



We're #1

That's right...Cal Maritime is number one in the nation among Division II Men's Rugby clubs, according to eRugby rankings, based on an unbeaten league season. Now they are headed for the first Round of the National Playoffs. Get the full details on Page 16.

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CSU Trustees Honor ABS for \$3 Million Cal Maritime Gift

(L-R) California State University Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Herbert L. Carter, Robert Sommerville, CEO of ABS, CSU President Charles Reed and Cal Maritime President William B. Eisenhardt.



The Board of Trustees of the California State University system (CSU) had a special item on their agenda last week. At the advancement portion of the Board's agenda, the trustees gave a special certificate to **Robert Sommerville, CEO of ABS**, in recognition of the firm's generous \$3 million gift to Cal Maritime. The grant, the largest private donation in the school's history, reflects a steady and vital growth in private giving to the institution from business and industry, alumni and friends.

2009 Gala Fundraiser Sets New Records



Cal Maritime friends and supporters set new records at the 5th Annual Black-tie Gala Fundraiser, Saturday, March 28th at the Marines Memorial in San Francisco.

Tom Dunworth, Cal Maritime Vice President for Advancement, said by any measure, this year's Gala was a very big success. "Whether it was attendance, over 320 this year vs. 275 last year, or sponsorship underwriting by the business community, our friends and supporters really stepped up to the plate at a time when private support for scholarships and other institutional needs is more critical than at any time in the school's modern history."

Gala Fundraiser Sets New Records—Continued

Dunworth said while it will be another couple of weeks until all the costs are in and accounted for, it does seem clear that this year's Gala will set a new record for funds raised, and added that those results are tremendously heartening. "There hasn't been a higher education endowment in the country that hasn't been hit hard by the global economic crisis," he noted, "and we are no exception. At the same time, to plan prudently for the long haul, we want to do everything we can to avoid tapping into our principle and still help as many qualified students as possible achieve the promise of higher education, regardless of need. The funds raised at the Gala will play an important role in that effort and in meeting other important campus needs."

The success of the 2009 Gala owes much to the work of **Jennifer Whitty**, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, aided by Special Events Coordinator **Sylvia Regalado**, and Advancement Office staff **Bobbie Solveson** and **Karen Spall**. Whitty, in turn, extended her very deep thanks, on behalf of Cal Maritime, to Academy President emeritus **Jerry Aspland and his wife Carol** who served as honorary co-chairs of the event. "Often a position like this can be seen as just what the name implies...honorary," Whitty said. "But Jerry and Carol put a tremendous amount of time and effort into making this year's Gala the best ever....lining up corporate sponsors and soliciting contributions for our live and silent auctions. President Aspland also made repeated trips to campus from his home in southern California to attend critical planning meetings leading up to the event. We deeply appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Asplands and the many many faculty, staff and student volunteers who worked behind the scenes.



(L-R) Gala Committee members Harry Bolton '78, Bobbie Solveson, Josie Alexander, Karen Spall, Ken Passé '69, Jennifer Whitty, Sylvia Regalado, Peg Solveson and Tom Dunworth—Not present for photo: Vineeta Dhillon, Diane Rawicz, Charlie Walther '67



President Eisenhardt with Kathryn Eisenhardt, Carol Aspland and President Emeritus Gerry Aspland '62. The Asplands served as Co-Chairs of the 2009 Gala. (Below L) Pres. Eisenhardt presents a ship's clock to retiring CSU CFO Richard West in thanks for his support of Cal Maritime. (Below R) William Strain '50 and his daughter are honored by Mrs. Aspland for their recent bequest gift to the Academy's *Golden Bear Society*.



Gala photos by Ben Ailes

General Dynamics/NASSCO President Delivers Talk



President Fred Harris (L) chats with Cal Maritime President William B. Eisenhardt prior to his Rizza Auditorium address to faculty, staff and students.

On Tuesday, March 10th, General Dynamics NASSCO Division President Fred Harris addressed faculty, staff and students at Rizza Auditorium. Located on scenic San Diego Bay, NASSCO is the largest new construction shipyard on the West Coast -- serving commercial customers and the U.S. Navy since 1960. Because of its location, expertise and full-service capabilities, the Navy relies on NASSCO as a repair facility for its Pacific Fleet ships. The company numbers numerous Cal Maritime graduates among its 4,700 person workforce.

