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## MAKING WAVES

CAL MARITIME ALUMNA  
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IS THE FIRST AMERICAN  
WOMAN TO CAPTAIN  
A MAJOR CRUISE SHIP



## From the President



PRESIDENT THOMAS CROPPER

The “butterfly effect” theorizes that small actions in one part of the world can produce large differences in another part of the world. The name of the effect is derived from the metaphorical example of weather, including powerful storms, being influenced by minor events such as the flapping wings of a distant butterfly several weeks earlier.

A maritime equivalent might be the ripples caused by a fisherman casting his hook into the water on a distant shore redirecting and influencing the powerful waves that carve the coastline of California.

This issue of Cal Maritime magazine contains just a few of the many examples of the small waves and the crashing surf that continue to shape the global maritime industry. Our students are achieving in- and outside the classroom. Cal Maritime alumni are engaging with the campus and mentoring the next generation of maritime leaders. Donors and institutional supporters are creating new opportunities for students and graduates. Faculty and staff are working tirelessly to encourage, inspire, and support our cadets as they begin their journey.

Every day on- and off- campus I witness small ripples being made that will inevitably deliver waves of change in the lives of individuals and the success of the maritime professions. As the only U.S. maritime academy on the Pacific, our role is critical and our reach is global. Those small waves emanating out from Morrow Cove turn into giant waves that will carry you to almost any destination you imagine.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'TACropper'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Cropper  
President



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# Cruise Journal: Rescue at Sea

Last summer, the Training Ship *Golden Bear* sailed to Europe for Cal Maritime's first summer training cruises to the continent in 67 years. Two separate cruises passed through the Panama Canal with stops in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Naples, and Boston. In all, the ship traveled 26,000 miles before returning to campus. During the journey, faculty and staff assisted a group of Algerian refugees off the coast of Spain.

A small boat approached the *Golden Bear* on June 11. Those aboard were waving their hands, shouting and holding empty gas cans in the air. Based on observations of the crew, the boat was determined to pose no threat, but precautions were taken before turning around to assist.

Cadet Adel Qatami, who speaks fluent Arabic, assisted Chief Mate Dan Lintz in communicating with the refugees who were seeking asylum in Spain. While waiting for assistance from the Spanish Coast Guard, food and water were passed down to the boat. Cadets from Cal Maritime took up a collection and passed a donation of 100 Euros to the refugees as well.

The following is Cadet Qatami's account of the encounter with the refugees.

**ADEL QATAMI:** Around 10:00 a.m., I was with shipmates from my division in the lower berthing. We had just finished class and we were enjoying the free time. A call came from the Captain over the P.A. asking me to report to the bridge immediately. I put on my uniform and ran.

Captain Bolton took me to starboard bridge wing and pointed out the boat. The captain told me that there was a boat full of refugees that he believed were of Arabian descent. He wanted to know if I might be able to talk to them. I told him I could, and he asked me to go to the fantail with the chief mate.

One of the cadets gave me an acoustic megaphone. Eventually I got an electronic megaphone which made it much easier.





They were about 50 to 100 feet away when I hailed them.

"What are your intentions?" I asked. We wanted to determine what was wrong, so I was translating what the chief mate told me to ask them. They loved the chief mate...because of his beard [laughs]. They thought he must be the captain, but we corrected them.

I had some difficulties understanding their local dialect and their accents, so I asked them to switch to the formal Arabic language. We could easily understand each other after that.

From the first time we saw each other, they were screaming...requesting food, water, assistance. They also asked for towels. One had jumped out of the boat into the

water to celebrate how happy he was that we were there to help.

We took some food that Mom [Cal Maritime Baker Romaine Purdy] had prepared in the Galley, and we lowered it to them in a basket with a rope. We also gave them seasickness medicine.

The entire operation took half a day, while we waited for the Spanish Coast Guard to arrive.

At first I was a little scared. I didn't know who these people were. But we did our duty towards humanity. We did what mariners are supposed to do. They were fellow sailors, and there is a tradition. They had escaped a town in the northwest of Algeria and had been at sea for two days, bound for Spain. Overall, they looked like

ordinary, middle-class citizens. They just happened to escape their country.

They asked me for my Facebook information, but I didn't give it to them [laughs]. One of them did give me his number, but I lost it before we got back.

After I finish my degree at Cal Maritime, I will go back home to Saudi Arabia and work with the Saudi National Shipping Company. I'm pretty sure in the coming years, I'll encounter other situations like this. Humanity always comes first. [↓](#)

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## TRAINING EXERCISE SHIFTS TO HANDLE INCIDENT

Students training in the handling of small watercraft at the Cal Maritime Safety and Security Center (MSSC) got an unexpected, hands-on exercise, responding to an incident in the San Francisco Bay. Recently, a small bass boat was disabled and drifting onto the rocks off Buoy 3 just west of Loch Loman Yacht Harbor. Two fishermen had been unable to restart their engine and were being blown towards a rock jetty.

The trainees contacted the United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco and offered assistance after a larger boat had been unable to reach the endangered craft as it drifted into shallow water. The MSSC crew was directed to respond. They arrived at the scene and located the vessel, eventually getting close enough to pass a line and tow the fishermen out of harm's way to a dock where they could be secured.

The crew from the Maritime Safety and Security Center included Dan Greely, an instructor from the Center, Chevron Fire Department Battalion Chief Mark Jelonek, and Firefighters Daryl Johnson and Ron Artale.

The trainees were participating in a course which is part of the MERB (Marine Emergency Response Boat) program offered by MSSC. The program is designed as a system of component marine operations courses, allowing agencies to pick the ele-

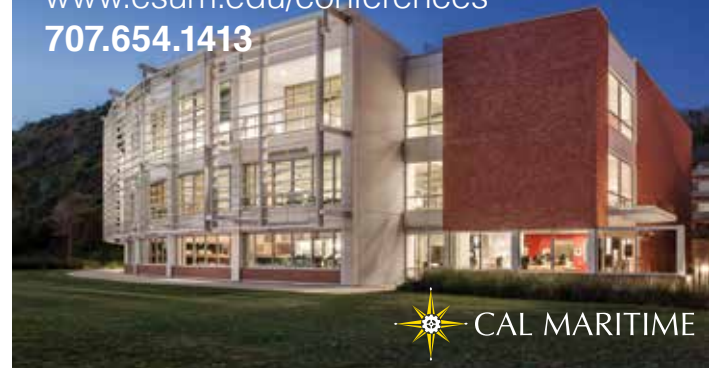
ments of the program that best apply to them. It provides a full range of critical, competency-based training to operators and crewmembers using boat assets in emergency response operations.

The Cal Maritime Safety and Security Center is the only training facility in the region preparing professionals with essential and advanced skills for safety and security as it relates to the transportation industry. The Center is Cal Maritime's first satellite campus. It opened in Richmond, California in 2014. It was developed in partnership with Chevron.

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# Cal Maritime's Alumni Top the State in Average Annual Earnings 10 Years after Enrollment

A new college scorecard released by the U.S. Department of Education reveals that — on average — Cal Maritime graduates earn more than the alumni of any other California school measured by the report.

The launch of the online tool was announced by President Obama in the fall. It is intended to help students and parents identify colleges and universities that provide the biggest bang for the buck. Cal Maritime's showing in the database was covered widely, including articles in the *L.A. Times* and the *Sacramento Bee*.

"There is more to college than just future earning potential, but we are proud to see the success and excellence of our students and the education that they receive

reflected in this way," said Cal Maritime President Tom Cropper.

Beyond earnings, the tool also measures other data, such as average debt load upon graduation. The research used tax returns to measure the earnings of alumni 10 years after beginning college.

The survey included schools with large numbers of undergraduates, and students were included whether they graduated or not. The salary data reflect earnings in 2011 and 2012 for students who entered college in 2001 and 2002. According to the database, Cal Maritime students who started college in 2002 had median earnings of \$81,000 in 2012.

This fall, the Brookings Institution released a survey of colleges ranked on their "value

added" measures. The study sought to quantify the contribution of the colleges to student outcomes, and to adjust for the relative advantages or disadvantages which students experience. Of the more than 1600 four-year colleges that they studied, only 15 got a perfect score of 100. Among those 15 was Cal Maritime.

Cal Maritime also fared well in the spate of annual college rankings. The 2016 edition of *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Colleges ranked Cal Maritime in the top tier of western regional colleges, and the engineering program was recognized to be among the best in the nation among those not offering a doctoral degree.

*Money* magazine also ranked Cal Maritime among the best public colleges.

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## New Veterans Center Opens in Mayo Hall

A newly renovated Veterans Center has opened in Mayo Hall at Cal Maritime. The facility, which received generous financial support from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, serves as a hub for services for Cal Maritime veterans and a casual gathering place.

