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Dear Fellow Alumni,

I can't believe how fast this year has gone! The Maritime College Alumni Association (MCAA) has been very busy since our last edition of the Fort Schuyler.

It was great to see so many faces at the June Golf Classic and yes, there was rain. ("We's tough, we am, we is, we are!!") This was the first opportunity since last year's Ancient Mariner for us to gather with minimal Covid restrictions. The Golf Classic is a major fundraiser for the MCAA. This year we raised more than \$90,000, which helps to fund our administrative and operating expenses. Thank you to everyone who supported the event financially and to all who braved the elements and participated in what turned out to be a ray of sunshine following a stormy year of cancelled events.

Homecoming was a GIANT success, and we are grateful to Admiral Alfultis for moving forward with the event unlike so many other schools. Several classes held reunion gatherings and some combined with adjacent years as this was a "redo" of milestone reunions from 2020. The Pass in Review ceremony and Alumni Parade teemed with Fort Schuyler pride and the tailgating area was abuzz with sea stories and laughter. The MCAA held our annual meeting in St. Mary's Pentagon. You may find a recording of the meeting on YouTube and Facebook. We wrapped up the celebration with the MCAA happy hour at Paddy's by the Bay, sponsored by Audrey and Rhonda Gerson.

You may have already heard this, and it bears repeating: in 2021 the MCAA awarded over half a million dollars in Summer Sea Term Scholarships!!! That's a record single-year disbursement for the MCAA and an accomplishment for which we should all feel great pride.

One of several recent opportunities where I was able to connect with students, who will soon join our ranks as alumni, was at the ring ceremony held in St. Mary's Pentagon in April. I accepted, on your behalf, the students' appreciation for your unwavering support. Admiral Alfultis and his wife Kim host this ceremony each year and we thank them for their tireless dedication to our alma mater, its students and alumni.

Our relationship with the College continues to grow as we partner in promoting and supporting various student programs and alumni engagement opportunities. We are committed to building our presence and engagement with the students. Jeanne Murphy, our new Executive Director, has been working with the College's placement office to make sure that alumni are visible in mentoring and recruiting events. You may have already noticed that many events are co-branded, College and Association, and we continue to implement new and creative ways to enhance our partnership. The final stages of merging the College and MCAA databases are underway and will increase our outreach. We are and will continue to be an independent organization with a fiduciary duty to our alumni base. What better way to deliver on our commitment than to work closely with the institution that brought us all together?

We continue our focus on increasing engagement with our membership and encourage non-board members to join a committee. Through holding virtual meetings, the MCAA is creating opportunities for greater involvement in committees and on the board. Please consider volunteering, your efforts will help shape the MCAA's program offerings. Your ideas and feedback are welcome and appreciated.

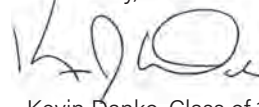
While the virtual connection provides greater reach, there's nothing like seeing old friends and making new connections in person. I hope to see many of you soon at our Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Tribeca 360.

In closing, we will only grow stronger together. Please activate your MCAA membership today. Visit <https://bit.ly/3CMBvBS> or scan the QR code below.



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Kevin Danko, Class of 1995, President MCAA

LETTER FROM MICHAEL ALFULTIS

President, SUNY Maritime College



Dear Maritime College Alumni and Friends,

This past fall semester was one in which a campus-wide effort was made to “normalize” teaching, learning and the student life experience at Maritime College.

Members of our faculty were recognized for their service. Students paid tribute to merchant mariners from those lost at sea on the SS El Faro to those who bravely participated in the largest boatlift in history that evacuated hundreds of thousands of people stranded in lower Manhattan on 9/11 twenty years ago. Athletics and student activities sprung back to life this fall, and students directed their time and creativity towards meaningful causes, giving and sharing.

We held Homecoming on campus for the first time in several years where we reconnected and celebrated alumni from two milestone 50-year Classes. The Admiral’s Dinner, one of the most anticipated events of the year, was once again celebrated on campus, attended by hundreds including alumni, sponsors and friends, and generated more than half a million dollars for much-needed student scholarships.

As 2021 comes to a close, I am grateful for the flurry of activity on our campus this year, in our classrooms, on our athletic fields, through student clubs, and special alumni gatherings. I am equally grateful and applaud each of the donors who have given generously throughout the year. These crucial funds are directed to student scholarships and enhancing our student’s academic and extracurricular experiences. They ensure our students access the very best Maritime College has to offer in preparing them academically and socially to be successful leaders and outstanding maritime professionals.

Please enjoy this issue of Fort Schuyler Magazine!

RADM Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D.
President



CAPT. ERIC JOHANSSON

Receives Distinguished Award During 9/11 Boatlift 20th Anniversary Tribute

On September 10, Captain Eric Johansson, Distinguished Service Professor, Professor of Marine Transportation, and Chair of the Marine Technology and Operations Department, received the Meritorious Public Service Award during a special ceremony at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House in Battery Park City, NY.

Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant of the Coast Guard, personally awarded Captain Johansson a medal and service award citation, which stated, "The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard takes great pleasure in presenting the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award to Mr. Eric J. Johansson for exception

commitment and substantial contributions while serving as Vice Chairman of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) from June 4, 2014 to December 4, 2020. Mr. Johansson's exceptional leadership was essential in the publication of five actionable final reports that informed the Coast Guard on the standardization of shipboard procedures, the development of novel fire prevention and containment measures, and the improvement of operational processes across the Nation's 7,400 towing vessel fleet. Mr. Johansson's dedication and superior accomplishments are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Coast Guard."

The ceremony was held as part of the 9/11 Boatlift 20th Anniversary Tribute presented by the Port of New York and New Jersey, and the New York Council Navy League. This special event was one of many leading up the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Following the attacks on NYC on 9/11, the maritime community quickly responded to the calls to evacuate hundreds of thousands of people who were unable to leave lower Manhattan due to the closure of bridges and tunnels. A fleet of more than 150 vessels crewed by over 600 mariners coordinated the transport of over 500,000 people to safety, accomplishing the rescue in nine hours, making it the largest boat lift in history.

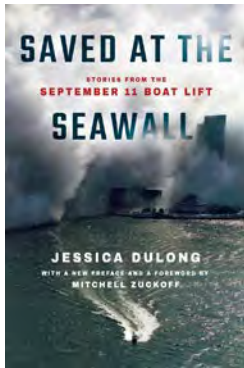


l-r: Captain Zeita Merchant, USCG, Sector NY Commander; Admiral Karl L. Schultz, USCG, Commandant; Capt. Eric Johansson; RADM Thomas G. Allan Jr., USCG, First District Commander

Author and Chief Engineer

JESSICA DULONG

Discusses Her Book, *Saved at the Seawall: Stories from the September 11 Boat Lift*



Journalist, historian, book collaborator, ghostwriter and chief engineer Jessica DuLong came to Maritime College on October 9, to discuss her book, *Saved at the Seawall: Stories from the September 11 Boat Lift*, with the campus community. The book reveals the dramatic story of how the New York Harbor maritime community heroically delivered stranded commuters, residents,



and visitors out of harm's way even before the U.S. Coast Guard called for all available boats, tugs, ferries, dinner boats, and other vessels. In less than nine hours, nearly half a million people from Manhattan were transported, making it the largest water evacuation in history. In her book, DuLong illustrates the intricacies of New York Harbor and the strength of the close-knit maritime community.