The American ship building industry today is tiny when compared with the production of major shipyards in countries like Japan and Korea, Harris explained. "Asian producers were the first to re-design the way ships were constructed, and applied modern planning and production techniques to drive out cost and improve production efficiency. They began building ships in sections on the ground, and doing as much of the work as possible on a given module before inserting or attaching it to the rest of the vessel. This way," he explained, "workers can work in more open areas and with their work largely in front of or below them rather than overhead or in confined spaces. The end result is a marked improvement in production efficiency and cost reduction."

Harris said his firm has learned a great deal from the competition, and has formed partnerships with Asian firms to share knowledge, expertise and resources in non-competitive areas. He admits that Asian yards still have an advantage. "As we build successive ships in a series, there is a steady learning curve which helps us speed production and reduce cost. Because the Asians produce more ships, and larger numbers in a series, they have a distinct advantage. When we can expand the volume of our production, we're able to capture more of those same positive results."

Harris encouraged Cal Maritime students to examine careers in the shipbuilding sector. President Harris joined President Eisenhardt and a group of faculty, staff and students for an informal luncheon in the President's Conference Room after the talk. Discussions covered such areas as campus programs, scholarships and private support, and the critical importance of ethical decision making in the engineering profession.



WASC Accreditation Team Visits Cal Maritime

An assessment team from WASC (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges) visited Cal Maritime for three days (March 4-6) for an in-depth review of the school's "capacity" -- its readiness to handle the important process of institutional assessment and evaluation. WASC is one of six recognized regional associations that accredit public and private schools, college and universities in the United States.



Cal Maritime cadets had a chance to chat informally with members of the WASC team, including Abbie Robinson-Armstrong of Loyola Marymount, during a reception at the new campus Simulation Center.

Members of the WASC team included: Jon Strauss, Chair of the group and President Emeritus, Claremont, Harvey Mudd; Abbie Robinson-Armstrong, VP Intercultural Affairs, Loyola Marymount, LA; Fred Fehlau, Dean of Academic Affairs, Art Center College of Design; and Christina Maslach, Vice Chancellor, Teaching and Learning at UC Berkeley. Richard Winn was WASC Liaison to the team.

Team members met in individual and group sessions with faculty, staff, students and senior administrators. Their task was to identify both perceived strengths and

items needing further attention as Cal Maritime moves toward an educational effectiveness review in the fall of 2010. The assessment process, both internally, and with review by WASC, is repeated in eight to ten-year cycles. It involves three steps -- initial proposal, capacity review, and educational effectiveness review, to constantly assess the institution's strengths and weaknesses and its ability to sustain existing programs and develop new ones in keeping with its stated mission and goals.



President William B. Eisenhardt introduces WASC Team Chair and President Emeritus of Claremont Harvey Mudd Jon Strauss to a group of campus faculty and staff gathered to hear the group's impressions following their visit to the Vallejo campus.

National Maritime Historical Conference Coming to Campus

As many as 100 top Maritime History scholars from throughout the country will be coming to the Cal Maritime campus **May 14-17** for a Joint Conference involving the **National Maritime Historical Society, North American Society for Oceanic History** and the **Steamship Historical Society**. The theme of this year's gathering is *Ports, Forts and Sports: Maritime Economy, Defense and Recreations Thorough Time and Across Space*. Attendees will be staying both in area hotels and motels and in campus residence halls.



During their visit, they will enjoy lectures and panel discussions, and tour important historic sites and resources in the San Francisco Bay area including the **San Francisco Maritime Museum**, the collection of the **J. Porter Shaw Library** at the San Francisco National Maritime History Park, and the Hyde Street Pier. They'll also have a chance to visit Vallejo's Mare Island resources, and numerous historic ships in the area, including **USS Hornet**, **Liberty Ship SS Jeremiah O'Brien**, the **SS Red Oak Victory**, and the **Presidential yacht Potomac**. Additionally, conference attendees will have an opportunity to tour our campus simulator facility, browse the historical archives, and attend the annual award banquet.

Cal Maritime's own **Dr. Timothy Lynch**, a noted authority on California maritime history in his own right, has played an important role in bringing this major event to the campus and helping organize the program.

