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## MARITIME COLLEGE CELEBRATES 140 YEARS

One hundred and forty years ago, the New York Nautical School (as SUNY Maritime College was then known) began to shape the maritime industry that we know today. Hard work, rigorous training and specialized education were its hallmarks. The cadets of yesteryear are the maritime industry's legendary leaders we now read about.

Today, SUNY Maritime College honors that maritime heritage of learning and leadership, with the same attention to precise classroom learning, meaningful hands-on training, and an attitude of service over self, which helped build the maritime industry.

This academic year, Maritime College recognizes its 140th Anniversary with a series of celebratory and extracurricular events. The Office of University Relations produced a video as an introduction to the rich heritage of the college. Visit [www.facebook.com/sunymaritimecollege](http://www.facebook.com/sunymaritimecollege) to see the video.

In this issue of *Navigator*, we pay homage to The College's illustrious history with the publication of an excerpt from Joseph A. William's Four Years Before the Mast: A History of New York's Maritime College on pages 20-21.



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## ON THE COVER

RADM Michael A. Alfultis, Ph.D. began his duties as the 11th president of Maritime College in mid-July. Dr. Alfultis is a retired U.S. Coast Guard captain, and chief administrative officer of the University of Connecticut's marine and maritime campus at Avery Point, in Groton. This issue of *Navigator* takes a look at his life, his educational philosophy, and his approach to leadership. Read the feature story on **pages 12-13**.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It has been a little more than a month since I had the pleasure of enjoying my first walk into Fort Schuyler to begin work as Maritime College's 11th president. I continue to be struck by the obvious pride in Maritime exhibited by everyone with whom I have had the privilege to meet.



RADM Alfultis with United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) Administrator, Paul N. "Chip" Jaenichen (left), and his wife, Kim, after receiving his commission in the United States Maritime Service at MARAD headquarters in Washington, D.C.

We always have been a maritime nation, and the maritime industry continues to be the foundation of our national security and our economy. I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to lead an institution with the unique and important mission of producing maritime professionals.

I would like to thank President Michael Cappeto for all his efforts, serving as interim president for 10 months. Dr. Cappeto built a strong coalition of advocates for the acquisition of a new training vessel, and he secured funds from SUNY and New York State that have allowed for numerous capital improvement projects to be undertaken on campus.

In the coming months I will invest considerable time listening and learning about the College. Taking the time to connect with people is one of my highest priorities. I will travel throughout the year to

meet with alumni, parents, corporate and industry partners, and other members of the Maritime family. I will spend time out of the office to personally engage with students, faculty, and staff. I very much hope you will share with me your thoughts about Maritime, either in person or via e-mail at [president@sunymaritime.edu](mailto:president@sunymaritime.edu)

This year, SUNY Maritime College will celebrate its 140th Anniversary. This milestone year will rightfully be observed with a series of celebratory and extracurricular events. I am deeply honored, and I feel extremely fortunate, to be leading SUNY Maritime during this time in its proud history.

On behalf of my wife, Kim, and sons, David (Lance Corporal, USMC) and Matthew (sophomore at SUNY New Paltz), I want you to know that we are thrilled and honored to join the Maritime College community.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Navigator.

First and foremost,

RADM Michael Alfultis, Ph.D.



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## Two Maritime Students Selected For CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Two SUNY Maritime student cadets, Julia Paxton of Sebastopol, California, and Brandon Baranyar of Fairfield, Connecticut, were selected as recipients of the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Paxton and Baranyar both earned degrees during the May 2014 Commencement.

Paxton and Baranyar were honored by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, along with students from campuses throughout the state, during a ceremony held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in April.

Julia Paxton graduated with a degree in Marine Environmental Science, Deck



License. She was Class Salutatorian, with a grade point average of 3.83. She was a seven-time recipient of the Admiral's List for academic excellence.

Paxton was the Chief Navigator aboard the training ship TS Empire State VI during the 2013 Summer Sea Term, as chosen by the Captain, Chief Mate and Senior Watch Officer. In that capacity, Paxton served as the top cadet in the Regiment of Cadets,

responsible for assisting the Captain in all tasks and responsibilities. During summer 2012, Paxton interned with the Military Sealift Command as a Cadet Observer aboard a fleet oiler, learning the duties of an officer. Paxton has passed the grueling seven-module United States Coast Guard Deck License Exam, which allows her to operate ships of any size tonnage.

Paxton also was the starting Helmsman/Co-Captain and lone female to skipper a team on Maritime's Dinghy Sailing Team (2010-14); served as a student assistant and volunteer for Maritime's Admission Office (2010-12); was a squad leader in the Regiment of Cadets (2011-12); served as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee; and was a Deck Training Instructor (spring 2013).

Brandon Baranyar graduated with a degree in Marine Transportation, Deck License. He maintained a grade point average of 3.8. He was a six-time recipient of the Admiral's List for academic excellence. Baranyar was the recipient of the Connecticut Maritime Association Scholarship for academic achievement; the Connecticut Women's Seaman's Friend Association Scholarship; and the (Maritime College) Faculty Student Association Summer Scholarship (2013). Baranyar was chosen as a Top Three Deck Cadet for the 2013 Summer Sea Term aboard the training ship TS Empire State VI by the Captain and members of the Regiment.

