

News for the faculty and staff of Cal Maritime

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Golden Bear Home Briefly for Changeover



The Cal Maritime Training Ship *Golden Bear* returned home briefly for changeover – the between-cruises period when the first crew of cadets departs the ship and a second crew takes their place. This year, the *Golden Bear's* itinerary takes her from Vallejo to Mexico, Peru, Chile, and then back north to Costa Rica and home once again.

The first two-month voyage is now completed with the ship returning to Vallejo on Wednesday, June 28th. After a busy three days of crew changes and re-provisioning, the second cruise departed Saturday, July 1st.

298 people took part in the first training cruise including 218 Cal Maritime cadets, 32 students from Cal Poly and two from Maine Maritime Academy plus 46 faculty and staff. For the second cruise, the roster includes 44 faculty and staff and 232 cadets – 123 from Cal Maritime and 99 from the Texas Maritime Academy. The Texas participation was made possible following the assignment of their training ship to Gulf hurricane relief efforts and an offer by Cal Maritime to provide space on the *Golden Bear* so their cadets could obtain vital real-life training experience this summer. Also on second cruise are five cadets from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, two from Mexico's Escuela Maritima and three Open University students pursuing global studies degrees.

Cal Maritime cadets form a human chain to offload their luggage to the pier as the between-cruise changeover process begins, Wed. June 28th.





Families and friends of departing cadets said farewell as the Golden Bear departed promptly at 9 AM on Saturday, July 1st. The ship will return to its home berth on Monday, August 28th.



A low cloud deck, common during the summer months on San Francisco Bay, obscures much of the Golden Gate Bridge as the Golden Bear heads outbound on the start of its second training cruise of the 2006 Summer. (Thanks to U.S. Coast Guard – Ft. Baker for Photo Support)

Cruises Include Humanitarian Good Works



Dave Chaney, Building Services carpenter, unloads examining tables for transfer to the Golden Bear. Over \$100,000 of medical supplies and equipment are being transported to Peru for local clinics.

The humanitarian aid organizations Counterpart International and Vida gathered over \$100,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment to be distributed in the Peruvian district of Lambayeque. The donations were trucked to Vallejo for transport to Peru aboard the *Golden Bear*. They will be discharged on July 19th in the Peruvian Port of Paita and distributed to area hospitals and clinics by the Peruvian Ministry of Health.



Cadet Donald Spath, MT-07, a native of Colombia, put his Spanish fluency to good use during first cruise when the *Golden Bear* played host to a group of visiting youngsters from the Arturo Pratt Orphanage during the ship's Chilean call at the port of Valparaiso. Cadets also visited the orphanage.

The Academy's **Circle K Club** – the student chapter of the Kiwanis Club – spent much of the 2005-2006 academic year soliciting donations of toys and clothing for the orphanage. Generous donations from Cal Maritime cadets, faculty and staff and the **Vallejo Kiwanis** also generated over \$2,000 to help support the orphanage and its work.



Academy's Historical Archives Relocated

A new modular structure near the current Radar Lab/Bridge Simulation Building now houses the Library's historical archives collections. The archives were previously located in the old Receiving Warehouse (demolished last month). The archives have seen steady growth and development over the years. Collected together and kept in the Library for many years, the archives outgrew their space and were moved from the Library to the Receiving Warehouse in 2000 along with cabinetry, shelving, racks, and tables, to provide proper storage and working surfaces for the collections. The demolition of the Receiving Warehouse came at a time in which the archival materials had again outgrown their space.

Now the collections have nearly double the space, and additional room for future growth. They are located closer to the Library making it more convenient for library staff to provide service for the collections. And, more importantly, the materials are more accessible to those wishing to conduct research on the history of Cal Maritime. For research questions or other information call X1089 or X1093.

Tuuli Messer-Bookman Presents Simulation Findings in Italy

Tuuli Messer-Bookman is presenting her paper *Developing a Unified Institutional Philosophy Towards Simulation-based Assessments and Exercises* in Genoa, Italy at the International Navigation Simulation Lecturers Conference (INSLC) Conference, July 3-7, 2006. INSLC is a part of IMLA, the International Maritime Lecturers Association.



Messer-Bookman queried simulation instructors at all US maritime academies to determine differences in simulation philosophies. The Standards of Training and Certification of Watchstanders (STCW '95) Code requires that STCW assessments be reliable -- meaning they are repeatable, uniform and as objective as possible. Her study explored four specific areas where U.S. institutions differed, and the impact on repeatability, uniformity and objectivity so crucial to STCW assessments:

1 - *The mechanics of course registration*; Can students select a favorite teacher, select their team mates, select a time of day, select a condensed vs. regularly paced course, etc. Is any portion of the score a team score? (Many had such a component.)

