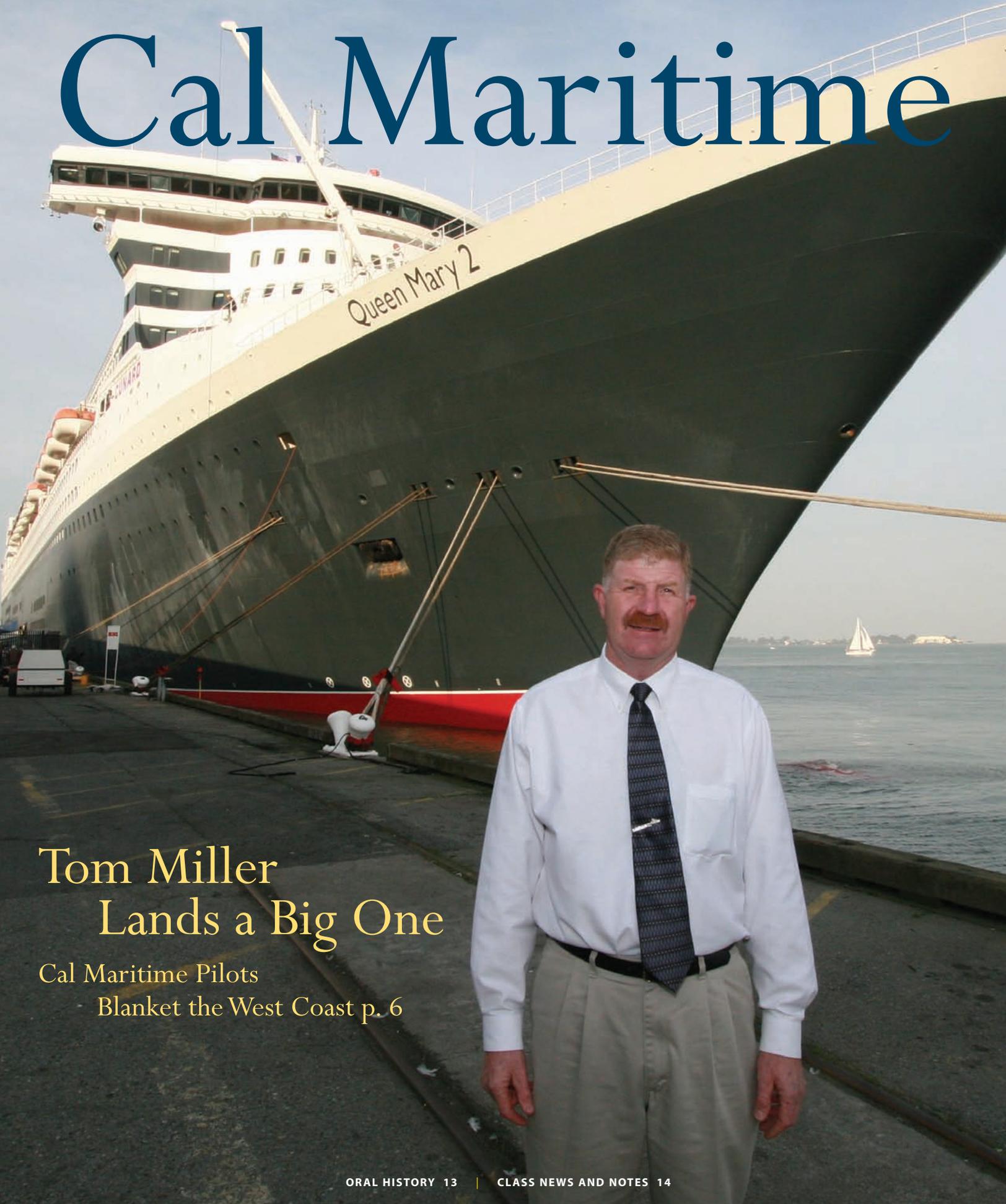


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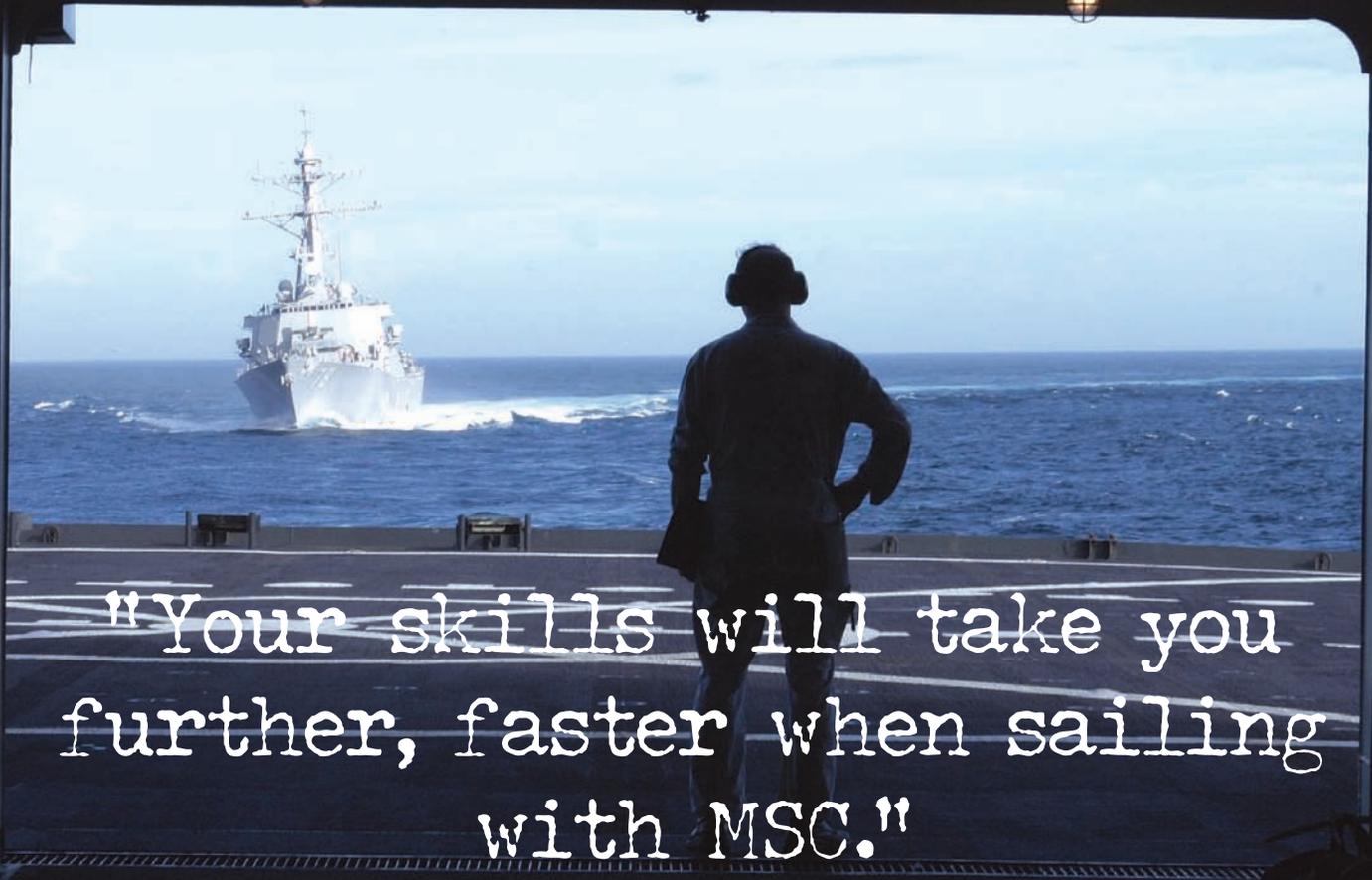


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**Cover photo:** Tom Miller (D-80) of Petaluma, CA, a member of the Bar Pilots of the San Francisco Bay, was recently chosen to guide the massive *Queen Mary 2* in and out of the Bay during the ship's inaugural visit this winter. A profile of Miller and an overview of the important role Cal Maritime plays in supplying skilled pilots for harbors from Hawaii to Alaska and the West Coast can be found on page 6.

## president's letter

**President William B. Eisenhardt presented a Proclamation and Meritorious Service Medal to Cadet Adrian Cushman, MT-10 (left foreground) in January for his actions in helping save two small girls from a burning car in Washington State last summer. Cushman had been cited by the Washington State Patrol for pulling the girls from the overturned vehicle, even as his own clothing was catching fire.**



AS WE COMPLETE ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR and graduate our 77th class of cadets, it is time to take stock of what we have accomplished and where we are headed. I was looking at some interesting statistics about the Academy the other day:

- Our student body today numbers about 800 — a 78% increase in just the last eight years.
- We are 2nd in the CSU system in terms of the average SAT scores of incoming freshmen, a reflection of our challenging math and science-heavy curriculum.
- Virtually all of our graduates are employed within weeks of graduation, reflecting the strong demand for their skills and the quality of their education.

Those enrollment numbers are exciting and challenging. Last fall saw our biggest incoming freshman class ever at close to 250. We expect that incoming level to continue over the next 2-3 years, pushing our total student body to well over 900 by the end of the decade. That in turn is putting additional strain on our resources:

- Our residence halls (including about 70 cadet berths aboard the Golden Bear during the school year) can only handle about half our current student body.
- Our dining facility is jammed at peak mealtimes.
- With so many cadets living off campus, parking for faculty, staff and cadets is nearly maxed out.
- We need to control class sizes and make sure we have sufficient numbers of qualified faculty and resources to assure a quality educational experience.
- Our athletic facilities, including our gymnasium and water survival training center/pool, date back to the 1940s and need replacement.
- And of great concern is that our faculty salaries are increasingly becoming non-competitive, not only with industry, but also with other like institutions, especially with the high cost of living in the Bay Area.

The good news is that we are building for the future on several fronts.

- At this writing, we are completing negotiations on the acquisition of about seven acres of property located on the current campus access road which will give us expansion room for a new athletic/water survival training center, receiving warehouse, and parking.