(L-R) **PATRICK O'ROURKE**, DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE DUTY AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, CSU CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE; **BOB PIAZZA**, CAL MARITIME CLASS OF 1965; **SAM THOMPSON**, CAL MARITIME STUDENT VETERANS ASSOCIATION; **TOM CROPPER**, CAL MARITIME PRESIDENT.

Bob Piazza, a Cal Maritime alumnus from the Class of 1965 and a U.S. Navy veteran, assisted in the search for funding to help make the Center a reality. A dedication ceremony was held on the evening before Veterans Day. The event also commemorated Cal Maritime's recent designation as a Purple Heart University by the California State University Board of Trustees.

## Cal Maritime Tackles Food Security

Food insecurity is defined as the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. It has increasingly become an issue on college and university campuses nationwide and can pose a significant barrier to student success.

Cal Maritime has recently acted to eliminate food insecurity on campus with a program that allows faculty, staff and students to

make contributions to a Food Security Fund or donate meals from meal plans to cadets who need them.

"The response from the Cal Maritime Community to support the food security program has been fantastic and has allowed us to provide immediate support to several students who have sought our help getting through a rough time during the semester," said Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Kreta.

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## Cal Maritime Returns to DOE Collegiate Wind Competition

Cal Maritime is one of twelve collegiate teams selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy's second Collegiate Wind Competition.

The competition will be held at the annual American Wind Energy Association Windpower Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans in May. Teams competing in the event are charged with designing and building a model wind turbine based on market research and siting considerations. They also must develop a business plan to market their product and test their turbine against a set of performance criteria.

Because of the broad nature of the program, students from across Cal Maritime's various academic disciplines are able to participate.

The Department of Energy's website points out that "by combining academic coursework with tangible, hands-on learning, the [competition] provides valuable real-world experience as students prepare to enter the workforce."

A team from Cal Maritime competed in the first-ever competition in Las Vegas in

2014. The team from Cal Maritime finished second in the Department of Energy's engineering-specific competition in

Boulder in 2015, and they hope to build on that success in the full, interdisciplinary event.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM LAUNCHES

The inaugural Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) class of 20 first-time freshmen and transfer students entered Cal Maritime in August. EOP is a California State University system-wide program that provides social, academic, and financial support to students from low-income and first-generation backgrounds. EOP students receive mentoring from returning students, attend workshops and other programming to help develop their skills in the classroom and beyond, and participate in system-wide events, including the annual EOP Student Leadership Conference held each January.

"EOP students have the academic potential to be successful at Cal Maritime, but face other obstacles to earning a degree. EOP has a proven track record of over 45

years of improving graduation rates and helping students meet their goals across the CSU. We are very enthusiastic about what this program can bring to our Cal Maritime students," says Elaine Kociolek, Associate Director of EOP.

"EOP is an excellent source in guidance through college. There's a lot of support," says Christiana Harrell, an MT first-year transfer student from Big Bear, CA. "I love having an EOP Mentor. It's so nice to have someone to talk to who's a student who has experienced the campus."

The program is currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 academic year, and anticipates serving nearly 100 Cal Maritime students by Fall 2018. More information is available at [www.csum.edu/eop](http://www.csum.edu/eop).





## Schumacher Named Hearst Scholarship Recipient

Devin Schumacher (ME) is a graduate of Bear River High School in Auburn and the recipient of a 2015-16 William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees award for Outstanding Achievement.

The award is among the highest forms of recognition for student achievement in the CSU. It is given annually to one student from each CSU campus. In addition to financial need, awardees have also overcome personal hardship and possess other attributes of merit, including superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and significant personal achievement.

"I chose engineering because I wanted to challenge myself and to make a positive contribution to society," said Schumacher.

Schumacher credits a meeting with his high school counselor with setting him on a course to improved academics and future success. At Cal Maritime, Devin's interest in becoming a better public speaker has led him to become the president of the Toastmasters Club. In his spare time, he volunteers in the community by renovating houses, working with children and serving food to the elderly.

### STUDENTS WIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Two Cal Maritime cadets are among the winners of the 2015 Bureau International des Containers et du Transport Intermodal (BIC) scholarship awards. **Alex Gilmore** and **Conley Schroeffer** were the two scholarship awardees from the U.S.

The scholarship program was inaugurated this year to help support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and to encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the intermodal container industry.

There were seven awards given to students from four nations. BIC was founded in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization to promote the expansion of safe, secure, sustainable intermodal transportation.





KATHY ARNOLD



DR. COLIN DEWEY



GRAHAM BENTON



MARGOT HANSON



LOUIS BONES



MIKE KAZEK



JOHN COYLE



ELAINE KOCIOLEK

**Kathy Arnold**, graduate program coordinator, was awarded the Academic Affairs Division's Distinguished Colleague Award.

**Dr. Graham Benton** was named interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs at Cal Maritime. Benton previously service as a faculty member and chair in the Department of Culture and Communication.

**Louis Bones**, director of Dining Services, earned the President's Cabinet Award.

The President's Cabinet Team Achievement Award went to the Vessel Security Officer Course.

The Administration & Finance Division's Distinguished Colleague Award went to **Lee Bowen**, electrician.

**John Coyle** earned the Distinguished Colleague Award for the Marine Programs Division.

**President Tom Cropper** was appointed regional representative for the Americas for the International Executive Board of the International Association of Maritime Universities.

**Dr. Colin Dewey**, assistant professor in the Department of Culture and Communication, received the Cal Maritime Outstanding Teacher Award.

Librarian **Margot Hanson** was presented with the 2015 Cal Maritime Presidential Award.

The Presidential Team Award was presented to the staff of the Student Health Center.

**Mike Kazek**, director of USCG Licensing Programs, received the Outstanding Service Award.

**Elaine Kociolek**, associate director of the Student Engagement and Academic Success Center, earned the Student Affairs Division's Distinguished Colleague Award.

**Dr. Dianne Meredith**, assistant professor of Global Studies & Maritime Affairs, has had two papers on Hydro-Politics accepted for publication, in collaboration with Dr. Elena Givental of CSU-East Bay. *Hydro-politics and Hydro-economics: Comparing Upstream and Downstream Challenges for Vietnam and Ethiopia* will be published in the *Yearbook of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers* in December 2015 and *Environmental and Political Implications of Vietnam's Water Vulnerabilities: A Multiscale Assessment* will be published in the *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* in 2016.

Marine Transportation Professor **Captain Tuuli Messer-Bookman's** *Maritime Casualties: Causes and Consequences* was published. The book examines the link between the history of maritime disasters and their outcomes. It examines the trends and reactions across decades.

The Outstanding Scholar Award was presented to **Dr. Alex Parker**, assistant

professor of Oceanography.

**Captain Sam Pecota** was named interim academic dean. Captain Pecota joined the faculty of Cal Maritime in 2001. Most recently he served as the chair of the Department of Marine Transportation. He has also been the director of simulation, interim director of faculty affairs, California Faculty Association (CFA) chapter president, CFA faculty rights chair, and captain of the Training Ship *Golden Bear* on second cruise since 2011.

**Captain Scott Powell**, marine transportation professor, published his article *Looking out the Window: Training the Navigator for 21st Century Waterways* in the summer 2015 issue of the U.S. Coast Guard's magazine *Proceedings*. He also published and presented his paper *Teaching with Technology; an ECDIS Pedagogy Study* at the e-Navigation Underway 2015 North American Conference at SUNY Maritime College in September.

**Mike Strange**, interim chair of Engineering Technology, has been elected vice chair of the Engineering Technology Division of the American Society for Engineering Education. He will be in charge of organizing the Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) for the next two years.

**Aubrey Trujillo**, webmaster and social media specialist, was named the University Advancement Division's Distinguished Colleague Award recipient.

The National Science Foundation awarded \$75,000 to Cal Maritime in support of **Dr. Frank Yip's** project *RUI: Double Photoionization to Probe Electron Correlation in Atomic and Molecular Systems with More than Two Electrons*. Dr. Yip is an assistant professor of Chemistry.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE FRANZ LOZANO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES INGRID WILLIAMS PRESENT LEE BOWEN WITH HIS DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE AWARD.





# Alumni, Volunteers and Partners Recognized at 2015 Gala

***For the first time this year, Cal Maritime recognized alumni, volunteers and partners with awards at the annual gala.***

The Rising Star Award, which recognizes graduates who have demonstrated energy, creativity and leadership skills within their own career or in support of Cal Maritime was presented to **Sheila Maude LaFleur**.

LaFleur (O2) earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, a minor in Law and a 3rd Officers License. She also holds a certificate in Human Resource Management from Florida Atlantic University. After a sailing career where she became a Chief Mate and obtained her Unlimited Masters License, she transitioned shoreside where she finds synergies and opportunities for Cal Maritime and alumni in career paths that were historically unknown or unattainable.