2 - *The degree to which an instructor is free to manipulate a live scenario during an assessment*; i.e. academic freedom vs. repeatability and objectivity.

3 - *How instructors handle casualties and near-misses*; Are scenarios frozen just before impact so as not to embarrass students (some do this) or is the casualty allowed to ripen and occur; how does an instructor grade a near-miss, caused by student oversight, if they then save the day by superlative ship handling skills, etc.?

4 - *How does each institution handle student claims of unfair assessment*; Does the institution have a grade appeal process, and what is the remedy if a student's claims of unfairness or bias are justified? (There is none, as a committee didn't observe the assessment, thus the only remedy is another assessment, which sometimes cannot be done.)

Chisholm Receives Mini Grant

Julie Chisholm (Global & Maritime Studies) was awarded a Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Mini-Grant by the CSU Chancellor's Office for the month of August. She will use the funds to develop a first-year communication literacy program at Cal Maritime. Dr. Chisholm also participated in a peer-editing software workshop at UCLA in June, where she created new course material for English 100 (Introduction to Composition) and developed a means for faculty to quantitatively assess student writing over the internet.

Tim Lynch Delivers Scholarly Papers at History Forums



Professor Tim Lynch (Maritime History) just returned from the annual conference of the North American Society of Oceanic History (NASOH) where he presented a paper *H-Maritime and the Asynchronous Learning Community: A Twenty-First Century Think-tank* as part of a panel on "Maritime History in the Digital Age." The conference, held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, was attended by members of NASOH, the Canadian Nautical Research Society, and the Society for Nautical Research (UK). Since its launch, the peer-reviewed H-Maritime listserve, founded and moderated by Dr. Lynch (who also serves as book review editor) has grown to 230 subscribers in 25 nations.

On Friday, June 23rd, he chaired a panel titled *Sources and Approaches to Labor and Identity in World History* at the annual conference of the World History Association, held in Long Beach, California.

The following day, he presented a paper *Maritime History as World History: Prospects, Perspectives, and Perils* as part of a panel dedicated to "Maritime and Atlantic World History."

Cal Maritime Wins CSU Information Competence Grant

Mindy Drake, Information Fluency Librarian, and collaborators **Dr. Julie Chisholm** and **Dr. Paul Jackson**, were awarded a CSU grant to assess our students' abilities to utilize information resources and communicate via computing technology. The grant process was highly competitive, with only 18 awards made out of a pool of 47 proposals. The grant will be used primarily to purchase and apply the Advanced ICT Literacy Assessment tool recently developed by the Educational Testing Service (Princeton, NJ) -- the creators of such tests as the SAT, GMAT, and GRE. The instrument will be used to establish a pre- and post- assessment of Cal Maritime's information fluency, technology and communication programs. Data from the ICT Literacy Assessment will also be used to create rubrics and embedded assignments in order to enrich Cal Maritime's first-year experience and strengthen curricula across the disciplines.

Three CMA Cadets Among Seven NDTA Scholarship Winners

Three Academy Cadets were among the seven winners of San Francisco-chapter National Defense Transportation Association scholarships. The scholarships are being presented at the Chapter's July 9th dinner in San Francisco. The Cal Maritime Cadet winners include: **Joel Barnecut**, CMA, Jack Macy Scholarship Award, \$2,000.00; **Kevin Thomas Kovanda**, CMA, Jack Macy Scholarship Award, \$2,000.00; and **Kate Denise Barrett**, CMA, Chapter Merit Scholarship Award, \$1,500.00.

Yount Provides Leadership Effectiveness Training

Jennifer Yount, Commandant of Cadets and Director of Leadership Development, recently facilitated an on-campus, three-day workshop for CMA faculty and staff, based on the principles of renowned leadership speaker Stephen R. Covey. Yount is a certified trainer of Covey's leadership methods contained in his international best-selling book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change" (Franklin Covey Co., 2000).

Yount's workshop concentrated on those principles: (1) Be Proactive; (2) Begin with the End in Mind; (3) Put First Things First; (4) Think Win/Win; (5) Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood; (6) Synergize; and (7) Sharpen the Saw. The three-day, professional development workshops were held on three consecutive Tuesdays (June 13, 20, and 27) in the Ward Room. Ten participants received free Covey workbooks and CD's, effective time management planning packets, a talking stick, and were issued Certificates of Completion after the third day.



