

From Fort Schuyler & Beyond: YOUR Alumni Newsletter  
September 17, 2025

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### From the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope you've enjoyed a safe and restful summer.

Our Association had a memorable season, highlighted by the **36th Annual Golf Classic** at Plainfield Country Club and vibrant Chapter gatherings in New Orleans, South Florida, and Tampa Bay, with more Chapter events in the works at DelVal Philadelphia, New Orleans, Houston, and beyond. We've also bolstered our joint **Privateer Recruiting Officer Program (PROP)** with the College, admitting eighteen more PROP officers for outreach among high school students. Your participation, whether in Association or Chapter events and activities, is valued and honored as it keeps our fellowship strong and our Maritime spirit alive.

Looking ahead to the fall, we're excited to launch a new event: the **Inaugural Sporting Clays Tournament** on October 6 at Hudson Farm in Andover, NJ. Following Fall Commencement on September 12 and the Admiral's Dinner on September 16, we look forward to the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction on October 4, the **Ancient Mariner Golf Outing** on October 17, and, of course, our **Homecoming, Annual Meeting, and Class Reunions** on October 18. We'll close the season with our Fall Networking Event in New York this November.

As we plan ahead for the new year, we are also preparing for the **Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner in January 2026**. This is a special opportunity to recognize the achievements and service of outstanding members of our Maritime community. We invite you to submit your nominations using the form linked [HERE](#). Your input ensures that we continue to honor those who inspire us all.

I encourage you to join us whenever you can and to help spread the word. Together, we continue to celebrate our traditions and strengthen the bonds we share as Maritime College graduates.

If you have comments or suggestions about how *your* Alumni Newsletter can better serve you, please reach out to our Editor, Don Gale, at [Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org](mailto:Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org).

Wishing you fair winds and following seas,

Stephen J Carbery '80  
President, MCAA

## Alumni Honors

**Bill Kelly '94** was announced as the International Propeller Club Port of Jacksonville Member of the Year at the Club's Crew Change Celebration on June 5. Bill received his honor from fellow PropClubJax Board Member, Student Port Liaison Sal Menoyo '93, VP of East Coast and Caribbean Operations at Great Lakes Towing. Bill is current Vice President and 2026-27 President-Elect of PropClubJax. He owns and operates Stitches & Screens in Atlantic Beach – the Association's provider of high-quality clothing and swag enjoyed by MCAA Members everywhere! Stitches & Screens can be found [HERE](#).

**Ashley O'Brien '17**, President of the MCAA Tampa Bay Chapter, was named one of Marine Log Magazine's 2025 Top Women in Maritime on August 4! With a B.S. in Marine Environmental Science from Maritime College, a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology, and a USCG Unlimited Tonnage Third Mate license, Ashley is a Project Manager for the port of Tampa Bay. Ashley will be celebrated, along with 19 other awardees, on December 2 at the World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA. Registration to attend this event is available [HERE](#).

**Captain Timothy Ferrie '78** was honored at the Maritime College Admiral's Dinner Tuesday, September 16, at Marina del Rey. Ferrie serves as President of the United New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots Benevolent Association and as Vice President of the Pilot Group of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots. Ferrie has also served since 2006 as President of the Marine Society of the City of New York, serves on the Board of Directors of the Maritime Museum at Fort Schuyler, and is Past Vice President of the Sandy Hook Pilots Association.

**Kerri Bancroft '05**, Director of Marine Labor Relations & Manning with Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG) in Tampa, FL, and Tampa Bay MCAA Chapter Vice President, accepted honors on behalf of OSG Ship Management and Alaska Tank Company, part of the Saltchuk Family of Companies, an honoree and a corporate sponsor of this year's Admiral's Dinner.

### Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Honorees

On September 8, Maritime College announced this year's class of Athletics Hall of Fame Honorees. Congratulations to all!

Thomas Gallagher '75 – Sailing

Thomas Merrell '77 – Football

AJ McAllister '80 – Hockey

James Perduto '91 – Lacrosse

Andrew McCarthy '96 – Soccer and Basketball

Donald "DJ" Toby '08 – Lacrosse

Marissa Danzy '10 – Basketball

2010 Maritime College Football Team and Coach Clayton Kendrick Holmes

The Class of 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees will be celebrated Saturday, October 4, 6:00PM, at a ceremony at the Maritime Academic Center (MAC) Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at Maritime College. Registration details will be provided by the college soon.