Remembering

9/11 TWENTY YEARS LATER

On September 10, the New York Council Navy League hosted a special event at the U.S. Merchant Marine Memorial in Robert E. Wagner Jr. Park, Battery Park City, Manhattan. Fort Schuyler's Color Guard was proud to participate in the tribute to merchant mariners that day. The event honored the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, and the heroes who took part in the 9/11 boatlift. After the attacks on 9/11, approximately 800 mariners rescued nearly 500,000 people from the waterfront in lower Manhattan, making it the world's largest maritime evacuation in history.



Cadets Pay Tribute

ON VETERAN'S DAY

In a special tribute to Veteran's Day, the Color Guard and Regiment of Cadets paid homage to U.S. veterans and Veteran's Day during morning formation. On Sunday, November 14, the Color Guard proudly participated in the 37th annual Throggs Neck Veteran's Day Parade. The members marched as a Color Guard and Rifle Platoon and commanded two companies of cadets marching with the Guard.

U.S. Representatives

OCASIO-CORTEZ AND SUOZZI

Announce House Approval for Offshore Wind Workforce Project

In a live press conference on August 30, New York Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (Bronx District 14th District, which includes Maritime College), and Thomas Suozzi (Long Island' 3rd District) announced that federal funding for the Offshore Wind Workforce Development Project at SUNY Maritime College was passed by the House. The Representatives jointly submitted the funding request.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez requested federal funding for 10 projects within her 14th Congressional District. One of the submissions, the Offshore Wind Workforce Development Project at Maritime College, was nominated for a grant of \$795,000 in federal funding. "To bring those jobs and these investments to the Throggs Neck community and the Bronx first, shows that we can create hundreds of jobs addressing climate change," said Representative Ocasio-Cortez. "These are good, union, family-supporting jobs that can happen here in the Bronx," Representative Suozzi of the 3rd Congressional District added, "This training program is about training people to do offshore wind construction



and installation, mechanics, high voltage electricians and welders, Getting the type of training that we are trying to facilitate through this grant to Maritime College is important and will help make people's lives better," he stated.

If funded, the Offshore Wind Workforce Development Project at

Maritime College will provide entry-level training for high-wage-earning jobs in the emerging regional offshore wind industry sector for New York State residents. Nearly 5,000 New York jobs could be created by 2035 through regional offshore wind deployment, and Maritime College is poised to provide training and certify hundreds of workers yearly.

Maritime Athletics Announces Addition of **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL;** **CHERI ELEAZAR** Named Head Coach of the Team



The Maritime College Athletic Department announced the addition of women's basketball as a varsity sport. Interim Director of Athletics Mike Berkun announced Cheri Eleazar as the head coach of the team, who will help build the program and the roster through the first few years. Maritime hopes to begin competition in the Skyline Conference as soon as possible but eyes the 2023-24 season as its main goal.

"I am thrilled to welcome Cheri Eleazar to the Maritime College Athletics Department and the College community," said Rear Admiral Michael Alfultis. "Her knowledge and experience in coaching and mentoring students will greatly benefit this sport and the student campus experience. I look forward to her developing a

strong, vibrant women's basketball program at Maritime College."

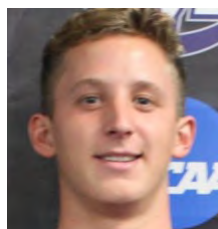
"We are very excited to add women's basketball to the sports that we offer here at Maritime," said Berkun. "I couldn't be more confident in Coach Eleazar's ability to take this challenge head on and build a thriving and successful women's basketball program here." The new program has been started with a three-year grant from the independent SUNY Maritime Foundation, after being recommended by the College's Planning Budget and Assessment Committee.

Eleazar graduated from the University of Hartford, where she played all four years and was a part of the team's first ever NCAA Tournament appearance. During her rookie season in 1999-00 she earned a Conference Rookie of the Week award on December 19 and then in her sophomore campaign she led the team in assists (61) and steals (41). Following her career with the Hawks, she went on to play semi-professional basketball in the National Women's Basketball League.

Eleazar began her coaching career at Nassau Community

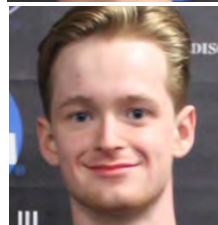
College in 2004 and then with St. Joseph's College Long Island in 2005 as an assistant coach. From there, she made the jump to Division I where she was the Director of Operations for the women's basketball program at Hofstra University. Following Hofstra, she attended the University of Baltimore Maryland County as assistant coach with roles as strength and conditioning and guards coach.

"I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to coach the women's basketball program at Maritime," said Eleazar. "My goal is to spread the word about our program locally. I'm not sure if student-athletes in our surrounding area know what they have in their backyard. We're eagerly anticipating building this team and getting into conference play." Outside of collegiate basketball, Eleazar coached at two high school programs in Connecticut as well as with the Swarm AAU basketball program.



Men's Swimming Sweeps First Skyline Weekly Awards

After leading the Maritime College men's swimming and diving team to a pair of victories to start the season, two Privateers were honored by the Skyline Conference. *Brenner Hinds* (top) was named Skyline Swimmer of the Week, while *Patrick Rau* (bottom) was chosen as the Skyline Rookie of the Week.



Hinds won three events in the season-opening win at SUNY Purchase in mid-November. He anchored the Privateers' victorious 200-yard medley relay squad and earned individual victories in the 100-yard freestyle (55.40) and 200-yard individual medley (2:12.84). Hinds added two more individual wins against William Paterson taking the first in the 50-yard freestyle (23.06) and 100-yard backstroke (59.20), as Maritime defeated the host Pioneers.



Celebrating the Graduates of the **JULY 2021 COMMENCEMENT**

After overcoming numerous hurdles during a year in which the pandemic delayed graduation for many students by one academic year, over 200 Maritime College students proudly received their degrees on July 9. It was the first large-scale event held at the College since the onset of the pandemic, and families and guests of graduates were thrilled to attend the long-awaited celebratory event in person. Two separate ceremonies were held to accommodate the graduates

of the School of Maritime Education and Training, School of Engineering, and School of Business, Science and Humanities.

Maritime College alum William F. Austen '80 was awarded the Honorary Doctorate in Science (Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa*) and offered the Keynote Address to the graduates. Austen, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering at Maritime College and earned a Master of

Science in Engineering Administration went on to become one of the most highly successfully, distinguished leaders in the global manufacturing and technical service industries. "I remember the day that I was sitting exactly where you graduates are sitting today. Never did I think that I would be back to receive an honorary degree, but I am very proud to stand here today before you as a graduate of Maritime College," he stated.

A Special Toast to the **SEPTEMBER GRADUATES**

After facing and conquering numerous hurdles to complete their degrees, almost 60 students were awarded their diplomas at a special recognition ceremony held on September 24.