- We have received the go-ahead for construction of a new residence hall which will house 130-140 additional cadets depending on final design approvals. Plans call for completion around 2009-10.
- Construction on our new state-of-the-art Simulator Center should be completed before the end of the year. The Center will be one of the most advanced in the world, with expanded capacity to provide very realistic training for cadets and continuing education students. It will give us badly needed new office space for our faculty, many of whom currently have to share small offices.
- Private support for higher education provides the critical edge essential to quality as state budgets become squeezed by competing priorities. As reported elsewhere in this issue, our annual Gala has just raised over \$100,000 in new support for scholarships and institutional initiatives...nearly double our previous best effort. We are also generating additional scholarship support from industry and private donors who recognize the critical importance of the Academy in producing the skilled workers they need to compete and succeed in a global economy in the years ahead.
- This spring we graduated the first students in the Global Studies and Maritime Affairs major we started four years ago. GSMA cadets will soon be working in such critical marine trade and transportation sectors as port, vessel and supply-chain security, environmental management, law and history.
- Cal Maritime has just hosted an exciting first-ever conference on Teaching & Learning in the Maritime Environment (see facing page.) In 2008, we will host the annual meeting of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) to be held in San Francisco. These events provide valuable opportunities to showcase Cal Maritime's expertise, its faculty and programs, to a wide range of audiences worldwide, and strengthen our reputation as an innovative leader in maritime education.

We have a lot of challenges on our plate, but they are good challenges reflecting our growth — in numbers, in support, in programs, in recognition, in facilities and resources and in quality. Take pride in Cal Maritime, support it, and tell others about it. Together, we'll continue to make it grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Eisenhardt".

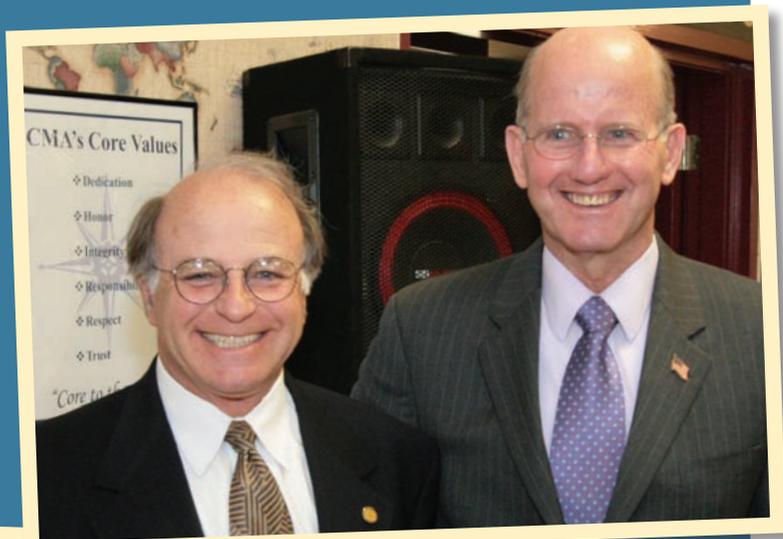
President

# Academy's First-Ever "Teaching and Learning" Conference a Major Success

130 PARTICIPANTS FROM THE U.S. and as far away as the Ukraine, Poland, Turkey, Australia, Germany, and Vietnam, were on the Cal Maritime Campus March 28-30 for a first-ever conference on Teaching and Learning in the Maritime Environment. Over four-dozen presentations, papers and poster sessions were presented on everything from the role of simulators in the educational process to the integration of licensing standards and requirements into Mechanical Engineering Degree programs.

Originally developed by Cal Maritime's Vice President for Academic Affairs Don Zingale over a year ago, the Conference examined best practices of both traditional and maritime education through formal presentations, discussion panels and poster sessions. "Maritime educators have long recognized the differences between traditional educators teaching in a maritime setting and those whose prior experience has been primarily workplace derived, but whose skills are a critical part of the overall process of maritime education," said Zingale.

Highlights of the Conference included a Friday morning round-table discussion about the challenges and the promise of maritime education worldwide between President Eisenhardt, Leonard Tyler, President Maine Maritime Academy; Dr. William McMullen, Interim Head of the Department of Marine Transportation, Texas A&M University; and A. Gulden Cerit, of Turkey's Dokuz Eylul University. The keynote address for the conference was a Joseph Rizza lecture on the key challenges facing American higher education by Dr. John Ryan, Chancellor of the State University of New York system and former head of SUNY Maritime. Dr. Ryan cited accessibility, affordability and accountability as keys. "As educators, we must work continuously to assure that the promise of higher education is there for everyone who has the skills and the commitment, regardless of need," he said.



▲ Dr. Don Zingale with Conference Keynote Speaker, Admiral John Ryan, Chancellor of the State University of New York. Ryan delivered the Joseph Rizza lecture to the conference on the challenges facing modern higher education.

◀ Dr. Don Zingale, Academy Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivers the opening welcome address to convention attendees Wednesday afternoon in Peachman Auditorium.

"Additionally, we must recognize that while the public understands and supports the importance of education to our nation, it must be assured that we merit their trust in making wise use of the resources they put at our disposal."

"The feedback on this first conference was unanimously positive," Zingale said. "Perhaps the best indicator of success was the decision reached at a meeting of the Academic Vice Presidents of the U.S. academies at the close of the conference to put planning for a second conference atop the agenda for their September meeting."

# 2007 Gala Sets New Records

NEARLY 300 FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS of The California Maritime Academy gathered at San Francisco's City Club March 10th for the Academy's 3rd annual fundraiser Gala. The event, billed as Night of a Thousand Stars, was a whopping success, with just over \$100,000 generated from all sources — smashing previous records, to expand the Academy's resources for financial aid and other campus projects.

According to Cal Maritime's Vice President for Advancement Tom Dunworth, the 2007 Gala results nearly equaled the funds generated by the first two events in 2005 and 2006. "What was tremendously heartening to us," Dunworth said,

"was the very strong support we received from the business community, whether it was underwriting Gala sponsorships, purchasing a table, or in many cases, donating gifts to our auction and opportunity drawings."

Our thanks to our corporate lead sponsors Marine Terminals Corporation and Port of Oakland, as well as supporting underwriters American President Lines, Chevron Shipping, Flying Horse Winery, Foss Shipping, Hawaiian Tug and Barge, Marine Technical Services/Dockside Machinery & Ship Repair, Matson Navigation Company, Inc, San Francisco Bar Pilots, and Tesoro Companies.



Arriving Gala guests including maritime consultant Bruce Bartels and wife Nancy are welcomed by an honor guard of Cal Maritime cadets.

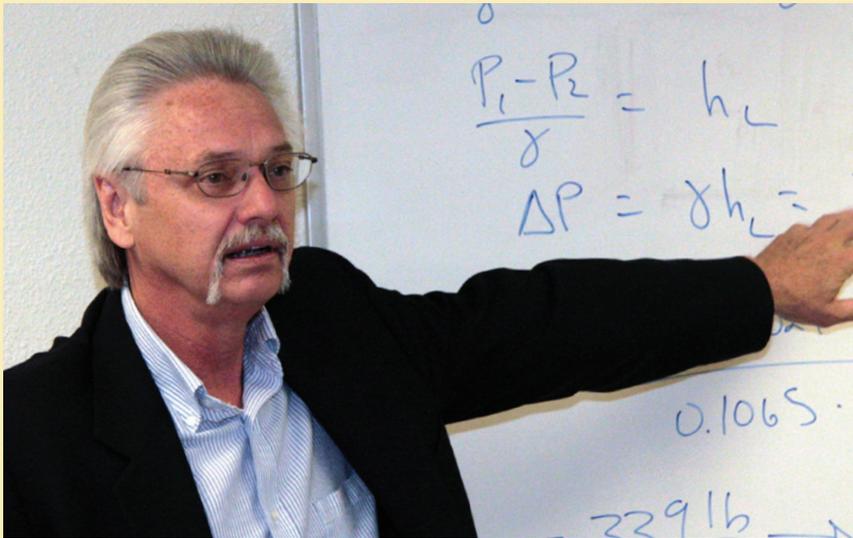
President William B. Eisenhardt (L) introduced federal Maritime Administration head Sean Connaughton, the Gala's special Star of the Evening.



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## FACULTY PROFILE

## Dr. John Massey, Engineering Technology



**Dr. John Massey brings his students a valuable perspective of real-world commercial experience in engineering, having headed a successful firm involved in designing and manufacturing spent-fuel fuel storage devices for the nuclear industry.**

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW what makes the maritime education experience so unique, Dr. John Massey provides a pretty good example. Dr. Massey joined the Engineering Technology faculty last fall as the Director of the Facilities Engineering Technology program — not from an academic setting — but after an extensive career in commercial engineering, including the founding and eventual sale of a highly successful company. That gives his students a highly valuable real-world perspective on the realities of the future workplace.

Dr. Massey earned his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in engineering from Georgia Tech, and a masters from Purdue. In 1980 he came to California to work with Bechtel Corporation, helping design systems for nuclear fuel reprocessing, storage and disposal.

In 1988, Massey formed the Sierra Nuclear Corporation which manufactured massive 180-ton concrete and steel containers for the storage of spent nuclear fuel rods. The three-foot thick vessel walls and two-inch steel liners safely contain radiation and control a multi-year cool-down process of the rods from a starting temperature of about 650 degrees F. Massey sold the firm in 1998 and then "retired" — sort of. In fact, the next several years

involved a combination of part-time teaching and consulting work. Today, he also serves as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy evaluating "next generation" containers for safe storage of spent nuclear material.

"I had been thinking about going into teaching for some time," Massey says, "and I really love the chance to impart what I have learned to cadets." Massey currently teaches Engineering Management, Fluid Mechanics, Facilities Engineering and Engineering Ethics.

"The Ethics course includes some philosophy, a little bit of the 'Golden Rule,' and a lot of case studies examining engineering project failures and their causes. Engineers work with very large forces and pressures in designing and constructing

systems and it is critical that at every phase, we build in fail-safe margins and make sure they are adhered to. That's why we include an emphasis on the ethics of our profession as a critical part of our training."