As a Top Deck Cadet, Baranyar served as the face of the Regiment of Cadets, and interfaced with the ship leadership, academic programs, and crew members. Baranyar served as Battalion Commander/

Resident Assistant during the 2013-14 academic year, in which he was the top regimental student for one of Maritime's dormitories. He served as Section Chief/Squad Leader and IDO for the 2011 and 2012 summer terms.

Baranyar served an internship with Alaska Tanker Company (spring 2013) aboard a tanker vessel, working on the bridge and working as a deckhand, earning his



PIC endorsement. During the 2013-14 academic year, Baranyar served an internship with Reinauer Transportation, a tug and barge company located on Staten Island. He also has been a Learning Center Tutor (2013-14); an Admissions Ambassador (2011-12); and a percussionist with the Maritime College Band.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created in 1997 to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement, or career achievement.

# 2014 Admiral's Scholarship Dinner...

The College honored two industry leaders at its annual Admiral's Scholarship Dinner on Tuesday, May 6, with more than 500 alumni, industry partners, friends, students, faculty and staff in attendance on campus.

The sold-out event raised more than \$700,000 for student scholarships; a record amount.

The College honored Richard A. Angerame, Class of 1973, President and CEO of utiliVisor, and Morton S. Bouchard III, President and CEO of Bouchard Transportation Company, Inc. for their generous and continued support of the College and its students.

Richard A. Angerame has more than 35 years experience in the operation and performance of HVAC and utility metering systems. He is a 1973 graduate engineer of SUNY Maritime College with a United States Coast Guard license for the operation of steam and diesel shipboard power plants. In addition to his successes in business, during the past several years,

Mr. Angerame has been an extremely supportive friend of SUNY Maritime College. He has educated three sons (Timothy '00, Peter '04, and Christopher '06) at the College, and he has been a supportive alumnus, sponsoring an annual scholarship to assist other students achieve their dreams.



L to R: Mr. Morton Bouchard III, Dr. Michael Cappeto, and Mr. Richard Angerame '73.

Morton S. Bouchard III is the Bouchard family's fourth generation to manage Bouchard Transportation Company, Inc., the largest privately-owned ocean-going petroleum barge company in the United States. Bouchard Transportation has operations on the East and Gulf coasts of the United States, as well as in the Caribbean. Mr. Bouchard and Bouchard Transportation have a wonderful history with SUNY Maritime College, awarding scholarships to deserving students, as well as employing Maritime graduates. This year, the Bouchard Transportation

Company, Inc. Tug & Barge Simulation Center will open on campus, thanks to their continued generosity.





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# NROTC Commissioning



The College's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp (NROTC) unit celebrated the commissioning of 11 new naval officers the day prior to Commencement, during a solemn ceremony held in the St. Mary's Pentagon, Fort Schuyler.

Rear Admiral William C. McQuilkin, director of the U.S. Navy's Strategy and Policy Division, was the day's guest of honor and delivered the address to the new officers. The NROTC unit Commanding Officer, Captain Matthew E. Loughlin, USN, administered the Oath of Office.

## The new naval officers commissioned were:

Conner Brailsford, Surface Warfare Officer, USS Gravelly, Norfolk, Virginia; John Dunne, Student Naval Aviator, Aviation Preflight Indoctrination, Pensacola, Florida; Courtney Chambliss, Marine Corps Officer, Basic School, Quantico, Virginia; Jason Ihrig, Strategic Sealift Officer; Wessley Johnson, Strategic Sealift Officer, Overseas Shipholding Group, Overseas New York; George Landon, Strategic Sealift Officer; Conor McGinn, Surface Warfare Officer, USS Gonzalez, Norfolk, Virginia; Ryan Nugent, Surface Warfare Officer, USS Essex, San Diego, California; John Petr, Surface Warfare Officer, USS Paul Hamilton, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Alexander Spitz, Strategic Sealift Officer, Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Timothy Winters, Strategic Sealift Officer, Military Sealift Command, Norfolk, Virginia.

As the largest single source of Navy and Marine Corps officers, the NROTC Scholarship Program fills a vital need in preparing mature young men and women for leadership and management positions.



## MARITIME LENDS EXPERTISE TO MEDIA COVERAGE OF KOREAN FERRY DISASTER

This past April, a ferry boat capsized and sank off the coast of South Korea. The 6,825-ton vessel was carrying nearly 500 people. More than 300 perished, or are missing and presumed dead.

In the midst of the tragic events surrounding the ferry disaster, several U.S. news organizations – CNN, USA Today, New York Post, MSNBC, Al Jazeera America and FOX News among them – reached out to Maritime College and its many knowledgeable faculty and staff members in an effort to better understand what went wrong, and what might have been done to avoid the accident.



