chairman Larry Howard and GBAT professor James Drogan hosted the event that was well attended by Maritime GBAT students.

GBAT Piracy Awareness

Dr. Larry Howard, Global Business and Transportation (GBAT) Chairman and Captain Joe Ahlstrom, ‘82, Maritime Marine Transportation professor, led a workshop at the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement’s (IDGA) Maritime Piracy Summit, held in Washington, D.C. on September 21, 2009. Dr. Howard also addressed the Maritime Domain Awareness and Counter Piracy meeting in Ottawa, Canada, October 26-29, 2009.

During his career as a merchant mariner, Captain Ahlstrom’s ship traversed the Gulf of Aden and other hostile waters. The two internationally recognized piracy experts led a discussion on the growing dangers of piracy and the threat that mariners face on the high seas.

Captain Jim Staples, whose ship was attacked by pirates while transiting the same waters as the Maersk Alabama, addressed Capt. Joe Ahlstrom’s undergraduate and graduate security classes in the Fall of 2009.

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Fall, 2009, was another great semester for the 220 members of the NROTC Battalion at SUNY Maritime College. Summer saw the departure of 13 newly commissioned Navy and Marine Corps officers and the arrival of 54 freshmen and Officer Candidates. Professionalism, public service, academic excellence, camaraderie, and leadership development were the hallmarks of the semester. The academic year began with Lieutenant Colonel Greg Wynn relieving Major Ben Abbott as the unit’s Executive Officer and Marine Officer Instructor. LtCol Wynn reported to the unit following his tour as an Inspector-Instructor at the 4th Marine Logistics Group in Greensboro, North Carolina. LT Luke Riddle, a helicopter pilot, and LT Alex McMahon, a Surface Warfare Officer, also joined the NROTC staff.

Academically, the Battalion continued to exceed the school grade point average (GPA) with a 2.96 GPA. In addition to academic progress, the Unit’s physical training and the Fitness Enhancement Program were enhanced to better reinforce physical fitness and general conditioning. Many midshipmen continue to improve their performance level on the Physical Readiness Test. The Battalion has taken good advantage of the new obstacle course built last summer with the assistance of the active duty members of the Battalion.

On Saturday, October 17, the Battalion hosted the 2009 SUNY Maritime JROTC Drill Meet. Five high schools from Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York participated in this year’s meet. In fierce competition, Southhold High School defended their 2008 title.

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, 25 Midshipmen participated in the commissioning ceremony of USS New York in Manhattan. The following Monday, 20 more Mids enjoyed a VIP tour of the ship.

Veteran’s Day, November 11, was special this year for the Battalion. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg hosted a Veteran’s Day breakfast at Gracie Mansion, the official home of the Mayor of New York City.
For the Naval ROTC Battalion and the Naval Science Department, Fall, 2009 was a semester that saw traditions carried forward, the development of young men and women into junior officers, and memories forged that will last a lifetime.

That same morning, downtown on Wall Street, LT Dave Harrington and Officer Candidate Lee Shoemaker rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange. Veteran’s Day celebrations continued as 15 NROTC staff members and students enjoyed free tickets to the New York Knicks game at Madison Square Garden. On November 13, 2009, the Battalion hosted a spectacular Navy and Marine Corps Ball, celebrating the heritage of the military tradition. Over 200 Midshipmen and their guests enjoyed an evening of camaraderie at Marina Del Rey in Throggs Neck. The Unit got in the spirit of the holiday season when 36 Midshipmen marched in the annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and The Semper Fi Society, in conjunction with the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, supported the campus-wide Toys For Tots drive during November and December.

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On January 29, 2010, seven Maritime students were commissioned as Navy and Marine Corps officers onboard USS Intrepid in Manhattan. Rear Admiral Sean Crean, Maritime Class of 1978, was the guest speaker. 2nd LT Sammy Cano (United States Marine Corps), Ensign Kevin Fay (Merchant Marine Officer), Ensign Diane Kruse (Naval aviator), Ensign Bradley Toman (Naval aviator), Ensign Joshua Waters (Naval aviator), Ensign William Welch (Merchant Marine Officer), and Ensign Steven Wilson (Naval aviator) took the commissioning oath and donned their officer insignia in front of 200 family members and friends.
There was a touch of fall in the air, and a cool East River breeze swept across the Throggs Neck peninsula on Saturday, October 10, 2009, as nearly 1,000 SUNY Maritime College alumni and friends returned to campus for Homecoming, 2009.