Massey said he enjoys the interaction with students. "I hope my own experiences help give my students a better sense of what they will find when they start working at sea and ashore. One of the most satisfying experiences for me is to see a student who may have had poor initial grades make a solid improvement in subsequent examinations. It shows they are learning and expanding their knowledge. That's an important part of the educational process and it is both challenging and satisfying to be part of it."

"One of the strengths of the ET department is the diversity of both educational and work-related experience our faculty represents," said Paul Jackson, Chair of the department. "Dr. Massey adds to that diversity by bringing an excellent educational background in an area no one else in the department has, plus extensive work-related experience. When a student wants to know how to write a good engineering report, he can show them examples of reports he has written."

# Cal Maritime Pilots Blanket West Coast

**TOM MILLER LOVES BOATS AND SHIPS.** The enthusiasm just jumps at you. Tom is a veteran member of the San Francisco Bar Pilots — a close-knit group of mariners with literally hundreds of years of combined experience in guiding ships, large and small throughout the 100-plus miles of navigable San Francisco Bay. He's also a Cal Maritime graduate (D-80). In fact, 37 of the currently active 60 members of the Bay Bar Pilots are Cal Maritime grads (and that's just part of the story as you'll learn later.)

Miller came to Cal Maritime in 1975 and said a ride one day on a tugboat really got him hooked. "I volunteered to ride along when the training ship was being towed down the Bay and got to ride on the tug. It wasn't long after I decided that I really wanted to become a Bay pilot, and I wanted to do it by my 40th birthday."



**Tom Miller aboard one of the Pilot launches used to ferry San Francisco Bar Pilots to and from ships entering and departing the Bay.**

Miller was just 18 at the time and his timetable reflected the fact that becoming a San Francisco pilot didn't happen overnight. "In those days, there were two pilot groups — The Bar Pilots had been around since the mid-1800s, guiding ships in and out of the Golden Gate. Once the ship was in the Bay, one of the Tug



**Miller piloted the massive QM2 in and out of the Bay during her inaugural call. The ship cleared the underdeck of the Golden Gate Bridge by just 30 feet. (Photo Courtesy Cunard Line)**

Captains assigned to the docking of the ship would go aboard the ship, relieve the Bar Pilot and dock the ship. However, in 1969, in the wake of a tugboat strike, a second pilot group was formed to guide ships once they were inside the Bay, to and from inland ports and terminals as far distant as Sacramento and Stockton.

Miller graduated in 1980 and began looking for a job. He started working for Crowley Maritime in Seattle. "On my first vacation from Crowley, I took my resume and began visiting tug companies all around the Bay. They all told me they had nothing but would put my name on file. I went back ten days later and did the same thing with the same results. The next Monday, I suddenly got three job offers and began working for American Navigation. I was so happy to be on the Bay and volunteered to do anything and everything. Just 12 days later I was offered the chance to skipper a small tug called the Cascade moving oil barges to and from Pt. Molate. I took it because I was afraid I might never get a chance like that again. I worked for them for a year and met the man who became my mentor and to whom I owe my career — Capt. R.L. "Jack" Frost. Jack took me under his wing and he was really instrumental in my becoming a pilot."

Miller had his sights set on getting into the inland pilots' group first. "You had to pay your dues, and I don't mean monetarily," he explained. "The Bay was divided up into about 10 different areas. You first had to document that you had ridden along with a pilot and a vessel captain on up to 30 round trips to each one of those areas, which usually meant up to 60 one-way trips. Just getting those rides was a challenge. Each pilot was actually an independent

contractor with their own 'customers' who gave them jobs guiding their ships. They were a unique group of individuals and you really had to get to know them to get them to even let you ride along with them. They knew the tricks of navigating in and around specific piers and terminals and they guarded those secrets carefully. That's where Capt. Frost was so helpful to me in opening doors.

"You also have to understand that each ride was on your time and without pay. You were just getting the experience... watching what the pilot and captain did, asking questions and learning. So, when you had a chance to ride along, you never said no when the opportunity arose — even if it was your wedding day."

Miller continued to earn his keep by skippering tugs during this time and was the first captain for the newly formed Bay and Delta company which began with one tug and steadily grew to become today's Baydelta Maritime, one of the leading companies on the Bay. "I was working my regular job and taking every ride offered to get the experience I needed. I'd often change from tug coveralls to slacks and a tie for a pilot ride, and then come back and change back in the same day. I'd sometimes go for 3-4 days running, alternating work and qualifying rides. I really have to give credit to my wife Nancy. There were days I was so tired I would think about turning down a ride and she would tell me, 'Go take a nap for a couple of hours, I'll fix something to eat and then go take the ride.

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## CMA Pilot Headcounts

Of nearly 290 active maritime pilots serving on the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii, nearly 90 (30%) are Cal Maritime graduates.

**Puget Sound:** Fifty-five members in the district from the Canadian border to Olympia Washington. Membership includes three active and three recently retired Cal Maritime graduates.

**Columbia River Bar Pilots:** Seventeen members, of which eight are Cal Maritime graduates, working on one of the most challenging river bars in the world.

**Columbia River Pilots:** 42 active members and 2 trainees of which five are Cal Maritime graduates. One, Capt. Ann McIntyre (D-88) is the first woman member of the organization and first woman pilot on the Columbia.

**Port Humboldt:** Two pilots, one of whom, Tim Petrusa (MT-94) is a Cal Maritime graduate.

**San Francisco:** As noted, San Francisco has 60 members and 37 are Academy graduates with more coming up through the training program.

**Port Hueneme:** Capt. Eric Ireland (D-81) is one of the two pilots at the Port.

**Los Angeles/Long Beach:** LA has 19 pilots, of which seven are Academy graduates. Chief Pilot Mike Rubino (D-76) piloted the QM 2 for her first West Coast call at LA last year and Mike's son Michael Rubino Jr. is currently a junior at Cal Maritime.

Long Beach has 20 pilots and nine Academy graduates are active pilots or group officers. Dick Jacobsen (D-52) is the group's Chairman and CEO and 3rd generation son Tom Jacobsen (D-88) is President.

**Port of San Diego:** San Diego has four full-time pilots and two of those are Cal Maritime graduates.

**Southeastern Alaska Pilots:** Membership of 45 licensed pilots and seven are Cal Maritime grads.

**Southwestern Alaska:** Nineteen members, six of whom are Academy grads.

**Hawaii:** Seven pilots and three trainees. Three pilots and one trainee are Academy grads reports Capt. Ed Enos (D-87).



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You'll be a lot happier tomorrow having done it,' and she really helped make it possible.

"Once I had enough rides for a given area, I could take the area exam and line up the rides I needed for the next one. All during this time, I also had to take the deadly maritime 'Rules of the Road' exam every six months. I say deadly because you had to get a 90 or better to pass.

"Finally, I had all of my rides and exams for every area, but that didn't get me a pilot's slot. If the group decided they needed to add to their numbers, they could vote in any one of the numerous qualified individuals waiting for a slot. I was waiting for the opportunity in 1985 when a bombshell hit. The two pilots groups announced plans to merge and it wasn't clear when the new organization would be taking new members and what would be required to gain entry.

"I was devastated when that happened," Miller admitted. "I even thought briefly about trying to find work in another field. However, in 1986 word came that the newly merged organization was going to begin taking applications for Pilot Trainees. The requirements were to hold all your pilotage for the Bay and hold a Masters license, either unlimited or limited. I had all my pilotage, but I was working on my Third Mate's license that I obtained from the Academy. I went to the Coast Guard and asked if they could transfer my Third Mate license into a Master Freight

and Towing. The answer was 'Yes, after you take the exam.' Normally you would study for months for an exam like that, but I crammed like mad in between working and passed it in two weeks. On Friday afternoon I presented my Master's license to the Pilot Commission and on the following Monday morning, I was one of 14 applicants taking the first entrance examination to become a San Francisco Bar Pilot and was fortunate to have been one of eight that passed the test."

Miller was disappointed to find that he was in the second of two four-person training groups, which delayed him for six months. After that, however, he finished his training in the minimum six months, and was officially commissioned July 1, 1987 at the ripe young age of 29 — an amazing feat in its own right under the circumstances.

"I've been working ever since and I still love the job. I am so blessed," Miller says. "Every day brings something new — from a bulker, to a containership, to a tanker, at any one of dozens of different ports and terminals. You can visit the same spot 10 times and each time the conditions will be different. There are times I wish I had some way financially to pay back people like Capt. Frost and my wife for their support and encouragement. I realize now that best way to do that is to give back."

Miller does that in many ways. For the Academy, he often will volunteer his time as a pilot when the Training Ship *Golden Bear* transits the Bay to and from training cruises or for events like Day on the Bay each fall. He invites Academy cadets to ride along to show them what's involved in being a pilot. He is also volunteering to help develop a new simulator test for pilot trainees, using the Academy's simulator center facilities. "I'm honored to do that," he says. "It means your partners trust you to help train up-and-coming pilots."

It is respect and trust which led to Miller's being chosen to pilot the massive *Queen Mary 2* in and out of San Francisco harbor this winter. Everything about the *QM2* says big — more than one-fifth of a mile long (1,131 feet), displacing 151,000 tons, and so tall she passes under the deck of the Golden Gate Bridge by just 30 feet.

"I was honored to be asked by the head of the Pilots' organization to take this assignment," Miller said. The ship's call at San Francisco generated statewide and nationwide publicity for the city and for Miller and his affiliation with Cal Maritime.

He points out that three other Cal Maritime grads in the Bay Pilots group — Blake Comey, George Livingstone and Will Lemke — were all in his division at the Academy. "Eight to ten of us from our generation at the Academy will be retiring around the same time," he said, "and making room for newcomers."

Tom and Nancy live in Petaluma, CA. Daughter Nicole is attending Fresno State as a Business major and Kristen is a junior at Petaluma High School. Miller says there is no mandatory retirement age for pilots, but he is firm in stating that he plans to retire as soon as he turns sixty. "I really love my work, but after all those years, it will be time to let a new generation move in."