### Call for Nominations – 2026 Alumni Honors Dinner

Nominations are now open for the Distinguished Alumni Honors Dinner in January 2026! This is your chance to recognize classmates and colleagues who have made an exceptional impact on our community and the maritime industry. Submit your nomination today using the link [HERE](#)—nominations close on Monday, October 13. Help us honor those who inspire us all.

### More Love from this SST Scholarship Recipient

As TSES VII approached New York for her home port arrival after Summer Sea Term 2025, First Class Cadet Jack Pavelka, recipient of the Professor Sembler Scholarship Award, was moved to reiterate his gratitude via email to MCAA President Steve



Carbery '80 and to share some photos of his cruise:

*Greetings,*

*As I wrap up my last days onboard the T.S Empire State VII, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the Alumni Association once more for the generous financial support I received for Sea Term 2025.*

*This summer I served as Division officer for the stern division - 97 cadets, the majority of whom were experiencing life at sea for the first time. Challenges were faced as expected, but I found great pride in being able to support them through it all, alongside my family of first class who worked together to make this an absolutely incredible cruise and division of cadets.*

*Attached are some photos from the Sea Term.*

*With utmost respect,  
Cadet Jack Pavelka 1/C  
SST-DO-STERN  
Team Captain Maritime Rowing*



### **PROP Marches On!**

On Monday, July 28, College President RADM John Okon '91, MCAA President Steve Carbery '80, and the Maritime College Admissions Department recruited another eighteen Privateer Recruiting Officers into PROP, bringing a total of 43 PROP officers ready for outreach to high school students. If you are interested in participating in a future Privateer Recruiting Officer Program (PROP) training event, contact Steve Carbery, [President@maritimecollegeaa.org](mailto:President@maritimecollegeaa.org).

### **Magazine Content Call – Share Your Stories!**

We're busy gathering content for the Fall/Winter 2025/26 issue of Fort Schuyler – and YOUR stories matter! Your fellow alumni would like to know of:

- Your achievements, family additions, career moves, and new adventures
- Chapter gatherings and events
- Encounters among alumni at work, at industry events, or at sea
- Meet-ups with other Domers across the country or around the world
- Your fond memories and “sea stories” of your time at Maritime College

Written descriptions can be up to 250 words, and photos in the highest resolution available are requested. Please submit your information online [HERE](#) or send your submissions to our Editor, Don Gale, [Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org](mailto:Editor@maritimecollegeaa.org).

### **Excited for Homecoming! October 17 and 18**

From College President RADM John Okon '91 and MCAA President Steve Carbery '80: “All alumni, family, and friends are invited to return to “The Peninsula of Opportunity” for a weekend of camaraderie, tradition, and celebration at SUNY Maritime College. Mark your calendars for **October 17 and 18, 2025**, as we welcome you back to Fort Schuyler to reconnect with classmates, share sea stories, and celebrate our maritime heritage. From spirited gatherings to special events, this Homecoming promises memories to last a lifetime — and we can't wait to see you there.”

Join us for the **Ancient Mariner Golf Outing** at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses in the Bronx on Friday, October 17. Spots are filling quickly, and we expect a sell-out—registration is likely to close early, so please don't wait to secure your place.

On Saturday, October 18, enjoy a full day of Homecoming traditions: Tailgating, Pass-in-Review, the **MCAA Annual Meeting** (no registration required), The Privateers vs. Norwich University Cadets, **Post Game celebration at Paddy's-on-the-Bay**—and much more!

## Homecoming & Reunion Information



### Registration for the Inaugural Sporting Clays Outing Closes TOMORROW

Now is your last chance to join us on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Hudson Farm in Andover, NJ for the first annual MCAA Sporting Clays tournament. Limited spots and sponsorships are available.

[Sporting Clay Info & Registration](#)

## College News

### Admiral's Dinner September 16

On Tuesday, September 16, Maritime College staff, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered for the annual Maritime College Admiral's Dinner at Marina del Rey. The Admiral's Dinner is the College's premier annual networking and fundraising event when the Maritime Family comes together to honor people and companies who have made a significant mark on the industry and to raise scholarship funds for current and future students. This year's dinner honored Capt. Timothy Ferrie '78 and OSG Ship Management and Alaska Tank Company, part of the Saltchuk Family of Companies.