As Cadet Bagpiper Brendan Ross, 2/C, escorted the thirty-four members of Class of 1959 through the Sallyport into St. Mary’s Pentagon, the contingent was greeted by the sound of the Maritime College band, as the 50th reunion class took their place of honor under the Homecoming tent. Eighteen members of the 60th anniversary Class of 1949 were also honored guests at the ceremony.

In keeping with a long-held Maritime tradition, the MUG Class of 2013 paid special tribute to the golden anniversary class by saluting them with a march-on and pass-in-review within the Greenwich-granite walls of St. Mary’s Pentagon.

During the ceremony, Maritime College President Vice Admiral John W. Craine, Jr. USN (Ret.) announced the induction of Professor Robert Zubaly into Heritage Hall. Having recently completed a brilliant 55-year career as a professor of naval architecture at Maritime, Professor Zubaly graciously accepted the award and reflected on his enduring ties to the College.

Following the ceremony, alumni visited the S&E
Lecture Hall to view the new Maritime College documentary produced by Gary Jobson, ’73. Others made their way to the Alumni sailing regatta, the casual barbeque on the baseball field, or the more formal alumni luncheon in the Special Events Room, where the Maritime Chorale entertained guests with a series of sea shanties.

The afternoon program included the dedication of three recently acquired monomoys, one of which was donated by the Marine Society of the City of New York. A second was donated by longtime Maritime friend, Clay Maitland. The boats will be used by students for lifeboat training. During a moving dedication ceremony, the three boats were dedicated to two Maritime alumni who lost their lives at sea: Robert Gove, Class of 1978; and Robert V. Pitney, Class of 1972. The third, purchased by the Faculty Student Association, bears the name Virginia’s Hope, in honor of Clay Maitland’s mother, Virginia Maitland Sachs. Virginia’s House of Hope is the New York City charity named in her honor (www.virginiashouseofhope.org).

Celebrating their 20th reunion, the Class of 1989 gathered with approximately 60 alumni in attendance. Thanks to the strategic planning of Paul Bamonte, ’89, Maritime’s Director of Enrollment Services and Financial Aid, and Maritime Professor Anthony Manzi, ’89, the class enjoyed a great reunion. Paul and Tony are already working to make their 25th reunion even better!

Hundreds of future Privateers (alumni children) enjoyed climbing on an inflatable pirate ship and having their faces painted. The homecoming football game got under way as the MUGS marched onto the field and immediately formed a human tunnel through which the Maritime Privateer football team ran onto the field. With cannons firing, the Privateers were ready to face off against Castleton State (VT). Following the coin toss by Tom Higgins, ’80, Maritime went on to win the game 58-20!
NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART RADAR SIMULATORS ENHANCE TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONAL MARINERS

Maritime’s Professional Education and Training (PET) Department has added a new eight-station Radar/Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) Simulator to its technology training. Radar, an own-ship status display, as well as an Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) station and a Sperry Vision Master Fusion Technology Radar/ARPA Display, are on four stations. They imitate the Bridge Master II, Bridge Master E, Furuno FR2100, and Nucleus 6000 radar displays. The other four stations are simulated.

The new simulator classroom was installed by NavSim Services, Inc. and features Navigation Simulation Software from Transas Marine. “The new software generates an accurate and highly realistic radar picture,” said Captain Ernest Fink, ‘75, Chairman of the PET department. “It has a number of real-life effects that enable students to practice radar operations in a life-like environment, including shaded areas, loss of targets in heavy seas, radar picture changes that reflect a ship’s rolling and pitching, echo-signals of different ranges depending on geometry and reflection capability of a shore line.”

“We welcome the opportunity to work with agencies and companies to design customized certificate programs that can be tailored to individualized training programs for maritime organizations, corporations and governmental agencies,” said Captain Fink. “Our door is open.” To learn more about Maritime’s Professional Education and Training programs visit, www.sunymaritime.edu or call: Captain Fink at 718-409-5265.

SUNY Maritime’s First Annual W.A.V.E. Event

On December 1, 2009, approximately 100 women students, faculty and staff enjoyed a festive early-winter-evening reception that was the official kick-off for a new Maritime College organization known as WAVE – Women Achieving Valor and Excellence. It was a celebration of women in the maritime industry.