The new Lighthouse award, which recognizes graduates or honorary alumni for their volunteer spirit and significant and notable service to or on behalf of Cal Maritime, was presented to **Bill Atthowe (75)**.

Atthowe worked on tugs in San Francisco during high school and got his first Coast Guard license at 18. After graduating from Cal Maritime he worked for Sause Brothers Ocean Towing, Shaver Tugs, Western Tug and Barge, and Robert Atthowe Towing with members of the California Inland Pilots Association on the San Francisco Bay and Tributaries learning the art of piloting ships. Working for over 30 years, Bill has piloted over 5500 vessels including two different *Golden Bears* over 50 times for fun and for free. He has also volunteered as an assistant in the senior ship handling class, lectured on piloting, worked in the simulator, and has facilitated and planned Day on the Bay and the first day of Cruise numerous times.

**Two Distinguished Alumni Awards were given, honoring alumni who have made noteworthy contributions to the maritime industry, their chosen profession and Cal Maritime over the course of their careers.**

**Above (left to right): Tom Crowley Jr., Sheila Maude LaFleur, Captain Jim Morgan, Captain Bill Atthowe, Captain John Cox, and Dato' Dr. Ahmad Sabirin Arshad.**





The first went to **Captain John Cox (52)**, president and senior partner of The Maritime Group, Inc. and chairman and senior partner of London, United Kingdom-based TMG International Limited. Cox has over 55 years of experience in the cruise, ferry, and port sectors of maritime shipping.

Since forming TMG in 1990, Captain Cox has been involved in a range of consulting work that has taken him around the world for assignments involving cruise, ferry and terminal operations, and port development. He is also a former senior vice president of Western Cruise Lines and Admiral Cruises.

He was appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington to serve a five year term as a commissioner of the Washington State Marine Employees' Commission to arbitrate as an administrative law judge for unfair labor practices and disputes between maritime labor unions and the Washington State Ferry system.

In addition to his consulting work, he is currently one of the owners and serves as Chairman & CEO of Black Ball Transport, Inc., operating the Black Ball Ferry Line's passenger/vehicle ferry which is the last U.S. flagged, privately owned vessel in international service.

**Dato' Dr. Ahmad Sabirin Arshad (86)**, managing director and chief executive officer of Astronautic Technology was also named distinguished alumnus. Arshad was the project manager for Malaysia's first microsatellite.

Following graduation, Dr. Arshad returned home to Malaysia to begin his career as a lecturer, before obtaining a master's degree in mechanical engineering, then a post-graduate diploma in education, and a PhD in mechanical engineering- thermodynamics combustion. He eventually became the chair of postgraduate studies and deputy dean at the Universiti Sains (sans) Malaysia, where he was part of the founding team for the establishment of the school of aerospace engineering. He was also selected as a Research Fellow by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

He has remained at the forefront of the development of Malaysia's expertise in space science and technologies.

Dr. Arshad credits the education he received at Cal Maritime with giving him the ability to be innovative, a risk taker, and a resilient and creative leader in a competitive environment. He has demonstrated the successful transformation from Sea to Space.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to alumni who have made significant contributions to the maritime industry and to Cal Maritime, was presented to **Captain Jim Morgan (76)**.

For 23 years, Captain Jim Morgan worked at ARCO both at sea and ashore. His last five years at sea were as master of the tanker ARCO INDEPENDENCE, the largest vessel under U.S. Flag at the time. He also served as Vessel Operations Manager and later as Manager of Marine Services where he was responsible for





worldwide corporate marine commercial activities, chartering, and Regulatory Affairs.

Captain Morgan joined the Port of Los Angeles as Manager of the Port Pilots in 1999 where he was responsible for the day-to-day piloting operations where over 5,500 ship moves were completed each year. In 2007 he became the Director of Port Construction & Maintenance at the Port of Los Angeles overseeing 300 employees.

Captain Morgan has also spent many hours volunteering for community service activities benefiting the maritime industry and its future. He is a director of the International Trade Education Program and chairman of the Banning High School Global Safety & Security Academy which has resulted in many students seeking education for maritime careers at Cal Maritime. He is also a director of the International Seafarer's Center and the Vice Commodore of the Los Angeles Yacht Club. His past contributions include service to the Greater Long Beach Area Metro YMCA and to the Southern California International Business Association. Morgan currently serves as a member of the California Maritime Academy Foundation Board.

The first Industry Partner Award was presented to **Crowley Maritime Corporation**, whose support of Cal Maritime cadets has taken many forms over the years.

Crowley funds an annual scholarship that provides training opportunities and financial support for four cadets per year. They regularly donate tug service for the Training Ship *Golden Bear*, in all the ports where they work on the U.S. West Coast. They also support various activities on campus, including the Navigation Lab on the Training Ship *Golden Bear*. They also employ Cal Maritime cadets in internships that provide valuable work experience.

**Tom Crowley Jr.** accepted the award on behalf of Crowley Maritime Corporation. [↓](#)

## NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Cal Maritime alumni can submit nominations *now* for next year's awards.

Visit [alumni.csum.edu](http://alumni.csum.edu) for more information or to nominate your classmates.





(L-R): BRIAN MAXWELL, DON KERNS, DAN CURRY, DENNIS DUKE, BOB PIAZZA, GORDON GIMBEL (BACK), DICK BRANCH (FRONT), FRANK SMITHLIN (BACK), MIKE MITCHELL (FRONT), JIM LANDON (BACK), JACK PHILLIPS, JIM SUNDFORS (FRONT), WARREN STRAYHAM (BACK), DENNIS GREGOR (FRONT), CRAIG WILSON (BACK), JAN MOEHL, JOHN PORTER (BACK), AND TERRY NELSON.

## Class of 1965 Reunites, Supports Veterans

The Class of 1965 celebrated its 50th reunion at this year's Cal Maritime Festival and Homecoming weekend. In fact, the reunion started long before they got to campus (see page 22). They also made sure that many future students will be celebrating their own reunions by funding a Class of 1965 endowment.

The Class of 1965 Endowed Veteran Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to full-time Cal Maritime cadets with

a preference for military veterans from all branches of the armed forces.

"Although the G.I. Bill covers tuition, housing stipends and support for books and supplies, it does not cover the full cost of education," said Class of 1965 Class Scribe, Bob Piazza.

"This fund will bridge the gap for those deserving veteran students whose financial aid falls short."

## SAN FRANCISCO BAR PILOTS HONOR PIONEERS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco Bar Pilots recently renewed their long-standing commitment to providing scholarship assistance to Cal Maritime students. The group is now funding two scholarships for continuing students, both named for people who they are honoring as pioneers.

One San Francisco Bar Pilots Pioneer Scholarship is named for Willie L. Brown, former mayor of San Francisco. The scholarship honors Brown for his long-time support of the pilots and maritime safety.

The other scholarship is named for Captain Nancy Wagner, the first woman pilot in the United States, who served as a San Francisco Bar Pilot from 1990 until her retirement in 2015. She also served as a pilot commissioner, appointed by Governor Gray Davis to the State Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun from 2001 until 2008.

"The San Francisco Bar Pilots are proud to provide these scholarships and support to ensure we in the maritime industry get and



(L-R) CAPTAIN PETER MCISAAC, CAPTAIN NANCY WAGNER, HON. WILLIE L. BROWN, KEDINA MONROE, NOLAN WYATT, PRESIDENT TOM CROPPER.

keep the best of the best," said Captain Peter McIsaac, port agent and president of the San Francisco Bar Pilots.



# Crowley Awards Four Scholarships to Cal Maritime Cadets at 2015 Connie Awards Dinner

Crowley Maritime Corporation awarded four Thomas B. Crowley Sr. Memorial scholarships to Cal Maritime cadets at the Containerization & Intermodal Institute's Connie Awards Dinner in Long Beach. Crowley's Vicky Ellis (04), manager, marine development and compliance, presented the scholarships to Andrew Leonard, Griffin Sims, Bonnie Claire Muchnick and Alex Yonkman.

"Crowley is proud to support the education of these cadets and future leaders in the U.S. maritime industry," said Ellis. "Andrew, Griffin, Bonnie and Alex are very deserving recipients of the Crowley scholarships and should all be proud of their academic achievements."

Leonard, from Glendale, Arizona, is a senior at Cal Maritime. He will graduate in April with a bachelor's degree in marine transportation and a Third Mate Unlimited Coast Guard license. The summer after his sophomore year, he spent three months working aboard Crowley's articulated tug-barge (ATB), Integrity/650-4, in the waters between Texas and South Carolina. After graduation, he looks forward to a career at sea. He said that Crowley's scholarship gave him a great deal of pride as he worked on his academics and training at Cal Maritime.