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## From **The Bridge**

By Lynn Korwatch (D-76)  
Alumni Association President

### Joining Forces — The Right Move for Us and for the Academy

MY MESSAGE FOR THIS ISSUE echoes a letter I sent out recently to all Cal Maritime alumni regarding proposals to join The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association (CMAAA) and The California Maritime Academy Foundation (CMAF).

Over the last year, the CMAAA Board has engaged in extensive discussions with the Foundation on ways we can better support the Academy. After several meetings with President Bill Eisenhardt, the CMAAA Board of Directors and Vice President Tom Dunworth (representing the CMAF), a draft Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up, and then reviewed again by all parties. These in-depth discussions identified numerous benefits of joining the two groups:

- All Academy graduates, past and future, automatically become members of The California Maritime Academy Alumni Association.
- No dues will be required for CMAAA membership.
- All contributions to the Academy will now be tax deductible, where dues were not.
- Joining our efforts will produce an organization which is stronger, more united, and better coordinated in its ability to support the Academy on all fronts.
- The CMAAA will receive financial and administrative support from the Foundation, beginning July 1, 2008.
- The CMAAA will retain an individual status supporting its Mission Statement and will be structured and guided by the CMAAA By-Laws.

As I stated in my letter, "Based on our detailed study, we believe there are many benefits that will result from this merger. Your approval will help strengthen our Alumni Association and increase its membership from 400+ to more than 4,000."

Today, as your Association President, and on behalf of our Board of Directors, I wholeheartedly recommend your vote of support for the joining of the CMAAA and the CMAF.



**Capt. Lynn Korwatch, President of the Cal Maritime Alumni Association, is honored by California State University System Chancellor Charles B. Reed as Cal Maritime's Outstanding Volunteer Advocate.**

WE'RE PROUD TO LET EVERYONE KNOW that Alumni Association President Lynn Korwatch (D-76) was honored recently in Sacramento as The California Maritime Academy's Advocate of the Year at special ceremonies hosted by Charles B. Reed, Chancellor of The California State University system. Advocacy designees for each of the system's 24 campuses were introduced by their presidents and honored for their consistent and long-standing efforts to promote the interests of their institutions on a volunteer basis.

In nominating Captain Korwatch as the Academy's outstanding Advocate, President William Eisenhardt said, "In addition to her full-time job as head of the Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay, and her membership on numerous maritime industry boards and commissions, Lynn has consistently been there to support Cal Maritime, whether as President of the Alumni Association, as a citizen legislative advocate in Sacramento, or as an ambassador for this institution. As the nation's first woman captain of a commercial vessel and one of the first women to attend the Academy, Lynn has set new standards of leadership and professionalism and earned the deep respect of her colleagues and her peers. I can think of no better choice for this award than Lynn Korwatch, and extend the deep thanks of all of us who love Cal Maritime for her dedication, her commitment and her advocacy."

**Dr. Julie Chisholm, GSMA Lecturer**, presented *Creative Technology Solutions for the 21st Century Writing Center* at the Northern California Writing Centers Association Conference,



Chisholm

and *The Meaningful Wiki: How to Grow an Effective Virtual Community of Practice* at the 2007 Computers and Writing Conference. Chisholm and **Information Technology's Greg Crum** also showcased the Wiki at the annual meeting of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Chisholm's article *Pleasure and Danger in Online Teaching and Learning* has been included in the **National Association of College and University**

**Attorneys'** publication, *The Distance Education Compendium*, which will be available in both print and CD formats.

**Dr. Lui Hebron, GSMA**, was co-author of an article in the February issue of *International Interactions* entitled *Testing Dynamic Theories of Conflict...* He also presented two papers at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association – *Asian Relations – the Return of the Middle Kingdom, and Chinese Volcano: Environmental Pollution and Health Concerns*. – both part of a book project he is preparing on the People's



Hebron

Republic of China. He has also completed the *Instructor's Manual with Test Bank for American Foreign Policy: Pattern and Process* by **Eugene R. Wittkopf, Christopher M. Jones, and Charles W. Kegley, Jr.** (Contributing Author) 7th Ed., (Thomson Wadsworth, 2008).

**Professor Paul Jackson**, Chairman of the Engineering Technology Department, was featured as an expert on vessel design on the *Discovery Channel* program, *Survive This!*, aired in February. A film crew spent a day with Professor Jackson aboard the *Golden Bear* as he explained the circumstances behind the 1991 sinking of the Greek Cruise liner *Oceanos* off South Africa.



Jackson



Lynch

**History Professor Dr. Tim Lynch** presented two March lectures: *A Kindred and Congenial Element: Republican Rhetoric in Ireland and America* at the Conference on Carolina Low Country and the Atlantic World at the College of Charleston; and *Built by the Mile – Cut off by the Yard: Henry J. Kaiser and Shipbuilding in WWII California*, for a History Series at The Citadel Military College in South Carolina. Prof. Lynch was also filmed as an

expert on the history of moving large ships overland for a June installment of the History Channel's *Mega Movers* series.

**Professor Tom Nordenholz** received a CSU *Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity* grant to study wind energy training, education and research projects at the Academy. He also presented a paper at the *American Society of Engineering Education Conference on Animation as the Final step in the Dynamics Experience*.



Nordenholz

## MILESTONES

**Cal Maritime's Head Dinghy Sailing Coach Matthew Barrowclough** has been named



Barrowclough

Commissioner for the Pacific Coast Sailing Conference of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association.

**Julie Chisholm** was also honored recently as recipient of the **Richard W. Fish Award**, given annually to Academy faculty who have demonstrated an “unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching.” Dr. Chisholm has

played an important role in assessing the General Education curriculum and program on the campus and advancing “Writing Across the Curriculum.” The award is in honor of Dr. Richard W. Fish, who for more than thirty years was a professor of organic chemistry at CSU-Sacramento.

**Gay Kvilhaug**, in Cal Maritime's Accounting Department, was honored for her work in implementing the new **CASHNet** system which allows students at the Academy to pay fees, tuition and other expenses online by credit card or electronic check.



Kvilhaug

**Prof. Jim Wheeler** was presented the *Students First Award* by the Associated Students organization for extra efforts to support students. Wheeler's bike ride last year from Vallejo to Seattle, WA, has raised over \$20,000 in scholarship support for student athletes. Wheeler immediately added the \$250 award prize to his fund.



Wheeler

## ACTIVITIES



Arms

**Susan “Charlie” Arms, Cal Maritime Sailing Director**, was a presenter at the National Sailing Programs Symposium in New Orleans. She is also part of the national faculty for **US Sailing**, which oversees student materials and instructor certification programs for the organization.

**Dr. Louis McDermott, Global Studies & Maritime Affairs Lecturer** was a commenter on the *Russo-German Conflict in WWII* at the *Missouri Valley Historical Convention* in Omaha, NE.



McDermott

STUDENT PROFILE

## Ronald Miller, Jr., GSMA-2008

ASK CADET RON MILLER what is he has on his agenda on a given day and you'll get tired just listening. The day we talked to him had started at 4:30 a.m. and would probably end after 10 p.m. In addition to carrying a junior-year course-load with a major in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs and a minor in law, he is also the incoming Executive Officer (XO) — the number two position in the Cadet Corps hierarchy — responsible for a staff of 22 senior cadets. He is a co-director of the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC) with its \$20,000 annual budget for student outdoor and urban exploration activities. He

also finds time to help finance his education as a student worker and a continuing education research assistant. He's an avid runner as well. With all of that, he has earned Dean's List, President's List and Admiral's Leadership Awards for exemplary academic and personal performance and maintains a strong 3.7 GPA.

**Ron Miller with John P. Walters, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy during his summer internship in 2006. ▼**



**▲ Cadet Ron Miller (R) Executive Officer for the Corps of Cadets during the coming year, with Julian Moore, Cadet Corps Commander.**

Miller's father is a career member of the U.S. Marines, based out of Camp Pendleton. As a member of a military family, Ron already has a good sense of the world, having lived and traveled in Europe, Japan and the U.S., as well as South America. "I learned about Cal Maritime through my high school, and the Academy's sense of organization and leadership was something that attracted me. My career goal is the law and perhaps something which combines matters of Constitutional law with homeland security."

Last summer, Miller traveled to South America on Academy summer cruise. In 2005 he worked as a summer intern in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, and attended a Gulf

Coast conference on the Coast Guard's role in Homeland Security. This summer he will gain a new perspective on the law as an intern in the Homicide Office of the Orange County, CA District Attorney.

"As a military dependent, I have been fortunate to get a VA tuition break," Miller explains, "but I have also been assisted by private scholarship support through groups like the Long Beach Harbor Association and the Masters, Mates and Pilots. Their generous support, plus work-study funds have made my education here possible. The Academy is small enough that you really get to know your classmates and your professors. I have tried to take advantage of the opportunities Cal Maritime has given me and to take initiatives in problem solving and communication. The internship

opportunities I have been experiencing have really helped expand my knowledge and understanding. I really love the experience I have gotten here at the Academy."

"Ron has been absolutely great to work with," says Dr. Donna Nincic, head of the Global Studies and Maritime Affairs program. "He's always one of the first to volunteer to help out with whatever we need in the department or for the major — service on search committees, giving tours to faculty candidates, help with recruitment, etc. He's also a great ambassador for GSMA: From his co-op with the White House to his work with The Academy's Maritime Security Directorate to his participation in classes — he represents everything that's best about us."

## Oral History: Your Stories and Memorabilia Have Value



**Cal Maritime is launching an Oral History Project, to record stories and memories from anyone who has attended, taught, or worked for or with the Academy from its earliest days until modern times. The project is being developed and coordinated by (L-R) Library Director Carl Phillips with additional assistance from Ben Bolin, a graduate assistant from the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State, History Professor Tim Lynch and Library Archives Assistant Fran Fraser. A special web page about the project can be found at <http://library.csum.edu/archives/oralhistory.htm>**

“CAL MARITIME HAS GROWN from a small nautical training school to a unique part of the California State University system,” notes Library Director Carl Phillips. “Its alumni, faculty, staff and others who have worked for us, have played an important role in the history of the state, the region and the nation. Many have proudly served our country in times of conflict and helped to develop today’s modern maritime industry, in all of its facets, in times of peace. Documenting and preserving that history through the memories and the records of our alumni, faculty and staff is an important part of our task as an educational institution. We encourage anyone interested in contributing to get in touch with us. We’re offering individuals two ways to record their memories,” Phillips said.