Among the trials many of the graduates overcame included a global pandemic that affected their Summer Sea Terms and internships, remote and hybrid learning, technology issues, mask wearing, social distancing, loss of sports and other campus extracurricular activities, and for some, participating in two consecutive 67-day sea terms this past summer. Admiral Alfultis acknowledged

these obstacles in his congratulatory remarks to the graduates saying, "You met all of the challenges over the past year and now you are here to celebrate! My hope for you is that you will meet the challenges that come your way with the same grit and determination you demonstrated over the past year."

The event was held at the Maritime Academic Center where graduates, their families and friends gathered for a champagne toast and celebrated on a picture-perfect day.

Congratulations to each of the graduates!



26 CADETS RECEIVE COMMISSION

to Serve in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Navy Reserve

The choice to serve in the armed forces is not one that any individual makes lightly. Students who seek to serve in this capacity at Maritime College have an opportunity to enroll in the College's NROTC program. The program educates and trains qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps, and

through the program, students may elect to commission as a reservist or active duty officer.

In a special Commissioning Ceremony that took place on July 9, as one of the day's Commencement celebrations, 26 Maritime College cadets took their oath and received their commission to serve in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Navy Reserve. As a newly Commissioned Officer, Ryan Condon will join the Steamship Authority in Cape Cod, MA as an able seaman. "I always knew I wanted to join the military and serve my country. The people I've met, the connections I've made and the bonds I shared with others during the program made this a great experience for me," he stated.

Ensign William Joyce joined the program to further advance his career, as well as to serve his country. "I enjoyed the physical training. The

courses were helpful and showed me the importance of structure, and I feel better prepared for my career after being in this program," he said. Joyce will go on to join the for Pilots (MMP)

During the Commissioning Ceremony, RADM Michael Alfultis address the commissioned officers saying, "As naval officers, embrace the challenges that lie ahead as an opportunity to continue to grow as leaders. Congratulations to each of you, and thank you for choosing to serve your country."





SUNY Maritime

AFE STUDENT CHAPTER

Selected as Student Chapter of the Year

On November 2, the Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE) announced that the SUNY Maritime AFE Student Chapter was selected as Student Chapter of the Year. AFE is an organization originally focused on Plant Engineering. Formerly known as the Plant Engineers Club and organized in the Boston area when it originated in 1915, AFE has evolved over the years as it joined forces with the American Institute of Plant Engineers in 1954. AIPE grew to become a national organization that continued to be a dominant force in both Plant Operations

and Engineering and eventually in Facilities.

The student chapter was revived five years ago and has managed to stay active through the pandemic, hosting a ZOOM meeting in the fall. In October, the students hosted a LI Chapter 4 and NYC Chapter 8 Meeting on campus that included an excellent presentation from Ms. Kami Yarbrough. The students run this Chapter along with the President of the student Chapter, Matthew Tom 1/C and Vice President, Dominic Ruocco 1/C.

THE AWARD READS AS FOLLOWS:

The AFE Student Chapter of the Year Award recognizes the AFE Student Chapter that, over the previous twelve months, has shown the most significant advances with regard to:

- Membership Growth – Honoree demonstrated consistent membership growth.
- Membership Retention – Honoree served as a model for membership retention.
- Average GPA – Honoree demonstrated leadership in promoting academic achievement by maintaining a high average GPA calculated by averaging the GPAs of each chapter member.
- Community Service – Honoree demonstrated leadership by addressing needs in the surrounding community through volunteerism.
- Membership Engagement – Honoree modeled robust membership engagement by organizing / hosting meetings, events, professional development activities or an annual AFE Day.
- Representative Participation in AFE Events and Initiatives – Honoree demonstrated leadership by ensuring chapter representation at national AFE events and participation in national AFE initiatives.

Congratulations to all the members of the Maritime College AFE Student Chapter!

CONGRATULATIONS

SUNY Maritime
College Graduates



TSES VI Crew and Cadets Honor the Officers and Crew of **SS EL FARO** En Route to San Juan Port During Summer Sea Term



As the crew and cadets aboard the Training Ship Empire State VI sailed from Port Everglades to San Juan, they paid tribute to the officers and crew of the SS El Faro including fellow Maritime College alum Richard Pusatere, the ship's Chief Engineer. To honor the lost merchant mariners of the El Faro, all TSES VI officers, staff and cadets gathered for morning formation on May 30, at 0800 as they passed over the ship's final resting place. Captain Morgan McManus '92, Master of the TSES VI, blew one long blast of the ship's whistle. A moment of silence was followed by the ringing

of the ship's eight bells. Three 1/C engine cadets along with SETO Sean Carswell dropped a wreath in the water to pay homage to El Faro's officers and crew.

In September 2015, the SS El Faro, a U.S. Flag ship, departed Jacksonville, FL for San Juan, PR. Among the merchant mariners on the ship was Maritime College alum Richard Pusatere. El Faro encountered a hurricane while en route to San Juan, and the entire ship's crew and cargo were lost. The disaster is known as one of the worst U.S. Flag maritime disasters in recent history.



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CLUBS

MAKE A COMEBACK

by Odalis Mino

In anticipation of a new school year, clubs sought to increase their membership while providing a forum for sharing, learning, service and camaraderie

At the beginning of the Fall 2021 Semester, there was collective hope on campus that student clubs and activities would, once again, become widely available. The goal of working towards a more normalized student life experience was a necessary one to achieve. Fortunately, club presidents were out in full force in September seeking to rejuvenate their purpose and

recruit new members. Student clubs greatly benefit students by allowing them to come together for a common purpose. Many strong friendships have been formed through student clubs and while there are over numerous clubs available to students at Maritime College, these are only a few examples of how clubs are making a comeback in the new academic year and impacting student life.





MEN'S RUGBY CLUB

The Men's Rugby Club approaches their sport from a holistic perspective. Their shortened fall season (September through November) due to COVID prompted the team's 45 members to practice at every available opportunity. Considering the small size of the overall rugby community, the Maritime College Rugby Club takes great pride in their bond and camaraderie as teammates, classmates and friends. When club member Teva Kurth, 2/C who is studying Marine Transportation,

wanted to draw attention to the issue of racial justice by organizing the club's final game as a charity event, *Ruggers Against Racism*, his teammates fully supported the concept. The team created and sold t-shirts during that game in an effort to raise money for the Organization of Black Maritime Graduates, which provides scholarships to minority students seeking a pathway into the maritime industry. "This was the first time we organized a charity event. From here on, we plan to make this a yearly event and hold other charity games," said Kurth. The team has attended other club meetings including the Culture Club, Black Student Union to gain more information on sponsoring charity events. The Rugby Club members are equally eager to hold more charity games in the upcoming spring season.



"We're here to play and go to school, but it's nice to do something for the local community and we recognize the need to give back, stated Kurth." Maritime College won their final game of the fall 2021 season (and first charity game) against Seton Hall University with a score of 27-0. Follow the team on Instagram at @marimerrugbyunion.