Two women who have excelled in their maritime careers were the keynote speakers: Mate Elspeth Hanaford, a lecturer and Watch Officer at SUNY Maritime College, and Carleen Lyden-Kluss, founder and president of Morgan Marketing & Communications, executive director of the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA), and president of the Propeller Club, Port of NY/NJ Chapter.

Mate Hanaford discussed her experience working on Maersk Line ships and her work as a LT in the Merchant Marine Reserves (US Naval Reserves). She urged the students to “gain as much practical experience as possible during your undergraduate days and join professional maritime organizations.” Carleen Lyden-Kluss discussed her successful career and advised students that “passion for what you do is one of the most important factors in achieving success in your career and personal life.” She told the young women that there are tremendous opportunities awaiting them in the maritime industry.

WAVE student president Dana Rauch, ’10, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event and noted that Marjorie Murtagh Cooke, ’74, the first woman to graduate from Maritime, was the only female in her class. By contrast, there are currently 152 undergraduate and 31 graduate female students enrolled at the College. Special thanks go to Chartwell’s, Maritime’s food service provider, Maritime Executive Magazine, Kirby Inland Marine, and the New York Maritime College Parents’ Association for their support of the event.
More than 100 maritime leaders from the private and public sectors attended SUNY Maritime College’s 10th annual Towing Forum on October 21, 2009. “This event has become one of the most important in the towing business,” said Maritime professor Captain Eric Johansson of Maritime’s Professional Education and Training Department (PET).

Maritime attorney Daniel Fitzgerald, ‘96, of the New York City-based firm Freehill, Hogan & Mahar, began the day with a discussion of “Owner Liability and Responsibility.” The topic of new U.S. Coast Guard inspection requirements was of special interest to the audience. “Violations recorded by the Coast Guard become permanent public records tied to each vessel,” Dan told the group. “As public records, they may be obtained by filing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.” He continued, “for prospective buyers, the documentation offers a record of the ship’s violations, which may be very useful in negotiating a purchase.”

The morning continued with a discussion led by Lt. Scott White, USCG, on the USCG’s new Bridging Program. Credentialing, a topic that impacts all mariners, was presented by Ken Skuches of the National Maritime Center, who discussed the Coast Guard’s new forms for merchant mariners. He offered valuable tips on avoiding delays related to the new Transport Worker Identification Credential (TWIC).

Captain Ernest J. Fink, ’75, Chairman of Maritime’s PET Department, reported on Maritime’s professional training programs. “The College now has the ability to design and tailor training programs for the particular needs of maritime groups and organizations,” said Captain Fink. He cited Maritime’s new eight-station, state-of-the-art Radar/Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA) Simulator as one of the new advances, and a “very valuable addition to our existing training and bridge equipment.”

Captain Robert O’Brien, USCG, Captain of the Port of New York and New Jersey, and New York City Councilman Mike Nelson, Chair of the New York City Council’s Waterfronts Committee, ended the day by discussing current issues impacting the Port of New York and New Jersey. Councilman Nelson also called for the creation of a New York City Waterfronts Advisory Committee (www.council.nyc.gov/html/committees/waterfronts.shtml). To attend next year’s forum, contact Captain Eric Johansson at ejohansson@sunymaritime.edu or call: 718-409-2856.
Maritime Cadets serving as the Color Guard at the annual Bronx Chamber of Commerce Dinner, held Thursday, October 1, had the opportunity to meet with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, who were the evening’s keynote speakers.

Hundreds of Bronx business and community leaders were on hand for the gala event held at Marina del Rey, Throggs Neck, NY. Both New York City leaders spoke to the Cadets about their training at SUNY Maritime and asked about their future plans.

SUNY Maritime President VADM John W. Craine, Jr., USN (Ret.), greeted former President William Jefferson Clinton and welcomed him to the Maritime campus. President Clinton was the keynote luncheon speaker at the Waterkeeper Alliance Conference, held at Maritime on June 25, 2009.

New York State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Chair, NYS Senate Higher Education Committee, visited SUNY Maritime on November 12, 2009, and met with VADM Craine.
SUNY Maritime College and Dalian Maritime University (DMU) of China began a new dual diploma program modeled after Maritime’s award winning program with Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty, which was established during the 2005-2006 academic year.