"We hope the general public will join us for some of the events on the agenda and will find them both informative and entertaining," Lynch said. "One of the highlights will be a one-man play by **Ian Ruskin** – *From Wharf Rats to Lord of the Docks: The Life and Times of Harry Bridges*. His organizing on the San Francisco Docks played a key role in the development of modern American waterfront labor unions. That is set for Friday, May 15th in Rizza Auditorium, and if you've wanted to know more about Bridges and his role in California's maritime history, this is a great way to do so. On Thursday evening, the 14th, we'll have a private screening of *The Men Who Sailed the Liberty Ships*, with a Q and A session with **Director Maria Brooks** to follow.

"This is going to be a great showcase for Cal Maritime," Lynch concluded. "I know our guests will be impressed and I encourage everyone to give them a warm welcome while they are here."



Campus Propeller Club Visits San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service



Cadets visiting the San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service included Front Row: Dustin Hansrote; Robert Hart; Max Starnizky Second Row: Donald Salter; Jacob Ellestad; Morgan Williams Back: Michael Holliday; Peter Lepmen; Joseph Noll

On Friday, March 13th, members of the **Cal Maritime Propeller Club** and other interested cadets visited the **San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)** on Yerba Buena Island. VTS coordinates vessel movements on the Bay waters to guard against vessel collisions or groundings. **VTS host Tom Boone**, head of training and education, said that after a series of ship collisions in the 60s and early 70s, the U.S. Coast Guard established the San Francisco VTS. Today, huge radar screens and video monitors provide a detailed overview of vessels transiting Bay waters and surrounding waterways.

Fourteen students attended a class, normally reserved for pilots and tug boat captains who work on the bay. "This class is the first step for applicants to the Bar Pilots Association here in San Francisco," Boone explained. "Without it, they won't even accept your application." Boone has hosted Cal Maritime Propeller Club visits to VTS for several years and extended a warm welcome to all cadets wanting to attain VTS Familiarization Certification, for Pilots and Tug Masters.

"I was really impressed," said cadet **Max Starnitzky**, who has raced sail boats in and out of San Francisco Bay. **Morgan Williams**, a first-time attendee, said he felt such visits should be mandatory for all cadets pursuing their mate's licenses at the Cal Maritime.

...and Receives Donation of Sextants.....

When Cal Maritime cadet and **past campus Propeller Club President Michael Durnan** saw an ad offering a pair of sextants for sale, he immediately reached out to the seller and made him an offer. "How about donating them to the Cal Maritime Propeller Club? They would be a great addition to our resources to help students who are taking courses in Celestial Navigation and need them to gauge their position at sea by measuring the angles of celestial bodies above the horizon."

Cal Maritime's wide reach in the maritime world quickly became evident when he discovered that the seller was Hawaiian harbor pilot and **Academy alum Ed Enos, D-87** who readily agreed to the request.

Sextants Donated to Propeller Club (Continued)

Enos made the donation in the name of the late **David Lyman, D-65**, also a pilot and much-loved fixture in the Hawaiian maritime community. Lyman's untimely death in 2006 sparked the formation of a memorial scholarship fund in his name, administered by the **Cal Maritime Foundation**, and created to support Hawaiian students attending the Academy. Enos, who serves as a member of the Scholarship Fund's Board and its Vice President, said he was making the donation in keeping with Lyman's life-long dedication to giving back to the maritime community he so deeply loved.

Enos used his connections with area mariners to get the two delicate (and expensive) instruments safely delivered from Hawaii to the Academy. After checking sailing schedules, he contacted **Ted Bernhard, Master of the Matson Navigation containership *Mahi Mahi*** who agreed to take them in hand during the ship's next call in Honolulu and then deliver them in Oakland. (Matson has long and close ties with Cal Maritime as an employer of our graduates and an underwriter of private grants, including a major gift to the Lyman scholarship. Lyman was one of numerous grads who have worked for the company. Others include **Capt. Lynn Korwatch D-76**, the first woman master of a U.S. commercial ship, and past Alumni Association Chair, and **her husband Larry** who was a Chief Engineer with the company.)



Hawaii Harbor Pilot Capt. Ed Enos D '87 (R) delivers the sextants he donated to Cal Maritime, to Matson Master Ted Bernhard for delivery to the mainland.

P.S. – A video chronicling the work of a Cal Maritime cadet taking an evening star sighting during last summer's training voyage to the South Pacific can be found on the Cal Maritime website – www.csum.edu. Click on the home page link to the News Section and then to the Videos section and select *Celestial Navigation*.

How many times can you drop a sextant?

Twice. Once on the deck and the second time....overboard!

