New Antenna links Golden Bear to the net

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Cover photo: The Cal Maritime Training Ship Golden Bear now sports a new profile with the installation of a satellite antenna atop the bridge. The new link will provide the ship with enhanced communication links during its global training voyages. A more detailed story about the installation begins on page 4. In addition, a brief video about the project is posted in Follow the Voyage videos. Go to www.csum.edu and click the link Follow the Voyage and then FTV Videos.
I have just finished shaking the hands of over 150 graduates as they crossed the stage at Commencement. Combined with those who will graduate in December, this class will number over 175 graduates, probably the largest in our history. It was a wonderful event, as these usually are, and it never ceases to amaze me that a face I remember so vividly at freshman orientation has now graduated. Where does the time go?

Well time does go by, and those of us who work here continue to be reminded of our obligation to be good stewards of the institution over that time. We think we’ve done well, but there certainly are challenges ahead. Without further investments in infrastructure (beds, classrooms, other physical space, etc.) we have just about reached our maximum enrollment capacity (now at 840). For example, despite planning for a new 130-bed residence hall and berthing nearly 100 cadets on the training ship, we are still short several hundred berthing spaces just for our current enrollment. Also, we cannot increase class sizes where appropriate, because we don’t have many classrooms that can hold more than 30 students. So it is hard, in some areas, to reach enrollment efficiencies. As a last example, we still have only one field (Bodnar) for recreation, physical education, and athletics. Despite installing lights, we cannot create enough usable hours to accommodate all who want to use it — nor can the natural grass field safely absorb the overall impact of so much use.

But these are good challenges to have, and I have faith that with the help of all of our alumni, friends, and the CSU, we will be able to serve most of those who keep asking to enroll. Certainly employers value our graduates as the 104 companies vying for those 150 graduates at our January job fair indicated!

And speaking of time, now it is time to prepare for another Cal Maritime class (the class of 2012!), and time to remember that we owe all of you our best efforts to help them become worthy, and proud, to be called CMA alumni.

William B. Eisenhardt, President

From The Bridge: WELCOMING ANOTHER GENERATION

On April 27th, the class of 2008 became Cal Maritime’s 78th graduating body — approximately 150 cadets, about to start new jobs and careers in a rapidly changing and challenging world. You’ve already met the Cal Maritime challenge with pride and integrity. You’ve survived heavy course loads and learned new skills, including teamwork and leadership. You have also gained a new sense of your role as global citizens.

As a graduate myself, I offer this modest counsel. What you have learned today will change and evolve in the years ahead. Be flexible and open to new ideas and new ways of doing things over the next four decades or more of your career.

Never forget your global citizenship. The consequences of what you do can have impacts far beyond your office or workplace. Most importantly, never forget the importance and value of ethics and integrity in everything you do.

Probably the last thing you are thinking about right now is that you are the newest members of the Cal Maritime Alumni Association, but don’t forget us. A funny thing happens as time moves forward. Alumni gain a better appreciation for what they learned here and how it prepared them for careers and life.

The Alumni Association has a growing and global membership — a collective pool of experience, support, references and guidance which can be of real value to you. We also offer regional newsletters and numerous campus and regional events – both social and educational – allowing you to network with your fellow alumni.

Association volunteers serve as class secretaries – gathering news and notes from their classmates for each issue of this magazine to help you stay in touch over the miles and the years. We hope your class will identify one or more of your members to take on that role. Keep us updated with your latest contact information so we can stay in touch with you through such vehicles as Cal Maritime and CURRENTS. (When you move, remember CMA also stands for Change My Address.)

And on behalf of all of your fellow alumni, welcome to the Association and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Lynn Korwatch (D-76), Alumni Association President
ROY E. DISNEY, Chairman Emeritus of the Disney Corporation, delivered the 2008 Commencement address at The California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, CA, Saturday, April 26th. Disney, whose father and his uncle Walt founded the family-named company, told the crowd of over 1,000 that failure can bring valuable lessons.

“People often think I grew up with a silver spoon in my mouth,” Disney said, “but in the early days Uncle Walt continually plowed profits back into the business while my father tried to keep it afloat. Later, looking back, my uncle said, ‘I think it helps to have a good hard failure when you’re young.’”

Disney, who later played a major producer’s role in such company hits as The Lion King and Pocahontas, got his start working on wildlife documentaries. During that time, he also became interested in sailing. “Sailing and movies are a lot alike,” he noted, “You have a clear goal, but forces beyond your control — whether it be wind and waves or audience reaction — control the outcome. Both require discipline and study, but there are no hard and fast rules.”

CSU Trustee Glenn O. Toney (l) and President William Eisenhardt present commencement speaker Roy E. Disney with an honorary degree, plus a Cal Maritime burgee and a Golden Bear baseball cap.
Two years ago, Disney and his wife set out to make a documentary about sailing. The dream was to assemble one of the youngest sailing crews ever to enter the prestigious TransPac race between Los Angeles and Honolulu and then film the entire process — selection, training and the competition itself. A dozen young sailors were chosen from 500 applicants, among them Cal Maritime cadet Piet vanOs, who served as tactician for the Disney entry, Morning Light.

“Everyone said our crew was too young and lacked the experience to compete…that we were crazy to invest that kind of money in such a venture.”

“When that happened it just made me think we were doing the right thing by thinking outside the box,” Disney said. As happens in life, the Morning Light crew didn’t win the race, but performed so well they forced one of the top crews in the race to make a major last-minute gamble that paid off with a victory over their youthful challengers.

“Within a day,” Disney said, “it was clear that our team, which started as a group of individuals, had come together through training and the rigors of the race to learn an important lesson. It wasn’t the losing that mattered. It was the journey itself. Failure is only a failure if you don’t learn from it. So, I wish you all some good hard failures. Work, collaborate, and learn from your mistakes. If you can dream it, you can do it. Go dream and go do.”

Mr. Disney was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on behalf of Cal Maritime and the California State University system. Cal Maritime President William B. Eisenhardt also presented him with a Cal Maritime burgee, and in place of an academic mortarboard, a baseball cap bearing the name of the school’s training ship, Golden Bear.

The afternoon ceremonies included the presentation of the school’s Distinguished Alumni Award to Commodore John Keever (D-70), the retiring Master of the Golden Bear and for the past 12 years, the school’s Vice President of Marine Programs and Student Development.

San Francisco Coast Guard Commander Paul Gugg administered the oath of office to the Academy’s licensed cadets, many of whom will serve as deck and engineering officers aboard vessels large and small worldwide. President Eisenhardt then presented Bachelor’s degrees to all of the students before the assembled Class of 2008 threw their caps into the air in celebration of their achievements.

Commodore John Keever (D-70) was presented with the Distinguished Alumni award for his many years of service to the Academy including Master of the Golden Bear and as Vice President Marine Programs and Student Development.
**Golden Bear Gets a New Eye on the Sky**

**THE PROFILE OF THE TRAINING SHIP GOLDEN BEAR** now includes a new 13-foot high, 12-foot diameter, 1,800-pound satellite antenna, allowing better e-mail and Internet communication with the Cal Maritime campus and the world during training voyages. The new unit was lifted into place Thursday, March 13th, using a helicopter (see cover).

According to Stephen Frazier, the Chief Information Officer at Cal Maritime, the new system will help address many of the problems which affected ship-to-shore communications in the past. “In the past, we had to move e-mail traffic in batches twice a day. Our limited bandwidth meant we couldn’t send most larger file attachments including pictures or access the Net for class studies. With the new system, campus users can use their own campus e-mail accounts on board. This will eliminate the need to shift to special ship e-mail addresses for each cruise — a big time savings for my staff. We’ll also be able to make more phone calls with greater user privacy over the Internet.” Frazier expressed deep thanks to the Technology Infrastructure Services Department in The California State University Chancellor’s Office which helped underwrite the cost of the new installation and the modernization of several on-board technology systems.

**Follow the Voyage on the Web**

While the Training Ship **Golden Bear** is sailing the Pacific this summer, you can “ride along” and learn why the training cruise experience makes Cal Maritime such a unique institution. When you click the **Follow the Voyage** link from the campus home page (**www.csum.edu**), you’ll find daily reports on ship activities, ports visited, photographs, essays and periodic log entries by the ship’s captain. You can even submit your own questions and the best will be answered from the ship.