- “Dr. Lynch and interested cadets from his History classes are ready to interview interested candidates about their experiences. In most cases, these will likely be done with individuals in proximity to the campus where logistics can more easily be arranged.
- “Alternatively, those who feel comfortable in doing so can produce their own oral histories. We’ve put together an Oral History Kit which includes an overview of the kinds of information we are seeking, how to record interviews on either audio or video tape, and how to submit the results to us. The Kit can be downloaded from our website or mailed out. We even include some sample questions to ask to get things rolling.”

Lynch said while a trained historian might ask some questions differently than a friend or family member, the important thing is simply to capture the basic information.

“We’ll review completed histories as they come in, and if we identify an area we’d like the subject to tell us more about, we can follow up. For older alumni, the interview process often opens the doors to younger members of their family who are fascinated to hear about the lives of parents or grandparents. They can interview their family member themselves using the Oral History Kit.”

Phillips said the Library is also interested in documents and memorabilia, particularly those related to the Academy. “Diaries, journals and letters are of utmost interest, but we are also eager to have photos, uniforms and other mementos. In many cases we can make copies. In others, we might ask the individual to consider a bequest donation of originals. Overall these efforts will enrich our Archives for the benefit of researchers today and in years to come.”

The funds for developing this project (recording equipment, etc.) have come, in part, from the Captain Harold and Marguerite Huycke Endowment for Maritime History. (See related story on Capt. Huycke in the Crossed the Final Bar section of this issue.)

“Captain Huycke was widely known in maritime history circles and considered an important figure in the development of West Coast U.S. maritime history. He was a frequent visitor to our campus and was particularly interested in seeing the history of the Academy collected and preserved. His generous endowment will help us do that and also help expand teaching and learning on the subject here at the Academy. He had a very positive impact to the campus and to the library’s programs in particular. We will dearly miss his presence.”

# Class Notes, Spring 2007

WE'RE PLEASED TO INCLUDE the largest compilation of Class News and Notes ever in this issue of Cal Maritime — a five-fold explosion in the number of classes reporting. It is due, in no small measure, to the work of a growing number of alumni who have agreed to serve as class secretaries. Where classes now have a secretary, we've identified those individuals and their contact information at the top of the class entry.

However, we've still got a long way to go before we have a secretary for every class. The Class Notes below represent input from only about 20% of the Academy's 77 alumni classes. We hope you'll consider taking on the task for your class if it doesn't yet have a secretary. To volunteer, contact Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Jennifer Whitty at [jwhitty@csum.edu](mailto:jwhitty@csum.edu) or 707-654-1245. She'll give you all the information you need to get started right away. (P.S. If your class doesn't yet have a secretary, you can still send in your own information for the next issue to Jennifer's attention.)

Secretaries handle two primary tasks:

- First, they solicit news and photos from classmates and three times a year, submit Class Notes.
- Second, they help us keep track of current alumni contact information including address, phone and e-mail. Correct address information is very important to us. We mail out thousands of copies of this magazine each issue. Every one that comes back with a bad address is a waste of funds we could use for other good causes. Secretaries, working together with their known classmates can help locate the missing. (See Class of '54 as an example.)

## 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.

Ken Passè (D-69) in the PNW writes a monthly e-mail newsletter filled with area news of interest such as the planned call by the Golden Bear in Seattle in August and a shipboard reception for alumni and guests. A quick note to [kpasse@csum.edu](mailto:kpasse@csum.edu) will get you added to the distribution list. A report from Ken about his efforts and the activities of the PNW group (which includes an active chapter in the Portland, OR area as well) is found elsewhere in this issue. In the southern California area, your contact is Capt. John Ryan

(D-54), [jnryan0230@msn.com](mailto:jnryan0230@msn.com), who also puts out a periodic newsletter including news about upcoming area alumni events. If you have formed, or are interested in forming a Cal Maritime Alumni group in your area, contact Jennifer Whitty.

## CURRENTS

Every month, the Office of Public Relations produces CURRENTS, an electronic publication that provides timely news for faculty, staff, students and alumni. It's filled with interesting stories and photos, plus a monthly calendar of events on and off campus. The latest copy is posted each month on the homepage of the Academy website ([www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu)) and back issues are posted in the News section of the site. To have the latest copy of CURRENTS automatically e-mailed to you, contact PR Director Doug Webster [dwebster@csum.edu](mailto:dwebster@csum.edu).

## California Maritime Academy Alumni Directory Project

The CMA Alumni Office is working with independent contractor, Harris Connect, to update our alumni directory — a project we undertake approximately every five years. Harris Connect produces similar directories for a large number of colleges and universities for the exclusive use of their alumni. We do not distribute or sell this information to outside parties.

By now, you should have already received an e-mail and/or postcard asking that you confirm or update your contact information. If you haven't already done so, please contact the Harris/CMA Alumni Line at

1-800-877-6554 or  
[customerservice@harrisconnect.com](mailto:customerservice@harrisconnect.com)

no later than June 18, 2007 to ensure your listing will be current in the upcoming alumni directory, which will be available in October, 2007.

The directory will enable you to find and keep in touch with old friends and classmates. Also, because your name and biographical information will be listed along with those of other alumni, it will be easy for them to contact you. This directory project will also help us keep the most accurate and up-to-date records possible on all alumni so we can let you know what's happening.

### CLASS OF 1940

**Lionel "Russell" Meeker** writes from Snug Harbor, NC, inquiring as to whether there are any other members of his class around. He recalls entering the California Nautical School at Tiburon in 1936, saying "they must have needed warm bodies" at the time because he failed the entrance exam. He just celebrated his 87th birthday and stays busy building ship models. He is seen here in a photo taken by the local newspaper for an article about his career and his hobby.



1940: Meeker

### CLASS OF 1945

**Arthur John Young (MET)** and his wife Naomi celebrated their 60th Anniversary last February. They met in Stockton in 1945 at an Officers' Club Dance and were married in 1946. Arthur worked for many years as the Chief Engineer at Cal Poly, retiring in 1985.

### CLASS OF 1948

**Secretary: Stu Carney,**  
[carneymb@peoplepc.com](mailto:carneymb@peoplepc.com)

Eight members of CMA's 1948 class met in Fresno last September to celebrate their 58th anniversary of graduation. Fresno was also the site of their first reunion in 1958. Southerners included **Al Rowe, Stan Harvey, Ed Olson** and **Stu Carney**. Northerners were **Fred Swain, Don Buck, John Meyer** and **John Ball**. Other class members still around but unable to attend are **John Ford, Roscoe Wilkey** and **Bruce Johnston**. Bruce reports that a class of 44 cadets entered the Academy in 1945 and 19 graduated in '48. Eleven of them are still going strong and are already thinking about their 60th reunion. We hope they'll make that one here at the Academy.



1948: (L-R) John Meyer, Don Buck, Bobbi Harvey, Stan Harvey, Pat Ball, Marion Rowe and Al Rowe

### CLASS OF 1950

**Secretary: Stan Racik,**  
[kicars2@aol.com](mailto:kicars2@aol.com),  
858-674-5689

**Pete Combs** has opened his new bank, which is located in a \$4 million building in Ennis, Montana. His bank started with \$100 and now has more than \$300 million in assets. A second generation of the Combs family is now running Combs Enterprises, with interests in lodging and banking. The company was named Montana Family Business of the Year for 2006 by the Montana State University School of Business and State Farm. **Stan Racik**, president of the local Lions club in San Diego, has raised more than \$16,000 for charities raising service dogs for the blind and disabled.



1950: Combs

**Ted Johnston** is a docent at the computer history museum in Mountain View. He and his wife Margaret have been traveling to Alaska and France. They hiked for a week in Provence. **Tom Hoheisel** is busy with his extended family and wife Joan on their 10-acre farm in Placerville. Besides building a swimming pool, garage and out buildings, Tom is not sure what to do in his spare time.

### CLASS OF 1951

**Secretary: Jean Dempster,**  
[dumpsti@aol.com](mailto:dumpsti@aol.com)

**Harold Simmons** is trying to sell his avocado grove in Escondido and retire to his 105-year old farm house in Petaluma which is

undergoing a complete rebuild. He will miss being close to **Lyle and Lee Taylor**, who live a ship's length away in Escondido. The Class of 1951 celebrated its 56th reunion April 16th and 17th in Cambria, Calif. In past years, the group has had good turnouts. A report and photo of this year's reunion will be included in the next issue of Cal Maritime.

### CLASS OF 1952

**Quentin Peterson** reports that the Class of 1952 held its 54th reunion in October on a cruise from Seattle to Canada. More than one-third of those who graduated attended, along with friends and relatives. The class hopes for 100 percent participation for its 55th reunion.

### CLASS OF 1953

Some members of the Class of 1953 gathered last year in the Napa Valley.