Cal Maritime Library Collections Analyzed

Over a decade ago, Cal Maritime became part of The California State University. It is easy to forget that this membership provides the institution access to many resources which make it stronger and better. Cal Maritime's Library, as one example, is an active participant in CSU's system-wide library initiatives. The Library recently requested funding from the Council of Library Deans/Directors (COLD) for an independent analysis to assure that our holdings are being properly preserved and managed as a unique information asset to California. Funding was made available and authorized as a result of COLD's partnership with the California Preservation Program.



Barclay Ogden, (R) Head of the Special Collections Department at the University of California – Berkeley, with Library Director Carl Phillips (L) and campus archivist Larry Stevens. Ogden is using a hand-held meter to check ultraviolet light levels in the Archives. Higher UV levels can be damaging to library materials.

Ogden, also a representative of the California Preservation Program, recently conducted the on-campus analysis, working with key staff including Library Director Carl Phillips, Library Technologist Mark Stackpole and Archives Assistant Larry Stevens.

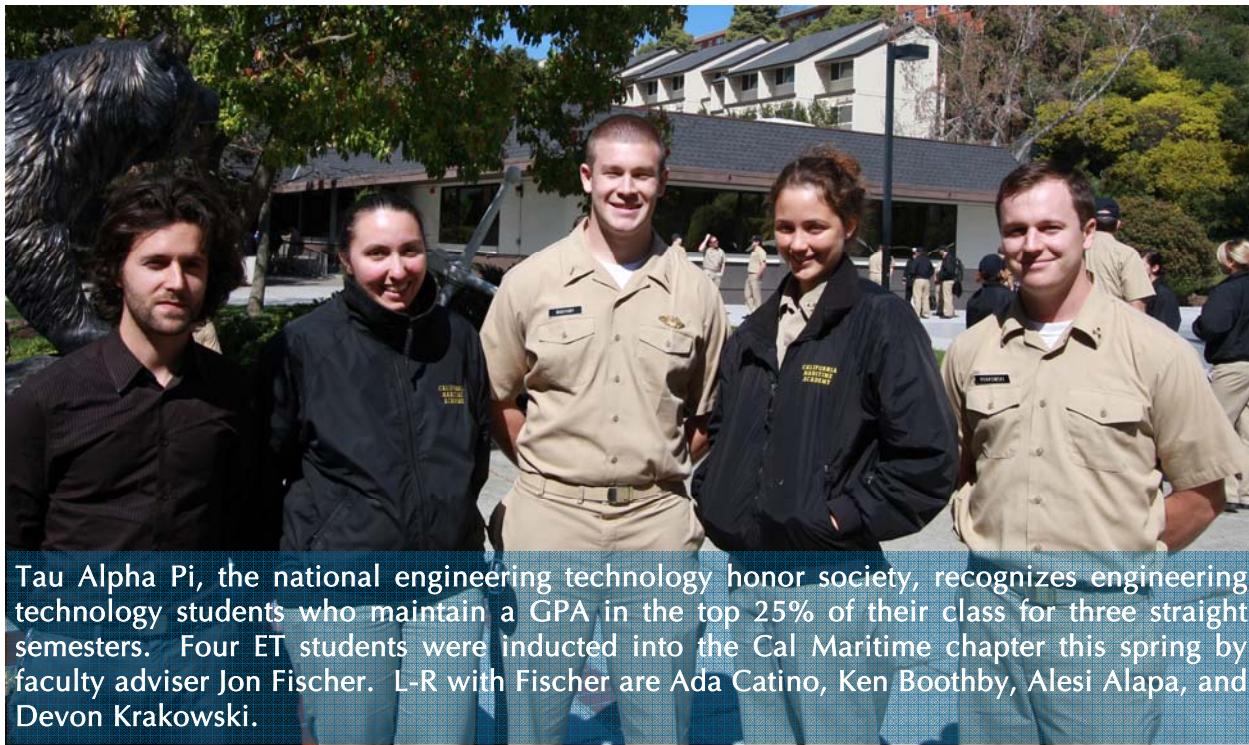
Why fund an analysis of the collections of the Cal Maritime

Library? It is one of the few maritime research libraries in the world, and the only one on the west coast of the United States. Phillips notes. "Our significant collections of artifacts and documents relating to Cal Maritime's own history are an important part of California's history and the evolution of the state's rich maritime industry.

