

From Fort Schuyler & Beyond: YOUR Alumni Newsletter  
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### From the President

Dear Shipmates,

As spring returns to the Peninsula of Opportunity, our Alumni Association has been hard at work supporting cadets, connecting alums, and preparing for an exciting series of events that continue to celebrate Maritime College's 150 years of Learning at Sea.

Thank you to everyone who attended **New Alumni Night** and those who participated in the recent **Career Fair**. Events like these highlight the power and reach of our network. And the best is yet to come—**Birthday Week** is right around the corner, with Giving Day, Industry Day, Women of Maritime Leadership Day, the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction, and the Inauguration of President RADM John Okon '91 all on deck.

We're especially looking forward to the College's **first-ever SUNY Maritime Giving Day**, running April 22 to 23rd. This is a unique opportunity for alums to show their pride and give back in a way that directly supports the student experience. Let's make our presence known and our support felt. It doesn't matter what you choose to support; every donation helps the students in some way. **You can choose to help support our SST Scholarship program on the Giving site, and please note that we have a Donor Matching Challenge set up to help support this worthy cause.** Please consider helping however you can, and please note that any amount donated will help!

We're also continuing our **PROP outreach** and training efforts to promote the College to high school students and families—bringing in the next generation of cadets with real alum voices. We recently completed our second evolution of PROP training with 13 new PROP officers commissioned on March 31, 2025, making our total trained to date 25.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the **Spring Networking Night in NYC on May 8** at Pennsylvania 6 and our **36th Annual Golf Classic on June 9** at the prestigious Plainfield Country Club in Plainfield, NJ. We welcome players, sponsors, and all who want to reconnect.

As always, we want to hear from you—send your thoughts on the newsletter to [Editor@MaritimeCollegeAA.org](mailto:Editor@MaritimeCollegeAA.org). Let's keep the momentum going and make this a landmark year.

Fraternally,

Steve Carbery '80  
President, MCAA



**Future Alumni Greeted at New Alumni Night**  
On Thursday, March 13, 25 alumni welcomed 35 recent and soon-to-be Maritime graduates to a networking event on campus. Attendees heard firsthand about the diverse career paths shaped by a Maritime education, engaged in meaningful conversations, and built valuable professional relationships. The event was a powerful reminder of the strength and support of the Maritime College community—and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Special thanks to John Valvo '83 and Fresh Meadow Power for sponsoring this inspiring evening.

### **NOLA Bound: Alumni Event + SST at Marine Log Conference**

With the launch of the new MCAA New Orleans Chapter and TS Empire State VII scheduled to stop in the Big Easy for Marine Log's Ship Repair USA Conference (June 10–11), your Alumni Association is planning a can't-miss gathering for Domers in NOLA!

MCAA Houston Chapter President Greg Wager '01 will moderate a panel, "Young Maritime Hopefuls: Insights on the Industry", consisting of SST cadets. As an added perk, some 30 registered attendees will tour the training ship with cadet guides.

We're expecting a strong alumni turnout to make this a truly special event. Stay tuned to your inbox and our social channels for updates and registration info!

### **Fort Schuyler Magazine - Call For Content**

The Fort Schuyler Magazine comes out just twice a year, make sure YOU are in the next issue! Do you have an unforgettable Sea Story? Want to share a reunion, family milestone, or professional achievement with your fellow alumni? Now's your chance! Submit your story quickly and easily using the link [HERE](#) by Friday, April 25, 2025



The 36th Annual Golf Classic will return to the beautiful **Plainfield Country Club in Edison, NJ on Monday, June 9**. Enjoy a full day of golf, networking, and fun—featuring lunch, 18 holes, cocktail hour, dinner, auctions, and raffles.

**NEW this year:** During dinner, enjoy a special **Fireside Chat** with guest speaker **Mike Vinik '03**, who will share captivating stories from his adventures with the SS United States, followed by an engaging Q&A session.

Not a golfer? Join us just for the cocktail hour and dinner—networking opportunities abound!

This flagship event supports Maritime students and the MCAA's mission. Sponsorships are now available and secure your playing spot. **Spots are limited to 120 golfers**, so registering early is a must! Single Spots will open soon.

#### Schedule of the Day

10:30 AM – Registration & Lunch

12:00 PM – Shotgun Start

5:00 PM Cocktail Reception

6:00 PM Dinner & Fireside Chat, Followed by Awards Program

8:00 PM Event Concludes

*Did you know? PCC is hosting the 2025 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship in May, paving the way for the course to be in excellent condition!*

### Golf Classic Details & Registration



### Alumni Spotlight: Anton Posner '92 and Margo Brock (Bransfield) '95

Anton & Margo partnered together 20+ years after graduation from Maritime College to form their company, The Mercury Group.

Click [HERE](#) to read the interview.

## College News

### Marine Society of New York Honors Maritime College's Sesquicentennial at Annual Dinner

On Thursday, March 27, the Marine Society of the City of New York hosted its 255th Annual Dinner, where it recognized Mr. C. James Patti, President of the Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development (MIRAID), as the Society's Person of the Year.