The agreement with DMU was reached in the Fall of 2009, when DMU leaders, on a US visit, met with SUNY Maritime College Provost Dr. Joseph Hoffman, '75, Engineering Chairman Dr. Richard Burke, '72, Marine Transportation Chairman Anthony Palmiotti, '79, and Global Business and Transportation Department Chairman Dr. Larry Howard. Under the terms of the agreement, DMU students enrolled in the program will spend the first two years of undergraduate study at Dalian and their final two years at Maritime College. During their time at Maritime, Dalian Cadets will take part in one Summer Sea Term aboard the Empire State VI, where they will study and sail with SUNY Maritime College Cadets.

Upon completion of their Summer Sea Term and two years of study in Maritime’s Engineering or Marine Transportation departments, the DMU cadets will graduate with dual diplomas from SUNY Maritime College and DMU.

Located in southwestern Dalian, a well known coastal city in northeastern China (population: six million), DMU is regarded by international maritime educators as one of the finest maritime universities in the world. DMU has a 99-year history of training professional mariners and is recognized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

“We anticipate welcoming the first DMU students to Maritime as early as August, 2010,” said Maritime College Provost Dr. Joseph Hoffman. “This is very exciting news for the entire Maritime College community. We look forward to building on this agreement and working closely with our academic colleagues at Dalian in the months and years to come.”
An influx of talented freshmen sailors filled the void left when a number of the team’s strongest sailors graduated in May, 2009. The new team, comprised of capable freshmen and returning veteran sailors, proved a winning combination for the Fall, 2009, season. Early-season results demonstrated just how stiff the competition would be for Maritime’s young team, but as the Fall season progressed, the Privateers hit their stride, posting good results against more experienced competitors. The team finished 7th at the War Memorial Trophy, Maritime’s fall conference championships, and qualified for the Atlantic Coast Championships.

Freshmen Shawn Murray, ’13, and Harry Scott, ’13, emerged as two of Maritime’s top skippers and represented the College at a number of intersectional events. The experience and maturity of team captains Madeline Fahey, ’12, and William Gallagher, ’11, proved vital in leading the large freshman contingent to accelerated improvement in top-level events. Other notable freshmen sailors included Tyler Steel, Rudy Normann, Scott Lubliner, and Taylor Walker. Returning crews who made an immediate impact on the season were Chris Palmieri, Kyle Crandall, Leigh Ann Ferrari, Michael Vermilyea, and John Burke.

First-year head coach Russ O’Reilly, a 2007 graduate of the College of Charleston, took the reins from former coach Blaine Pedlow. As head sailing coach at the US Virgin Islands Antilles School (USVIAS), Russ led the USVIAS team to three consecutive national championship berths. He has also earned two Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) All-American skipper honors and was twice named to the ICSA All-American Academic team.

In other sailing news, Todd Hawkins, 09, and Danielle Gamache, 09, were recognized as one of the most outstanding college sailing teams in the nation and were named to the 2009 Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association All-American Team. Their exceptional performances at both the Dinghy and Team Race conference championships earned them 2nd and 3rd place finishes respectively. They continued their dominant performance through the national championships. Anchored by their strong performance in A-Division, Maritime sailed to 9th place in the Dinghy championships and qualified for their first-ever championship round at Team Racing Nationals, finishing 8th overall.
Cross Country: Men’s and Women’s

Cross Country is a team sport characterized by discipline, physical stamina, and heart. The 2009 team certainly epitomized these traits. Coach Jim Driscoll called it “an outstanding year for Maritime Cross Country.” The team won the Skyline Conference Sportsmanship Award for both the men and the women, an honor voted on by the other participating conference schools. During the 11-week season, each team member ran over 600 miles. When it counted the most, the men ran their best race of the year, placing five runners in the top 14 at the Skyline Conference meet. They finished a strong conference runner-up with the youngest team. Maritime College was the only school to place each of its top five runners on the All-Conference team. They were: Sam Rainard, Luke Milano, Gabriel Rosa, Matt Taraboletti, and Gannon O’Brien. On the women’s side, Laura Wasson led the women to a fifth place finish in the conference and was named to the All-Conference team. The men ended their regular season 81-15, with victories in the Baruch and Hunter Invitational races. They finished second in the York and St. Joseph’s Invitational races. “Team members Lee Shoemaker, Gannon O’Brien, Vince Curcio, Sam Rainard, Luke Milano, Gabriel Rosa, Matt Taraboletti, Tom Moskowitz, Kevin Regan, Pat Evans, Hammed Massaley, Kyle LaRose, Leonard Efros, Eddie Albrecht, Matt Berntson, Ryan Knorr, Laura Wasson, Kristen Saporito, Alexandra Carela, and Danielle Roberts will be forever etched as one of Maritime’s best teams,” said their proud coach!

