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IN SIGHT

## SUNY Maritime Weathers the Storm



*Photo: RADM Wendi Carpenter. A wave crashes over the sea wall on the Maritime campus.*

SUNY Maritime College took early action to prepare for the onslaught of Hurricane Sandy, the monster hurricane that battered the East Coast on Monday night, October 29.

After a number of planning meetings with key staff members, all classes and events on campus were

cancelled for the week of October 29- November 4. Students, faculty and staff were strongly encouraged to leave the campus. Only about 60 students remained, along with a small corps of essential staff. At the Governor's direction, the campus was closed for the week and only essential personnel reported to work. A constant stream of memos from Admiral Carpenter to the entire SUNY Maritime nation were posted on Facebook and on the website. Phone messages were updated regularly about conditions on campus.

The Empire State VI training ship weathered the storm well thanks to the tremendous efforts of Captain Rick Smith, Master of the Empire State VI, his crew, and the Cadet volunteers. Captain Smith thanked the students saying, "They are some of our best and learned firsthand what goes into preparing a ship that must remain in port during a hurricane." The biggest threat to the ship was the tidal surge, but Sandy's early arrival lessened the impact on the ship. The US Merchant Marine Academy's training ship also weathered the storm at our pier for better protection.

Normal power was restored to most of the campus two days after the hurricane, (it was shut down in advance of the storm to mitigate damage) and phone and email was resorted as well as heat and hot water to some buildings. "The Facilities Department did an amazing job effecting repairs and cleaning up debris," said Admiral Carpenter.

Professional engineers and members of the SUNY Construction Fund were on campus by day two and they conducted a full inspection of all structures and buildings. Some solar panels were damaged and roof repair was needed on several buildings; dorm rooms and student residences did not sustain any water damage. The power plant did have some flooding. Tree damage was minimal and no students, faculty or staff were injured. Work is ongoing to repair storm damage.

Admiral Carpenter expressed her great appreciation to the staff and Cadets for their “herculean efforts” saying that “their planning and dedication ensured the campus was as prepared as possible for Sandy and helped ensure there was not more damage.”

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## Hurricane Sandy Recovery

Only one day after the hurricane, SUNY Maritime began providing bed linens, food, and shelter to Federal Emergency Management Agency relief and recovery workers from as far away



as California, Texas, Missouri, and Maryland.

The group is staying aboard the *Empire State VI* and using the College as a staging area for recovery efforts. Doctors, nurses, urban search and rescue personnel, and K-9 teams were among the first groups. “Thanks to the foresight and early preparation of the SUNY Maritime community, in assistance with SUNY, state, and national officials, we were ready and able to assist in recovery efforts and help the local community and our neighbors cope with damage left in Sandy’s wake,” said Admiral Carpenter, President of the College. “I am deeply proud of our training ship crew, the staff, and the personnel who ensured we could support FEMA's request.”



*Photo: Mary Muecke, SUNY Maritime College. U. S. Representative Joe Crowley (D-Bronx, Queens) and New York City Councilman Jimmy Vacca (D-Bronx) met with relief workers at Maritime.*

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## **SUNY Maritime Excels in National Rankings**

In the *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2013* edition, SUNY Maritime College ranked among the top 100 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs in the Nation (#96 –where no doctorate degree is offered). In “Overall Regional Colleges” (North) Maritime ranked #17. In “Most

International Students,” SUNY Maritime ranked #11. Maritime also ranked #5 in the “Top Public Colleges” category.

The *Princeton Review*’s “2013 Best Colleges: Region by Region” named SUNY Maritime College [www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com) in the “Best in the Northeast” section.

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## SUNY Maritime's Fall Towing Forum

“SUNY Maritime’s Towing Forum has become one of the most important events in the towing business,” said Maritime professor, Captain Eric Johansson. The well attended October 17th, day-long event featured morning discussions by Captain Steve Huttman of [G&H Towing](#); Risk Management talks by Dr. Barry Strauch, [NTSB](#), LT Susan Arbeiter, [USCG Sector NY](#) and Mick Kelleher, [ABS](#)

The focus of the afternoon was a panel discussion on the “TSMS Transition Program” featuring Rocky Marchiano, Director of Maritime Compliance, [Baker, Lyman & Co.](#), Paul Gallagher, [Germanisher Lloyd](#) and Captain Pat Folan, [Tug Barge Solutions](#).

## SUNY Maritime's Military Appreciation Day

On October 9th, SUNY Maritime, [Chase](#) and the non-profit group, [Building Homes for Heroes](#) joined together for the **SUNY Maritime College Military Appreciation Day** that featured displays and information booths from the U.S. Navy; Marines; Air Force; Army; Coast Guard and the New York Naval Militia. The event began prior to the Maritime Privateers home football game against Becker College (Maritime d. Becker 33-7). Students from Fordham University's Army ROTC Unit carried a jumbo American flag onto Reinhart Field for a pre-game ceremony, which also included Chase and Building Homes for Heroes awarding a mortgage-free home in Kissimmee, FL to U.S. Marine Corps Corporal veteran Jeremy Kelley and his wife. Fans crowding the stands for the game were treated to a special halftime performance by the [Saffron United Pipe Band of Babylon, Long Island, NY](#), voted the "best pipe band" to play in New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade 14 times.

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## SUNY Maritime Named A Military Friendly College & Hosts Annual Association of Military Colleges and Military Schools of the United States Meeting

The national *G.I. Jobs Magazine* recognized SUNY Maritime College, along with 32 other SUNY Colleges as a "military friendly" college.

<http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/search/profile.aspx?id=196291>

One of the nation's top-rated national military publications for men and women transitioning from military to civilian life, the magazine provides education, transition assistance, and job opportunities.

Maritime also hosted the annual meeting of the Association of Military Colleges and Military Schools of the U.S. (AMSCUS), <http://www.amcsus.org/> September 23-25.

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## **Maersk Alabama Captain Mark Phillips, Somali Pirate Hostage at Chowder Bowl**

Captain Mark Phillips, the [Maersk Alabama Captain](#), held hostage by Somali pirates and rescued by Navy Seals spoke to Maritime Cadets of his experiences and of his career as a mariner. The Massachusetts Maritime Academy graduate also conducted the coin toss at the start of the annual Chowder Bowl football game between the Maritime Privateers and the Mass Maritime Buccaneers.

The Chowder Bowl trophy remained in the Bronx for yet another year as the Privateers came through with a [dramatic 20-14 victory at Reinhart Field](#). It was a standing-room only crowd for the match-up and Captain Phillips and

Admiral Carpenter watched the game together, cheering on their respective teams. Next year, the Chowder Bowl will be played in Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod on Mass Maritime's field.

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## **SUNY Maritime's Youth Appreciation Day**

Saturday, October 27, 2012, was SUNY Maritime College's Youth Appreciation Day! The event surrounded a Privateer football home game against Husson College and also featured the College's fifth annual FDNY Chili Cook-Off.

[New York State Senator Jeff Klein](#) was on hand to meet with the 200-plus young people who came to tour the college, learn more about career opportunities in the maritime industry, enjoy the football game, and sample some of the best firehouse chili west of the Rio Grande. Bronx Engine 79 won the trophy for best chili! The Senator met with teens from the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation; the Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, as well as seven area high schools. Senator Klein also conducted the coin-toss at the start of the game!

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