The installation of the ship’s new satellite antenna makes it possible for us to provide more timely and detailed reports as the **Golden Bear** makes its way from Vallejo to the South Pacific and back again between May and mid-August. Bookmark the Cal Maritime website and use the **Follow the Voyage** link to stay in touch. Best of all, you can spend nearly four months at sea with us and never worry about getting seasick.
CAPTAIN HARRY BOLTON, a 1978 deck-officer graduate of the California Maritime Academy, has accepted the position of Master of the University’s 500-foot Training Ship Golden Bear. He assumes the position from Commodore John Keever, who recently retired as the school’s Vice President for Marine Programs. He assumes command of Golden Bear in Tahiti at the mid-point of the first of her two 2-month 2008 training voyages to the Southern Pacific.

Captain Bolton has over three decades of maritime experience and 21 years in vessel command, having worked through the American Maritime Officers (AMO) organization and for companies including Bay Tankers, and General Dynamics/American Overseas Marine. In the latter position, he served for nearly two decades as master of a U.S. Maritime Preposition Ship, home-ported in the Western Pacific and the Middle East to deliver humanitarian assistance and support for the Persian Gulf and current Iraq conflicts. He is the recipient of numerous awards, medals and citations for meritorious service and outstanding performance. He is a First Class Pilot, and has also served as a consultant to several maritime companies, the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy on matters including equipment design and implementation. He also designed and developed the English curriculum at the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific in the Philippines.

Captain Bolton’s selection followed an exhaustive worldwide search. “The post of Training Ship Captain is truly unique, and not easy to fill,” notes President William B. Eisenhardt. “In addition to the standard maritime skills of vessel command and management, it also requires an individual who is good at working with young people, who teaches by example, and one who serves as leader, delegator, diplomat, and innovator.

“The training ship is a critical element of the University’s unique educational program year-round. During the four months when the Golden Bear is at sea each year, she is home and floating classroom/laboratory for a significant number of our cadets, as well as faculty and staff. At that time, the ship’s Master is an extension of my office. The Master must have the ability to handle challenges as they arise and make decisions independently. Captain Harry Bolton is an excellent successor to Commodore Keever who served this institution with skill and distinction for nearly three decades.”

President Eisenhardt also expressed his deep thanks to the University’s Search Committee, headed by Dr. Lee Kerschner, Vice Chancellor Emeritus of the California State University system, for their detailed work in screening applications and arranging interviews of the finalist candidates by representatives of the school’s administration, faculty, staff and student body.
More than 250 friends, supporters, faculty, staff and cadets gathered Saturday April 5th at the Marines’ Memorial Club in San Francisco for the Fourth Annual Cal Maritime Gala. A cocktail reception and silent auction was followed by dinner and a live auction with lively bidding. Proceeds from event sponsorship, the auctions, and donations to the Cal Maritime scholarship fund topped $114,000 — a new record for the event which has rapidly become one of the “must” attend events for the West Coast maritime community.

Cal Maritime’s Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Jennifer Whitty and 2008 Gala Chair Holly Furstenberg-Osen (’87) of Chevron, headed up the planning for the Gala — a process which starts almost as soon as the previous one ends. Also serving on the Gala Committee this year were Josie Alexander, Charlie Arms-Cartee, Cal Maritime President Emeritus Jerry Aspland, Vineeta Dhillon, Mike Glynn, Lindy Keever, Lynn Korwatch, Marv Christopher, Ken Passé (Chair of the Sponsorship Committee), Diane Rawicz, Karen Spall, Kathy Theobald, and Frank Whipple.

Lead (Commodore sponsors at the $15,000 level) for the evening were Marine Resources Group and Ports America. APL and Chevron contributed at the Captain’s Level ($10,000). Commander sponsors included Chartwells College and University Dining Services, General Steamship Company, Harley Marine Services, Jacobsen Pilot Service, Matson Navigation, Marine Technical Services/Dockside Machine and Ship Repair and Tesoro. The Marine Engineers Benevolent Association (MEBA), Cal Maritime’s Department of Sponsored Projects and Extended Learning and Marlink were table sponsors. More than 60 individuals, businesses, and corporations contributed items to the silent and live auctions...everything from cruises and paintings, to the use of vacation homes and collections of fine wines.
The California Maritime Academy is offering a new course in the handling of liquefied gas products, taught by Marine Transportation Instructor Bill Schmidt. “Liquefied natural gas (LNG) and related liquefied petroleum products are transported at nearly 250 below Fahrenheit,” Schmidt explains, “…so cold that an accidental spill during cargo handling could literally crack the steel hull of the ship. They’re also flammable, so the need to know and follow very specific procedures is crucial. That’s why industry and international regulatory bodies mandate rigorous training and certification for crews.”

Schmidt is well on his way to getting that certification. He took two weeks of LNG classes and simulator training in Florida last year, and spent two months as a “Training Captain” observer aboard the Greek LNG tanker *Umnas Bab* between Qatar in the Mideast and the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, observing two of the three loads and discharges he needs to get his certificate. “During my time aboard, I was able to spend time with Captain Jens Lindhe and his crew, watching, asking questions and learning the specialized language and procedures involved,” he said. He hopes to complete the last cycle sometime this summer.

With world energy supplies shrinking and global warming a hot-button concern, world LNG volumes have jumped from about 100 million metric tons in 2000 to a projected 250 million MT by 2010. 143 new thermal ships, now on order, will push today’s world fleet to nearly 400 by that same time. Demand for crews with the training to safely handle these super-cold cargoes has also surged. Industry journal *Lloyd’s List* today counts about 3,500-4,000 certified officers worldwide and a need for another 2,000 in the next 3-5 years.

Schmidt has developed the new course curriculum, guided by U.S. Maritime Administration training standards. “Coast Guard approval is still needed for accreditation,” he notes, “but 23 of our senior-level students signed up this semester. It’s easy to understand why. Qualified Masters today are earning from $12-$20,000 per month.”

The Cal Maritime course uses sophisticated computer simulation and industry-approved textbooks. A Lab Building classroom is fitted with computers and twin monitors, giving each student their own workstation. Schmidt can control displays on the screens and walk cadets through procedures step-by-step, allowing them to carry out procedures and see the reaction on computerized displays and gauges.

**The Value of Private Support**

Schmidt’s travel and training costs were paid for in part by funds from the President’s office. Additional support helped pay for a staff replacement to fill in for him as First Mate for the *Golden Bear’s* 2007 cruise. Said Cal Maritime Vice President for Advancement Tom Dunworth, “This is a clear example of how valuable private donations are to Cal Maritime. They helped us react quickly to an important need and the opportunity to strengthen our programs.”

“This new class illustrates how Cal Maritime has grown and adapted to change,” notes President William B. Eisenhardt. Captain Paul Leyda, Chair of Marine Transportation, adds that several energy companies have proposals to construct and operate West Coast offshore trans-loading terminals. “If so, they’ll need operational and emergency skills training for their personnel. We are talking with President Eisenhardt about forming a working group to help address the needs of this emerging industry.”
Rizza Lecture Series Brings Experts to Campus

CAL MARITIME’S SPRING SEMESTER was enriched by a pair of Rizza Lectures, delivered in January and March, respectively, by Douglas A. Tilden, CEO of Ports Group America, (the parent company of Marine Terminals Corporation) and Canadian Professor Dr. Heather Smith, Associate Professor in International Studies at the University of Northern B.C in Prince George, BC.

In his January 29th talk, Mr. Tilden warned that America’s lack of a clear national transportation policy, coupled with land-use and environmental challenges, makes it almost inevitable that some of the projected surge in Asian cargo volume over the next decade will begin flowing through ports in Mexico and Canada rather than the U.S. West Coast.

On the bright side, Tilden said job opportunities in transportation and logistics are very strong. At the same time he noted, the big challenge facing his industry is one of managing technology. “Technology is a wonderful tool to improve productivity of ports and terminals,” he said, “but it also presents real management challenges. Your training, and the courses your instructors offer, will need to address those issues to help you prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.”

Professor Smith’s Rizza lecture, Canada, the US and Climate Change: A Perspective from the Northern Neighbour, was delivered on March 25th.

Because global warming could lead to an opening of the Arctic Basin as a new international maritime trade route, Canada is seriously concerned about how that might impact such issues as claims on territorial waters and boundaries, border security and protection, and foreign policy. Dr. Smith has been exploring the wider ramifications of how these changes will impact cultures, economies and global politics.