"Another consideration for awarding preservation analysis funds is a growing interest among CSU campuses in fund raising to supplement State budgets and to attract research to the University. The Cal Maritime Library's book and periodical research collections, as well the campus history collection, provide opportunities to attract scholars, as well as donors and funders. However, funders (particularly at the federal level) often require a "preservation needs assessment" of the collection before they will entertain proposals for funding to preserve and digitize collections."

Phillips said, "The hope is that Mr. Ogden's findings will help us better position our Library to attract funding and scholars. They will also provide with valuable independent input on issues we need to consider as part of our long-range Campus Master Planning for a new library facility."

Engineering Technology Students Join Honor Society



Tau Alpha Pi, the national engineering technology honor society, recognizes engineering technology students who maintain a GPA in the top 25% of their class for three straight semesters. Four ET students were inducted into the Cal Maritime chapter this spring by faculty adviser Jon Fischer. L-R with Fischer are Ada Catino, Ken Boothby, Alesi Alapa, and Devon Krakowski.

Campus Staff Train for Crisis Management



Over two-dozen campus personnel representing the full array of campus services, have been taking part in multiple-session Incident Command System (ICS) training courses. The program is part of an ongoing effort on all California State University campuses to make sure that personnel are trained in how to organize and react to a campus emergency and to coordinate their activities with outside resources when necessary, using the ICS system developed by local, state and federal officials in emergency management agencies. These latest drills are designed to assure that in the event of a real emergency, campus staff can quickly mobilize, organize and properly function using procedures and established chains of command and control.

ASCMA Officers Elected for 2009-2010



Each academic year brings that time when outgoing senior student leadership turns over the reins to their successors. The two groups met recently in the President's Conference room for a joint picture. (L-R): **Jon Morris, Dunixi Guereca, Maxine Kantor, Matt Godde, Mike Hess, Peter Knowles, Joe Swindel, Ramsey Brown, Macklin Sandison, Justin Lyons, Jordan Fachko, Emily Arquette, Kyle Lewis, Jimmy Moore, Basem Mused and Damien Casken.** Cadets from Ramsey Brown rightward make up the incoming leadership team. Brown was elected Executive President of the Associated Students group, and Sandison as Executive Vice President. Lyons and Moore, Mused and Casken and Lewis and Arquette were chosen as President and Vice President for the classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Cadet Changeover Ball Set for April 11th at Hiddenbrooke



On April 11th, the Corps of Cadets' **ASCMA** and **ACE** organizations will host the annual **Changeover Ball** at Vallejo's **Hiddenbrooke Country Club** to celebrate the transition of Corps leadership from the outgoing class of 2009 to the Senior Class of 2010. The theme of this year's event is *Masquerade*.

Class members have been selling tickets to the big evening during the lunch hour at a table on the Quad outside Rizza Auditorium. Top Row (L-R): **Brandice Van Zly, Chelsea Martin, Kortney Bolton.** Bottom Row left to right: **Stevie Swanson, Kristen Swader**

Mussel Sniffing Expertise Visits the Docks



Twice a year the **CA Department of Boating and Waterways** holds a meeting for Aquatic Center Directors whose organizations receive departmental grants. Cal Maritime, an ongoing grantee, hosted the March, 2009 meeting. Boating and Waterways funds have helped pay for equipment and scholarships for camps and safe boating classes, and resources used for campus activities and community programs such as the Athletics' Sailing Program.

The March program included a demonstration by **State Warden Roxanne Bowers** and her dog **Cooper**. Cooper can sniff out zebra and quagga mussels on boats and trailers. These invasive species have begun showing up in California waters.

Future Home for 132 Cadets



Work continues on the newest campus construction project, a 132-bed residence hall. The new facility is set for completion in time to welcome the incoming class of 2013 this fall. Cal Maritime is the most heavily residential of the 23 member campuses of the California State University system. The new facility will help alleviate what had been a growing campus housing shortage caused by the strong growth of the institution since its inclusion in the CSU system in 1995. Also on the construction calendar, but now delayed by the current state budget crisis, a new Athletic Center/Water Survival Training Center to replace the school's WW II-era gym.

Great Competition—Unhappy Results for Harbor Cup Sailors



Despite seconds in five out of eight races, a disqualification in race four and a couple of bad races turned the Keelhaulers' hopes of winning the second Cal Maritime/Port of LA Harbor Cup invitational to disappointment. "Our boat handling was nearly flawless," said coach **Jesse Cartee**, "but one mistake set us back and we just couldn't recover."