### Coming by Land, Going by Sea

August into September is always a season of transition at Maritime College, and this year was especially memorable. On August 13, 398 candidates for the Class of '29 arrived at the Peninsula of Opportunity for INDOC. By Recognition Day on August 23, 381 had completed the program and officially joined the Regiment, ready to start classes on August 26. They were joined by 142 new traditional students and 45 graduate students.

Meanwhile, Maritime congratulated five new Third Mates and seven new Third Assistant Engineers who earned their USCG licenses earlier in the month. The season concluded with September Commencement on the 12th, where 45 graduates were recognized alongside eight who had completed their degrees in July.

### Annual Monomoy Races Sept. 27

Established by the Marine Society of the City of New York, the George C. Preville Memorial Inter-Academy Monomoy Challenge takes place Saturday, September 27, at SUNY Maritime in New York City. Each year, teams from SUNY Maritime, Maine Maritime Academy, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy compete round robin in seamanship skills tests and races. The challenge fosters leadership, teamwork, and fundamental seamanship skills. After the event, teams gather for a celebratory barbecue and awards ceremony.



## College Fall Career Fair October 1 and 2

Looking to recruit new talent? Join us at the Fall Career Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2, from 12:00–4:00 PM in the Maritime Academic Center (MAC) Multi-Purpose Room. The Career Fair is your chance to connect with future Maritime graduates ready to launch their careers. Space is available for either or both days. For details and registration, please contact Michelle Reina, Director of Career Planning & Development, [Mreina@sunymaritime.edu](mailto:Mreina@sunymaritime.edu).

## Open Positions at Maritime College

There are several open positions available at Maritime College:

- Captain of the Training Ship & Vice President of Regimental Affairs – Description and application [HERE](#).
- Third Mate Compliance Officer for the Ship Empire State VII – Description and application [HERE](#).
- Third Assistant Engineer for the Ship Empire State VII (2 positions) – Description and application [HERE](#).
- Regimental Affairs Officer – Description and application [HERE](#).

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## Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, September 25, 6:00PM-9:00PM CST – **New Orleans Chapter Steak Night** – New Orleans Yacht Club, Information [HERE](#).

Saturday, September 27, 10:00AM-4:00PM – **George C. Preville Memorial Inter-Academy Monomoy Challenge**, hosted by The Marine Society of the City of New York, held at the Waterfront at Maritime College.

Monday, September 29, 7:00AM-4:00PM CST – **Houston Chapter's 2nd Annual Golf Classic** – The Club at Falcon Point in Katy, TX. Information [HERE](#).

Wednesday, October 1, and Thursday, October 2, 12:00-4:00PM both days – **Maritime College Fall Career Fair**. Contact Michelle Reina, Director of Career Planning & Development at Maritime College, [Mreina@sunymaritime.edu](mailto:Mreina@sunymaritime.edu).

Monday, October 6, 12:00-8:00PM – **MCAA First Annual Sporting Clays** at Hudson Farm in Andover, NJ USA. Registration closes on September 18th, or sooner if spots sell out! Click [HERE](#).

Friday, October 10, 7:00AM-3:30PM – **Third Annual Patrick Baeszler Memorial Golf Outing**, Silver Lake Golf Course, 915 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY. Event is full; contact Josh Renta '07, [maritimegolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:maritimegolfclub@gmail.com) or register for wait list [HERE](#).

Friday, October 17 – **Ancient Mariner Golf Outing**, Pelham Bay and Split Rock Golf Courses, 870 Shore Road, Bronx, New York. All Event Information [HERE](#), Direct to Registration [HERE](#).

Saturday, October 18 - **Homecoming & Reunion 2025** at Maritime College! Class Breakfasts, Pass in Review, MCAA Annual Meeting, Tailgating, Privateers football game, post game gathering at Paddy's On the Bay - and more! Info [HERE](#).

Tuesday, November 18, 5:30PM-8:00PM – **Tampa Bay Chapter Fall Gathering** – Tampa Bay History Center, Information [HERE](#).

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