The Rizza series brings distinguished speakers to Cal Maritime to present challenging and forward-thinking talks on major trends affecting global trade and transportation and the maritime industry. It is underwritten by a generous endowment grant from former Academy President RADM Joseph P. Rizza Ret. of San Diego, CA.
Cal Maritime Past Presidents Contribute Oral Histories

Cal Maritime Library’s Oral History Project is collecting the memories (and in some cases, the memorabilia) of those who have been part of the institution’s nearly 80-year history. Now, as part of that effort, all of the school’s living past presidents are adding their input to the library’s campus history collections.

In December and January, Cal Maritime’s Director of Public Relations Doug Webster traveled to southern California for interview sessions with RADM Joseph Rizza (Ret.) (1972-83), Dr. Mary Lyons (1990-96) and Jerry Aspland (1996-2001). Rizza and Aspland were both interviewed at their homes and Dr. Lyons in her Office of the President at the University of San Diego. In January, he interviewed RADM John Ekelund (1983-90) at his home in Monterey, CA.

“It was a genuine pleasure to chat with each of these past leaders,” Webster said. “We videotaped each interview and all have now been indexed and added to the campus archives for access in the future by researchers and historians.

“What struck me, as I spoke with each of the past Presidents, was not only their intense dedication to strengthening the institution, but their commitment to educational excellence. And I also learned a lot about the challenges they all faced during those years.”

Admiral Rizza, the longest serving of the Presidents at over 11 years, oversaw the admission of women and the largest post-war building program in the school’s history.

President Lyons, the first woman president of the school (and of any of the nation’s maritime academies) played a major role in bringing Cal Maritime into the California State University system — a step which dramatically strengthened the institution’s viability and stability. She also oversaw the acquisition of the current Training Ship Golden Bear from the U.S. Navy.

President Aspland, originally hired as a temporary appointment, came from the commercial arena, having served as head of marine operations for ARCO Petroleum. His tenure included the addition of the Naval Science, Career Center and Bookstore modules, and the construction of the Lab Building.

“These interviews are great addition to the library’s campus history collections,” said Library Director Carl Phillips. “We hope they’ll stimulate other members of the Cal Maritime family — alumni, faculty, staff and close supporters — to participate in the program as well.”

Those interested in contributing will find an Oral History “kit” posted on the campus website at http://library.csum.edu/archives/oralhistory.htm It includes some brief forms, a checklist, sample questions and tips on procedures. And if you have additional questions, you can contact Library Archival Assistant Fran Fraser at ffraser@csum.edu or 707-654-1089 for assistance.

Cal Maritime’s Alumni Oral History effort has been focusing initially on graduates from the early years at Cal Maritime, especially those around World War II and later Korea and Vietnam, Phillips explains. “We’re doing everything we can to collect their stories about Cal Maritime and their careers and service while they still are able to tell them.”
Students Gain Global Perspective through Study Abroad

Four Cal Maritime students spent a year abroad during the 2007-2008 academic year as part of an expanded effort to create international study opportunities for cadets, headed by Global Studies and Maritime Affairs Professor Graham Benton.

“Juniors Joel Fetherlin (GSMA), Ramsey Brown (Mechanical Engineering) and Kevin Kovanda (MET) studied in England,” Benton explains. “Another of our students, Wes Heninger (GSMA) is at China’s Dalian Maritime University, which also sent four of its students here for part of the past year.”

Heninger has been devoting much of his time to expanding his fluency after taking introductory courses in Chinese at Cal Maritime. “All the people at Dalian Maritime University have been great at helping foreign students with everything from tutoring our Chinese studies to showing us around. My first impressions: huge skyscrapers and giant malls, and night street markets selling anything you could imagine. China is growing so fast. I have learned so much about the Chinese culture. The language is the most difficult and also the most rewarding. I plan to continue my Chinese studies.”

Ramsey Brown reports from the Univ. of Bradford: “Kevin Kovanda and I hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for English and international exchange friends. For many of them, it was their first experience with turkey day. The courses are challenging and I’ve made new friends from all over the world. My global knowledge and awareness has increased so much.”

Joel Fetherlin reports in from University of Swansea, Wales. “My professors have been excellent and my classmates enthusiastic. I’ve learned many valuable life lessons that I won’t soon forget.”

“It’s extremely gratifying to help students gain these opportunities,” Benton says. “In the past two years we have sent students to Japan, Korea, Spain, France and the United Kingdom. Global awareness is one of the compass points of our mission statement, and being able to immerse oneself in a different culture for an extended period of time contributes to this mission. Students who participate often come back to tell me the experience is life-changing.”

(Top to bottom) Joel Fetherlin during semester-break travels in Greece; Wes Heninger (R) with foreign classmates from Dalian University during a visit to Beijing; Kevin Kovanda hiking in Wales
When I meet alumni, parents and friends from industry and show them my business card, everyone says “Well, what does Advancement mean, anyway?”

The Cal Maritime Advancement Office focuses on charitable gifts, alumni activities, special events and public relations. The Cal Maritime Magazine that you are reading right now, and our monthly electronic newsletter CURRENTS, are edited and produced by our Public Relations Director Doug Webster, Alumni Affairs and Development Director Jennifer Whitty and her team just put on a very successful Gala in San Francisco. Jennifer also organizes Homecoming, the Golf Tournament and a host of other events for alumni and parents, and assembles the Alumni News found in the back of this magazine.

The Advancement Office also runs the California Maritime Academy Foundation, which as you may know, has now merged with the Cal Maritime Alumni Association. The Foundation is an entity which can legally accept and manage charitable gifts from all sources and of all kinds.

We are very proud of the growing volume of charitable gift support we receive for scholarships, athletics, academic programs and virtually every aspect of campus life. Last year we saw the number of donors nearly triple. We now have more than 30 members of the Golden Bear Society — alumni and friends who have made, or will make, charitable gifts through their estate or through a charitable trust. We are honored to be the department through which these wonderful gifts are made.

The California Maritime Academy has continually adapted and grown, over time, in response to the demands of our alumni, parents and industry. The California State University provides much of the funding to run the school. However, charitable gifts provide “the margin of excellence” we need to maintain the Academy’s high standards and reputation as we manage this transformation. (As an example, see the pg 7 article in this issue on development of a new Liquid Natural Gas course for our students.)

If you would like to know more about the work of the Advancement office, or have a suggestion about how we can do a better job, please call or email me directly.

Even better, come down to campus and say hello in person.

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END OF A LANDMARK. It had many names over the years, but the café/bar/burger hut on the entry road to the campus has been demolished. Most recently known as Choi’s, the facility held many memories and probably hundreds of untold stories for Cal Maritime cadets. In recent years, it had been closed, and early this year the final paperwork was completed, and Cal Maritime took title to it and 6.5 acres of land stretching from the main gate north to the motel next door. Plans call for construction of a new athletic center/survival training facility on the site, although it may be a while before that becomes reality. In the meantime however, the clearance of the old structure represents the passing of an era and a sense of future opportunities for the institution and its long-term growth and development.
Matt Fenton, E-82

**WHEN MATTHEW FENTON** graduated from the California Maritime Academy over 25 years ago, he could hardly have predicted where he would be today — living in Hong Kong and traveling extensively throughout Asia as Technical Manager for Charles Taylor & Co. We met Matt in Hong Kong during last summer’s Golden Bear port call and asked him to tell us more about his life and career overseas:

“It was a very special feeling going out to meet the Golden Bear during her Victoria Harbour visit. Thirty years ago, when I first decided to go to CMA, one of the key attractions was travel; compared to the East Coast schools, the cruises were far better at Cal Maritime.

“My class graduated into a new environment,” he adds. “The traditional maritime job market had vanished and we had to look for other opportunities. Some of my class, me included, began by finding foreign-flag assignments. After a few years, I was able to get into the American Maritime Officers organization (AMO), sailing on a variety of ships; prepositioning, survey ships, tankers and Ro-Ro’s. Many older mariners were retiring, and senior positions were opening up. Within a couple of years, I had obtained my Chief Engineer’s license, and was fortunate to sail during the first Gulf War.

“With the next downturn of shipping after the war’s end, I became a Port Engineer — dealing with many shipyards and managing two major conversion projects for the Maritime Administration. It was during this time that another opportunity presented itself — the chance to go to China to work as Superintendent Engineer for the Floating Production, Storage and Offload (FPSO) facility Nanhai Kai Tuo.