*Cadet Commandant and Director of Leadership Development **Jennifer Yount** with workshop participants; **Shayna Sullivan** (CEL Director); **LCDR Darron Thompson** (Chair - Naval Science); **Emily Busquaert** (HR); **Controller Ken Toet** (Accounting); **Jannette Corpus** (Information Systems); **Diane Rawicz** (CMA Services Director); **Tera Bisbee** (HR Director); **Sly Morris** (Public Safety Director); **Ken Walsh** (Financial Aid Director); **Dennis Purificacion** (Admission/EAP)*

Jennifer Whitty Rejoins Cal Maritime Staff

Jennifer Whitty, who previously served as head of the Public Relations office for Cal Maritime, will rejoin the Academy's staff as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs in the Office of Advancement, effective July 10th.

Tom Dunworth, Cal Maritime Vice President for Advancement, said he was very pleased to announce Ms. Whitty's return. "Jennifer already knows the campus, its people, programs and mission, and will be an important part of our advancement team. She'll be focusing her efforts on fund raising and alumni relations as we work to strengthen private support of the institution."



Marking a Milestone



We can't let the beginning of July, 2006 go by without noting an important milestone. It marks the completion of William Eisenhardt's first five years of service as the President of the Maritime Academy. We join with faculty and staff, cadets, families, alumni, friends and supporters of the institution in extending our congratulations on your many accomplishments and best wishes in guiding the institution in the years ahead.

September History Lecture Planned

On Monday evening, September 11, at 7 p.m., noted **maritime historian Bob Webb** will be addressing the campus community. Bob is the former curator of the Maine Maritime Museum and an acknowledged expert on the American whaling fishery, having written the canonical tome on that industry in the Pacific. He is also an acknowledged expert on sea chanteys and maritime work songs (in fact his visit to the Bay Area coincides with the Sea Music Festival in San Francisco the preceding weekend, where he'll be performing some of his original work). Bob's current project is a biography of the celebrated **marine artist Robert Patterson**, and this will be the feature of his talk at our campus.

Dr. B.C. Kingsbury Golf Tournament Set for Fri. Sept. 15th

The annual Dr. B.C. Kingsbury Invitational Golf Tournament plays an important role in generating additional scholarship resources for Academy cadets. Academy friends will enjoy 18-holes of great golf this year at the Hiddenbrooke Course in Vallejo, followed by a dinner, auction and raffle, and presentation of tournament awards. Tournament Chairman Jim Frische said this year's event will include some exciting auction and raffle items including a Hawaiian cruise. Individuals and groups are urged to register early for this year's tournament since spaces fill up fast. More information about the 2006 event can be obtained on the Cal Maritime website or by contacting **Maria Cundick** in the Foundation office at (707) 654-1246 or mcundick@sum.edu.



Jim Wheeler Rides Bike to Seattle for Scholarships



Cal Maritime Professor **Jim Wheeler** successfully completed a two-week bike ride of over 800 miles from the Academy's Vallejo campus to Seattle, WA to raise funds for scholar-athlete scholarships. Not only did he successfully complete the ride, but he raised some \$15,000 in donations for the cause. Wheeler's itinerary included daily rides of 50-70 miles. Upon his arrival in Seattle, he was met

by a contingent of Pacific Northwest Academy Alumni, led by Academy regional representative and alumni **Ken Passe – E-'69**, who organized a picnic in his honor.

Staff Enjoys Picnic

*Athletic Director **Marv Christopher** and Cadet **Kate Barrett GSMA-08** oversee the grill during the June 8th faculty staff picnic at the Student Union*



Faculty and staff gathered at the Student Union June 8th for a free noontime picnic, organized by **Vineeta Dhillon** and made possible through the generous donations of Athletic Director **Marv Christopher** and **Louis Bones** and the folks from Chartwell's Catering. The offerings included hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and ice cream and a chance to relax and socialize.

Watch the Birdies

A mother robin has chosen the planter box outside the front door to the Administration building to raise her brood this springtime. Please take care not to disturb the fledglings as Momma takes time to leave the nest and gather food for them.



Upcoming Events at Cal Maritime

July 29	Summertime at the Maritime Series – Norton Buffalo & the Knockouts
August 19	Summertime Series – Little Charlie and the Night Cats
August 29-	Freshman Pre-Orientation (28-29)
Sept. 4	Freshman Move-in (30) and Orientation (31-4)
Sept. 5	Fall Semester Begins
Sept. 15	B.C. Kingsbury/Cal Maritime Invitational Golf Tournament (See above)
Sept. 9	Summertime Series – Tommy Castro Band
Sept. 11	Robert Webb History Lecture (See above)
Oct. 7	Summertime Series – Hotel California (Eagles Tribute)
Oct. 7-8	Homecoming

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