PRIVATEERS’ CREW 2009 SEASON

The Privateers Men’s Crew Team, coached by Captain Rick Smith, ’81, competed in five races in Fall, 2009, and traveled to Boston, MA, Saratoga, NY, Springfield, VA, and Cooper River, NJ, for four events. The team also competed in the Fall Metropolitan Championships, held in nearby Orchard Beach, NY. “We had a successful run,” said Captain Pary Palanisamy. “We captured titles at the Dowling Invitational in Long Island,” he noted, “and the Frostbite Regatta in New Jersey.” As returning 2009 Mid-Atlantic Conference Champions, the team is looking ahead to a strong spring season that will include competition in the Metropolitan Championships, the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia, the largest collegiate regatta in the United States, and the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships.
Maritime Rugby

The Maritime rugby team finished the Fall, 2009, season with an even 4-4 record, and a fourth place finish in Division III of the Metropolitan New York Rugby Football Union.

The Privateer ruggers exploded with a 3-0 start, but faced a tougher schedule as they encountered the top three conference teams during the last three weeks of the season. In a mid-season scrimmage, Maritime defeated its local rival, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, 5-0.

Co-captains Christian Ciferri and Jared O’Haire, graduate students Peter Rose and Thomas Toomey, as well as senior James Salka, made the Privateers proud with their excellent play.

WOMEN’S SOCCER WRAP-UP

Coach Laura Mooney and the Maritime women’s soccer team enjoyed their most successful season to date, setting a program record with eight wins. Freshman forward Jorrie Trenkamp set two single-season program records and led the Privateers with an all-time team high of 16 goals, and was Maritime’s first women’s soccer player to be named to a Skyline Conference All-Conference team. Junior co-captain Kaitlin Murray ranked second on the team with 11 goals, while classmate and co-captain Christina George, who led the squad with 10 assists, was tied for first in assists in the Skyline Conference. In the net, Freshman Courtney Marietta set program records with eight wins and five shutouts and was ranked second in the conference with 143 total saves. Three players earned Skyline Conference weekly honors in seven of the nine weeks of the 2009 campaign.
The Maritime gridiron squad enjoyed the best season in the Privateers’ football history, as fifth-year head coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes and his staff led the team to their first-ever winning season. The team finished its first year in the new Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) with an even 3-3 record and a 6-4 overall season record. In a non-conference game against Kings Point, Maritime defeated the Mariner’s 28-21 in a thrilling overtime victory.

Maritime saw 10 experienced seniors take the younger players under their wings. Co-captains Mike Oehl and Robbie Johnson, Jr., as well as the eight other senior veterans, led the team to victory. Sophomore running back Jamie Spanopoulos stole the show on offense, while classmate and linebacker Keith Barnes led the defense. Spanopoulos set a new program record with 19 touchdowns for the season as he moved the ball forward behind a veteran offensive line. Barnes led the team with 77.5 tackles, including 8.5 for combined losses of 32 yards.

The Privateers’ rushing offense was exceptional, finishing fourth in the entire NCAA Division III with 316.0 yards per game. The powerful Maritime offensive line helped the team earn the top overall rank in the NCAA with .10 sacks allowed per game. The Privateers’ pass defense was also strong, ranking eighth in the nation in allowing opponents just 131.6 pass yards per game. Individually, Spanopoulos was tied for fifth among all Division III players with 11.4 points per game.