“Moving into the offshore industry was a complete change from my earlier career. It was a chance to learn and work with cutting-edge technology in a growing sector. It also gave me the opportunity to learn a new language, and completely changed my career and life.

“After two and a half years in mainland China, I decided to stay in the Far East, and was offered the chance to become Technical Manager for North East Asia for Charles Taylor & Co. We provide a wide variety of services to those who provide insurance and those who buy it. I generally work for the providers — insurance companies and syndicates. I apply my technical expertise in shipping and marine engineering, offshore oil and gas, and heavy and light manufacturing to evaluate claims and develop settlement recommendations. I often present technical matters in layman’s terms for the benefit of my colleagues. I also visit facilities and ships to assure they are insurable, and I may make recommendations for changes in those facilities which will help minimize the underwriter’s loss exposure.

Fenton, who is married, with two grown children currently going to school in the U.S., has lived in Hong Kong for 11 years and loves the city and its culture. “I’ve never needed a car because the mass transit is so well organized. Hong Kong is one of the world’s great cities. Services are good and crime and taxes are low and something new and interesting is always around the corner.”

Fenton spends about half of his time on the road, traveling throughout Northeast Asia. “I like the challenge of dealing with people who often have radically different points of view,” he explains. “Part of the thrill is being able to deal with it and you gain a lot of insight into yourself in the process.” He has managed to master conversational Mandarin which he describes as “horribly difficult,” given its emphasis on tonality and its difficult script.

“One thing Cal Maritime gave me was the ability to be flexible, and the confidence that I could make good decisions. Today’s cadets should appreciate that there are far more opportunities now than there were 25 years ago, and the only limits on your career are those you put on them. I made some unusual choices, but they all paid off handsomely with a varied and interesting career.”
Cal Maritime Assistant Professor of Global and Maritime Studies Lui Hebron is the co-author (with colleague John F. Stack, Jr. of Florida International University) of a new and very timely book — *Globalization: Debunking the Myths* (Prentice Hall).

“Globalization and its impacts have been painted in very black and white colors, depending on who is trying to make their case,” Prof. Hebron notes. “John and I decided to study four important areas — economic, political, cultural and environmental — to better understand what the real impacts have been, and our answer is ‘uneven.” Overall, globalization has been a net positive, but there is much work left to do to achieve the promises set forth by its proponents.”

The co-authors examined what globalization was supposed to accomplish versus the current reality, using a combination of anecdotal information and data from such sources as the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and corporate and think-tank studies in such areas as freedom, cultural changes, the environment and international politics. Their findings:

**Economics:** Proponents claimed globalization would help integrate national economies into a truly global economy, but the results are highly uneven. Benefits have been greater in Southeast Asia, North America, East Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, but less so in Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean.

**Political:** Supporters said globalization would promote greater citizen empowerment. Opponents worried it would override national sovereignty. We found that while states may not be as purely sovereign as they were in the past, they are not seriously threatened.

**Cultural:** Opponents said it would destroy unique cultures and lead to a global homogenization and “Americanization. Said Hebron, “We found a whole new cultural synthesis that blends a variety of cultures with a western tinge. English is an international ‘lingua franca’ but it has also morphed into subsets like Taglish (Philippine Tagalog and English), and Spanglish.”

**Environmental:** Opponents asserted globalization would generate a ‘race to the bottom’ with global manufacturers ignoring environmental issues to cut costs. “That’s what happened in some countries,” Professor Hebron said, “but in most cases we found that at a certain stage in their development, they begin to focus on environmental issues. A rising middle class begins to make their influence felt politically. Multi-national companies are signing on to international protocols — pledging to engage in better business practices governing working conditions, labor rights and the environment because it also makes good business sense.”

“Overall,” the authors concluded, “globalization has been a positive influence. It has increased living standards and given individuals greater political power and influence. However, it still remains incomplete in terms of reaching the goals set forth by its proponents. In those countries where globalization has had the most profound effects, it is overwhelmingly supported by the general populace. Globalization generates intense feelings on both sides. We’ve tried to put things in perspective by pulling together hard data to buttress or refute claims on both sides and hopefully provide a more balanced picture.”

Dr. Hebron has received a Chancellor’s Office Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Mini-Grant to continue work on his latest book, *Globalization and China: Political Economy’s Odd-Couple*, scheduled for fall, 2009 release.
Cal Maritime Director of Sailing Susan “Charlie” Arms was given the prestigious Martin A. Luray award in recognition of her work to promote public access sailing, including launch of Cal Maritime’s annual spring high school sailing regatta. The presentation was made at the annual National Sailing Program Symposium in St. Petersburg, FL on January 10th. The award is named after former SAIL Magazine editor Martin Luray, himself a staunch advocate and promoter of community sailing programs.

Global Studies Professor Dr. Julie Chisholm has received a Chancellor’s Office Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Mini-Grant to develop an online English composition course for the fall semester.

Senior Assistant Librarians Mindy Drake (L) and Ben Bolin have both been accepted into the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Institute for Information Literacy to be held at the University of California, San Diego in early August. Acceptance to the program is very competitive and limited to individuals and institutions most committed to developing or enhancing their information literacy programs.

Dr. Timothy Lynch (L) — Assistant Professor of History, Department of Global Studies and Business — became the 10th recipient of the Richard W. Fish Award, given in recognition of Lynch’s commitment to excellence in teaching. The honor was presented by Dr. Jim Wheeler of the Math and Science Department who created the award to memorialize the contributions to the teaching profession made by Richard W. Fish, a dedicated professor of chemistry at CSU — Sacramento.

GSMA Chair, Dr. Donna Nincic, presented a paper at the 49th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (March 26-29 in San Francisco) — State Failure and the Re-Emergence of Maritime Piracy.

Cal Maritime Library Technologist Mark Stackpole and colleague Mary Woodley, Cal State Northridge, conducted a metadata workshop at Arizona State University. The two-day workshop, Cataloging for the 21st Century, prepares librarians and cataloging staff to deal with new types of resources in the digital environment. It’s part of a Library of Congress/American Library Association effort to advance control and interoperability of online systems content. Stackpole is one of just 23 national program trainers.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2008!

Chevron Shipping Company LLC congratulates the California Maritime Academy graduating class of 2008. The training and values instilled in you during your years at CMA will serve you well. We salute the California Maritime Academy for providing qualified and trained personnel to the maritime industry for more than 75 years.

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If you’d like to volunteer to serve as your class secretary, contact Jennifer Whitty, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at jwhitty@csum.edu or 707-654-1245.

Regional Alumni News
If you live or work in the Pacific Northwest or in the Greater Los Angeles area, you’ll want to get connected with the very active alumni group near you.

In the Pacific Northwest, contact Ken Passé (D-69) at kpasse@csum.edu to get added to the distribution list.

In the Southern California area, your contact is Frank Whipple (D-73), fwhipple@amergentechs.com.

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2008 Class Reunions
Cal Maritime welcomes reunion classes ending in 3 and 8 to Homecoming Weekend Oct 10–12. For more information, contact your class reunion coordinator(s) below or call the CMA Alumni Office at (707) 654-1245.

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2003
The Class of 2003 needs a class reunion coordinator.
If you would like to assist, contact the alumni office at alumni@csum.edu or (707) 654-1245.

* The Class of 1968 will be holding an additional reunion event in August. For more information on that event or the class’s Homecoming activities, contact Jim Farr at (510) 758-2418 or jayfarr@sbcglobal.net.

Greetings from Southwest Idaho’s alumni chapter in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains: Boise, ID. We claim the highest concentration of Cal Maritime Grads in the smallest geographic area anywhere in the country.

Three Graduates all working in “one hatch,” toiling away 5 days a week in the marine operations group for NYK Line, managing a fleet of container ships calling all major ports in North America. The longest of the tenured employees is Jeff Bradrick (D-87), next is Matt Kuperus (D-94), and finally, the elder statesman is Clyde Stroup (D-66).

You might be asking, “What is a Container Ship Company doing in Idaho?” Well, you’re not the first.
NYK Line consolidated all their West Coast operations offices into one location back in 1997, and chose Boise as their new place of business. The office has grown from about 50 people originally, to almost 100 employees now.

Having just unofficially formed our chapter, we held our first outing at Bitter Creek Ale House on 8th street in beautiful downtown Boise. For more about future chapter events, please contact Matthew Kuperus at matthew.kuperus@na.nyklinedots.com.