LEFT TO RIGHT: GRIFFIN SIMS, ALEX YONKMAN, BONNIE CLAIRE MUCHNICK AND CROWLEY'S VICTORIA ELLIS

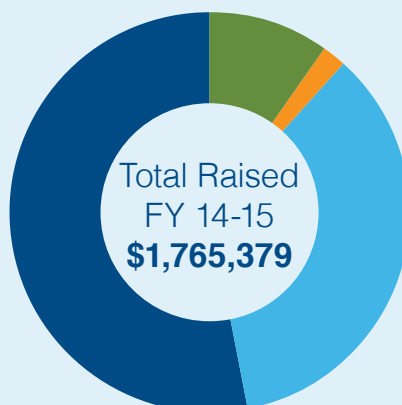
Sims, from Monterey, is a Cal Maritime graduate with a bachelor's degree in marine transportation and a Third Mate Unlimited Coast Guard license. The summer after his sophomore year, Sims spent three months working aboard Crowley's Alert class spill prevention and response tug, Aware, in Valdez, Alaska. Receiving the Crowley scholarship made it easier for Griffin to concentrate on his academic studies and he is grateful for the opportunity to represent Crowley.

Muchnick is a junior marine transportation student from Oakland. As a part of her Cal Maritime commercial cruise experience, Muchnick spent the summer sailing aboard the Crowley-managed, Jones Act tanker,

Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico. After graduation, Muchnick plans to go to sea. She said that she is grateful for the Crowley scholarship, which is allowing her to focus on her education and offering relief for her family's financial burden.

Yonkman is a marine engineering technology sophomore. Yonkman is also minoring in marine science and hopes to work on a research vessel in the future. Originally from Whidbey Island, Washington, Yonkman grew up near the sea and chose Cal Maritime because of his lifelong interest in the maritime industry. He is looking forward to a commercial cruise with Crowley next summer and is grateful for the financial support this scholarship provides.

## CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY FOUNDATION 2014-15 SUMMARY



ALUMNI	\$174,228
PARENTS	\$34,385
FRIENDS	\$620,850
<b>Individuals Total</b>	<b>\$829,463</b>
<b>Organizations Total</b>	<b>\$935,916</b>

Total Endowment Market Value as of 6/30/15 is **\$6,768,434**

**Thank you for supporting the education of tomorrow's leaders.**

## '62 GRAD JOINS THE GOLDEN BEAR SOCIETY

Tony and Lynnet Keihl are the newest members of Cal Maritime's Golden Bear Society. The Society honors those who choose to support Cal Maritime by remembering the Academy in their estate plans.

Tony Keihl recently talked to Cal Maritime magazine about that decision.

### **How has your experience at Cal Maritime shaped your life and career?**

Cal Maritime gave me the confidence to learn, to lead and to perform to the best of my ability. The hands-on training, repetition and testing helped prepare me for work and life. My maritime career was very short, but I used my skills during my career in nuclear power and financial planning. Being a reactor shift supervisor wasn't that different from a mate standing watch. I was responsible for expensive machinery and keeping the plant, crew and public safe.

### **What motivated you to leave a portion of your estate to Cal Maritime?**

I worked digging holes and setting poles for PG&E for nine months to save money so I could attend the Academy. I also borrowed \$400 from an alumni fund during my last year. I received the help I needed, and I'd like to help other deserving cadets. The example of a gift by Jerry Aspland (D-62) — a classmate and a former president of Cal Maritime — and his wife, Carol, helped me decide to make this gift a goal several years ago.

### **What would you say to your classmates who might also be considering leaving a legacy in this way?**

Our Class of 1962 established an endowed scholarship fund in conjunction with our 50th reunion in 2012. Our 50th reunion class book, which included bios for every class member, seemed to reinforce

## Parents of Donavon Baker Create Scholarship in His Memory



DONAVON BRUCE BAKER

The Donavon Baker Scholarship Endowment supports Marine Engineering Technology students at Cal Maritime. Donavon Bruce Baker ('93) passed away on February 13, 2014 in Sand Point, Idaho. He was serving as a chief engineer aboard a tanker at the time of his passing.

The scholarship was created by a gift from his parents Bruce Baker and Marsha Kempf and will be awarded annually, existing in perpetuity as a tribute to Donavon's memory.

"My deep love and respect for my son Donavon motivated me to establish a scholarship endowment in his name to honor a gifted, multitalented and vibrant young man whose life was unexpectedly cut short at such a young age," said Bruce Baker. "My desire with the endowment is to financially aid other young students at the Academy in remembrance of Donavon and his contributions to the maritime industry. I would like to offer other students the same opportunities for a life-changing education that Donavon received at Cal Maritime."

"Scholarship endowments are a wonderful opportunity to help change the lives of deserving students," said Baker. "I would encourage anyone who is interested in opening new doors of opportunity to these students to participate."

If you'd like to make a gift to support the Donavon B. Baker Scholarship Endowment, please contact Melissa Cohea at (707) 654-1789 or [mcohea@csum.edu](mailto:mcohea@csum.edu). Gifts may also be made online by visiting [foundation.csum.edu/donate](http://foundation.csum.edu/donate).

our comradery and the feeling that the Academy helped us believe in ourselves. A significant percentage of our class donated to the scholarship fund. It was a good way to say thank you to Cal Maritime.

Because the fund's principal cannot be used, we need to make the fund grow with earnings and more contributions. Continuing to contribute with classmates seems like family giving — in fact, maybe someday one of our great grandchildren will attend Cal Maritime on our Class of 1962 scholarship!

Many of us grads have probably benefited from the inflation of real estate prices, which will help make our final estate have significant value. My wife Lynnet and I found it very easy and satisfying to specify a percentage of our estate for a scholarship fund.

### **What is your hope for future Cal Maritime students?**

My hope is that Cal Maritime will retain its core values of individual integrity and responsibility and continue to emphasize leadership.

I hope Cal Maritime will continue to thrive by being able to adjust curriculum nimbly to meet the maritime and other related industry and business needs, which can provide rewarding careers. A current example would be providing coursework in automation.

The spirit of Cal Maritime graduates to "get the job done no matter how difficult" must never be allowed to dwindle. This attitude applies to projects everywhere — at sea, under the sea, in space and on land.



PROUDLY WEAR your commitment to Cal Maritime and the education of tomorrow leaders of the maritime industry. Join the Golden Bear Society by providing for Cal Maritime in your estate plan.

Friends of Cal Maritime who make legacy gifts of \$25,000 or more become members of the Society.

## THE GOLDEN BEAR SOCIETY

CAPT and Mrs. Jerry A. Aspland ('62)

*Mr. & Mrs. John Atwood*

*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Behm ('42)*

Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Bradfield ('67)

Mr. James W. Bryant ('56)

CAPT and Mrs. John W. Cade, Sr. ('54)

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Christofferson

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Cochran ('50)

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Creech, Jr. ('54)

CAPT and Mrs. James L. Dafoe, USN(Ret.)('58)

*Mrs. Olive R. Drahos*

CAPT and Mrs. Miklos Endrody ('61)

*Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Esteves*

Mr. Brian H. Goldman ('95)

Mrs. Giuliana Gorlei-Pittsey

*Mr. Lowell M. Gorman ('61)*

Mr. Dean M. Gridley ('70)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hill ('55)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Holmgren, CPA ('47)

Mrs. Dorothy C. Holmstrom

*CAPT and Mrs. Harold D. Huycke, Jr. ('44)*

*CAPT and Mrs. Bruce T. Johnston, USN ('48)*

Mr. and Mrs. Anton R. Keihl ('62)

Mrs. Myrna A. Kingsbury

*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Lytle, Esq. ('56)*

Mr. Terrance Mancilla

*Margaret Martin Trust*

*CAPT Robert W. McAllister ('42)*

CAPT and Mrs. James M. Morgan ('76)

*Estate of Ralph R. Peachman*

CAPT John C. Porter ('65)

*RADM Joseph P. Rizza*

*CAPT and Mrs. Harold G. Robinson ('62)*

*CAPT Herbert P. Rosen ('50)*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Semans ('55)

CAPT William E. Strain, USN (Ret.) ('50)

*CAPT Ralph M. Swany ('33)*

CAPT Gregory G. Turner ('72)

CAPT Oliver F. Williams ('54)

*Italics - deceased*

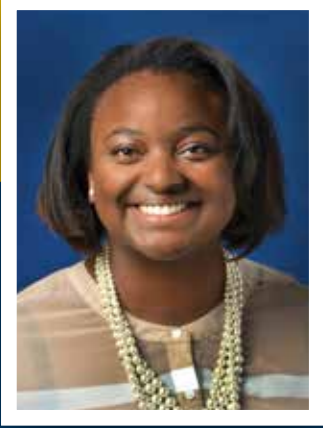


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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT  
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As busy as the Alumni Board members have been, we will always need help from you. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and remember we want to hear from you, see you, and celebrate with you.

Please contact me if you have questions or ideas for support!



ERIC COOPER (05)  
IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI  
RELATIONS AND ANNUAL GIVING.

# FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

The Alumni Association Board has been on the move. Members have been networking and maintaining an alumni body that is global by design — not easy! I want to thank all the board members for your continued support and hard work.

In August, the smell of the Bear greeted us in a classroom onboard the Training Ship in Long Beach. In November, we're heading to Seattle to have our final meeting of the year and attend the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter Dinner which raises funds to benefit student programming on campus. I want to extend a very big thank you to Foss who graciously provided the Alumni Association Board a meeting place!

*The goals of the board can be grouped into three broad categories.*

## ENGAGING THE YOUNG ALUMNI/CADETS

- Host or attend a Summer Sendoff to help welcome incoming freshmen and their families.
- Connect a cadet to industry. Offer to introduce a group of cadets to your career and your industry. Provide a facility tour. Help them understand your business.
- Visit campus and volunteer your time. There are events on and off campus where your voice can benefit cadets and their parents. They want to hear your story.

## ENGAGING OTHER ALUMNI

- Become a Class Scribe and help your classmates stay connected.
- Help us find lost alumni. There are hundreds of graduates from Cal Maritime that we would like to find.
- Become active with the Alumni Association. Attend the POP Conference, Cal Maritime Festival or even Commencement.

## RECOGNIZING SERVICE

- Share a story, a picture, or a little of both with the campus directly, your class scribe, or myself so we can hear about that really great thing that no one knows about but should.
- Nominate your peers, classmates, and alumni for an Alumni Association award. The Association has expanded the number of awards for alumni. Now we need your help to spread the word and help us showcase our graduates.

# Cal Maritime Alumna Becomes First American Woman to Captain a Major Cruise Ship



Cal Maritime alumna Kate McCue (00) recently became the first American woman to captain a major cruise ship. McCue is captain of the 91,000-ton *Celebrity Summit*, which carries 2,158 passengers and 952 crew members.

McCue, 37, went to Celebrity Cruises from its sister line Royal Caribbean International after 15 years of experience in the maritime industry.

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#### **When did you know that you wanted to go to sea and what drew you to it?**

When I was 12 years old, my parents took us on a short cruise to the Bahamas. When we got off the ship, I told my dad that I wanted to be the cruise director on the ship. He told me I could do anything I wanted. He said, "You can even be the person who drives the ship."

ABOVE: CAPTAIN KATE MCCUE. RIGHT: *CELEBRITY SUMMIT* (PHOTO COURTESY OF CELEBRITY CRUISES)







Both of my parents were always very supportive. When I got word that I'd been promoted from the President and CEO of Celebrity Cruises, Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, I asked permission to tell my dad on Father's Day before it was announced. [Lutoff-Perlo] sent me a letter, and I gave my dad the letter on Father's Day. After reading it, he got quiet and then said "Captain," and tears started streaming down his face. Both of my parents are very proud.

#### **What was your experience like at Cal Maritime?**

I honestly think it was the best four years of my life. It was the perfect mix of college, camaraderie with the cadets, and discipline with the Corps.

I also enjoyed the extracurricular activities: I was on the water polo team and what we used to call the Outdoor Adventure Club.

The education helped me get to where I am today. I'm also still in touch with friends, which is incredible given the nature of the industry.

#### **What are your memories of the Training Ship *Golden Bear* and summer cruises?**

I enjoyed being able to go to places that most people may never have the opportunity to visit. My favorites were Easter Island and Palmyra [Atoll] island, and while I don't know how many people have those

on their bucket list, they should. Those islands weren't frequently visited.

#### **Were there any professors and/or classmates who were particularly memorable for you?**

All of the girls in my class were something special. I keep in touch with most of them. They've all taken different career paths and many have families. Christina Williams is a professional body builder and fitness model. And Samar Bannister was already a captain. In 2009, she and I met up when I was upgrading my license. It was nice to hear her perspective, from someone else that had accomplished that.

#### **What's your favorite part of the job?**

There are a lot of things...the opportunity to work with people of 64 different nationalities. You get to experience their cultures, especially around the holidays. Everyone celebrates differently, and you get to celebrate with them. I love the destinations we visit, Celebrity Cruises sails to more than 290 destinations on all seven continents. I enjoy meeting the guests, and as the captain, you get to meet some incredible people. And the best adrenaline rush is docking and undocking the ship.

#### **As you worked your way up, were you conscious (or was there awareness around you) of the possibility that**

#### **you could become the first American woman to captain a cruise ship? If so, how did it manifest itself?**

In 2007, Royal Caribbean International had the first female captain. It really became my goal when I realized there was no American woman. I always wanted to be a captain, but that was really the icing on the cake.

#### **What advice would you give to young women who are interested in careers at sea?**

I think it is the best job in the world because you get to travel, meet amazing people, and you also have leisure time.

Communication is not the way it was ten or fifteen years ago. When I first started, to communicate with home, it was by way of "sending a telex," and it was expensive. Today, now with social media and how cheap it is to call home, I can sit in port and text my husband at home and a friend in Dubai. I don't see any reason not to go to sea. It's something that provides a unique opportunity. I have a hard time thinking of a downside.

My promotion has gotten a lot of coverage, which to be honest, I didn't expect. This promotion had been my goal and my focus, and I'm really kind of bowled over and humbled. You get to meet incredible people, for example, I was at a Cruise Critic event onboard yesterday, and I met a woman there, who was an engineer. She said her job was really cutting edge when she started and that she could relate to my situation. I really give credit to the women before me. It may not have been an easy road but it was definitely enjoyable.

Honestly I think, because going to sea is such an unknown for most people, my advice to young women is just to try it. You never know until you try. A lot of people would be hooked because it's such a great life. ⚓

## CLASSES OF 1944-45



2015 CAL MARITIME FESTIVAL AND REUNION:  
(L-R) BEN STRADLEY (E-45), CAL MARITIME PRESIDENT  
TOM CROPPER, JIM HODGES (E-44), MARVIN TRIPP (E-45)

## CLASS OF 1952

**Captain John "Jack" Cox** (D) was honored at the October 2015 meeting of the Seattle/Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Council of American Master Mariners (CAMM) as their Maritime Person of the Year. The award reads "In recognition of your lifelong service in the US Merchant Marine, both afloat and ashore. Your tireless and successful effort to preserve Black Ball Ferry Line and the MV COHO brings Honor and Prestige to the Pacific Northwest Maritime Community." Previous CAMM award winners include **Captain Norm Werner** (D-63) and **Greg Trunnell** (BA-90).

## CLASS OF 1953



THE CLASS OF 1953 AND SPOUSES GATHERED IN NAPA  
IN AUGUST.

## CLASSES OF 1959-60



IN OCTOBER A FEW CLASSMATES FROM 1959 AND 1960  
GATHERED AT JIM AND DIANA PETERSON'S RANCH NEAR  
FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA FOR AN IMPROMPTU REUNION.  
(L-R) JIM PETERSON (E-59), JOHN CAREY (D-60), JIM  
HAGLER (E-60), TOM ARMSTRONG (E-59), PAT MELLIER  
(E-59), AND LLOYD SORESENSEN (E60).

## CLASS OF 1964



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1964 PRESENTED LIBRARY  
DEAN MICHELE VAN HOECK WITH A CHECK FOR THE  
CLASS OF 1964 LIBRARY RESERVES COLLECTION.  
FUNDRAISING FOR THE ENDOWMENT IS ONGOING.

## CLASS OF 1965

*by Bob Piazza*

The Class of '65 celebrated their 50th anniversary during Homecoming Week beginning on October 6th in Reno and culminating with the Day on the Bay cruise on Sunday the 11th.

The Reno portion was attended by 17 of the remaining 53 classmates. As a reminder, on the first day 126 midshipmen were in formation on the "grinder" at 0900 13 August, 1962. Sixty-six graduated on 24 July, 1965!

While in Reno we toured the US Navy's Top Gun School at NAS Fallon and spent a day in the old silver mining town of Virginia City including a ride on the Virginia-Truckee Railroad.

We enjoyed a great hospitality suite each night at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino. We dined each night at the Legacy in a private room where we had the opportunity to tell 50 years worth of sea stories and downright lies, but I repeat myself!

**Jim "Ernie" Sundfors** played MC and encouraged each of us to tell our stories.



**Brian (Max) Maxwell** painstakingly put together a class history book, which he

made available to each of us. "Very Well Done" to both of you.

The Alumni Association and Foundation hosted a cocktail reception at the Vallejo Marriott Courtyard on Friday, followed by President **Tom Cropper** and his lovely spouse, Heather, hosting a wonderful dinner for the class at the new school dining hall (mess deck for you old timers). Thankfully, Harry Ross is no longer serving meals!

Three additional classmates joined us for the dinner. The class presented its gift of \$65,000 to fund an endowment for the benefit of deserving cadet veterans.