1953: (L-R) Lew Gladser, Fred Varni, Maryann Varni, Kathy Bauer, Lois Gladser, Diane Venturini, George Bauer, Joe Venturini

### CLASS OF 1954

**Secretary: John Cade MET**  
[johnphylca@aol.com](mailto:johnphylca@aol.com)

Greetings to all from Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Sonora, Mexico. Phyllis and I are basking in the sun and enjoying the tropical breezes of this fishing port on the Sea of Cortez along with 20 other retired military RVers from the Southwest. The continuing search for "lost classmates" is bearing results:

**Elzy Echols** located **George Thurn** and his wife, **Betty** in Cocoa Beach, Florida. They also have a summer home in Newland, North Carolina. George spent his post-Navy career with Douglas/McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing where, after 35 years in instrumentation, test, electrical and project engineering, he retired as a senior project manager. **Eugene A. "Geno" Kelly** is in poor health and is residing at a nursing home just outside San Diego, CA. The Submarine Web Site for *USS SEGUNDO (SS-398)* has helped us verify that **Donald W. Englefried**, has passed away. We are awaiting more details from them. We would also like to get in touch with his widow, **Mrs. Pamela Englefried**. The Dept.

of Veterans National Gravesite Locator has confirmed that **Lieutenant Commander William L. "Buzz" Galli, USN, Ret.**, passed away 16 May 1992. He is buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA. **Jack and Mary Jane Hammerland** located **Mrs. Vali Leedom**, widow of **Captain Clair E. "Bud" Leedom II, USN, Ret.**, in the Carmel, CA area. Bud was awarded the Silver Star Medal for "Gallantry in Action" during Vietnam and commanded Destroyer Squadron 21 in the late 1970s. He passed away in 1994. His son, **Clair E. "Bud" Leedom III** lives in San Diego and is helping us to reconstruct his "Life Story." We are still searching for **Horace Dan Allison, Lawrence E. Apor, Ward Miller Stanton** and **Leon Warren Townsend**. If you have any information about them or the widows of any of our classmates, please pass it along to me.

Our "Life Book" is making progress. We have received several two-page thumbnail biographies and they make great reading. The format is not important. Those who have sent them have said that they don't take that long to write. Please send yours in soon.

#### CLASS OF 1955

**Secretary: Tom Lytle, tomlytle@sbcglobal.net and thomaslytle@comcast.net**

Tom is collecting information for 1955 alumni.

#### CLASS OF 1957

Many members are working together and with the CMA Alumni Office to organize the class's 50th Reunion, which will coincide with this October's Homecoming Weekend on campus. So far, one-third of the class has already booked their hotel accommodations for the weekend. **Leroy Lester** advises he is the author of a new book, now available on Amazon, called *An Officer...Not a Gentleman* which covers his varied maritime career, including his years at the Academy and in the Merchant Marine and Navy, then as a commercial fisherman, shipbuilding design engineer, tech support test engineer for the military and as a marine surveyor. He looks forward to attending the 50th reunion this fall at the Academy. We've been working hard to track down missing class members. **Peter Van Valin** is living on his sailboat in La Cruz, Bahia Banderas, Mexico. We're still trying to locate **James Baxter, Robert Byrne**, and **Charles Parcels** and surviving relatives of **Joseph Hernandez**. If anybody has any information, please contact **Knick Pyles** at [hkpyles@dccnet.com](mailto:hkpyles@dccnet.com), **Roger Huhnke** at [rhm1089@cox.net](mailto:rhm1089@cox.net), or **Tom Conley** at [tomcbroker@yahoo.com](mailto:tomcbroker@yahoo.com).



**1957: Knick and Lyn Pyles met with the Alumni and Campus Archives Offices in April to see if they could track down some of their missing classmates.**

#### CLASS OF 1959

**Secretary: Tom Armstrong eparmstrong@sbcglobal.net 916-630-1880**

The reunion committee for the upcoming class reunion — the BIG 50th scheduled for 2009 — recently held their first planning meeting. Members include **Rick Meleski, Bob Sagehorn, Jim Peterson, Carl Bowler, Martin Block** and **Tom Armstrong**. At this time we are open to suggestions and will be contacting classmates in the near future for their input. We also have six members of our class that we are unable to locate. If anyone has any information please contact me: **Ken Brown, John T. Ellis, Charles Lampman, Richard Leung, Michael O'Connell, Robert Warrendorf**.

#### CLASS OF 1961

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

Our 45th Class reunion in October of 2006 wasn't as big as we hoped, but it was a significant one spending quality time with quality classmates! It was great to see those who could make it.



**1961: (L-R) Al Satterla, Paul Sunnergren, Bruce Waller, Don Johanson, Toivo Vilman, Byron Bader, Dwight Peters. Also attending but not pictured were Glenn Birch and Glenn Phinney.**



**1961: (L-R) Reunion Co-Chairs Richard Vohs and Byron Bader**

Spoke with **Mike Rose** who is all for initiating informal planning meetings for our 50th reunion in 2011. It was suggested that we even have an intermediate get together in maybe 2009? We ain't getting any younger as we all know?! We're relieved that "Big" **John D. West's** surgery in early 2007 was a successful one! Ditto for **Don P. Johanson** who also had surgery in the middle of '06. On the Big Blue sailing front, **Miklos Endrody** and wife, Barbara, making their sea voyage trek last Fall from Washington State to Mexico aboard their 48 ft. Krogen Trawler and meeting up with **Dan Green** in Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, Mexico, where Dan now resides. **Paul Sunnergren** stumbling on a "possible" location for **Bob Lowell Leffingwell**, one of our four 'missing links' of the class whom I have not located to date. Celebrated my 67th birthday with **Phil Henry** and wife Kathy at the Hard Rock Casino/Hotel in Las Vegas during my birthday weekend in the latter part of January. Located **PG Murray** living in Honoka'a, HI. He's alive and well and runs tours into Waipio Valley on the Big Island. **Dwight Peters** did call to say hello when visiting the Big Island on vacation earlier this year. Spoke with **'Bud' Gorman** who is retired from shipping and living in SF. Discovered Thure **"Terry" Brinck** by stroke of luck via "email sorting". Advised he lives in both the Philippines and California. Another hard find was **Tom Wilburn** but the old adage of never say die, located him in Reno, NV. **Jim Cozine** has been a big help in providing inside leads to locating classmates and was present at the event that honored **Tony Pittsey** in Washington, DC. Tony's widow, Giuliana, was present at the ceremony but still resides in Italy. She still wishes to be part of the class so she is representing Tony on our Class roster by being noted under the "widow" category. **Paul Hoey** is also one of my leads to locating another member of the class, **Wayne B. Miller**. Our CMA '61 Class Website is still a project to be realized.

Thanks to input from **Dave Allower** and the Internet Tech that **Glenn Phinney** has so graciously allowed us to use from his company. We'll use his IT expertise to put it together when I find the time to do it?! **Gerry Tufts** was located by an old Xmas card to **Toivo Vilman**. He's finally resolved his email address issues lately and is open for class correspondence traffic. He has been keeping me busy advising him of CMA alumni items and issues that he sort of lost contact with. I'm sure the new '07 CMA Directory will contain much better info for our class this time around. I regret the unresolved contact information for: **RL Leffingwell**, **WB Miller**, **GFDinneen** and **JG Flohr**. Not a bad 'class locating ratio' though. We entered in 1958 approx 120 strong. Only 66 of us made it to graduation in '61. Currently, 8 have passed on leaving 58 remaining. I narrowed it down to locating 54 of the 58.

#### CLASS OF 1965

**Secretary: Bob Piazza**, [rwpiazza@comcast.net](mailto:rwpiazza@comcast.net), 707-664-1760 (H) 707-939-3320 (O) **Larry** and **Sharon Russon** recently made it home to San Diego, 1 month short of 18 years. We'll have to get his new address. **John Porter** has returned to Alameda. I guess Houston was too hot and humid. **Bill Froude** has finally retired from the MM&P and from his seagoing career. His wife, **Eva**, has also retired from a civilian career working for the US Army. They will now officially and finally start enjoying the rewards from the years of toil and labor. **Bob Rosenbaum** thinks the country is tooling-up for both the Energy Crisis and Global Warming, so he should be healthily employed for at least a decade. He says part of it is luck in being in the right place at the right time with the right stuff. He reports he will soon begin writing that novel he's been talking about: *The Sinking and Atrocity of the Liberty Ship SS Jean Nicolet*. **Dick and Donna Branch**, **Bob and Penny Piazza**, **Dennis and Linda Gregor** and **Brian and Jan Maxwell** partied on the Snow Train to Reno for Valentines



**1965: (L-R) Brian Maxwell, Dennis Gregor, Bob Piazza, Jan Moehl and Dick Branch**

Day. On arrival they met with **Jan and Kathy Moehl** at Bricks Restaurant where Jan hosted dinner. "Big Bucks" Branch had a suite at the Eldorado complete with disappearing TV, electric curtains and in room spa. All meetings were held in his room.

#### CLASS OF 1969

**Secretary: Ken Passè**, [kpasse@comcast.net](mailto:kpasse@comcast.net), (206) 232-1104 **Chris Grow** returned to school after CMA graduation and earned his MBA from UC Berkeley in 1974. After earning his CPA, Chris started his own accounting firm in 1988. Chris' wife, Kathy, is an English Teacher at Cal State East Bay. Their two sons both graduated from UC Davis and, by Chris' own admission, are "way smarter than me". Despite the rest of the family, Chris thinks that his dachshund, Sam, is his only true friend. He still rides motorcycles and loves hiking in the Sierras. Need your books cooked? Contact Chris in Pleasant Hill, California. **Greg Marton** went to work for Chevron on coastwise oil tankers for three years, then started sailing off the board with MM&P as 3rd, 2nd, and Chief Mate, for companies including Matson, Sealand, APL, Pacific Far East Lines, Waterman, Prudential, Delta, West Coast Shipping, and several tanker firms. Greg got his master's license in 1982. He wrote *Tanker Operations*, (Cornell Maritime Press, 1978, now in its 4th edition.) He went back to school twice at Southern Oregon

University: once for a teaching certificate in 1985 and once for a master's degree in social science/psychology in 1990. He is currently teaching psychology and sociology at Rogue Community College in Medford, Oregon. Greg is married to Maureen and they live in Ashland, Oregon. Greg has a grown son (Tom), and two grandchildren. **Bob Reynolds** sailed for various companies after graduation, finally settling with Chevron Shipping in 1974 and rising to the position of Master in 1980. He came ashore in 1998, working as Fleet Safety Manager and Marine Superintendent before retiring in Feb. 2005. Six months later, Chevron retained him as a consultant where he continues to work part time on various projects. Bob and his wife Sylvie are still married after 30 years and are living happily in Marin County. Rumor has it that he is trying to merge back into semi-retirement status so he can devote more time to mountain biking, hiking with the dogs, traveling, and playing piano. He probably plays some of the same old blues and rock tunes as when he was at CMA. **Craig Roberts** concluded 36 years of going to sea through MEBA at the end of August 2006. The last five years have been spent working on the *SS Cape Girardeau* in Alameda, CA, where he lives. He and wife Nancy have been married for over 30 years. Son, Glen graduated from UC Davis and daughter Corinne graduates from Columbia University in NYC this year. After graduating, **Bob Rogers** continued his education, receiving a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University in 1972. Bob worked as an instructor and watch officer at Cal Maritime from 1972-1973, then taught engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo from 1973-1992 and environmental engineering at the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) from 1992-present. In 2004, he was named as one of "Oregon's 50 Great Leaders" by *Oregon Business* magazine for leading the alternative energy charge at OIT's Oregon Renewable Energy Center. Bob currently lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon



**1965: (L-R) Penny Piazza, Donna Branch, Linda Gregor, Dennis Gregor, Dick Branch, Brian Maxwell, Jan Maxwell**

with his beautiful wife Cathy and looks forward to retiring to Boise, ID by 2020. **John Urbanik** left for his first sailing job to South America immediately following CMA's graduation ceremonies, and continued to sail for a few years. He earned his business administration degree from San Francisco State University in 1972. He married his wife, Gail, and came ashore to work for DeLaval Enterprise as an Applications Engineer. He then spent a period at States Lines as a Labor Relations Administrator before moving to St. Helena, CA and starting his career at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville in 1978. He retired as Chief Engineer in 2003. Son Scott graduated from Cal and is a Civil Engineer in Sacramento. Daughter, Kelly graduated from UC Davis and is a winemaker on the North Fork of Long Island, NY. Now, John can usually be found working around the house, golfing, or sampling from his home wine cellar in St. Helena.

### CLASS OF 1983

**Scott Franklin** saw the Fall, 2006 Cal Maritime story on scholarship recipient Rose Kim and wrote, "When I was a 3rd Classman, age 20, William Kim, Rosalynn's father, then age 21, arrived at Lee's Taekwondo Academy as Head Instructor, and was supposed to live above the studio in Vallejo, but it was not yet livable. My roommate and I let William stay in our room for over a month, and brought him food from the dining facility. We founded the short-lived CMA Taekwondo Club on campus." Scott went from Crowley Maritime tugs to flying helicopters for the Navy in 1984 and in 1988 was a Navy Seahawk ASW/SAR helicopter pilot in the Persian Gulf. Through the National Guard reserve, he's now on active duty with the US Army in Iraq as a Blackhawk MEDEVAC pilot. His deployment ends late this summer and he hopes to make the 1983 25th reunion in 2008.



1983: Franklin

### CLASS OF 1987

**Capt. John J. Schneider** recently accepted the position of Port Captain at Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery. His duties include ship and wharf operations, vessel clearance, quality control, and liaison with the local maritime community. Since graduating from CMA, John has sailed exclusively on oil tankers. For the past seven years, he's worked in top management positions at sea with Overseas Shipholding Group and Alaska Tanker Company, where he was most recently Chief Officer on the *Prince William Sound*.

### CLASS OF 1993

**James Starbuck** recently moved to Orlando, FL after accepting the position of Finance Manager in Financial Systems for Disney Theme Parks and Resorts. He is responsible for Disney's SAP system for Procurement, Warehousing, Inventory Management, Production Planning and Quality Assurance for Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Walt Disney World, Disney Cruise Line, Paris Disneyland Resort and Hong Kong Disneyland Resort.



1993: Starbuck

### CLASS OF 1994

**Secretary: Tammie Lassiter, [tammielassiter@comcast.net](mailto:tammielassiter@comcast.net)**  
Tammie has just signed on as alumni secretary for the class of '94 and will be contacting classmates soon to update addresses and gather information about individual alumni. Contact her with your current information.

### CLASS OF 1995

**Andrew Rosebrook** competed in last November's Ford Ironman Florida Triathlon, a 140.6 mile test consisting of a 2.4 mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and finishing with a full 26.2-mile marathon. Andy finished 291st in his age group. He notes that he took up triathlon four years ago to lose weight and get back in shape. It apparently worked.....he's lost 60 pounds and competed in 23 triathlons. Andy now lives in Royersford, PA and is a Project Engineer for the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission conducting engineering and operational inspections at nuclear facilities throughout the Northeast. Prior to joining the NRC, Andy was a submarine officer in the Nuclear Navy, and worked as the Maintenance Manager for Reliant Resource's Mandalay Generating Station in Oxnard, CA.



2001: Pickerel

### CLASS OF 2001

**Stephanie Bishop Pickerel**, currently a Marine Superintendent with Eagle Marine Services in Seattle, occasionally slips into her alter ego as a roller derby queen. Skating under the name Sake Bomb, her team Grave Danger competes in the Rat City Roller Girls league. **Zach McAbee**, BA long active in marine insurance, has been promoted from the Seattle to the Chicago office of Travelers Insurance. Zach worked with CMA parent and Academy Foundation Board member **Rich Haynie** on insurance for Cal Maritime's boat program.

### CLASS OF 2004

**Secretary: Justin Poulson, [justinbpoulson@gmail.com](mailto:justinbpoulson@gmail.com), (425) 327-2960**  
Justin has just started as class secretary. Contact him with latest contact information, and your news and notes.

### CLASS OF 2005

**Secretary: Eric Cooper, [escoops@hotmail.com](mailto:escoops@hotmail.com)**  
Eric has just started as 2005 class secretary.

### CLASS OF 2006

**Andrew Nottberg**, now in the Military Sealift Command, reports he is heading back to sea after completing shoreside training in Ammunition Supply Administration. "I'm really glad CMA taught me how to absorb a lot of information quickly, or I doubt I would have passed." Nottberg says he expects to spend about 6-8 months aboard the *USNS Kiska* and with the extra sea time hopes to get his 2nd Mate's license.

### CLASS OF 2007

**Secretaries: Jason De Jesus, [jason@gmail.com](mailto:jason@gmail.com) and Pascha McAlister, [pmcalister04@yahoo.com](mailto:pmcalister04@yahoo.com)**

## NORTHWEST NEWS

It's now official! *TSGB* will make a call at Seattle during the second cruise in 2007. She will arrive in Seattle on Wednesday, 22 August and will depart on Saturday, 25 August.

Local alums have been working with the Port of Seattle to find a suitable berth for the ship. At this point, it appears that she'll be berthed at the north face of Terminal 46, near the Washington State Ferry dock and Pioneer Square. We expect to host a reception for alumni, friends, parents and industry representatives during the visit. The reception will be on Friday evening, August 24, from 5:30-7:30. Please watch for updates, as the arrival gets closer.

If you're interested in helping with the details of the port call, whether with volunteer labor, donations or ideas, please contact Ken Passé at [kpasse@csum.edu](mailto:kpasse@csum.edu).



The Northwest Alumni group holds periodic get-togethers for area alumni and friends of Cal Maritime. Gathering for a fall, 2006 reception were (L-R) Robert Van Keegten (E-75) and wife Alma, and Dan Curry and Walt Bell, both E-65. To make sure you are alerted to upcoming dinners and events, send your e-mail to Ken Passé at [kpasse@csum.edu](mailto:kpasse@csum.edu).

## NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER

For nearly two years, the Cal Maritime Northwest Newsletter has been distributed to nearly 400 identified alums in Washington and Oregon. The intent of the Newsletter is to share news about Cal Maritime and local activities with those northwest alumni who have developed that special common bond that comes from living and sharing



Alumni from the San Francisco Bay Area got together last fall in Berkeley. (L-R) Bill Keyworth E-66, Carl Engle D-65, Miles Davis D-65, Bob Piazza E-65 and Brian Maxwell E-65.

life's experiences at The Academy. Although the distribution list seems fairly lengthy, we know there are other alums in the area and we continue to look for more names/addresses. For those who have received the Northwest Newsletter, we ask that you please pass it along to your classmates or anyone who is not on the distribution. Encourage others to submit their current email addresses, so that they can also receive Newsletters in the future.

If you have any items of personal interest, e.g., who is working where, who is doing something fascinating, who got promoted, who is missing, who is retiring, who is joining the workforce, etc., please contact us. The only way to add these short tidbits is for the audience to submit them. Please send in your items of personal interest!

Although we continue to add new names every month, we still have many Northwest alums to locate! Contact Ken Passé, '69, at [kpasse@csum.edu](mailto:kpasse@csum.edu).

## Save the Dates!

### September 14:

#### The California Maritime Academy Invitational Golf Classic

Put together a foursome and join the fun for a great day of golf at Hiddenbrooke Golf Course in Vallejo, followed by dinner and spirited bidding for valuable auction prizes to benefit Cal Maritime.

### October 5-7:

#### Homecoming Weekend and Day on the Bay

Detailed information about the big weekend event calendar, including reunions, events and Sunday's Day on the Bay cruise aboard the *Golden Bear* will be coming in the mail this summer.

**Class Reunions:** If your graduating class year ends in a 7 or a 2, contact your reunion coordinator(s) listed here for more details. If you don't see a contact and would like to help organize your class reunion group, contact Jennifer Whitty, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at [jwhitty@csum.edu](mailto:jwhitty@csum.edu) or 707-654-1245.

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## Robert Hammaker (E-76) Emeritus Professor — Engineering Technology

EMERITUS PROFESSOR ROBERT HAMMAKER passed away last September 17th after a battle with cancer and just as the fall, 2006 issue of Cal Maritime was being completed. He is survived by two sons from a previous marriage, Sam and Chris, and wife Ana.

Professor Hammaker, born in Napa in 1951, was a 1976 graduate of the Academy's engineering program. For the first six years after graduation he worked at a number of marine engineering positions both at sea and ashore before marrying and returning to the Academy in 1982 as an adjunct lecturer for the Academy's summer cruise, and a year later becoming a full member of the engineering faculty.

Dean of Academic Affairs Steve Kreta, who joined the Cal Maritime faculty a year behind Bob, said that during his more than two decades with the Academy, Hammaker played a major role in establishing and maintaining the quality of the school's Instrumentation and Automation courses and labs. "He was also a good chess player and we had a lot of great matches during off hours on cruises."