KNITTING &



CROCHETING CLUB

Each Monday evening, the members of the Knitting and Crocheting Club hook up at the home of Capt. Catie Hanft, Commandant of Cadets, to connect and create all things stitching. While they are bound by the desire to create handmade items with yarn, the group spins their needles for a special purpose. From September through early December, the Club participates in The Knit Before Christmas, a program with the Seaman's Church Institute. The Institute's Christmas

at Sea ministry is long-standing tradition in which donated items including handmade knitted scarfs, hats and other goods such as toiletries are gathered and send to seafarers and merchant mariners throughout the holiday season. "We joined The Knit Before Christmas five years ago and the Club works with that purpose in mind," said Capt. Hanft, whose grandmother taught her to crochet with her fingers and no needle. She knits, crochets, and quilts and along with 1/C Cadet Ahdiah

Robley, teaches the members of the Club the art of crocheting, which is her favorite form of needle work. "The Club helps students to see Capt. Haft in a different light outside of her role in the Regiment and work with her in a fun way," said Robley.

Studies on knitting have highlighted the psychological and



social benefits that contribute to wellbeing and quality of life (British Journal of Occupational Therapy, Feb. 2013). The student members – many of whom are in the Regiment of Cadets – concur, stating that the process of knitting and crocheting is "therapeutic" and serves as a "creative outlet." They enjoy passing the time stitching, talking, bonding, sharing stories and watching Hallmark movies. The group is comprised of members who are more proficient in needle craft, and they assist those with little or no prior crocheting experience. Some students perfected their skills during the months that the New York state-wide pause was in effect.

As a Club, their goal was to send at least one dozen knitted hats and scarfs by December to the Institute; a goal Capt. Haft and the Club confidently met one loop at a time.





COOKING CLUB

If cuisine is your calling, the Cooking Club is ready to serve flavor filled dishes on Sunday evenings. This club held its first meeting in the kitchen of Admiral and Kim Alfutis and its members were not disappointed with the bountiful outcome. Club members contribute to the cost of purchasing the ingredients and work with Head Chef Imani Santos, 1/C (Marine Transportation) who guides them through the preparation and cooking process. Santos worked at her grandmother's restaurant in her native Dominican Republic as a child and learned to whip up a variety of traditional Latin dishes. When she moved to the U.S., Santos then learned to cook soul food and the rest is culinary history.

The club meets in various faculty houses to cook their meals. "Awesome people invite us

to their houses and that's where we wreak havoc for a few hours and eat a good meal," said Cooking Club President, Tor Stumo, 1/C (Mechanical Engineering). The group plans to incorporate theme night for each meal they concoct. "Even though we all cook, we want to learn different things, cook different foods, and try different flavors to broaden our horizons." Their first meal was Caribbean with a twist of Soul Food consisting of fried plantains, garlic bread, bruschetta, backed mac and cheese, empanadas, spicy shrimp spaghetti pasta, and tomato pasta medley (vegan and gluten free). "Cooking is comforting to me and reminds me of being back home," said Santos. Follow the Cooking Club on Instagram at @maritime.cookingclub.



JEWISH CULTURE CLUB

The Jewish Culture Club was established to promote an understanding of Judaism, Jewish History and Jewish culture. Its members work towards establishing better bonds between Jewish students on and off campus, and between Jewish and non-Jewish students on campus. The Club fosters the spirit of high scholarship, character and service.

In time for the winter festivities, the Jewish Culture Club organized a Hanukkah celebration at the Admiral's Quarters in late November. Admiral Alfultis and his wife Kim Alfultis were pleased to host the gathering. Dr. Mark

Meirowitz, the Club's faculty advisor, welcomed members Bridget Stack, Club President, Club Officers Uri Shakked, Mark Shekhter and Alexander Goldberg, and other guests.

Hanukkah is the eight-day Jewish holiday celebrated with the lighting of the Menorah (candelabra), traditional foods, and gifts. The holiday signifies a miracle in which one day's supply of oil allowed the Menorah in Jerusalem's rededicated Temple to remain lit for eight days.

Stack and her mother, Alicia Popper prepared the Hanukkah dinner for all. Ms. Popper and Professor Sam Yahalom of the College's Global Business and Transportation department shared on the importance of the Hanukkah holiday. Shakked lit the Menorah and offered the blessings.





SAFETY

A Maritime Tradition

by Matthew Bonvento '01

Coming out of Maritime College, most graduates do not consider the Small Passenger Vessel industry as a career path. This holds true Richard Paine '04 G'05 and Dennis Robesch '06 of City Experiences anchored by Hornblower. Taking their traditional maritime education and sailing experience, they transitioned and now work at City Experiences anchored by Hornblower, one of the most prominent names in the small passenger vessel business today.

Graduating in 2004, Vice President of Health, Safety, Security, Quality, and Environment (HSSQE) of the Hornblower Group, Richard Paine set out upon graduation to do what many of us do, sail deep sea. Not having much luck Rich followed the job market to the tug and towing industry. Gaining valuable experience as he worked his way up the corporate ladder, Rich was hired in 2008 by then Statue Cruises (Hornblower), a west coast company who was awarded the National Park Service contract as the official concessioner to operate the Ellis and Liberty Island ferries. After a short stint part time operating the vessels, Rich again found himself in the office making valuable contributions to the corporation by leveraging his knowledge of safety management, training, and ISO to streamline operations, increase cost efficiency

and promote an environment of safety. Rich oversees all of the health, safety, security, quality and environmental programs for the entire Group. This past Spring, the organization rebranded and is now called City Experiences anchored by Hornblower. The Group consists of additional newly branded divisions of CityCruises, CityFerry, and the American Queen Steamboat Company.

Dennis Robesch '06 followed a very different career path that led him to be the Director of HSSQE at the City Cruises by Hornblower, or as us locals know it, the NYC Ferry Service. After graduation Dennis sailed for Military Sealift Command until he decided to make the move to the Gulf and took a job with Hornbeck offshore. With the economic downturn of 2016 Dennis found himself on the beach planning his summer vacation when he was made aware of an opportunity at Hornblower. Not too long after that interview Dennis found himself with no summer off, but a new job at the ferry. As director of HSSQE Dennis oversees the management systems, training plans and initiatives, incident investigations, and auditing of the NYC Ferry Service.

Both Dennis and Rich have been instrumental in changing the culture of the small passenger vessel industry. Through their hard work and dedication they have highlighted the significance of safety

management programs in an industry that traditionally does not have such a program. City Experiences Anchored by Hornblower has seen growth in both the US and the UK, with the NYC Ferry operated by Hornblower service lighting the way as the model operation for their other small passenger vessel operations. This culture change begins with training. Making the crew aware of the importance of the safety system and how that system functions is something else new to the small passenger vessel industry.

The NYC ferry system commenced operations in 2017, after the mandatory government review process. Hornblower having been awarded the contract brought on line state of the art ferries, designed to move passengers in comfort from Queens, to Brooklyn, and Manhattan and recently expanding to the Bronx, Staten Island, and Governors Island. Working in close coordination with NY's Economic Development Corporation (NYEDC) Hornblower is providing access to NY in a way that has not been seen a long time.

One challenge the pair face is the lack of qualified mariners applying for the

job. Deckhands can be trained in a relatively short period of time. Mates and Captains are another story altogether. One must have a 100 ton Master license in order to operate most of their vessels. Luckily each graduate holding a third mate's license is automatically qualified. Under 46 CFR 15.901 "(a) An individual holding a license or MMC endorsed as mate or pilot of inspected, self-propelled vessels of 200 GRT or more is authorized to serve as master on inspected vessels of less than 100 GRT within any restrictions on the



Richard Paine '04 G'05, Vice President of Health, Safety, Security, Quality, and Environment (HSSQE) of the Hornblower Group.