On Saturday we attended the Cal Maritime Festival sponsored by the academy and foundation which included tours of the classrooms and buildings, various activities like sailing, simulator tours and games, and a pie eating contest which I participated in but was won by

**Dick (Twig) Branch.**



DICK BRANCH & BOB PIAZZA

The reunion peaked on Sunday with the "Day on the Bay" cruise, which is always an exciting experience watching the Fleet Week events over San Francisco Bay, including the Navy's Blue Angels! Anyone who wants photos of the reunion can email me at [rwpiazza@comcast.net](mailto:rwpiazza@comcast.net).

We remembered our 13 classmates who "passed the bar" with flowers tossed in the bay.

I heard no complaints, so I believe everyone had a great time and we're looking forward to our 60th but someone else will have to step up to put it together. I'll likely not recover from this one by that time!



## CLASS OF 1969

by Ken Passé

**George Engberg** reports that he's enjoyed his two years of retirement very much. He and Kathy recently took a wonderful road trip through Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. They now live in Monterey and enjoy the location.

**George and Tony Rittenhouse** visited the Cal Maritime campus during the recent Homecoming Festival, explored the new facilities and regaled each other with their own sea stories. George, as Editor of the *Hawsepipe*, was quizzed by Campus Archivist **Larry Stevens** about why our photos were the only in *Hawsepipe* history to be in reverse alphabetical order. Answer: to be different!

**Bob Reynolds** reports that he is walking his dog and riding his bike, thereby joining other class cyclists Joe Conway, Ken "KD" Davis and Steve Worthy.

**Jeff Brash** has been working with a Professor of Comparative Biomechanics as a "machining ace" (the professor's words), creating skeletal structures for the University of Washington's Friday Harbor (WA) Laboratories.

**Gus Fischer** is enjoying his ever-expanding brood of grandkids.

**Paul and Mary Nave** recently returned from a Greek Islands cruise to celebrate Mary's retirement. Now, Paul needs to schedule his own retirement!

The Class of 1969 Endowed Annual Scholarship for 2015-16 has been awarded to **Cadet Taylor Ann Sullivan**. Taylor is the sixth cadet to benefit from our scholarship program.

## CLASS OF 1980

**Captain Bob Wiley** (MT), a resident of Carson City, Nevada, is taking command of the USNS *Carson City* (JHSV 7) for the Military Sealift Command.



(L-R) CLASS OF 1980 ALUMNI DAVID BURTON, JOE PECORARO, DALE WILLIAMS AND KIRK ALLEN.

Class of 1980 Engineers reunited at Cal Maritime Festival and celebrated their 35th reunion. They had a great time, toured the Training Ship *Golden Bear* and stopped by the engine room. **David Burton** admitted that this was the first time he'd been to campus since graduation.

## CLASS OF 1991

by Michael Lee

In August, a group of 1991 alumni (and friends) went to Ocean Cove, Sonoma Coast for an abalone diving trip. Our class started diving for abs when we started school in 1987. We gather for a dive every year or two.

It is interesting to note that **Hugh Gallagher** (75) was our favorite instructor, and he joined us. **Doug Nagy** (88) was the 2-D Div Com when the class of 1991 started. Those two and **Doug Hugh** were instrumental in the success of the class of 1991.

Cal Maritime alumni on the trip were **Ron Radicali, Gallagher, Eliot Ninburg, Niles Baker, Dave Cvitonovik, Tim McElroy, Nick Christian, Keith Austin, Mike Lee,** and **Nagy**.

## CLASS OF 1992

**Wendy MacDonald** has been named vice president, global ship management Crowley Maritime Corp. Global Ship Management is one of two new groups with the corporation that were founded to streamline its offerings to the growing government services sector and to continue expanding its global ship management business.

## CLASS OF 1995



CLASS OF 1995 20TH REUNION AT THE WAREHOUSE IN PORT COSTA LAST OCTOBER. PICTURED: ED MITCHEL, MARK JUANES, JOHN VENNEMAN, TODD ROBERTS, KELLY TRACY, MARK MANES, JONATHAN CLOW, SCOTT SCHOENFELD, TONY DRADY, KAI MARTIN (96), AND CHRISTIAN BACH.

## CLASS OF 2006

The San Francisco Chronicle's Carl Nolte reports that when the World War II liberty ship *Jeremiah O'Brien* sailed during Fleet Week, new captain **Amanda Wallace** (MT) was in command. She is the first female master of a historic ship, and, at 31, the youngest. Wallace's day job is chief mate on a Chevron tanker.

## CLASS OF 2007

**Pascha McAlister** has been approved as an associate member of the Council of American Master Mariners.

## CLASS OF 2008

**DC Ervin** has become a successful comedian. Among his appearances on stage and screen, he was a recent contestant on ABC's *Last Comic Standing*.

## CLASS OF 2010



TOSCA BONARDI (IBL) AND BART PINDER (MT) WERE MARRIED ON AUGUST 15, 2015.

# The Old Man & the Young Turk

*by Ray Jubitz, BS Marine Engineering '65*

My Wednesdays are usually spent in meetings with my colleagues from the War Prevention Initiative, a project of the Jubitz Family Foundation which has the audacious vision of ending war on the planet by 2030. This particular Wednesday, per usual, our discussions ranged from finding improved ways to communicate the message of ending war, to the guest lists of various peace conferences, to examining methods of creating a culture of non-violence in this country where violence is so often the norm.

It was during that same meeting when a young man joined us at the conference table. He was a graduate student in Portland State University's Conflict Resolution program who we had recently hired as an intern to help organize a regional peace conference in Israel and Palestine. When he settled in, we drilled him with the usual background questions: where he was from, how did he like Oregon, where did he do his undergraduate degree, etc. I was half listening to his introduction when all of a sudden I heard him say California Maritime Academy. Whenever I hear the name of my little known alma mater, I immediately snap to attention. "Did you just say you graduated from Cal Maritime?" The young man said "yes" and, having done his research, he already knew that I was a graduate as well. This was a total shock to me. For one thing, Cal Maritime is still a small university, but it was even smaller back in my day. So when Cal Maritime alumni randomly meet outside of the industry it's a big deal. Secondly, I know that while a few of my classmates from 50 years ago might be interested in issues of peace, I had never met another person from the Academy who was involved in conflict resolution from an academic perspective. (If there are others, we would love to hear from them.)

David Prater, Cal Maritime Class of 2010, the intern and the "Young Turk" in this story, is truly amazing. He brings so much energy and inventiveness to the peace process. And although we both share a common link to the Academy, our stories are very different.

Following my graduation from Cal Maritime, and after a short career sailing in the merchant marine (and at the same time fulfilling my obligation to serve in the Naval Reserve) for various companies during the Vietnam War, I attended the University of Michigan, a hotbed of anti-war activity where I got an MBA and a what I now know to be a life-changing dose of "war is not the

answer". After graduation, my first shore-side job was in Seattle with American Mail Lines and my last with Crowley Maritime in Portland. While in Portland, my wife Nansie and I became involved with Beyond War, a national effort to educate people that we are one on this planet and we had better learn how to get along with each other in order to build a world beyond war. Nansie and I then spent 11 years volunteering for the International Executive Service Corps, managing their operations in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. It turned out to be an experience that opened our eyes to different cultures, and I came away with the knowledge that we are not only one on this planet but we are also very different. I started seriously exploring the value of embracing both diversity and inclusivity as a means of building a world that works for all.

Arriving back in the States in 2001, I began working for the newly-formed Jubitz Family Foundation founded by my cousin, Al, and his three daughters. As the Executive Director I have had the opportunity to be involved on a daily basis with the Foundation's focus on early childhood education and child abuse, environmental restoration and peacebuilding. The latter focus has received more attention over the past few years as we have formed the War Prevention Initiative and the Rotarian Action Group for Peace, a program that promises to bring Rotary into peace activities all over the world.

"Young Turk" David went to a very different Cal Maritime than I did. He graduated in 2010 with a degree in Marine Transportation, one of six majors currently being offered, whereas my class of 1965 had only two paths: deck or engine, and of course, since I was exceedingly intelligent, I became a snipe! When I reflect on the progression of the Academy over the last 50 years, I am filled with an odd mixture of pride and jealousy: pride in seeing a rough-and-tumble school evolve into the professional and educational contender it is today, and jealous of the fact that I wasn't able to benefit from its growth when I was David's age.

David's time at the Academy was a combination of the fulfillment of a childhood dream of working on the water and the slow but steady appreciation of the realities of adult life. He progressed through the Academy with relative ease, getting along well with his classmates and instructors. One of David's most important takeaways from Cal Maritime wasn't in the classroom or during





the summer cruises around the world. Instead, it was from long conversations with a Palestinian roommate who opened his eyes to the Middle East – a region he has since traveled to many times, devoted his graduate studies to and, in the future, where he hopes to work and reside.

