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CALIFORNIA MARITIME WEBSITE LETS YOU “JOIN” CADETS ON 2006 TRAINING CRUISE

(Vallejo, CA – May 15, 2006)... The 500-foot Cal Maritime Training Ship *Golden Bear* departed on the first of her two annual summer cruises on April 29th, carrying some 250 cadets and a staff of 50 faculty and staff, and through the powers of the Internet, you can “ride along” and share the experience.

The cruise is not a vacation. It is designed to give cadets practical hands-on experience in all aspects of operating a modern large ship - giving reality to classroom training received during the regular academic year. It also exposes them to the diverse cultures of the Pacific Basin.

This year, the *Golden Bear* is traveling the West Coasts of the Americas, with stops in Mexico, Peru, Chile (Valparaiso) and then north once again to Costa Rica and back to Vallejo on the 28th of June. A second trip on the same route commences July 1 and returns at the end of August carrying a second cadet contingent. Throughout the voyage, all aspects of vessel operations are handled by cadets, operating under the 24-hour guidance of faculty and staff.

Anyone interested can follow the voyage at the Academy's website, www.csum.edu. Click FOLLOW THE VOYAGE on the home page and proceed to a daily calendar. By clicking on a given day, visitors can find brief description's of that day's program, weather conditions and often numerous photos of activities aboard the ship or during port stays as students train in everything from navigation, to engine operation and maintenance, to vessel safety training.

A QuickTime movie of the ship's April 29th departure from Vallejo can also be found on the site at: <http://www.csum.edu/News/NewsReleases/videos/GoldenBear%20Depart1%202006.mov>

Located in Vallejo, California, The California Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) is a unique and specialized 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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