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## **CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY TO OFFER INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW SEMINAR IN SEATTLE AREA**

(Vallejo, CA – February 6, 2008)... The California Maritime's Academy's Division of Extended Learning is offering a two-day intensive seminar on International Maritime Law, March 29-30 in Seattle, WA. The for-credit course will address: the sources of international maritime law; the state-centric system; legal aspects of the Law of the Sea Treaty; piracy and maritime terrorism; new ISPS Code; international jurisdiction over persons and vessels; the law of war; and the law of war at sea. Practical, useful, contemporary knowledge is provided as well as an appreciation and discussion of the historical and esoteric nature of international maritime law.



The course will be taught by Keith Forrest Graham, Esq., a 33-year California Maritime Academy faculty member, with extensive practical and formal legal experience in international and maritime law. He has served as Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S.N.R. (Ret.); U.S. Merchant Marine Staff Officer; Attorney-at-Law, State Bar of California; former Special Assistant U.S. Attorney including relevant afloat and shoreside assignments.

"In the past," Prof. Graham notes, "a lack of understanding of some basic principles in international maritime law has resulted in mariners being jailed in foreign ports, in vessels being arrested and sold in judicially ordered proceedings, in the confiscation of cargos, and in being seized or fired upon by foreign warships on the high seas."

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“Additionally, since World War II, the rise of piracy and maritime terrorism has impacted those (ashore and afloat) in the business of going to sea. This course will provide the substantive knowledge to avoid recurring ocean-based legal issues as well as useful direction for mariners, shore-based managers, and persons in leadership positions.”

The two-day weekend program will take place at the Pacific Maritime Institute, 1729 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, with classes running from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. Registrations, made through Cal Maritime’s Extended Learning Division, will be accepted until March 21, 2008. Space is limited to 30 students. The tuition fee for the course is \$350 and includes luncheon. To enroll or to receive additional information, please contact Cal Maritime’s Extended Learning Department at (707) 654-1157 or by email at [xl@csu.edu](mailto:xl@csu.edu). Additional Cal Maritime Extended Learning course offerings can be found on their website at [www.maritime-education.com](http://www.maritime-education.com).

*Located in Vallejo, CA, The California Maritime Academy is a unique campus of The California State University, offering bachelor’s degrees in business administration, facilities engineering technology, global studies and maritime affairs, marine engineering technology, marine transportation, and mechanical engineering. Cal Maritime is one of only seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States — and the only one on the West Coast.*

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