After graduation, David accepted a job with Military Sealift Command (MSC). From the start, David remembers being very interested in the Navy/civilian dynamic. “Here I was, a 22 year old 3rd Mate, put in a supervisory role over men two-to-three times my age, tasked with training Navy officers of a much higher rank.” David recalls that thankfully, Cal Maritime did well in providing him with the managerial and problem solving skills needed to operate in this environment, and with experiences that still afford him advantages, regardless of complexity or degree of challenge.

Over the next three years, David sailed all over the world. The highlight of David’s

service with MSC was his preparation, acceptance and graduation from the US Navy’s Rescue Swimmer School. Eventually, David was stationed aboard the USS *Mt. Whitney*, the 6th Fleet’s Command & Control ship in Gaeta, Italy, which he says afforded him a firsthand experience in the world of diplomacy. It was there that David met Natalie Duchala, now his fiancée, while she was taking a break from a teaching assignment in Istanbul. David soon decided he wanted to spend more time with Natalie and to further his education in the culture and conflict of the Middle East, so he resigned his post at MSC, hung up his license and enrolled in Portland State’s graduate school of Conflict Resolution.

David recalls that upon starting his academic tenure at PSU, he was immediately engulfed in the intellectual stimulation he lacked while at sea. Over the past year and a half, while David’s future goals shifted back and forth between diplomacy or pursuing a Ph.D., he realized what he

really wanted to explore were methods of how to more effectively communicate the ideas and strategies found in the field of peace science. That path eventually lead David to an internship with the Jubitz Family Foundation and the War Prevention Initiative where his energy and intellect can serve as tremendous assets as he researches issues leading to positive peace outcomes.

When David and I came together to write this article, we wanted to share not only the extreme coincidence of two Academy grads meeting in such a small field so far removed from our original maritime focus but also the synchronicity of how we independently decided to leave our shared connection of sailing and now find ourselves in a totally different field that we both pursue with great passion.

So, two paths converging, different generations, different stories and now both of us working together to realize the vision of ending war by 2030. We invite you to join us. [👉](#)

# Cal Maritime Alumni Celebrate 35th Anniversary of Navy Port Engineers

**PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP.** This is the sentiment shared by every Navy Port Engineer entrusted with maintaining the operational readiness of their assigned ship. These men and women are united by the common goals of knowing more about the material condition of their ship than anyone else and ensuring each hull meets its expected service life. They achieve these goals by walking their ships every day validating work requirements, engaging subject matter experts to solve technical problems, and providing the Navy with recommendations to effectively utilize its resources.

The program was founded in 1980 in response to government reports in the late 1970s concerning escalating maintenance costs. Congress mandated that the Navy integrate commercial maintenance practices. Cal Maritime Alumni have been involved with the program for over 30 years, dating back to when the Port Engineer concept was first introduced to the Navy.

Mike Miller (65) was the first Cal Maritime Navy Port Engineer and was assigned to the USS *Tripoli* until she was decommissioned in 1995. Mike recalls, "Most people didn't know where we fit at first so we had to define our own roles. We were told to be the Owner's Representative which endeared us to ship's force quickly. I was welcomed as a crew member in the

Wardroom and Chief's Mess because they knew I was there to help."

Doug Briscoe (75) joined the program in 1986 as Port Engineer for the USS *Berkeley* and USS *Waddell* and today serves as the Senior Port Engineer for the Navy. Doug remembers, "Asking what do you want us to do as Port Engineers and was told just go do it. So we did. We sure rattled some rice bowls making our presence known. Ships got fixed so people didn't mind us making noise because they knew we were getting things done and getting them done the right way."

As the program evolved, Port Engineers were assigned to the older combatant steam ships and in 1993 the decision was made to have a Port Engineer assigned to every non-nuclear powered ship in the Navy's fleet. Today 18 Navy Port Engineers from Cal Maritime proudly serve the Fleet and alumni over the years have served aboard ships all over the world.

Over time the Port Engineer's responsibility has expanded to cover all off-ship maintenance activities, both current repairs and long range planning. With crews consistently rotating out and new personnel reporting aboard, the program has given the Navy continuity and stability for retaining maintenance related history. Christopher Chilton (99) says, "I joined



TOP: MIKE MILLER (65). ABOVE: ERIN VERNAND (02) UNDER THE USS *GREEN BAY* (LPD-20).





the Navy Port Engineer Program because I wanted to transition to shore-based employment without completely separating from the marine industry. One thing I enjoy about the program but didn't contemplate at first was the interaction with young sailors. As a Navy Port Engineer you have a chance to impact the lives of some of the sailors in real way. They often are hungry for perspective on things such as life, career, and professional development from someone who is not in uniform and has life experience that does not include a military background. This is an aspect of the job I find particularly rewarding."

Cal Maritime Alumni continue to be a vital part of the Port Engineer Program's success because they have the qualifications the Navy desires (Marine Engineering degree, United States Coast Guard license, commercial sailing experience, and ability to obtain and maintain a secret clearance) and possess the unparalleled training, confidence, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills needed to thrive in a complex maintenance environment that requires interacting with Navy and Civil Service Leadership as well as members of the ship repair industry. Senior Port Engineers such as Mark Moehlenbruck (74), Paul Grosso (74), Chris Ryer (99), Chris Cohn (00), Peter Jaarsma (92),

Mike Bailey (03), Christopher Chilton (99), Jonathan MacMillan (01), Alan Washington (99), and Doug Foote (83) serve as mentors to the next generation.

The program attracts top talent in maritime industry by offering the unique experience to work aboard ships during the day and still be able to go home at night.

When asked why she joined the program Erin Vernand (02) said, "Being a Navy Port Engineer offered a very good balance between work and home life. Having a strong Cal Maritime alumni presence in San Diego and the ability to work with several other grads including the Navy's Senior Port Engineer and Greg Descovich (05) is fun. I like being active in the monthly 4th Thursday alumni gatherings where I get to welcome new people to the area."

When asked about the men and women in the program today Doug Briscoe says "their individual commitment, devotion, and dedicated professionalism for their assigned ships as well as the earned global respect within the Navy's maintenance enterprise solidifies my unwavering respect for them. Through their hard work the Navy Port Engineer Program has become the linchpin of the U.S. Navy's surface ship maintenance process." 📌



TOP LEFT: DAN LOEWKE (79) & GREG HANDS (80). TOP RIGHT: CHRIS COHN (00). CENTER RIGHT: NAVY SENIOR PORT ENGINEER DOUG BRISCOE (79). ABOVE: DOUG FOOTE (83).

## CAL MARITIME STUDENT EMBODIES SELFLESS GIVING

Austin Sayers, a sophomore in the Marine Transportation program and a member of the Cal Maritime basketball team is the embodiment of selfless giving. He made the decision to sign up for and donate with Be The Match®, a bone marrow transplant organization designed to help those suffering from leukemia. Despite significant demands on his time from both coursework and team practices, the 6'5" forward did not hesitate to jump at the opportunity to register, saying, "People should put themselves in the position of the person with leukemia; they want a chance to live. Donating is not going to hurt you for more than a week or two, but for the person with leukemia, it's life threatening. Your small contribution can be huge for someone who is fighting for their life."

Sayers quickly matched with an unknown donor and began preparations for the transplant in September. With family and team support he underwent the six-hour transfusion, passing the time by talking with his mother, watching TV, and taking a few short naps. Shortly afterward, Sayers visited his team at the end of a conditioning session where he was immediately mobbed by his teammates and an outpouring of admiration and praise.

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KONNOR TRIPLETT-GOLD

## KONNOR TRIPLETT-GOLD NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

For the third consecutive year, a Cal Maritime student athlete has been selected by the California Pacific Conference Athletic Directors as a Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Konner Triplett-Gold, a cross-country runner who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs and a minor in Business Administration, exemplifies the qualities of the Champions of Character both on and off the field. Triplett-Gold was a Resident Advisor, Cadet Ambassador, served in leadership positions in the Corps of Cadets and the Athletic Advisory Committee, and was awarded the 2015 Graduating Senior Award for her outstanding accomplishments.

Athletic Director Marv Christopher notes of Triplett-Gold, "She gives willingly of her time to serve her fellow students and community."

## SAILING TEAM WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cal Maritime Sailing team won the Inter-collegiate Sailing Association's Big Boat National Championship and took home the Kennedy Cup on November 8, 2015. Following their recent victory in the 2015 Shield Trophy Regatta, Cal Maritime continues to lead the pack in sailing under all weather conditions, beating out Navy, the University of Rhode Island, SUNY Maritime and others to take home the Kennedy Cup.

## FUN RUN MOVED TO FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The Annual 5K Holiday Run was moved from a weekday to Saturday, October 10 this year to coincide with Cal Maritime Festival. The more than 50 runners who took part in the race included students, faculty, staff and community members. All participants received commemorative t-shirts. The winners were **Tyler Kuhn** (student men 18:17:21), **Travis Fong** (community men 19:20:29) and **Hanna Floss** (community women 23:41:63).