Maritime led the ECFC in Player of the Week honors (12 throughout the 2009 campaign). The Privateers also had a conference-high, with 13 players selected for the All-ECFC first and second teams at season’s end!
After completing an illustrious 32-year career with the United States Navy, Rear Admiral Leendert “Len” Hering, Sr., ’77, began a new chapter in his life. In January, 2010, the Maritime graduate joined the University of San Diego as Vice President for Business Services and Administration. In his new position with the nationally ranked university, known for its commitment to teaching, liberal arts, and the formation of values and community service, Len’s responsibilities include a wide range of management duties that impact close to 10,000 students and employees.

The University’s vital role in the San Diego community became a strong draw to the man who, during his years as commander of Navy Region Southwest, in San Diego, CA, was often referred to as “the Navy’s Mayor.” As it came time to leave the Navy, he decided, “this was the job that I really wanted, San Diego has become my home.”

A native of Portsmouth, VA, Len Hering studied meteorology and oceanography at SUNY Maritime College. A Midshipman in the NROTC Scholarship Program, he graduated in 1977 and, following his commissioning, was assigned to the USS Santa Barbara, where he served as 1st and 2nd Division Officer and Assistant First Lieutenant. After completing Department Head School in 1980, he was assigned to the commissioning crew of USS Fahrion as Ship’s Control Officer and later as Combat Systems Officer. He had command of USS Aries and USS Doyle, and while in command of the USS Doyle, the ship was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike and earned all possible departmental awards. The Admiral’s personal awards include two Legion of Merit, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, and various other personal achievement, service awards and ribbons. Admiral Hering returned to his alma mater in May, 2009, to address graduates at the Spring commencement and NROTC commissioning ceremonies.

How well did Maritime prepare you for your career?

As a first lieutenant on an ammunition ship, I was better prepared than any other young Navy officer. On cruise, I learned to helm up the Mississippi to New Orleans. We developed deck and seamanship skills, and I understood damage control. If you’re going to be a part of the maritime profession, what better school to come from than Maritime? Maritime is the Yale of the maritime industry.

Is there an especially fond Fort Schuyler memory?

I remember painting the training ship with my classmate, John Kennedy. It was the USNS Barrett, and it went from grey to white in 6 ½ weeks. For Opsail 76, we painted an eagle on the stacks and a big 76!

How did Maritime prepare you to become a leader?

I had an advantage over the academy grads. Maritime grows leaders in different way, a more mature fashion, working as a member of a team, in a very hands-on manner. We learned first-hand what it took to accomplish the goal.

What are the biggest challenges and opportunities for the global maritime industry?

The money is going to be on the business side of shipping. Ports are an unexplored market, and there is a lot of opportunity in land management, cargo movement, inspections, etc. The maritime schools need to do a better job in marketing themselves to the port industry. Ports are an unexplored market, and there’s plenty of room for talented people there. The industry also needs to increase their outreach to the international community. We need to extend our contacts in non-traditional markets, to be better positioned for future growth. Homeland security is another area that will experience tremendous growth.

What are your short term goals and plans?

I’m very excited about my work and life here. I’ve lived in San Diego two times longer than I’ve ever been in one place in my entire life! I really enjoyed my visit to Maritime last May. I was the speaker for the commencement ceremonies and at the NROTC Commissioning on the Intrepid, and I look forward to visiting the campus again when I get back to New York.
Class of 1944
Edward Davis of Providence, RI, writes, “This summer, I took the trip of a lifetime. I went to the North Pole on the Russian nuclear powered icebreaker, Fifty Years of Victory. It is the largest, most powerful icebreaker in the world. I had to travel to Murmansk, Russia, where the Russian icebreaker fleet is based, by way of London and Helsinki. After about five days we arrived at 90N, according to the ship’s GPS, the top of the world! Although a bit premature, I celebrated my 85th birthday there. We saw a number of polar bears.” Ed can be reached by email at eddavis@cox.net.

Harold Abt of Fairfax, VA, is a retired middle school principal. He and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2009. He graduated from Hofstra University in 1950 and holds a Masters Degree from NYU.

William Gibney and his wife, Regina, live in Yardley, PA.

Class of 1957
Harry Polus and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20, 2009, and enjoyed a Caribbean cruise with their three children and 14 grandchildren. The Poluses live in Farmington, MI. Harry retired from Ford Motor Company after working as an engineer for 32 years.

Class of 1968
Austin L. Dooley, president of Dooley Seawather Analysis, Bronx, NY, was elected president of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators (www.smany.org). He was the keynote speaker at the Global Business and Transportation (GBAT) Department Cutting Edge Issues in Shipping Conference on February 2, 2010 at Maritime College.