Dennis Robesch '06, Director of HSSQE at the City Cruises by Hornblower.

individual's license or MMC, without further endorsement." This last part "without further endorsement" is why graduates do not see this notation on their credential upon graduation.

When asked about the small passenger vessel industry post pandemic, Rich went on to say "The pandemic will have implications on the passenger vessel industry by advancing touch-less technology into the way we train, we sell and collect tickets and overall general operations. In order to operate during the pandemic, we needed to push innovation and technology to complete tasks that were historically handled one way, person-to-person. While focusing on the employee and customer experience, we came up with solutions that allowed us to still meet our intended goal of educating our employees and/or completing point of sale transactions, while keeping personal health & safety as the top priority. Overall, the industry won't be changed from what it is, which is a fun time on the water to dine, explore and relax. The difference will be in the approach to the lead-up of setting sail for an amazing experience."

Crediting their maritime education as the basis for their success, their license studies coupled with their degrees laid the keel that they have used to build their careers upon. Looking to give back, both emphasized how they could love to have more Maritime graduates working with them. New graduates, those looking to come ashore, and those looking for something to do part time after retirement. With a valid license, even one coming out of continuity, Maritime graduates will be up to the challenge of learning to operate vessels in over 125 US cities. If City Experiences Anchored by Hornblower has committed to building their employment opportunities with the Maritime College. The Hornblower Group offers career opportunities for licenses of all sizes and both local and international maritime careers. As you may have heard, the Hornblower Group recently donated to the school's new state of the art radar lab, the Hornblower E-Navigation Lab that our students and recent graduates have used to train and prepare for their careers. Curious for more? Go to www.cityexperiences.com to see if this could be the career for you.

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HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS Get Back on Their Feet

by Matthew Bonvento '01

According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, approximately 37,000 veterans are homeless nationwide. This startling statistic is pre-pandemic as of 2019 with no new count having been published at the time of this writing. Many ask what can be done

homeless veterans have been helped to date.

Covering the entire state of New Jersey, John and his crew collect necessary housing items such as furniture, kitchen appliances, hygiene kits, clothing, and food. Over the last 5 years this generous program has helped more than one thousand families, donated more than \$150,000 in new clothes and \$10,000 in food.

What made this program so successful? The Maritime Alumni Network. Working the phones, sending emails, the New Jersey Elks were able to leverage the extensive alumni network for donations, volunteers, and ultimately, to two containers that are now housing their various donations. John tapped into this network of amazing people to not only find his current containers, but a promise of more from alumni, many who never knew him. Gregory Tuthill '86 and John Colabello '77 answered the call in true Maritime fashion by ensuring that the program did not pay a dollar for the containers.

The history of the New Jersey Elks helping veterans goes back to World

to counter such a staggering number. Not John Vebrek '68. Seeing a need and partnering with the New Jersey State Elks Association, over 1,200





(l.-r.) Gregory Tuthill '86, Sr.VP and Chief Commercial Officer, SeaCube; John E. Veprek, Jr. '68, Former State President of the New Jersey State Elks Association; and John J. Colabello '77, VP Operations of SeaCube.

War II when they provided interest free loans to veterans purchasing homes. About seven years ago, combatting veteran homelessness suddenly turned into a high priority. The impetus came from the state government, which informed the NJ Elks of the approximately 3,000 homeless veterans. This number, while large, was found to be grossly underestimated. Helping those in need became a daunting task for the team.

Bringing in the VA to assist in identifying homeless veterans and their families, assistance could be delivered quicker than before. The hurdle was the lack of storage space as the program grew. Donated items needed a place to be safely and securely stored until placed with a veteran in need. Storage units served for a time, but those units cut into the budget that could better be used to help veterans in need. This need was recently met by SeaCube, which donated two twenty-foot containers. This also allowed for the program to spread their donated items to different parts of the state, which allows for wider distribution and help for a larger geographic area.

As volunteers increased, people began to donate money, and they ran into issues where Veterans were not allowed to receive used furniture because of a precautionary bed bug scare. The solution was to purchase bedding and furniture new, another unanticipated cost.

COVID-19 created a whole new set of issues with volunteers unable to enter certain buildings and risks of contracting the virus. Things slowed, but did not stop. The veterans living on the street at that time increased exponentially and the places they regularly visited such as VA shelters, shut down leaving them without food or shelter. The program bought \$17,000 worth of dehydrated food, which it distributed along with water, shelters, and winter clothing.

In the last 5 years since keeping track of veterans, the New Jersey Elks has helped 1368 veterans, many with families, and the program has granted aide to 1026, helping to keep them off the street by providing assistance with mortgage or rent, bills, food or clothes. There is always more that can be done. To lend a hand or to donate, contact John Vebrek '68 at jvpsp@comcast.net

One Hand for BRETT



Brett Ashley '81 after a successful day fishing.

Brett B. Ashley '81 has led a very interesting life. Having spent his youth fishing on the waters off of Brooklyn he decided to attend Maritime College in 1977 when shipping out was lucrative for a young, single man who was foot loose and fancy free.

Having sailed for over a decade, earning his Masters license and memory full of irreplaceable experiences he knew that sailing was not his happily ever after. Brett began learning about computers while still sailing. In fact, Brett and a friend developed some of the early software used in video rental stores. As time marched on the compensation from sailing was getting less and less for hitches that always seemed to increase in length. Brett's video rental company was doing so well, he was bought out by a larger company. After making a tidy sum on that sale, the horizon was bright enough to leave sailing and pursue a new career in the burgeoning computer business.

Brett's computer firm acquired prestigious clients like ESPN, BBC, and many large banks and museums. Eventually his business became an attractive takeover opportunity and Brett's business was acquired by a public firm. After a two-year consulting role, Brett found an opportunity with a startup marketing and advertising firm. His team created *Headliner* magazine for Radio City Entertainment and Madison Square Garden. After five years of growing the business, Brett retired.

In 2019 tragedy struck. Brett's leg became septic after an infection of unknown origin. He was hospitalized and for 3 weeks fought off this infection with all of his strength and very hearty doses of antibiotics. Winning the fight against the infection, he found that his kidneys were destroyed in the process. Brett now spends three days a week on dialysis, waiting for his hero donor. This is a "One Hand" call to anyone out there who feels they can help. Find out more by going to Brett's page on the National Kidney Registry (<https://www.nkr.org/SFA668>)

In dire need of a kidney, Brett Ashley '81 seeks a donor who like Roger Bing '03, compassionately donated his kidney to save a life.

Think you can't do it? Roger Bing '03 has shown otherwise. Roger's story is one of true compassion and heroism. Roger has been chartering his boat out for years on the South Shore of Long Island. One of his occasional customers is Walter, a local doctor and the nephew of one of his grandfather's best friends. They have fished together several times on Roger's boat *Bingo* in Freeport, NY. Over the past few years, they got to know each other. One day while out fluke fishing with Walter, Roger is made aware through a mutual acquaintance that Walter's wife is sick and needs a kidney. After discussing it over with his wife, Roger decides to donate his.