CLASS OF 1942
Laddie Meairs was recently featured in the Castro Valley Forum for his unique hobby: painting tiny circus animals and building elaborate miniature circus wagons and train cars to carry them. He assembles and builds from scratch the miniature trains based on pictures of various circus wagons. Meairs also volunteers as a scenic carpenter for Hayward’s Little Theatre productions. In addition, he helps plan weekly trips for the Baywood Travelers, travel enthusiasts at the residential facility where he and his wife Beverlee live in Castro Valley. He recently arranged an outing for 24 people to the Mexican Riviera and proudly adds, “We got ‘em home!”

CLASS OF 1948
Class of ’48 Reunion in Cambria, (left to right) Stan Harvey, John and Norma Meyer, Stu Carney, Don and Velma Buck, John Ball, Jeanne and Ed Olson. Spouses Harvey, Carney and Ball were photographing.

Six members of the Class of ’48 met in Cambria last fall to mark the 59th year since graduation. It was their 18th reunion and the 9th consecutive annual meeting.

There was a moment of remembrance for Bruce Johnston who stood his final watch earlier in 2007. Held in reserve and unable to attend were Al Rowe and Fred Swain. The six present were all retired — two college professors and four engineers of various disciplines.

Those attending with their wives were John Ball, Don Buck, Stu Carney, Stan Harvey, John Meyer and Ed Olson.

CLASS OF 1956
Secretary: Tom Lytle, thomaslytle@comcast.net


Ten members of the Class of 1956 gathered in San Luis Obispo for a mini reunion in April: Jack Alderson, Rick and Donna Corrigan, Bill and Carolyn Doherty, Bill and Ruth Hegeman, Bill and Melva Hermes, Tom and Helene Lytle, Charles Miller, Loren and Karen Smith, Ed and Evie Siegrist, and John and Carolyn Stephens. In several instances it was the first meeting since our August 1956 graduation. With the help of Aldy, the class was treated to a terrific tour of the harbor at Morro Bay, followed by a sumptuous final night dinner on the Morro Bay wharf. Traveling the greatest distance to attend were the Siegrists from Connecticut nosing out the Hermes’ from east Texas.

Phil Unger commenced active duty in the US Navy in October, 1956. After leaving active duty in 1967, he went into the food service industry, retiring in 2004. He and his wife took 60 hours of Continuing Education, passed the state exam as Administrators for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly and now have a six-bed assisted-living facility.

After graduation, Jim Durst went to sea for several years in tankers enroute to his Masters License. The bulk of his sea-going career, however, was spent as captain of large luxury yachts on the waters of the Atlantic, Caribbean, Mediterranean and the North and South Pacific. Almost 14 years ago, he came ashore permanently. Throughout everything, Phyllis, his devoted wife of 43 years, supported him despite the sacrifice and separation entailed.

Bill Hegeman retired, as an O-6, with 34 years active duty, much of it spent in Naval Intelligence. He retired in October 1990 and went to work for Union Pacific as Director of Government Sales and Services. He and his family moved to Utah from Virginia 14 years ago. In 2001, he went to work for the 2002 Winter Olympics, which he says was a great experience. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Ruth, and has four daughters (two doctors, one teacher and one horse trainer), and seven grandchildren. He has been fighting cancer since late 2002, but reports it is now in remission.

Loren Smith at the Class of ’56 reunion in April

Loren Smith was ordered to the San Diego destroyer McDERMUT for two deployments and was extended for another 18 months to take the OinC’s billet at the Branch Hydrographic Office (later renamed Oceanographic Office, then Defense Mapping Agency) in San Francisco. Following active duty, he shipped as 3rd Mate on the State Steamship Company Mariner-ship C.E.DANT (Lothar Peterson, from a 40s class, was Captain of the ship). From 1960 until 1980, Loren sailed with States Line, Military Sealift Command, American President Line, Sea Land Service, and
Atlantic Richfield, in that order. He became a Licensed Master in 1965. He sailed as Master of an 8500 Victory during the Viet Nam Sealift. Loren began piloting while on vacation at Sea Land, and handled all of Shell’s work in the San Francisco Bay Area with another pilot. He relocated to Ventura in the mid-70s and, with a handful of Mooring Masters, serviced a dozen offshore moorings, from Morro Bay to San Diego. He was hired as a city pilot at the Port of Los Angeles in 1980 and the following year replaced a retiring pilot at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Port Hueneme. Due to a reduction in force at the NCBC in 1991, he was forced to relocate to San Diego where he and five others worked everything aloft painted grey. He retired in 1997 with 20 plus years of federal service. He and his wife Karen have four children and seven grandchildren. They have been living in Portland, OR since 1998 and enjoy hiking, gardening and traveling.

After graduation, being newly married, **Bill Koren** elected to go to Navy flight school, hopefully leading to wings and staying at home more often than at sea. His hopes were realized and he remained a naval pilot for a number of years with one extension, seeing duty in Japan, Alaska and the continental US. After leaving the Navy, he piloted Coast Guard flying rescue aircraft in the early 60’s. Itching for the big bucks, he left the military and joined Pan Am in 1967 as navigator and relief pilot. Being furloughed in the mid-70’s on reduction in force, he flew under contract for the Bolivian government for 3½ years, before he was hired as a city pilot at the Port of Los Angeles in 1980 and the following year replaced a retiring pilot at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Port Hueneme. Due to a reduction in force at the NCBC in 1991, he was forced to relocate to San Diego where he and five others worked everything aloft painted grey. He retired in 1997 with 20 plus years of federal service. He and his wife Karen have four children and seven grandchildren. They have been living in Portland, OR since 1998 and enjoy hiking, gardening and traveling.

Following graduation from the California Maritime Academy, **Al Steinman** went to work for Westinghouse Electric in San Francisco, but after six months at a desk, decided that it was not his cup of tea. A few weeks later he was sailing to the Far East as a 3rd Engineer on a Pacific Far East Lines freighter. It didn’t take him long to realize that he had made the right decision. For the next 34 years, Al sailed for more than a dozen maritime companies on practically every type of ship. There were not too many ports of call in this world that he missed during those years at sea. If nothing else, he says it taught him a great appreciation for this grand country that we live in. Al retired in 1990 with the license of Chief Engineer, Steam and Motor, having sailed in all grades. He relocated from San Francisco to Napa in 1967, where he currently resides with his wife Ellie. He has survived throat cancer, a heart attack, and a quadruple heart by-pass operation. “I guess I could be called a survivor,” he says. His retirement days are spent reading, traveling, and golfing. “Life is good!”

**John Stephens** (middle) with Ed Siegrist (left) and Bill Hermes at their April reunion.

After graduation, **John Stephens** had about three months to kill before reporting for active duty at Pensacola, FL. One afternoon **Fred Gloor** called John at home and said he had a date with a young lady from USF. Her roommate was supposed to have a date with **Gordy White**, but Gordy had been called to active duty. “Fred asked me if I would like a blind date for a beach party, and I said, ‘yes.’ We had a great time and 18 months later she (Martha “Patsy” Cook) and I were married,” he said. Fred had the same reporting date at Pensacola as John did so they decided to take their cars and travel together around the country for a month or so and eventually got to Pensacola to report for duty. On the way they stopped to look at the “infamous” obstacle course that all flight students were required to complete. “I said, ‘Watch me Fred and I’ll show you how to do it,’” said John. “I promptly broke my leg on one of the hurdles and reported for duty at the Naval Hospital, spending the next 120 days rehabbing my leg.” After a year, John realized that he was not a very good pilot and left the program. For the next five years, he served in Destroyers and Carriers home-ported in Rhode Island. In Nov., 1963 (the day Pres. Kennedy was shot), he was transferred to Albuquerque, NM where he spent three years as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science with the NROTC Unit at the University of New Mexico. From 1966 until 1977 he served in various billets at sea and ashore and retired in July, 1977. He operated a real estate office with a couple of other retired USN types until 1982 and has been fully “retired” since then. Over the years, Patsy and John had two children, a boy and a girl. Their son is currently a long-haul truck driver working out of Louisiana and their daughter has worked for Macy’s for the past 20+ years. Patsy passed away from breast cancer in August, 1980. In 1986, John married Carolyn (Northrop) Blocker, and they currently live in Spring Valley, CA.

**CLASS OF 1960**

**Jack Payne** is President and CEO of Nova Fuels, a technology innovation company dedicated to developing domestic fuel sources from biomass and other appropriate feedstocks in a way that is economically profitable, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible.