Class of 1969
In early June, 2009, Captain Gary “Moose” Chiljean, and Captain Paul retiring to Wilmington, NC, after selling their New York home. The couple have three adult sons. Until July, Tom worked for IBM Business Partners. He holds an MBA from Adelphi University. After graduation Tom became a Naval Flight Officer and flew P-3 Orion ASW Aircraft as a Tactical Coordinator/ Mission Commander during three Southeast Asia deployments. He left active duty in October, 1977, and served several more years in the reserves, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Tom’s interests include reading, writing, biking, walking and golf, “None of which I excel in!” he writes.

Captain Ron Doll’s new book Sea Story: A Nautical Fairytale, has been published by Wheatmark Publishing. The story of the final days of a sea captain who “navigates a thin line on the course set between the facts and the fictional stories created from his adventurous life at sea,” is available at Amazon.com, Booksamillion.com and BarnesandNoble.com. Ron sailed with Berwind Lines, Gulf Oil, Exxon, Ingram and Seabulk Tankers. He also worked for nine years as Master for Seabulk before being selected by the
State of Florida for a pilot position in Jacksonville. He has lived in Vermont, Florida, Colorado, and now Vermont again. Ron joins snow skiing as a PSIA Level 2 instructor. He writes as a hobby and reports that “I have a beautiful wife, Kimberly, who has emotionally supported me for over thirty years, and a fantastic daughter, Caitlin, who is an airplane pilot flying for a private corporation.”

**Class of 1979**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) officials selected **Andrew T. Sabisch** as the new senior resident inspector at Duke Energy's Oconee nuclear power plant, located near Seneca, S.C. Andy joined the NRC in 2003 as a project engineer in the NRC’s Region II office in Atlanta and was later assigned as a resident inspector at Duke Energy’s Catawba plant near York, S.C. He was promoted to senior resident inspector at Catawba in 2006 and served there until his appointment at Oconee. Before joining the agency, he worked for several utility companies and was an inspector for the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations, an industry group that trains, supports and evaluates nuclear plants and employees. He also served in the U.S. Navy and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He welcomes emails and phone calls and can be reached at: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Oconee Nuclear Station, Seneca, S.C. 29678 (C) 803-554-3630.

**Class of 1985**

**Randy Brown** was appointed VP, Business Development, Metal Trades, Inc., (www.metaltrades.com), a heavy steel fabricator, shipyard, and barge builder located in Hollywood, SC. “Metal Trades, Inc. recently built our second 14,000 barrel capacity fuel barge for the U.S. Navy.” Randy credits his training as a Naval Architecture student under the helpful guidance of Prof. Munsch and Prof. Zubaly for his career success. He can be reached at: rbrown@metaltrades.com or by phone at: (O) 843-889-5249 or (C) 843-693-9039.

**Class of 1987**

**Thomas Krigger** was promoted to general manager of Bradford Marine’s Fort Lauderdale shipyard (Bradford-marine.com). The company is one of the largest undercover yacht repair facilities in the world. After graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in naval architecture and a USCG 3rd assistant engineer’s license, Tom sailed on cargo vessels worldwide for eight years while upgrading his Coast Guard license to 1st engineer of steam and motor vessels, unlimited horsepower. He joined Bradford Marine in 1996. In 1999, he was promoted to assistant superintendent and supported Bradford Marine Bahamas’ construction of the 1,200-ton floating dry dock. He was promoted to vice president of operations and superintendent of Bradford Marine Fort Lauderdale in 2003. In addition to his new duties, he will continue to manage the daily operations of the shipyard.