"The process was straightforward, but lengthy" Roger said. After determining that Roger was a match, the day came to donate. Not a long procedure, Roger was in and out in a matter of hours and home within a day.

Roger and Brett describe the process of donating a kidney as relatively easy. The concerns over loss of wages, future illness or kidney need, complications, etc. have all been addressed by the National Kidney Foundation. Anyone who donates a kidney is immediately placed at the top of the recipient list later in life should they find themselves in need. If there are any complications at any time, the recipient's insurance will take care of the donor in full. Wages will be paid up to a certain point for those out of work. Most importantly, if the donor is not a match for their desired recipient, but decide to donate, their recipient is moved to the

top of the list for the next available matching kidney.

The recent COVID pandemic has significantly decreased the pool of available donors, with many unwilling or unable to donate as in the past. Roger and Brett were two ships passing in the night on their voyage. Right now, another "Roger" is needed to help Brett in his time of need. Brett can be reached at brettbashley@gmail.com or 516-455-2168.



Roger Bing '03 with his recipient Elisa.

SUNY MARITIME FOUNDATION



Dear Maritime Alumni and Friends,

As we commence 2022 and the second half of the academic year, my colleagues and I on the Maritime Foundation Board of Directors are extremely pleased in knowing that the College and students are thriving and progressing even as we all continue to battle COVID and its variants. Like students who attend in-person classes, athletic events, and mariner training, the Foundation welcomed the opportunity to hold an in-person Admiral's Dinner. The event was also streamed live online which allowed a much broader audience to participate in the evening's festivities.

We were very pleased to honor three outstanding individuals and that so many people turned out to see each other, network, and just have a good time. But more importantly, we are extremely grateful to the generous sponsors and attendees and online attendees who helped raise close to \$600,000 for student scholarships.

I hope you enjoy the following overview of the dinner and make plans now to support and join us on September 20 for the 2022 *Admiral's Dinner*.

Best regards,

Capt. Robert E. Johnston '69
Chairman, SUNY Maritime Foundation

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2021 ADMIRAL'S DINNER

Raises Close to **\$600K**
for Student Scholarships

Attended by 350 alumni, friends and industry connections, SUNY Maritime College and the SUNY Maritime Foundation were proud to see the return of an in-person Admiral's Dinner hosted on campus on September 21, 2021. Three outstanding individuals were honored who are each recognized leaders in the maritime industry: *Captain John DeCruz '92*, Full Branch Maritime Pilot and President, New York Sandy Hook Pilots Association, *Jim Lawrence*, Chairman, Marine Money and Founding Partner, MTI Network, and *Greg*

Tuthill '86, Chief Commercial Officer, SeaCube Container Leasing.

The primary vehicle to raise much needed scholarship funding for current students, the Admiral's Dinner is a vital event for the College. As a result of the outpouring of support on the part of generous sponsors, table and ticket purchasers, and those who donated during the auction or online, the Dinner raised close to \$600,000. These funds will dramatically impact the lives of Maritime College students. Thank you for your support!



(l-r) *Jim Lawrence*, Chairman, Marine Money and Founding Partner, MTI Network; *Captain John DeCruz '92*, Full Branch Maritime Pilot and President, New York Sandy Hook Pilots Association; *Greg Tuthill '86*, Chief Commercial Officer, SeaCube Container Leasing; and *RADM Michael Alfultis*, President of SUNY Maritime College.



(l-r) Lewis Ferguson '03, OBMG board member; Capt. Scott Landry KP grad, Delaware Pilot; R. Kalin Cook '17; Capt. Eric James, Maine Maritime, OBMG Board and Delaware Pilot; Mrs. Marcia DeCruz; Capt. John DeCruz '92; Capt. Robert Cook '80; Capt. Howard Wyche '79; Capt. Kevin Barrow '95, OBMG and Delaware Pilot; and Cadet 1/C Ahdiah Robey.



Guests enjoy networking and mingling.



Chris Hughes '92, Russell '92 and Jessica Paret, Sean Memmen '92.



Guests share time outdoors.



MCAA President Kevin Danko '95 speaks with guests.



Tom '80 and Christine Breglia, Jack Conway '04, Steve Monez '97, and Scott Nieman.



Guests share time outdoors.



Guests gather and enjoy the beautiful view of the Long Island sound.



Lucas Hunt, auctioneer, speaks with Captain Robert Cook '80.



(l-r) Jennifer Kearney; Jeff Hogan; Joseph Lorino '87; Voula Lorino; Pietro Lorino; Aisling Donnelly, 4/C; and Tenisha Joseph, 4/C.



Nancy and Bill Austen '80.

HOMECOMING 2021: A L

HA double Homecoming on Saturday, October 16, brought alumni to Fort Schuyler in droves. This year's reunion classes (ending in 1s and 6s) were joined by the 0s and 5s who endured a 'virtual' reunion a year ago. The nostalgic weekend began Friday with the Alumni Association's traditional Ancient Mariner Golf Tournament. Festivities started early Saturday morning at the Stephen B. Luce Library with breakfast for the classes celebrating their 50th reunions and beyond. For the occasion, the Library showcased a special display, "Treasures from the Archives," that included photos, memorabilia, and publications from the early 1970s.

This was also a watershed year as the Alumni Association and College were fully integrated, organizing and executing the weekend for the first time in decades. Alumni Association President Kevin Danko '95 noted, "We are excited to have finally transitioned our offices back onto

campus where they belong, and to have our new Executive Director, Jeanne Murphy, working just down the hall from the Admiral's Office to better serve alumni and engage today's students. It is great to see the cooperation and teamwork with the College's alumni and development staff"

In St. Marys Pentagon, regimental sections of the Class of 2025 drilled for the reunion classes in a traditional Pass-in-Review ceremony followed by the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. The day's festivities included class tailgates in multiple parking lots, games, and activities for families. Alumni pride was on full display as reunion classes paraded onto Reinhart Field just before the Privateer's football team lined up against Gallaudet University. The tradition continued that evening with an alumni gathering for an Association event at nearby Paddy's on the Bay and other class dinners on and off campus.



Long-Awaited Celebration



“The energy of Homecoming is extremely vibrant and reminds us that we are able to persevere through tough times and come back better than ever.”

Claudia Zieba 1/C



Preceding Homecoming was the
ANCIENT MARINER GOLF OUTING

held in Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course. Ancient Mariner raised \$12,000 for the SST scholarship fund thanks to the generous participation of 130 golfers.