Sailing was delayed 2 1/2 hours for wind on Saturday. Defending champ **Maine Maritime** duked it out with 2008 runner-up **USC** and a solid **California Maritime Academy** team: senior **Paige Johnston** driving; juniors, **Thor Proulx** trimming spinnaker and **Cole Davis** trimming jib; sophomores **Evan Wannamaker** and **John Gray** in the pit and on the bow; and freshman **Sean Kelly** calling tactics and trimming main. **Chapman University** logged a string of 3-1-2-4 finishes that separated it by three points from defending champion Maine and USC in the eight-boat fleet. **Cal State Channel Islands** finished Saturday fourth overall. Cal Maritime was hurt by a spinnaker touch with Maine Maritime in the fourth race—suffering a disqualification and a 7-point penalty. Sunday, early breezes got the first of four races off on time. Maine came out strong winning the fifth race of the series. Cal Maritime's 2nd place moved us into 4th place overall. In the sixth race, USC was the winner. Cal Maritime was second, and moved to 3rd place overall. In the 7th race, Cal Maritime finished 5th ahead of USC. Chapman won and Channel Islands, was second. Maine's 3rd made them harder to catch on overall points. In the final match, Cal Maritime picked the wrong side of the course for their worst finish of the regatta. Channel Islands won to tie USC for second but fell to third overall on a tie breaker, Chapman held on for 4th.

The Harbor Cup is made possible by generous support from the Port of Los Angeles and volunteers of the Los Angeles Yacht Club. CMA alumni, Jim Morgan, a member of both organizations, was the catalyst for the regatta and served on the race committee for Principal Race Officer Al Garnier.

A benefit dinner held on Friday evening included a silent auction to support the Cal Maritime Sailing Program including racing on the 1D48. Close to \$6000 was raised. Keynote speaker was yacht designer Alan Andrews.

FINAL STANDINGS

POINTS

1. Maine Maritime Academy :	1-6-4-1-1-5-3-2	23
2. USC:	4-5-1-2-7-1-6-3	29
3. Cal State Channel Islands:	6-4-3-4-5-4-2-1	29
4. Chapman University:	3-1-2-3-8-7-1-5	30
5. <i>California Maritime</i> :	2-2-6-9/DSQ-2-2-5-7	35
6. U.S. Coast Guard Academy	7-3-7-5-3-3-4-4	36
7. U.S. Naval Academy:	5-7-5-6-4-8-8-8	51
8. Northwestern Univ:	8-8-8-7-6-6-7-6	56

Faculty/Staff Service Awards Set for Mon. April 13th in Rizza

Eighteen Cal Maritime Faculty and Staff who have achieved 5-year multiple service anniversaries with the University will be honored at ceremonies set for Wednesday April 13th in Rizza Auditorium, starting at 11:00 a.m. Also being honored upon his pending retirement is **Paul Jackson**, Dean of Instructional Support. The program includes a slide show of music and images of each of the honorees, taken by campus PR Director Doug Webster, followed by the presentation of a service pin to each of those being recognized. Campus faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the program and join in the Rizza lobby afterwards for light refreshments. Honorees include:

Richard Cintas	Edilberto Fulgencio	Rick Miner
Marie Cluney	Lloyd Kitazono	Tom Nordenholz
Chuck Constantine	Timothy Lynch	Bunny Paine-Clemes
Mark Cosca	Tom Nordenholz	Jaya Punglia
Deborah Dance	Royster Martin	Scott Saarheim
La Tanya Edington	James McCarthy	Mary Thomas
PAUL JACKSON—RETIREMENT		

How well do you know your fellow Cal Maritime family members? Where do they work? Who is celebrating a fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth or thirtieth anniversary? We'll give you a hint. Six of the above have reached the five-year milestone, five more are at ten, three at 15, two at 20, one at 25, and yes there is one individual at the 30-year anniversary mark. Join us on the 13th to help celebrate and show our appreciation for these folks whose work and institutional experience help shape Cal Maritime's past and its future.