In addition to this honor, the Society paid tribute to Maritime College's 150th anniversary of "Learning at Sea," celebrating the institution's long-standing legacy of maritime education.

College President RADM John Okon '91 spoke at the event, offering special acknowledgments to College Council President Tom Higgins '80 and MCAA President Steve Carbery '80 for their leadership and continued support. Captain Timothy Ferrie '78 has served as the Marine Society's 70th President since 2006.

### Women in Maritime Honored at WISTA Campus Event

On Wednesday, March 12, the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) and the Women of Maritime Club hosted a special on-campus event at the Vander Clute Hall Special Events Room, bringing together students and alumnae for networking and mentorship.

Five accomplished alumnae—Stacie Alexiou '04 (Watt+Flux), Kerri Bancroft '05 (OSG), Marissa Danzy '10 (Community Access, Inc.), Anna Silva '98 (Port Everglades), and Ashanti Storr '18 (Equinor)—shared their insights and experiences in a dynamic panel discussion with current female Maritime College students. Special thanks to Christina Liviakis, WISTA USA President

and Maritime College Council member, for her support in making this impactful gathering possible.

### Welcome Jamel Ramsay, SUNY Maritime College Director of Athletics

College President RADM John Okon '91 has named Jamel Ramsay as SUNY Maritime's new Director of Athletics. A familiar face on campus, Ramsay most recently served as Head Coach and Special Teams Coordinator for the Privateers football team. Read more [HERE](#).

### Congratulations to Captain Adam Grohman, Dean of Student Affairs

Maritime College is proud to announce Captain Adam Grohman as the new Dean of Student Affairs. A longtime leader in the Regimental Cadre and former Commandant of Cadets, Capt. Grohman brings years of dedication and expertise to the role. An accomplished author and maritime historian, he continues to inspire the campus community through his leadership and service. Read the Announcement [HERE](#).

A graphic titled "MARITIME COLLEGE BIRTHDAY WEEK" with the Maritime College logo at the top right. It lists four days of events: Tuesday, April 22 (Day of Giving), Wednesday, April 23 (Industry Day), Thursday, April 24 (Women of Maritime Leadership Day and Inauguration), and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction. Each day is accompanied by a small image: a group of men in uniforms, a ship at sea, a woman working, and a group of athletes.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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**DAY OF GIVING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025**

**INDUSTRY DAY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**

**WOMEN OF MARITIME LEADERSHIP DAY**

**INAUGURATION**

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**

### A Packed Birthday Week Schedule - Join the Celebration!

Tuesday April 22 – **First-ever SUNY Maritime College Giving Day!** This 24-hour event kicks off at 12:00 PM Tuesday, running until 12:00 PM Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 23, 12:00 – 5:00PM – **Industry Day**, Maritime Academic Center (MAC) Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), featuring keynote speaker and panel discussions focused on evolving global maritime industry and how Maritime College can evolve to meet the future workforce demands.

Thursday, April 24, 8:00AM – 12:00PM – **Women of Maritime Leadership Day**, Maritime Academic Center (MAC) Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first 7 women to enter Maritime College followed by panel discussions on challenges and achievements of female Maritime alumni.

Thursday, April 24, 3:00 – 4:00 PM – **Inauguration of RADM John Okon '91 USN (Ret.) as the 12th President of Maritime College**, Reisenberg Gymnasium. Registration required [HERE](#).

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 – 9.00PM – **Class of '24 Induction to the Maritime Athletics Hall of Fame**, Maritime Academic Center (MAC) Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

## Upcoming Events

Click [HERE](#) to view all events on the MCAA Calendar.

Thursday, April 24th at Kirby Ice House Memorial from 4:30 - 7:30 PM – **Houston Chapter**



**Happy Hour.** Free to attend. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Friday April 25th - The Tampa Bay Chapter is supporting the **Port of Tampa Golf Outing** at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa, FL, Information [HERE](#).

Thursday, May 8th at 5:00 PM– **Tampa Bay Chapter No Host Social** at Four Green Fields. Details [HERE](#), No formal registration required.

Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM– **MCAA Spring Networking Social** at Pennsylvania 6 in New York City. Details & Registration [HERE](#).

Sunday, May 18 - **Baltimore Maritime Day Celebration** at the Chesapeake Baysox. Networking & Social before the baseball game. Tickets available soon for \$8. Information [HERE](#).

Friday, May 23, 10:00AM-12:00PM – **Graduation and Commencement**

Sunday, May 25, 7:00AM-12:00PM – Training Ship Empire State VII Departs Olivet Pier for **Summer Sea Term 2025**

Monday, June 9th – **MCAA 36th Annual Golf Classic** at Plainfield Country Club in Edison, NJ. Details & registration [HERE](#).

Tuesday, June 10th – **TSES VII at Marine Log Ship Repair USA Conference**, Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA USA. Conference information [HERE](#). Stay tuned for more info from YOUR Alumni Association!

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