**Class of 1989**

**Tracy Ann Kiffer** joined XL Insurance as Assistant Vice President and Senior Underwriter -- Excess Liability, in its Marine & Offshore Energy (MOE) unit (www.xlinsurance.com). Tracy had previously worked at ACE Marine, New York, where she was responsible for a regional book of marine liability business. She has held management, broker and underwriting positions with Aon Risk Services, CNA’s marine division -- Marine Office of America Company (MOAC), Jardine Insurance Brokers and St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company. She holds a Third Mate’s License from the United States Coast Guard and an Associate in Marine Insurance Management (AMIM) designation. She is based in XL’s New York office. Email: tracy.kiffer@xlgroup.com

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Ed McDonnell, ’95, helped bring the spirit of Maritime College to the Greek Isles! He sent this photo showing a Maritime burgee flying over the USNS Sisler in the Mediterranean Sea near Greece. He wrote to Maritime College Waterfront Director Rob Crafa to say, “Thanks very much” for sending the burgee out to him.
Class of 1991

Commander David S. Rahmer, USN, was recently awarded the Navy’s Joint Service Commendation Medal while serving as the Joint Reserve Directorate’s liaison officer, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. David was recognized for his tireless and selfless work in support of surge operations during hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Since his award, he has transitioned to the Joint Interagency Coordination Group, and has completed Air Command and Staff College, via distance learning.

Class of 1992

Rev. Paul D. Hansen was installed as the new pastor of the joint parish of Zion’s Moselem Lutheran Church and Becker’s St. Peter Lutheran Church, Richmond Township, PA. A former staff chaplain in the trauma unit and emergency department at Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Paul graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1992. He also serves as a U.S. Army Reserve chaplain for the 244th Aviation Unit at Willow Grove, PA. He and his wife have two children and live in Spring Township, PA.

Class of 1994

William O’Sullivan and his wife welcomed a new baby girl into the world. Little Avery Elise is the couple’s first child. Bill and his wife, Allison, are both attorneys and live in New Jersey.

Class of 1996

Mark Kiely and his wife, Victoria, welcomed a son, Ryan Michael, to their family on May 29, 2009.

Class of 2003

Christopher Maro reported that on May 30, 2008, he and Carleen Diurno, daughter of Joseph Diurno, ’74, were married at St. Kilian’s Church in Farmingdale, New York. Chris is a marine insurance broker for Arthur J. Gallagher & Company of New York, Inc.
His new father-in-law, and fellow Fort Schuyler alumnus, is the president of Power Resources International (PRI), a Long Island-based engineering firm that distributes high-tech automation products. Chris and Carleen recently bought a home in Farmingdale, Long Island.

**Brett Rauenzahn** married Jacqueline Shapo on October 3, 2009, in Fenwick Island, Delaware. Brett graduated with a BS in Marine Transportation and is now an airline pilot with Colgan Air, Inc., Jacqueline graduated from the University of Rhode Island and the College of Charleston, with a BS and MS in Marine Biology. She is a coral reef database manager for NOAA.

**Matt Perricone** was the subject of a major *Newsday* article entitled: *Restored Tugboat Returns to Oyster Bay*. The story focused on Matt’s purchase of a 1949 tugboat named the Cornell that was built in Oyster Bay, Long Island. The tug was the featured attraction at the town’s Fall Oyster Bay Oyster Festival, held in October 2009. Matt bought the tug for $65,000 and did most of the restoration himself. He is continuing to make repairs at a yard in Kingston, NY. Matt hopes to have the Cornell nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Class of 2005**

Robert M. Newhouse is a shipping broker with Stolt-Nielsen in Norwalk, CT.

Victoria Rochford-Hulick, and her husband, William Edward Hulick, ‘03, celebrated their 4th anniversary and the birth of their first child, Regan Ingersoll Hulick. Baby Regan entered the world on April 22, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Vicky writes, “Ed does combatant craft design for the Navy, and Vicky teaches earth science and college level environmental science.”

**Class of 2006**

Anthony A. Blow, MS, recently finished his appointment as an O’Donnell Visiting Professor at Whitman College, a top private liberal arts college in Walla Walla, Washington, where he taught International Trade, Maritime Affairs, Economics, and Logistics. He is currently working as a consultant on an economic development project with Planet Finance in Cape Town, South Africa. He can be reached at: anthony_blow@hotmail.com

**Class of 2007**

LTJG Scott C. Pennoyer, USN, writes that he and his wife of two years, Stephanie, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, named Finley. Scott is currently stationed at Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) in Little Creek, Norfolk, VA. He writes, “We both have fond memories of Maritime and cannot wait to bring Finley to the campus where we both spent so much time.”

**Class of 2009**

The Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ISCA) of North America named Todd Hawkins one of thirteen 2009 Co-ed All-American Skippers. Danielle Gamache was named to the ISCA 2009 All-American Crew. (www.collegesailing.org)
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