**Walt Leuth** (E-62) is currently working for him and lives in Las Vegas.

**CLASS OF 1961**

**Secretary:** Byron Bader, kehua@earthlink.net, (510) 745-7253

**Dave Small** and his wife **Jane in Riva del Garda, Italy**
Dave Small recently returned from a three week Europe vacation to Switzerland, Italy and France. He highly recommends all three. The dollar is so low vs. the Euro that they rented apartments and a house from individuals researched with Google. He says there is so much information published on the Web that you don’t need to carry a bag full of tourist books.

Dwight Peters at the Waipi’o Valley lookout on Hawaii’s Big Island.

Dwight Peters is currently involved in helping to organize his 50th High School Class reunion for 2008.

Dwight Bader and Bob Leffingwell had a mini-reunion last November in Palm Springs, following a multi-year search for Bob, who was Byron’s roommate during his 2nd and 3rd years at CMA. Byron reports that the reunion went off pretty well...they talked, compared pics, ate, had a few drinks and then something went wrong...Byron ended up in the hospital (his meds did not mix well with peach margaritas!). The two continued their reunion in Byron’s hospital room, managing to get in a Japanese dinner Saturday evening and a helluva breakfast on Sunday. Byron says, “Bob is still the handsome devil that he’s always been, but sporting gray hair, like me!”

Byron (right in both photos) and Bob, seen above at CMA’s Ring Dance in 1961 and below reunited in Las Vegas last fall.

Jim Cozine (right) with his Dutch fourth cousins Wayne Cozine and Jeannie Crowe, who he met for the first time at his reunion in Kentucky.

After working on it for nine years, Jim Cozine recently released his family history, tracing the Cozine lineage back 10 generations. Turns out he had Dutch blood and didn’t even know it! He organized a “Dutch Cousins Reunion” last fall in Kentucky, where he met some of his long-lost cousins for the first time!

CLASS OF 1963
Secretary: Manny Aschemeyer, outbackranch@hughes.net

Capt. Norm Werner recently retired from the Puget Sound Pilots after 40 years as a pilot in both Puget Sound and the Panama Canal. He began his career sailing for Military Sea Transportation Service out of San Francisco and Oakland. At one point he was chosen to be the first merchant marine officer to be trained in Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation at John Hopkins University under the scientists who discovered GPS (then known as satellite navigation). Following this training, Werner was invited to return to CMA and share this unique and revolutionary skill with Bill Aguilar’s navigation class.

In 1968, Werner began his piloting career in the Panama Canal, and in 1979 was elected president of the Panama Canal Pilots at the time legislation for the Panama Canal treaty was being formulated. He traveled from Panama to Washington, D.C. on many occasions, representing the people who operated the Canal and moved the ships. The results of these meetings facilitated the transition of the Canal, while protecting the rights and entitlements of those people who would remain and keep the Canal operating efficiently.

After 22 years, Capt. Werner returned to his home state of Washington and worked as a Grays Harbor Bar Pilot for six years before transferring to Puget Sound. He retired from the Puget Sound Pilots in January and now works as a consultant on piloting matters. He recently traveled to Nagoya, Japan to consult for the Isakawanda pilots followed by a hike up Mt. Fuji.

CLASS OF 1965
Secretary: Bob Piazza, rwpiazza@comcast.net, (707) 664-1760 (h), (707) 939-3320 (w)

I am saddened to report we have lost two class mates in the past 12 months: John Lemire in 2007 and Carl Hagstrom in early March (see page 25).

On a lighter note, several ’65 classmates attended Buddy Jacque’s retirement lunch arranged by Sandy and Jim Sundfors. Bud sailed as a Marine Engineer and ended his career as Executive Vice President of Meba. He was a union official at Meba for 16 years and really supported CMA both financially and by sending representatives to the annual Career Fair. Bud can now be found in the Lake Tahoe area.

We recently found Frank Smithlin living in New Zealand. After graduation, Frank shipped out for a few years, married a Kiwi, and has lived there for the past 38 years. He has four 4 sons and recently remarried an English lady, Carol, who...
Frank Smithlin and his wife Carol.

has 2 boys. All 6 are fine young men regardless of his influence. Frank says that New Zealanders found his CMA degree and marine license combination unusual and interesting. As a result he has been perceived as an expert on anything even remotely connected with engineering, which he says is “seldom true, but not too frequently exposed.” He found he had a talent in devising and setting up simple but effective manufacturing control systems in the various industries where he has worked. With computerization, he became a keen user and co-writer of support systems. Frank’s most recent “sea-time” has been as a volunteer engineer on the Steam Tug William C Daldy (www.daldy.com), which is great fun. He and Carol have now retired to Waikino, a lovely spot in the country, 60 miles south of Auckland, and enjoy a nice quiet lifestyle. “We aim to have at least one overseas trip each year,” he says, “Everywhere is ‘overseas’ from here! NZ wine is lovely, the beer is cold and strong, and we always have a spare bed for visitors!”

John Porter has re-located to Alameda from Houston. I guess the humidity got to him!

Brian and Jan Maxwell celebrated their 40th anniversary — spending a week in Tulum, MX with their family. Hard to believe Jan put up with him all these years!

Bob Rosenbaum reports he recently started an assignment at Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in Minneapolis.

Bob Piazza, through emails with members of various classes, found Frank LaBombard at a care home in Napa. He visited with Frank who is now in his mid 80’s and hasn’t slowed much.

We occasionally organize a class lunch for those in the Bay area. If you’re interested, contact Bob Piazza at rwpiazza@comcast.net or 707-664-1760 and he’ll put you on the mailing list.

CLASS OF 1969

Secretary: Ken Passé, kpasse@comcast.net, (206) 232-1104

John Bettencourt retired from the San Francisco Fire Department after 30 great years and now works part-time at a local lumber and contractor’s supply company. John’s wife is a retired R.N. after a wonderful career in all aspects of nursing. Their daughter is attending law school after graduating from UCLA, and they are very proud of her accomplishments. John’s hobby is “hot rods.” He owns the classic ’32 Ford Roadster, which he enjoys modifying and customizing. He has made many of the parts in his own shop. He loves driving to the Los Angeles Roadster show at Pomona every Father’s Day!

John Norheim and his new bride along with their daughters.

John Norheim re-married in 2007, and he and his wife now have five daughters between them. They live in the Oakland Hills. For the past 25 years, John has worked with Norheim & Yost, a commercial real estate and development company in Berkeley and Emeryville. John likes to hike, garden, and he still races sail boats on San Francisco Bay.

Tony Rittenhouse is close to retiring after 35 years as a senior inspector with the County of Santa Clara. He still has his boat, an Ingrid 38’ that he launched in 1982. It now resides in Port Orchard, WA and is waiting patiently for its trip to Alaska this coming summer. Tony’s wife Ginny, son William, and daughter Sarah plan to join him at various points along the way. Right now Sarah is in Patagonia hiking around the wilderness before her classes start in Buenos Aires, and Will is working and taking his state CPA exams. Tony says that he keeps in touch with George (Rick) Engberg and wife Cathy, and crewed for Tom Haines on Tom and Sue’s trip from Bainbridge Island to San Francisco last summer.

Steve Worthy notes that the last 39 years have been one fantastic ride, starting with his 2nd ship from the Academy, the S.S. Guam Bear on Christmas Eve, a pier-head jump to join classmates Bob Rogers and Craig Roberts. He then went to the ammo ships out of Port Chicago, with runs to Vietnam helping pay for some California real estate. He moved from the ammo ships to Delta ships, then finally spent 24 yeras with Matson — a good CMA company, close to home. Steve says he was blessed to find a Christian girl to marry. They have three wonderful children, and everything they have touched has turned to gold. While sailing with Matson, Steve was able to train for triathlons, a very addictive sport, and race while on vacations. In 2000, he retired, with 3 kids in college, to train full time, and bike coast to coast for the first time. His group averaged 80 miles a day for 54 days, a first major adventure. In 2004 he and his family moved to Scottsdale AZ. To celebrate the big six-oh, Steve did an ultra run of the Grand Canyon on his birthday. It was a 17-1/2 hour run, from rim to rim to rim, a canyon record for 60-65 year-olds in July. After 2,000 miles running last year, Steve is currently working as a building contractor in south Scottsdale, resting for his next challenge.