Cadet Wins Toastmaster Impromptu Speaking Competition

Marine Transportation Cadet David Mitchell, Carson, CA and recently elected VP/Public Affairs for the Cal Maritime Toastmasters Club, took first place in the Table Topics Category, one of two categories within the Area C8 Toastmasters Competition. Contestants are given a topic by the contest committee and a few moments to prepare a one to two minute speech about that subject. They are judged on the basis of overall speaking ability, their use of pitch to illustrate their points and how well they addressed the topic. Three area clubs were represented in the event. David will now compete in the Division Contest, to be held on April 14 in Rohnert Park. Winners at the Division Level then take part in the District Contest at Cal Maritime on May 9th to select both the best Table Topics speaker and the best International speaker among all Toastmasters clubs in an area stretching from Solano County north to the Oregon border.



Cadet David Mitchell receives plaque for his first place Table Topics finish from Dr. Dimmie Rosenfeld, District C Governor of Toastmasters International.

Cadets Learn Broad Lessons from *COSCO BUSAN* Spill

With funding support from Cal Maritime's Community Service Learning Center, the 42 Marine Transportation, International Business and Logistics, and Global Studies students in Bob Neumann's *Ethics* and *Business Ethics* classes are spending much of the spring semester using the *Cosco Busan* oil spill on San Francisco Bay as a unique learning experience.

After researching the event themselves, the students watched as Captains James Buckley and Mike Noonan recreated the incident in three of the campus simulation labs, including seeing the Bay Bridge suddenly appear directly ahead in thick fog. They then studied the trajectory of the ship's spilled bunker fuel as it drifted out of the Golden Gate — south to the San Mateo County coastline and north to Point Reyes.



A week later, the class went to the **Point Reyes National Seashore** for a detailed presentation by **Chief Ranger Colin Smith**, who led the efforts to mitigate damage to the fragile pristine coastline and the subsequent cleanup. He recounted events, actions taken, and lessons learned. At the Bear Valley Center the class hiked the **San Andreas** fault line at the epicenter of the 1906 quake when the Point Reyes Peninsula lurched 20 feet closer to the Alaska subduction zone in a matter of seconds. They also learned about the geological foundations of the San Francisco Bay Region, the after-effects of the quake on San Francisco, and some strategies for protecting life and property. On another hike, the class explored a reconstructed **Coast Miwok** village similar to one Sir Francis Drake may have seen when his crew hauled their ship ashore nearby for major repairs.

That evening, the class stayed at a large cabin in a designated wilderness area within the park, near **Limantour Beach**. Some went for night hikes, and others read in the living room- library as a severe storm came ashore. The next morning, in heavy rains and strong winds, the class went to the Point Reyes headlands for a spectacular panorama of Drake's Bay, the northernmost reach of the *Cosco Busan* spill. A herd of about 75 elephant seals were on the beach below the path. At the **Drake's Bay Nature and Historical Center** they studied regional ecosystems, native American history, early maps of the area, and depictions of Drake's ship, the *Golden Hinde*.

Finally, the class visited the **Drake's Bay Oyster Company** to find out about the impact of the *Cosco Busan* spill there. Oysters have been harvested in this estero for hundreds of years, first by the Miwoks (ancient shell mounds are located in several areas). Owner **Kevin Lunny** spoke about the importance of sustainable agriculture and aquaculture, the methods they employ in cultivating oysters, and how the spill closed their operation for more than a month.



In the coming weeks, teams of students will make dozens of presentations at schools in the Vallejo area, discussing the balance between economic activity and the preservation of nature, and the importance of personal responsibility in individual actions.

Rugby Team Goes Undefeated—Headed for Playoffs at #1



Cal Maritime's varsity men's rugby team has jumped to the **Number 1** spot in national rankings of **Division II clubs** after finishing **Pacific Coast League** play with a convincing 43-5 win over Santa Rosa Junior College on March 14th. The undefeated season, a first ever for the Keelhauler squad, has earned them a spot in the **Pacific Coast League Playoffs**, set **for Bellingham, WA April 4-5**. Victory there could earn a spot in the National Championships in Florida later in the month. The top ranking comes from **eRugby News**, considered the authoritative voice of club rugby

competition nationwide. Editor Alex Goff commented, "Cal Maritime is playing must-win games, and winning them, against ranked opponents. They get to be #1."

Cal Maritime had been ranked 8th in the nation prior to its final regular-season victory. Congratulations to Coach Edward Roberts and his team for their unbeaten league season and best wishes in the upcoming league playoffs.