## TONY JONES NAMED HEAD COACH FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



TONY JONES

Tony Jones has been named Head Coach for Lady Keelhaulers basketball following two years as an assistant coach on the team. In his tenure as assistant coach, Jones has helped lead the team to a 10-16 record in 2013-14 and their first winning season with a 13-10 record in 2014-15.

"I am extremely honored and excited to have the opportunity to coach this incredible program. Cal Maritime is a special place with fantastic people that are willing to have a little faith and take a chance on me," said Jones. "I plan to work tirelessly to prove to this

great institution and especially the outstanding and supportive Athletic Department that they made the correct choice in hiring me. I look forward to the opportunity to continue building upon the success that we have started to generate with the women's basketball program."

Earning a master's degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University, Irvine, Jones has previously coached at Lewis & Clark College and several Portland Metro Area high schools, including a four-year appointment as head coach at The Portland Waldorf School where he lead his team to a number two state ranking and earned a Conference Coach of the Year award.



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# Crossed the Final Bar



ROBERT WHALEN

## CLASS OF 1947

**Robert Whalen** (ME) passed away on September 30, 2015. He was a long-time resident of the Walnut Creek and Alamo communities.

He spent a brief time at sea creating his passion for boating which became an important component of his life in the later part of his working career and into retirement. After various job pursuits, he joined the family business, The Montague Company.

He worked successfully in various positions and capacities including printer, purchase agent, engineer, service manager, salesman, and sales manager until he became president. During his tenure, notable accomplishments included successful pioneering with design and engineering to introduce one of the first commercial convection ovens to the foodservice industry. He guided Montague successfully for many years while insuring succession and transition of management and ownership of the family business to the next generation.

Whalen retired after 47 years and enjoyed a life of boating, golf, and traveling with his wife Nancy, family, and friends. He is survived by son Tom Whalen (Sharon) of Martinez, daughter Susan Sullivan (Terry) of San Ramon, grandchildren Jake Whalen, Jason Whalen, Julie Whalen, Ryan Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Caitlin Zahorak and great-grandson Robert-Zahorak. His wife Nancy also passed away recently, and a joint memorial service was held.



TOM FORD LYTLE

## CLASS OF 1956

**Tom Ford Lytle** (D) was born on June 1, 1933 to the late Astrid and Ford Lytle. Tom is survived by his daughter and son in law, Anne and Mike Harry, his grandsons, Elliott and Mitchell Harry, his sister, Susan Gilmore and nephew, Ford Gilmore.

He was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of 62 years, Helene Kellogg as well as his grandson, Daniel Harry. Lytle was a graduate of Sacramento High School. He served in the US Navy as navigator on the USS Vega. He later graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law, and practiced law in Sacramento for over 50 years representing deserving people including many injured workers for whom he had a special affection, having been the grandson of a blacksmith from Sweden.

In addition to many typical professional associations, Tom was a proud member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Tom enjoyed music, photography and sports, but his passion was golf. He was a long-time member of Valley Hi Country Club where he was a two-time club champion, senior champion and club president.



LEROY LESTER

## CLASS OF 1957

**Leroy Lester** (ME) passed away on May 22, 2015 at the age of 79.

He was a longtime San Diego marine surveyor. In his spare time, he was a collector of classic, convertible Jaguars. Lester also earned an MBA from National University in 1976.

The child of Portuguese immigrants, Lester grew up in the maritime industry in San Diego. His family has generations-long involvement in the commercial fishing industry and he fished with the fleet in his early years. Ever tied to the sea, he ventured into the merchant marine, eventually to the U.S. Navy, and settling in his civilian life as a professional marine surveyor, which he did up to the day he passed.

He is survived by his wife Tanya, his three children, grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## CLASS OF 1961

**Philip Lawrence Henry** (E), age 74, passed away September 13, 2015 at his ranch in Ely, Nevada. He was born December 1, 1940 in California to Lawrence and Ella Henry. He married his wife Kathy, August 23, 1985. Philip and Kathy moved to Ely in 1994.



Henry was an inventor and an entrepreneur. One of his great passions was a love for cars, and he was one of the founders of the Silver State Classic Race held in Ely. His other passions included horses, chasing tornados, HAM radio and inventing electronics. He and his wife created a leadership camp for teenagers that changed the lives of countless young people all over the country.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Henry; daughters Suzie M. Jessop and Carolyn Marie Solton; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his search and rescue dog, Tracer.

## CLASS OF 1963

**William J. Garrett** (D) passed away recently at his home, surrounded by family.

Garrett transferred to Cal Maritime in 1962 from SUNY Maritime. "He soon was a popular guy amongst us 'Deckies,' with his brash New York mannerisms and funny accent, and we gave him the nickname 'Peaches,'" said Captain Manny Aschmeier.

Bill also made the Dean's list during his two years at Cal Maritime, and participated in various intramural sports, including leading Division II's bowling team to the finals and the Corps of Midshipmen's intramural championship. He was also an active member of the HAM radio club and president of the student Propeller Club. Later, he served as the San Diego chapter president for the Alumni Association.

During his career, he served as the director of marine operations at the Port of San Diego.

## CLASS OF 1971

**Dr. Jim Buckley**, Professor Emeritus of Marine Transportation passed away on October 5, 2015. Buckley retired from Cal Maritime as associate dean of simulation. He previously served as the chair of Marine Transportation and chief mate of the Training Ship *Golden Bear*.

He was born in Townsend, Montana. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tom Buckley. He is survived by his wife Pam; daughter, Audra (James) Osborn; parents, Joseph and Hannah Buckley; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He enjoyed rock climbing with his son Jason.

"Over the years that Jim served Cal Maritime as Professor, Department Chair, Chief Mate, and Associate Dean, he provided vision and leadership to the MT department and the campus in many ways," said Vice President for Student Affairs Steve Kreta. "Jim was instrumental in developing Cal Maritime's first Business degree, its Master's Degree and the utilizing our simulation center for exceptional teaching, learning, assessment and cutting edge research."

**William "Lee" Leland Allen** passed away on November 24, 2015. Allen came to Cal Maritime in January of 1993 and worked and lived on campus as the full-time director of facilities until 2007.

His son-in-law, Captain Mark D. Manes (MT-95), a San Francisco Bar Pilot, says that "Lee worked day and night answering emergency calls and putting out fires — both literally and figuratively." He was also a major contributor to the campus facility master plan. Allen retired to Lodi, California and loved woodworking, fishing, exploring and spending time with his grandchildren. He was called out of retirement several times for special projects between 2007 and 2013.

Allen was born on June 9, 1945. He started his career in the Navy out of Norfolk, Virginia. After working for PG&E and as a stockbroker, he settled in Napa working for the County of Napa in the Parks Department. After several years he transferred to the California State Parks System working as a maintenance supervisor. He worked at Hearst Castle in San Simeon, Candlestick Park, and in Half Moon Bay. He was a father, grandfather, and great grandfather to a close family who were at his side at the time of his passing. There will be a memorial service at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland at 1400 on January 15, 2016 on the back side of the chapel.



PHILIP LAWRENCE HENRY



WILLIAM J. GARRETT



DR. JIM BUCKLEY



WILLIAM LELAND ALLEN



**ABOVE:** Corps Commander Peter Tong plots his revenge in the dunk tank during Cal Maritime Festival weekend. **LEFT:** Cal Maritime Police escort 2005 grad and giant penguin Eric Cooper to the dunk tank at Cal Maritime Festival. **BELOW:** Dwight Peters (61) organized a Corvette Show featuring the Central California Corvette Club and Valley Vettes of Turlock during Cal Maritime Festival.







**ABOVE:** The U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform during the Fleet Week Air Show and Day on the Bay. **RIGHT:** Graduates and current students in Cal Maritime's master's program in transportation in engineering management gathered at the 2015 Cal Maritime Festival. Four of the attendees were Geoff Doerfler (13) from Washington state; Christian Yuhas (17) from California; Carl Homes (16) from California; and Vasilis Lalis (15) from Athens, Greece. **BELOW:** Participants in the Cal Maritime Festival 5K Run gather at Bodnar Field.





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Spring Semester Begins

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Women's & Men's Basketball  
vs. Simpson University

5:30 & 7:30 p.m. at Physical  
Education at Aquatics Center

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Men's & Women's Basketball  
vs. Pacific Union  
6:30 & 8:30 p.m.  
at Physical Education and  
Aquatics Center

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Rugby vs. CSU Monterey Bay  
1 p.m. at Bodnar Field

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10 a.m. at Bodnar Field

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Rugby vs. Sierra College  
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Rugby vs. Menlo College  
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Rugby vs.  
Las Positas College  
7:30 p.m. at Bodnar Field

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