Missing Classmates

The search continues for the last five missing classmates. Does anyone have contact information for Steve Bartlett, Brian Maltman, Glenn Myers, Steve Waltmire or Bill Walker? If so, please send the information to Ken Passé at kpasse@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1983

Captain Kelly Sweeney

(1983-NIT), Master Mariner, Columnist for Professional Mariner Magazine, and author of the book From The Bridge, has launched a new maritime employment service called Maritime Headhunters. Capt. Sweeney
will use his 25 years of experience to help those looking for a job in the maritime industry. Interested CMA students and Alumni can go to www.maritimeheadhunters.com, or can e-mail Captain Sweeney at captsweeney@hotmail.com to find out more.

**CLASS OF 1987**

Holly (Fuerstenberg) Osen served as chairperson for Cal Maritime’s Fourth Annual Gala. (See page 6 for details.) Congratulations to Holly and her committee! Holly has also accepted a position with Chevron Global Marketing Solutions in San Ramon, CA, as the Emergency Response Team Lead, overseeing specialists responsible for crisis management and emergency response for all retail and terminal facilities in Asia-Pacific, Africa-Europe-Pakistan, and North and South America. Holly and husband Eric live in Vallejo, CA, with their two children, Caroline and David.

**CLASS OF 1989**

Secretary: Jim Blake, jim.blake@comcast.net, (206) 789-4382

Grant Donnesley and his family (Harrison, Christine and Sophia), Kelley and Jim Blake

Jim Blake is looking forward to a summer’s trip to Norway, Denmark and Spain with his wife Kelly. He stays in contact with Grant Donnesley and his family, Dave and Samantha Lee Morales, Brian Ellis, Pat Ninburg, Brendan Hardy, Jack & Chris Favaloro, and Andy Stanojevich.

Mike Carolan recently motorcycled and biked through Europe and Japan.

**CLASS OF 1987**

Katie, Alton and Andy Rhyne

Dru Dunwoody has been with Northwest Airlines for 13 years. He upgraded to A319/320 Captain in December 2007, and flies all over the United States, Canada, Central America and the Caribbean.

**CLASS OF 1985**

Paul Merrill is sad to report that his best friend and loving wife, Beverly Ann Howe-Merrill, died April 6, 2008 after a three-year battle with breast cancer. She was 47. “Her whole family was with her when she died in her sleep. She was a wonderful person and will be missed terribly,” he says.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Kelley Stark, Class of ’86, please contact Arthur Howard at drviola@charter.net. Arthur sailed with Kelley in 1980 and has lost track of him, as has the CMA Alumni Office. Arthur has written a book, The Odyssey of Sunraker, in which Kelly figures prominently. He would like to contact Kelley to give him a copy of the book.

**CLASS OF 1994**

Steve Teague has been a San Francisco Bar Pilot for three years. He has a beautiful wife and two children, ages 10 and 7. In his free time, he volunteers as a Little League coach. One of his memorable highlights is working a ship as Pilot with Captain John Bloomingdale and Chief Mate Mike Carolan.

**CLASS OF 2004**

Andy Rhyne and his wife Katie celebrated the birth of their first child, Alton Joseph Rhyne, on January 28, 2008. In other big news, Andy began working in March as a Utility Specialist at Genentech’s brand new plant in Hillsboro, OR. Genentech is building five buildings in Hillsboro, which are expected to be completed this fall.

Rob Orender was promoted to Operations Leader of Georgia Pacific in Zachary, LA. He is headed to Cozumel, Mexico for a 15-year anniversary on July 31st with his wife Jennifer.

Steve Reichardt is a Stationary Engineer for Able Engineering and expects to have a Chief Engineer position shortly. He lives in San Francisco’s Sunset District and stays in contact with Doug Dawes, Pablo Baker, and Brian Ellis. Steve vacationed in Australia. He still plays baseball and basketball and is best remembered for having the best Sonoma party ever!

Kathy Sweeney laid up the SS Manukai (as master) in 2000 and was delivery master for Matson’s first new build, the MV Manukai in 2003. She is now permanent Master on the Matson’s SS Kauai and currently in the training program for the Puget Sound Pilots, which she hopes to finish this spring. She and husband Vince had a son in August 2006, so, between training and life with a 1 1/2 year old, she is busy!

**CLASS OF 2000**

Katie, Alton and Andy Rhyne

CDR Brian T. Ellis, USCG and his family at the nation’s Capital.

Brian Ellis’ daughter Breanna is a sophomore at the University of San Diego. His son Nick is two-months shy of 18 and is an excellent baseball and football player. Youngest child, 12-year-old Matt, is also a great athlete and is looking forward to spending the summer in Kauai with grandparents. Brian’s wife Lisa is a successful manager of a large food distributor.
CLASS OF 2005

Stephanie Wright and Matthew Gullickson at the Cal Maritime Annual Gala.

Stephanie Wright (BA-05) has just been named President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the CMA Alumni Association.

John Davis was promoted to Lieutenant JG in the US Coast Guard Reserves and is currently living in Long Beach.

(Left to right) Eric Cooper and Michael Maas

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CLASS OF 2007

Ryan and Marlene Storz

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Ryan Storz says he is still recovering from all the life-changing events that occurred after graduation. In May of ’07, he started a new job and bought a house on Mare Island. Then he tied the knot with his now wife Marlene on Catalina Island and had a spectacular honeymoon in Tahiti. On their return, they picked up two mini-schnauzer pups, which are a constant source of entertainment. On the career front, he has completed operations training at Crockett Cogeneration in record time and is already at the top operations step. The next step is management, but meanwhile he is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Engineering Management from Drexel University.

Fourth Thursdays Coming to a City Near You!

FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF THE PUGET SOUND ALUMNI CHAPTER, the CMA Alumni Association is organizing monthly, casual, come-if-you-can gatherings in the major “hubs” where Cal Maritime alumni are living and working. Dubbed “Fourth Thursdays,” the concept will be spearheaded in the San Francisco Bay Area and Seattle. Events in other regions are in the works — including the Gulf Coast and Southern California.

All will take place beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the Fourth Thursday of every month at popular local brewpubs and restaurants, and are intended to be informal. The hope is to have the events in major cities where CMA alumni are based. That way, whether at home or traveling, alumni will know on the fourth Thursday of the month, they’ll find a place near them where they can connect with fellow CMA alumni. All Fourth Thursday locations are posted online at www.csum.edu/alumni and will be updated as new cities are added.

The first “Fourth Thursday” events will be held in the San Francisco Bay Area and Seattle. If you live in an area that does not currently have an organized Fourth Thursday event, and you’d like to volunteer to organize one, contact the Alumni Office (alumni@csum.edu). Submit 4th Thursday event photos to that same address for possible inclusion in the next issue.
Houston Alumni Reception Sparks Interest in Future Events

APPROXIMATELY 25 HOUSTON-BASED ALUMNI turned out at the Grotto Restaurant on May 5th for a reception hosted by the CMA Alumni Association. The event, which was held the evening of the Day 1 of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), was part of an initiative by the Alumni Association to expand the Alumni Chapters into more major alumni hubs in the United States. President Bill Eisenhardt; Tom Dunworth, Vice President for Advancement; Jennifer Whitty, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs; and James Dalske, Associate Director of Career Services were in attendance, as were alumni ranging from the Class of ’58 to the Class of ’06. Many alumni in attendance agreed that they would like to establish a more formal chapter, and plans are in the works to organize informal, come-if-you-can monthly gatherings, like those that are being planned in other regions of the country.

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DAVE BRITT (68-E)
Dave Britt passed away on December 27th, 2007 in San Diego. Growing up in San Diego amongst commercial fishing boats, Dave knew he wanted to be around the ocean. After graduating from Cal Maritime in 1968, he joined MEBA sailing to the Far East and Hawaii until retiring in 2000. Dave sailed for States Lines in the early 70s and many years for Matson Navigation. A chief engineer could rest easy with Brother Britt watch. He added to his maritime duties for a good many years as MEBA Honolulu Representative dispatching shipping and port relief jobs and doing a yeoman’s job. Close to retirement, Dave married his high school sweetheart, Roberta, and settled in their ‘Snug Harbor’ of La Mesa, California. In retirement Dave actively worked with men dealing with their alcohol or drug recovery programs and doing much to give back to the community. “He was a good shipmate, a friend to all, and always had a good word to say about his shipmates and union brothers,” said Joe Conway (E-69), Retired C/E MEBA.