Website Profiles TSGB II's History

Cal Maritime alumni who took part in training cruises aboard the previous Academy Training Ship *Golden Bear* between 1971 and 1995 will no doubt enjoy the recently posted profile of the ship and its long history found on the Internet at <http://cruiselinehistory.com/> It's a chronicle of the cargo/passenger liner *DELORLEANS* built just before WW II to serve the coffee trade and carry passengers in luxury between New Orleans and South America. Thirty years after the war, she was vetted to service as the *Golden Bear*. The profile includes lots of pictures of the ship and her accommodations.



Training Ship *Golden Bear II* in Sydney, Australia.

For the Birds....



The tall light pole next to the boathouse is once again a "room with a view" for Cal Maritime's resident ospreys. The pair have been sprucing up their nest of branches atop the pole and getting ready to hatch another set of chicks. The adults like to land in the trees atop the hill above TSGB and survey the scene before gliding in to the nest. With the arrival of little ospreys, the parents engage in endless rounds of fishing on the waters of the Carquinez Strait to feed their hungry brood.

Faculty/Staff Milestones



Bunny Paine-Clemes, MPM Professor of Liberal Arts, presented a paper at the *Conference of College Composition Teachers* in San Francisco, March 14. Her topic was *Surfing the Waves of Process and Constructivism and Finding Two Techniques that Work: Invention Techniques and Revision after an Interview with the Instructor.*" On May 2 she will present a poster on *Right-Brained Learning Techniques* at the *CSU Symposium of University Teaching* at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

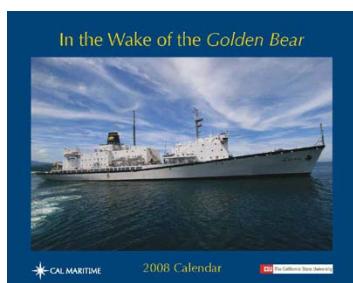
Associate Professor Dr. Christopher Clott of the **Maritime Policy and Management (MPM) Department School of International Business and Logistics** was a featured speaker at the **East Bay Center for International Trade Development**, March 13th at the Port of Oakland. Dr. Clott reviewed current market conditions and their impacts on shippers, consumers and the workforce for an audience of about 60 guests.



Lui Hebron, MPM, has been awarded a book contract by *Westview Press* to write *Asian Security in the Age of Globalization*. The book will serve as the main text for Dr. Hebron's GMA 345 Asian Security class as well as provide supplemental material for his GMA 225 Pacific Asia and GMA 315 Politics of China classes.



Lou McDermott (MPM), Richard Muller (Maritime Operations) and Scott Saarheim (Marine Transportation Instructor) attended the **California Faculty Association Joint Meeting of the Lecturer's Council** and the **Council of Affirmative Action** in Sacramento Feb 9th.



The 2008 Cal Maritime calendar, *In The Wake of the Golden Bear*, was a Silver Prize winner in the 24th annual *Admissions Advertising Awards* competition. The calendar was produced by **PR Director Doug Webster** and designed by **Eileen Collins**.



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Cal Maritime Calendar of Events

Apr. 11 *Changeover Ball—Hiddenbrooke Country Club (See Page 11)*
 Apr. 13 *Cal Maritime Faculty/Staff Service Awards Ceremony—Rizza Auditorium 11:00 AM (See Page 14)*
 Apr 18 *Admitted Students Open House 8 a.m.—2 p.m.*
 Apr 23 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
 May 2 *Commencement—Class of 2009*
 May 3 *TSGB Departs for Summer Training Cruise 1*
 May 14-17 *National Maritime Historians Joint Conference (See Page 6)*
 May 18-21 *TSGB Calls Balboa, Panama*
 May 28 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
 May 31-June 3 *TSGB Calls Valparaiso, Chile*
 June 10-13 *TSGB Calls Guayaquil, Ecuador*
 June 21-24 *TSGB Calls Puerto Vallarta, Mexico*
 June 25 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
 June 30—July 5 *TSGB Calls Los Angeles — Cruise Changeover*
 July 5 *TSGB Starts Second Cruise*
 July 18-21 *TSGB Balboa, Panama*
 July 23 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
 July 31—August 3 *TSGB Valparaiso, Chile*
 Aug 10—13 *TSGB Guayaquil, Ecuador*
 Aug 22-25 *TSGB Puerto Vallarta, Mexico*
 Aug. 27 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*
 Aug. 30 *TSGB Vallejo—End of Second Cruise*
 Sept. 8 *Instruction Begins Fall Semester 09-10*
 Sept. 24 *Fourth Thursdays for CMA Alumni (visit www.csum.edu/alumni for locations) 5:30 p.m.*