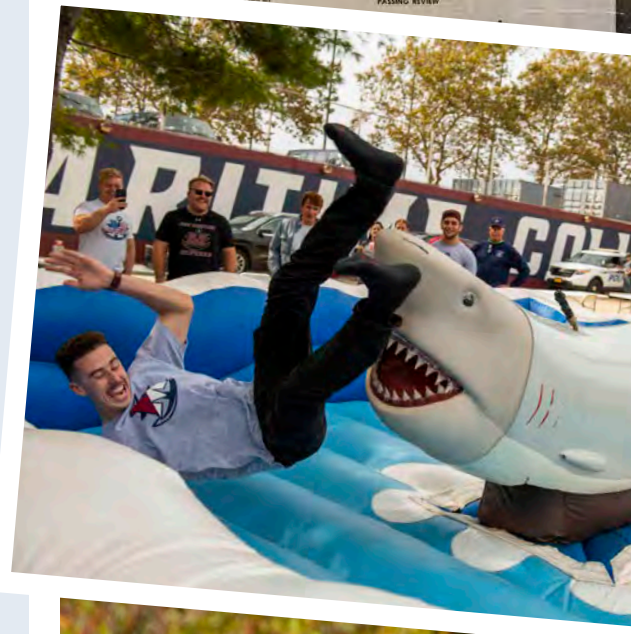
(l-r): Zachary Azria '17, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, Meredith Hayes '19 (Jennifer's daughter), and Alex Duqmaq '19.



(l-r): Bill Kreppein, Jennifer Barnes-Hayes, Stephen Carbery and Joseph Breglia, all class of 1980.



Alumni and friends enjoy lunch outdoor.





“... It is great to see the cooperation and teamwork with the College’s alumni and development staff.”

Kevin Danko '95, Alumni Association President



CHAPTER GATHERINGS

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

On a warm summer night in July, Maritime alumni from Long Island got together at Ralph's Marina on Mount Sinai Harbor. As COVID restrictions started to lift Jill Davenport '13, asked piano playing alumnus, Joe Owens '86, to entertain outdoors on the marina's deck. The LI Chapter put the word out on short notice and it was a great event. A large crowd, including alumni and others on their boats at the marina, enjoyed the show.



Jill Davenport '13 and Joe Owens '86



Joe Holmshek, Charlie Palmaccio '91, Rich Ohlsen '90, Jim Yahner '86, Jill Davenport '13, Heidi Benedikt '85 (Joe Owens '86 at Piano), Victor Corso '83, Jay Mulhall '84, Tom Hall '65, Chris Tomich '21, and Austin Thiele '19.

CLASS NOTES



'65 Happy 80th birthday to Long Island Chapter founding member Tom Hall '65! In September 1993 Maritime alumni Dave Harold, Richard Ohlsen, Stu Fitz, Jim Lynch, Tom Hall and several others formed the Long Island Chapter.

(l-r) Harold Stumme '65, Jim Lynch '54, Tom Hall '65, Dave Nieri '72, and Jim Yahner '86.



'85 On May 18, Michael J. Isernia, Esq. '85 (first left), was elected to the Board of Education for the Sachem Central School District at Lake Ronkonkoma, NY. He will serve for a three-year term beginning July 1.

'92 Anton Posner '92, CEO of the Mercury Group, talks with Bloomberg's Caroline Hyde and Joe Weisenthal on "What'd You Miss?" about the soaring shipping rates as bottlenecks hit the supply chain.



Maritime Academic Center Names Office in Honor of **ANDREW WOWCZUK '69**

Andrew Wowczuk '69 and members of his family gathered on campus on June 17, for a special Office Naming Ceremony in his honor. Wowczuk is a world expert/thought leader in implementing Lean/Six Sigma and continuous improvement methodologies for the manufacturing and military services industries. In 2020, his son Zenovy made a generous donation of \$50,000 to the NY Maritime Innovation Center at Maritime College in his father's honor.

Wowczuk and his family were treated to a tour of the College and campus grounds. The family was then led to the third floor of the



Maritime Academic Center to unveil the plaque on the newly named office (previously #319). Professor Chris Clott of the NY Maritime Innovation Center and Provost of Maritime College, Dr. Jennifer Waters, offered brief thank you remarks to Wowczuk. "Your generosity has made Maritime College a better institution and I thank you for your contribution and support of the College," stated Dr. Waters. Wowczuk's son, Yuriy, offered his remarks on the role Maritime College played in his father's life saying, "I appreciate the role that SUNY Maritime played in our upbringing. My father pushed us in the direction of STEAM and STEM programs, and that had an incredible bearing on our success in school and professionally."



Honoree Andrew Wowczuk '69 (third from left) with his sons (l-r) Borys Wowczuk, Yuriy Wowczuk, and Zenovy Wowczuk.



'87 Maritime alumn Joseph Lorino, PE, LEED AP, Vice President, Facilities Management at Valley Health System, was featured in a July 2021 utiliVisor article. In a collaborative approach to create a new medical facility, Lorino reached out to utiliVisor CEO, Richard Angerame '73, both members of the Maritime College alumni network. The full online article is available on: <https://www.utilivisor.com/news/valley-hospital-collaborative-approach-building-new-hospital.html>

'96 Daniel Fitzgerald '96, who retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve after 28 years, was honored in a ceremony at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C., during the summer. Rear Admiral Melissa Bert presided over the ceremony. Fitzgerald retired from his last duty assignment in Washington D.C. where he served as the Senior Reserve Judge Advocate General (RJAG) for the entire Coast Guard Reserve. He received



a Meritorious Service Medal with the Office of Legal Policy & Program Development. Fitzgerald, who holds a law degree from New York Law School, has been practicing maritime law since 2001 and is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association.

'05 Davi Smyth '05, Finn, Moira, Reed, Kristine Schultz '04 welcome Reed into this world on May 28th at 8 lbs. 13 oz. and 21.5 inches.



ON THE ROAD

utiliVisor's team members frequently travel up, down, and across the country, checking in with clients about their upcoming operational and sustainability challenges.



'06 Maritime College was featured in utiliVisor's *On The Road* November online newsletter. The utiliVisor team has been on campus throughout 2021 for several ongoing facilities projects in preparation for the new training ship. utiliVisor is also working with the College to bring real performance data into the classroom to give engineering students additional experience with landside building operations. Chris Angerame '06, VP of Engineering at utiliVisor, met with engineering students during his visit to the College during the fall 2021 semester.



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'17 Onboard USS SOMERSET (LPD 25) in San Diego, CA Matthew Coleman '17 is promoted from Lieutenant Junior Grade to Lieutenant in the US Navy on June 1.

'21 Congratulations to Fayth Stephenson '21, who was recently hired as the Health, Safety, Security, and Environmental Officer for Miller's Launch, Miller Marine, Miller's Tug & Barge, and Miller's Towing & Salvage.



INDUSTRY ENCOUNTERS



- 1 Beth Rooney '91, Deputy Port Director, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Casey McGlone '18, Engineer; and Connor Deane '18, Deckhand on the Army Corps of Engineer DCV Hayward welcome the CMA CGM Marco Polo to the Port of New York and New Jersey on May 20. The Marco Polo is the largest vessel to ever call the US East Coast and is capable of carrying 16,022 TEU and has a LOA of 1300' and Beam of 176'.
- 2 Richard Paine '04, Dennis Robesch '06, and Brendan Ross '13 refreshing their Basic Fire Fighting certification at the Nassau County Fire Academy with SUNY Maritime's Professional Education Department.
- 3 Nore Habib '10 and John Lehane '96 serving their country proudly in Japan.
- 4 Fort Schuyler alumni on M/T Garden State, Port Everglades, FL.
(l-r) Captain Christopher Menezes '02; Deck Cadet Matthew Lofaro '22; Chief Mate David Pisarcik '15; 2nd Mate Jonathan Agliata '15; Engine Cadet Celyna Custodio '23; 1st Assistant Engineer James Tan '97.