BILL FENNICK (D-42)
Captain Bartholomew J. Fennick (Bill), former President of AMSEA, a General Dynamics subsidiary, died on March 9, 2008. After graduating from CMA in 1942, he served in the U.S. Merchant Marine in various war zones during World War II. His first command was on a Liberty Ship, the S.S. Ethelbert Nevin. After the war, he sailed for Moore McCormack lines as Master. In 1957 he came ashore in San Francisco as Port Captain of the Pacific Coast. He was later transferred to New York and quickly rose to Executive Vice President of Operations. He retired from Moore McCormack in 1983 when General Dynamics sought him out to develop an operating company for the U.S. Navy. He ran AMSEA as President until he retired in 1990. Bill lived with his wife of 59 years, Marjorie, in Kingston, MA. He is survived by Marjorie, as well as his four children – Michael, Deborah, Barbara and Thomas, and three grandchildren.

DEBRA CHAMBERS-BUCHANAN (D-84)
Debra Chambers (also known as Debra Rake and Debra Buchanan) passed away on March 1, 2008. She is survived by her daughter Andrea Rake, sisters Diana Chambers and Beatrice Chambers, and brothers Tim Chambers and Bob Chambers. If anyone wants to get in touch with the family, feel free to contact Richard Rake at richard.rake@embarqmail.com.

CDR JOHN FLOWER (E-55), USN (RET.)
John Flower passed away on February 18, 2008 at the University of Virginia Medical Center, after a year-long battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis. After graduating from CMA, he went on to serve in the U.S. Navy for 25 years. While in the Navy, he received his master’s degree in City Management from Pepperdine University. He retired from the Navy as a Commander in 1981. Most of his post-Navy career was spent working abroad. He and his family traveled all over the world — including the Middle East, Far East and Europe — while John provided program management consulting for various companies. He ultimately opened up his own consulting business, after which time he and his wife Janice retired to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. The last 10 years of his professional life, he worked for Sperry Marine, mentoring every Sperry program manager who worked the Integrated Bridge and Navigation business. In his last two years as a purported ‘casual employee’, he still worked rings around his younger compatriots. After retiring, John became very involved in community service, volunteering for the town of Mount Jackson, VA, to help them plan for the town’s growth into the future. John was a real people person and loved the sea. He is survived by his wife Janice, and two daughters, Leslie Kress and Stacy Beckman, his grand-dogs and his brother Albert.

JOHN FORD (D-48)
John Ford, a maritime attorney and legendary small-boat sailor on San Francisco Bay, died November 4th in Greenbrae at the age of 80. He had been suffering from cancer. He was born and raised in Sausalito, and served in the Navy after graduating from CMA. He was in the Navy during the Korean War as a lieutenant aboard the destroyer Wedderburn. After his military service, he graduated from the University of San Francisco law school and joined the San Francisco firm of Lillick, McHose and Charles. John was one of seven founding members of the Sausalito Yacht Club in 1942 and was the club’s first commodore.

JOHN GAMBIA (E-73)
John Gamba passed away on January 18, 2008. Born and raised in Vallejo, John lived in Sacramento for the past 22 years. He was a Chief Engineer for Matson for 25 years, retiring in 2001. He was an avid fisherman, mostly for salmon and albacore tuna. He is survived by his mother, Lucille, sisters Sandy and Debbie, brother Mark, as well as several nieces and nephews.
CARL HAGSTROM (E-65)
Carl Hagstrom died Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from CMA in 1965, he completed nuclear power coursework at both the United States Maritime Academy and Fort Belvoir, Va. Carl served as 2nd assistant engineer on the N.S. Savannah, serving also as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He then embarked on a 29-year career with Bechtel Corp. Following retirement, he became a skilled creator of jewelry and served on the board of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. He resided with his wife, Patricia Guest Hagstrom, in West Chester for the past 17 years. In addition to his wife and mother, Edith DeTree Hagstrom of Roseville, Calif., he is survived by his children: Daniel A. Hagstrom, husband of Patrice of Nipomo, California; Amanda K. Hagstrom of San Francisco, Calif., and Michael J. Benshoof of Norman, Oklahoma. He is also survived by brothers, Timothy Hagstrom of Santa Fe, N.M. and Eric Hagstrom, of Roseville, California and two grandchildren, Parker and Peyton Hagstrom.

DANA KINGSBURY
Dana Kingsbury, the daughter of Myrna Kingsbury and the late B.C. Kingsbury — former chairman of the CMA Foundation and longtime supporter of CMA — passed away on February 5, 2008 at the age of 31. She died peacefully surrounded by her family at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento as a result of complications associated with AIDS. Dana was a long-time resident of Green Valley, and was a woman of great fight, intellect and loyalty with the power to always make you smile. She enjoyed gardening, scuba diving, theater, sports and traveling. Perhaps her proudest moments were being a public speaker educating children about H.I.V. When she was feeling well, Dana could always be found volunteering her time at the Dr. B.C. Kingsbury/Cal Maritime Invitational Golf Tournament, along with her sisters and mother, assisting with everything from stuffing goodie bags to serving as a hole-in-one witness. She is survived by her mother, Myrna; siblings Pat, Bruce, Lore, Dan, Deborah, Rick, Penny and Andrea, as well as 18 nieces and nephews.

FRANZ OBRICAT III (E-JUNE 43)
Franz Obrikat III, a resident of San Dimas, passed away on April 13, 2008. Born on January 16, 1923 in Los Angeles, he graduated from John Marshall High School and the California Maritime Academy. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude, and son, Kenneth. He is survived by his sister, Chardele Hites of Central Point, OR; his son, Dennis, of Charlotte, NC; and four grandchildren, Erika and Ryan of Upland, CA; and Chase and Reghan of Charlotte, NC. “Franz attended every reunion we had over the years, and I was counting on him joining us again for our 65th this year at homecoming,” said Ed Johannessen, Obrikat’s classmate. “We will miss him greatly!”

RICHARD VALENTINE (D-46)
Richard (Dick) Valentine died suddenly on January 28th in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the age of 82. A native of San Francisco, Dick graduated from CMA as a Deck officer with a reserve commission in the Navy. He then earned a business degree from University of San Francisco. Dick joined the Penzoil Products Company immediately following and remained there for 41 years, attaining the position of president during the final five years in Houston. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Peggy Valentine, four children, Donna, Debra, Denise and Matthew; two grandchildren, Morgan and Rachel; brother Robert and sister Elena, as well as many nieces and nephews.

If you are aware of the passing of a Cal Maritime alumnus, please let us know. Send news clippings, information and photos to:
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May 30  TSGB Arrives New Caledonia/Departs June 2
June 14  Summertime at the Maritime Concert: Robben Ford/Alvon
         http://www.csum.edu/SummerTime/index.htm
June 16  TSGB Arrives Maui/Departs June 18
June 19  First Cruise Ends—Honolulu Changeover
June 20  Capt. Dave Lyman Memorial Fundraising Event,
         Aloha Tower, Honolulu
June 21-22 Extended Learning Seminar On Maritime Law—
         Port of Oakland
June 23  TSGB Departs Honolulu
June 24  TSGB Arrives Maui/Departs June 27
June 26* Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni
July 12  TSGB Arrives New Caledonia/Departs July 15
July 12  Summertime at the Maritime Concert:
         Roy Rogers & Delta Rhythm Kings/Urban Bushmen
July 19  TSGB Arrives Tonga/Departs July 22
July 24* Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni
July 28  TSGB Arrives Papaaete/Departs July 31
Aug. 9   Summertime at the Maritime Concert: House of Floyd
Aug. 15  TSGB Arrives San Diego/Departs Aug. 16
Aug. 15  Training Ship Golden Bear Reception, San Diego
Aug. 18  Second Cruise Ends
Aug. 28* Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni
Sept. 6  Summertime at the Maritime Concert:
         Dr. Loco’s Rockin’ Jalapeno Band/Raymond Victor Band
Sept. 12 Cal Maritime Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament—
         Hiddenbrooke
Sept. 25* Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni
Oct. 4   Summertime at the Maritime Concert: TBA
Oct. 10-12 2008 Homecoming and Day on the Bay—Class Reunion
            Dinners Oct. 11th on campus
Oct. 12  Day on the Bay
Oct. 19-21 IAMU 9th International General Assembly Hosted by
         Cal Maritime—www.csum.edu/IAMU2008.htm

* See page 22 for details on Cal Maritime’s 4th Thursday program,
  a chance for alumni in major cities to gather informally once a month
  at designated locations.

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