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## **SAILORS WIN 2010 SHIELDS CUP ON ROAD TO STUDENT WORLD CUP IN FRANCE 5<sup>th</sup> Win in 7 Years – Second Contingent Performs Well in San Francisco’s Big Boat Series**

(Vallejo, CA – September 20, 2010)... The California Maritime Academy has once again walked off with the top prize at the annual Shields Cup Regatta in Annapolis, MD. For the fifth time in the past seven years, Academy sailors came away the victors, edging out Navy for the top prize in the event which draws together top teams from the nation’s service and maritime academies.

Cal Maritime Sailing Director Charlie Arms Cartee reports that wind conditions on the Chesapeake Bay were light and variable all weekend, but were sufficient to get in four races on Saturday. Ten teams were in competition as Cal Maritime finished 1, 2, 1 and 6 for the first day. “Sunday was a long waiting game as the winds failed to materialize and finally the race organizers had to call a halt and declare a winner based on the Saturday results,” Arms Cartee explained. “We were tied with Navy at that point, but their finishes included two firsts and a third place, so our second place finish gave us the edge for a tie-breaker.”

Several members of Cal Maritime’s TeamUSA squad of offshore sailors were part of the Shields Cup team. For them it was excellent preparation for their October trip to La Rochelle, France and the Student Yachting World Cup Regatta.....a week-long competition which brings together some of the world’s top student sailing teams. It will be the first time in the 30-year history of the event that a West Coast team has competed for the U.S.

Meanwhile, a second contingent of TeamUSA sailors campaigned Cal Maritime’s J105 in the Rolex Big Boat series on San Francisco Bay this weekend. They finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall in a fleet of 24 boats in the class. Arms Cartee’s husband Jesse, who is Coach of the Academy’s

Offshore team and TeamUSA, said he felt the weekend results were very satisfactory. “The Big Boat Series draws some of the top sailors in the world, many of them with long experience dealing with the winds and tides of San Francisco Bay. Our team had finishes of 13 and 12 among their seven races and they clearly were gaining valuable experience and demonstrating new skills learned in training for and participating in this prestigious event.”

The latest news and information about Cal Maritime’s TeamUSA Quest for the Gold can be found on a special web blog, including photos, videos and full details on the final standings in the Shields Cup, available via a link from the home page at [www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu) or directly at <http://followteamusa.csum.edu>

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