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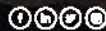
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WHERE IN THE WORLD



Jose Femenia '64 and Michael Toner '65 enjoying a meal and swapping stories at Sailor's Return in Stuart, FL.



Jennifer Barnes-Hayes '80, Jim Maloney '80, and Ted Mason '57 bike the Empire State Trailway for 30 miles in Yorktown Heights, NY.



Jim McGuire '96, Jamie McNamara '94, Mike Reagoso '96, Dan Dolson '94, Marino Hwang '01, and Dave Penchina '96.



Len Yanazzo '67, Ray Saleeby '67, and Jim Brennan '67 meet for dinner in Naples, FL.



North meets south (Florida that is) Peter Baci '69 and Bernadette Cusack of Jacksonville, FL meet Debby Baci and Peter Baci '64 in Orlando, FL.



A mini '83 and '84 reunion at Husk & Vine in St. James, NY. (l-r) Joe Rauseo, Karen Rauseo, Jay Mulholland '83 with wife Patti, Vic Corso '84 and wife Maureen.



Joseph Alberto (non-Maritime USMC veteran), Jason Galioto '99, Nick Makar '96, Jeff Logarzo '99, Chris Katz '99, Mike Bilby (Honorary grad after hanging out with us for 20 yrs!), front: Pete Jesnick '00, Eric Lorenzen '98



An assemblage of friends, retired merchant mariners, and members of the class of '79 had an informal inter-COVID get together as pictured, in Tacoma, WA, June 20, 2021.

(l-r) Kevin Coulombe '79' (80), Master, Masters, Mates and Pilots, ret., Jim Herron '79, Master, Masters, Mates and Pilots, ret, Eugene Mayer '78, Master, Masters, Mates and Pilots, ret.

The St. Mary's Society recognizes and honors our alumni and friends who have generously provided gifts to SUNY Maritime College through bequests, trusts, and other life income arrangements. Society membership is a reflection of the highest of personal values and individual commitment to the future of the excellence in maritime education.



BECOME A SOCIETY MEMBER

It is quite simple to accept membership in the St. Mary's Society. In fact, if you have named Maritime College in your will, or have otherwise included Fort Schuyler in your estate plans, you already qualify for membership. If you have not yet notified us of your intentions or are interested in learning more, please contact Brian Kearney, Senior Director of Development, at 347-842-1691 or by email at bkearney@sunymaritime.edu.

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#GIVINGTUESDAY



This #givingtuesday, the global charitable event following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Maritime College alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students came together to raise \$22,000. This collective support will positively impact students in need through the One Hand Student Relief Fund and Summer Sea Term Scholarship Fund.

Missed #givingtuesday?

Every day is a great day to donate to Maritime students.

Visit sunymaritime.edu/giving for more information and to make your 100% tax-deductible gift!

Make checks payable to "SUNY Maritime Foundation" and send to 6 Pennyfield Ave, Bronx, NY 10465

Questions? Call Lexy Rivera at 718.409.4001 or email at arivera@sunymaritime.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR MARITIME COLLEGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Maritime College Alumni Association - Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner Postponed

TBA - Manhattan

Join us to congratulate this year's Honorees, including

- Griff Lynch '88
- James Starace '81
- Michael W. Toner '65

Maritime College Alumni Association - New Alumni Night

TBA - Bronx, NY

A chance for alumni to meet and mingle with upcoming graduates and pass on insight and inspiration on the various career paths available with their Maritime College education.

Spring Career Fair

March 10, 2022

In-person Career Fair will be taking place on campus.

March 16, 2022

Employer presentations will be taking place during the academic semester.

Graduating Senior Awards Reception

May 5, 2022

The College recognizes many of its outstanding seniors of the Class of 2022.

Spring Commencement

May 6, 2022

Recognize members of the Class of 2022 and welcome them to the ranks of Maritime alumni.

Maritime College Alumni Association - Spring Networking

TBA - Manhattan

Meet with fellow alumni, industry professionals, and friends at this premier networking event.

Maritime College Alumni Association - Annual Golf Classic

June 13, 2022 - Old Westbury Golf and Country Club

We will return to Old Westbury Golf and Country Club for the Annual Golf Classic! Don't miss the chance to catch up with old friends or make new ones on the links.

Admiral's Dinner

September 20, 2022

The annual Admiral's Dinner is the College's premier event to raise support for our students. The event builds vital support for individual student scholarships and campus-wide initiatives, including establishing lecture series, renovating and updating labs and other facilities, and achieving the goals of the College's strategic plan.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Maritime College Alumni Association - Ancient Mariner Golf Outing

October 28, 2022

Maritime College Alumni Association Ancient Mariner Golf Outing at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses, Bronx, NY

October 29, 2022

- Maritime College Alumni Association Annual Membership Meeting
- Class Reunion events, Pass-in-Review
- Tailgate and Football Game with Reunion Class Parade/Regimental March On
- Alumni Post-Game Celebration at Paddy's on the Bay

Maritime College Alumni Association - Fall Networking and Nominations Meeting

TBA - Manhattan

Enjoy an evening networking with fellow alumni and industry professionals.

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The Empire State VI is in dry dock undergoing maintenance. Painting of the hull is finishing up and the propeller is being set up for reinstallation. By next week, hull painting should be completed, the propeller will be polished, and the anchor chains fully painted. #ship #drydock #gmdshipyard

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Today was the last day of USCG license exams and to recognize those Deck License cadets who passed all seven exams (7/7), the Marine Transportation Department handed each cadet a special 7/7 mug and crimson cap. Engine License cadets who passed their 8 exams received a crimson cap from the Regiment. Many of these 1/c cadets had to sail both Summer Sea Terms (a total of 134 days) to make up for lost sea days last year. Congratulations to all of our newly licensed cadets! #stud... See more

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Maritime College Alumni Assoc.
July 28 ·

It's great to see Maritime Alumni reporting in from around the globe! Here is Kameron Knight (left), Class of 2016. Kameron is pictured aboard the USNS Stockham sailing in the Pacific as the vessel's Chief Mate.

Let us know where in the world you are! Tag @MaritimeCollegeAA, or DM us photos of where you are, whether at sea or on land.

#WhereInTheWorldAreYou #MaritimeCollegeAA #MCAA #FortSchuylerAlumni #MaritimeAlumni

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Maritime College Alumni Assoc.
November 11 ·

Congratulations to Matt Nolty '91 for being named a 2021 Notable Veteran Executive by Crain's New York Business. Matt is the founder and CEO of Greenway USA. From Crain's:

"Matthew Nolty rose through the ranks at Skanska USA and STV Construction before he started Greenway USA, a construction management, general-contracting-facilities management firm. Nolty grew Greenway from a one-person business to a \$9 million firm, juggling this with several recalls to active duty in the U.S. Navy, including a full-year deployment in 2012-13 in Afghanistan. Nolty began his military career as an ensign after graduating University of New York Maritime College. He spent 30 years of active duty and reserve officer and retired in May of 2013 as a surface warfare officer with a captain's rank."

We salute Matt and all of our veterans. You represent to us. Thank you for your service to our country.

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