Jean Arnold (E-76) — one of the first five women to enter the Academy in 1973 and the only woman cadet in the engineering program — remembers Bob well as both a classmate and a friend. "Bob saw that I was having a rough time dealing with the pressures of being one of the few women in what had been an all-male corps. He took an interest as a friend and we studied together for all of our licensing examinations. Bob had some difficulty learning rote information and had to work extra hard to absorb everything we had to learn in engineering. Nobody wanted to study with me, so I felt very lucky that Bob would. He was very competitive in sports, and especially in Scrabble. It didn't matter who won the first game, we had to play another one to give the loser a chance to even the score, and when that happened, another game had to be played to determine the winner of two out of three.

"One of his nicknames was 'Humble Bob' and it fit him. Whenever someone would unexpectedly do something for him, he was always genuinely surprised, and would say he didn't deserve it, no matter how many things he had done for the giver.

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“He cared deeply about education and about young people. He was a kind, sincere and funny man and I valued his honest friendship and his support all these years, especially at the beginning. I am sure the Emeritus honor he received last year meant a lot to him.”

Emeritus honors are bestowed by the President to those who have made extensive and significant contributions to Cal Maritime’s academic programs, and are made only after a detailed faculty and administration review of an individual’s qualifications and with the full support of the Academic Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Faculty Department.

A colleague, Professor Jim Wheeler said, “In addition to his commitment to teaching, Bob was truly energized through his efforts as a member of the Academy’s Academic Senate and ultimately as the Chair of the Senate in its role as a key element in the shared-governance structure of Cal Maritime. He took to heart the ultimate responsibility that falls to the faculty for ensuring the quality of the academic programs of the Institution.”



**Robert Hammaker**

Said President William Eisenhardt, “I had occasion to work closely with Bob in his role as Chairman of the Academic Senate and valued his wise counsel and his friendship. He was a wonderful colleague and cared deeply about the Academy, the quality of our academic programs and our students.”

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**Captain Harold D. Huycke Jr. (44-D)**

Captain Huycke, born Nov. 23, 1922 in Sapula, OK, died Feb. 12, 2007 in Edmonds, WA. He is survived by his wife, three children and numerous grandchildren.

Harold Huycke's father brought him to southern California when he was seven and a visit to Santa Monica Bay, he later recounted, included the sight of an old four-masted bark that cemented him to the sea forever. He graduated from Cal Maritime in 1944 and went to sea in the Merchant Marine on Liberty and Victory ships in the Pacific during and after WWII and later graduated from USC. In 1957 he got what he called "the best job I ever had," when he was hired by the State of California to overhaul the three-masted schooner *C.A. Thayer* and then sail it to San Francisco where it now resides as part of the San Francisco Maritime Museum.



The next dozen years were spent in a variety of jobs at sea and ashore in the US, Mexico, Central America and the Pacific as a cargo superintendent, mate and master. He retired after 18 years of work as a self-employed marine surveyor.



Harold had a tremendous love of the sea and his great passion was researching the histories of ships and the men who sailed them. Over nearly 70 years, he collected oral histories and exchanged letters with hundreds of sailors around the globe and worked closely with maritime museums and historical societies worldwide including the Cal Maritime Library and the SF Maritime Museum.

David Hull, Principal Librarian for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park wrote us recently: "Our library catalog has 15 entries under "Huycke, Harold," but let me address only his classic West Coast history, the monumental — and definitive — 607-page study, *To Santa Rosalia, Further and Back*. In it, he chronicled the final flowering of the last great square-riggers on the face of the earth, and in so doing, he wrote the last sailing ship chapter of West Coast maritime history. Published in 1970 by Mariners Museum in Newport News, Virginia, it was — not incidentally — the only Mariners Museum publication to sell out.

"...in reconstructing past events, one cannot do better than to compare the accounts of participants. So Harold went to the people, and in each chapter's endnotes, one sees over and over again citations to primary sources: ...once he had written the manuscript, he sent it to the contributors — and other experts — to read and correct. It took fifteen years to complete. What Harold produced is a textbook example of how to get it right."

Harold kept close ties with the Academy over the years and set up a fund to support the Academy's own oral history efforts to collect the memories of alumni about their years at the institution and particularly the recollections of those who served the nation in times of war. That fund, today has been memorialized as the "Captain Harold and Marguerite Huycke Endowment for Maritime History." (See related story on the Academy's Oral History project on page 13.)

**George Musser (35-E)**

**Alvin Vincent Gregory (38-D)**



Alvin V. Gregory (b. Feb. 24, 1917) died Jan. 10, 2007 at his home in Santa Cruz at the age of 89. After graduation from the Academy, he

worked for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company in San Francisco. During WWII, he served on Liberty Ships in the Pacific, transporting everything from ammunition to a contingent of Sea Bees and troops for the Philippine invasion. In 1945 he was named Master, making him the youngest Captain in the Merchant Marine at the time. He was witness to the arrival of the Japanese delegation in the Philippines to work out the details of surrender with General McArthur. Gregory was honorably discharged from the Merchant service in 1945 and returned to his home town to run the family general store for the next 30 years and to serve as a County Supervisor, and as an active member of the Cal Maritime Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dolly, a son and daughter and one grandson.

**Ronald Henry Muirhead (42-D)**

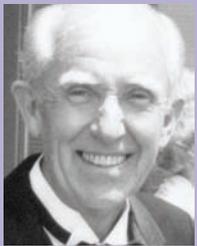


Ronald H. Muirhead (b. May 5, 1916) died in Hayward, CA January 13, 2007. After graduation from Cal Maritime, Muirhead was

commissioned as a US Naval officer during WWII, serving in combat operations in the Aleutians and at Tarawa. He did post-war service as a Merchant Marine Officer for the

Army Transport Service in the Pacific and then as a Civilian Marine Information specialist at the US Naval Oceanographic Office in Maryland. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy Ellen Bowden Muirhead and is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

**William H. Cranston (42-E)**



William Cranston (b. Feb. 2, 1921) passed away Nov. 3, 2006. Cranston graduated from Cal Maritime in 1942 and served

as a merchant mariner in WW II. After the war, he worked for many years as an engineer for Modern Ice and Cold Storage in San Jose. He is survived by his two daughters and four granddaughters.

**James Guthrie (44-D)**

**Bruce Leavitt (46-D)**

Bruce Leavitt died in January, 2007. Bruce had a career for many years with Chevron Shipping and then Global Marine. For those interested, a scholarship fund is being established at the Academy in Bruce's honor (Leavitt Scholarship, c/o CMA Foundation, 200 Academy Drive, Vallejo, 94590-8181).

**Charles A. Marrs (51-E)**



Charles Marrs passed away March 10, 2007 at age 80. Born in San Diego, Sept. 17, 1926, Marrs retired as a State

Hospital Building Inspector in 1996. He is survived by his wife of 56 years MaryLee, six children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Norvel "Gene" MacGregor (53-E)**

Gene, or as he was sometimes called, "Mac" MacGregor died Dec. 10, 2006 at his home in San Rafael, CA having just celebrated his 78th birthday. MacGregor worked for many years at Grace/Producential/Delta steamship companies and had a long career as a Port Engineer.

See Class of 53 Alumni notes for additional information on the passing of:

**Donald W. Englefried**

**Lieutenant Commander William L. "Buzz" Galli, USN Ret.**

**Captain Clair E. "Bud" Leedom II, USN, Ret.**

**Capt. Fred Joseph Gloor (D '56)**



Captain Fred Gloor (b. Dec. 15, 1932) died Oct. 20, 2006 in Vista, CA at age 73 after a long bout with myeloma

cancer. Gloor was a 32-year veteran of the US Merchant Marine. He joined the Navy after high school, serving in the Korean War and then joined the Merchant Marine after attending CMA. On his last commercial voyage, he suffered a pain which led to the diagnosis of cancer, and a form that gave him just 18 months to live. Instead, he lasted nearly 10 more years and during that time, formed the San Diego Myeloma Support Group with his wife Virginia. His efforts in

uniting and enlightening patients resulted in the 2004 Courage award from the International Myeloma Foundation. He is survived by his wife, two children, a sister and brother and seven grandchildren.

**Capt. Tony E. Pittsey (D-61)**



(L-R) Front Jim Cozine D '61; Donna Thompson (Tony's sister), Giuliana Pittsey, Mr. Thompson, Pitsey's brother Rene and his wife and son. Back row third from right: Thomas Dunworth, Cal Maritime VP for Advancement.

Tony Pittsey graduated from the Academy in 1961 and commissioned as a Naval Reserve Ensign that fall, serving as a Deck Officer with the Military Sealift Transportation Service. He held additional assignments during his Naval career as a training officer and commanding officer. In civilian life, he served as Vice President and General Manager of Container Stevedoring Co., Inc. in Oakland, CA. Pittsey maintained his ties with the Academy, serving as President of the school's Alumni Association in the early 90s. In recognition of his love of the Academy his widow, Giuliana Gorlei-Pittsey of Naples, Italy established an Academy scholarship fund in his name.

# events**calendar**

- June 27** Cruise Changeover — Hawaii
- June 29** TSGB Shipboard Reception for Hawaii Area Alumni and Friends — Honolulu
- July 28** Summertime at the Maritime: Kotoja, African Highlife, Jazz & World Music
- August 18** Summertime at the Maritime: Gator Beat, Spicy Cajun and Zydeco
- August 24** TSGB Shipboard Reception for Pacific NW Area Alumni and Friends — Seattle
- Aug. 28** Second Cruise Ends
- Sept. 4** Fall 2007 Semester Begins
- Sept. 14** B.C. Kingsbury Golf Tournament — Hiddenbrooke
- Sept. 22** Summertime at the Maritime: Coco Montoya, Legendary Bluesman
- Oct. 5-6** Homecoming — Cal Maritime
- Oct. 7** Day on the Bay
- Oct. 13** Summertime at the Maritime — A Celebration of Vallejo Talent. Raymond Victor Band, Powerhouse Blues, The Urban Bushmen Band, High Energy Classic Blues and Neo-Soul

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