Among those interviewed were Professor of Marine Transportation, Joe Ahlstrom '82; Professor and SUNY Presidential Fellow, Richard Burke '72; Dean of Maritime Education & Training and Chair, Professional Education & Training Department, Ernie Fink '75; Vice Chair of the Marine Transportation Department, Walt Nadolny, and Professor of Navigation and Marine Transportation, Peter Vecchio '92.

In the embedded video captured here, Captain Richard S. Smith '81, Commandant of Cadets and Master of the Training Ship Empire State VI interviewed by CNN's Alexandra Field.



Video also can be viewed at Youtube.com.





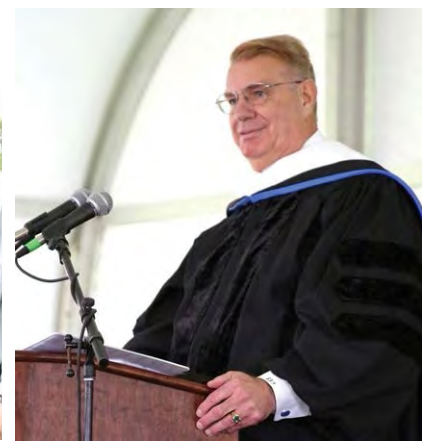
## MAY COMMENCEMENT

The College celebrated its May Commencement on Friday, May 9, at 11 a.m., in St. Mary's Pentagon, Fort Schuyler. Maritime College Interim President, Dr. Michael A. Cappeto, presided over the ceremonies.

Two hundred twelve students received degrees.

John J. Ferriola, SUNY Maritime Class of 1974, received an honorary doctorate degree and delivered the remarks to graduates. Mr. Ferriola is Chairman, CEO, and President of NUCOR Corporation; the largest producer of steel in the United States. NUCOR is a Fortune 500 company with nearly 200 operating facilities and 90 companies.

Degrees were conferred for Master of Science in International Transportation Management; Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering, Facilities Engineering, Marine Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Naval Architecture; for Bachelor of Science in General Engineering, General Marine Business and Commerce with Humanities Study Area Concentration, International Transportation and Trade, Marine Environmental Science, Marine Operations, Maritime Studies, Marine Transportation; and for Associate of Applied Science in Marine Technology Small Vessel Operations.





# 2014 Senior Awards Ceremony

The College recognized many of its outstanding upper-class students during a ceremony held in the Special Events Room on Thursday evening, May 8. The evening's award winners were:

THE AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING AWARD  
**Stephen J. Ferrazzara**

THE AMERICAN MARITIME OFFICERS  
SERVICE AWARD  
**Peter S. Poulson (Engine)**  
**Raina Barnes (Deck)**

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVERAGE ADJUSTERS OF  
THE UNITED STATES AWARD  
**Kiwon Hong**

THE ROBERT J. BRAUN AWARD  
**Justin M. Smith**

THE PETER J. FINNERTY, '64 AWARD  
**Julia Paxton**

THE KIRBY OFFSHORE MARINE TUG AWARD  
**Scott Crabtree**

THE JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL AWARD  
**Terence Cooper**

THE MARINE SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF  
NEW YORK AWARD  
**George Landon**

THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF THE PORT OF  
NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AWARD  
**Peter Kennedy**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE HUMANITIES AWARD  
**Claudette M. Killian (Outstanding Major)**  
**Joshua Mines (Outstanding Non-Major)**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE MARINE  
TRANSPORTATION AWARD  
**Brandon Baranyar**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE  
OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD  
**Allison Lashmet**  
**Nicholas Galli**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE PARENTS  
ASSOCIATION AWARD  
**Joseph Russo**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE PROVOST AWARD  
**Oleksandr Dmytruk, Valedictorian,**  
**Bachelor of Engineering,**  
**Facilities Engineering/Engine**

**Julia Marie Paxton, Salutatorian,**  
**Bachelor of Science,**  
**Marine Environmental Science/Deck**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE REGIMENTAL  
LEADERSHIP AWARD  
**Tyler Reszoly**  
**John Dunne**

THE MARITIME COLLEGE STEPHEN B. LUCE  
LIBRARY AWARD  
**Andrew Gisondi**

THE MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS AWARD  
**Jelani Watson**

THE MCALLISTER TOWING ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE AWARD  
**Brandon Baranyar**

THE NATIONAL CARGO BUREAU EXCELLENCE  
IN CARGO OPERATIONS AWARD  
**Steven Altini**

THE NATIONAL RADIO EXAMINER'S MARINE  
COMMUNICATIONS - GMDSS AWARD  
**Daniel Teixeira**

THE OSG SHIP MANAGEMENT, INC. AWARD  
**Wessley Johnson**  
THE ERIKA AND MATTHEW RYAN, '00 AWARD  
**Jaclyn Bellisari**

THE SANDY HOOK PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
AWARD  
**Andrew Haggerty**

SANDWICH SHIP AWARD  
**Scott Crabtree**

THE SEARIVER MARITIME, INC. AWARDS  
**Matthew P. Messina (Engine)**  
**Wessley Johnson (Deck)**

THE SILVER BEACH AMERICAN LEGION  
POST #1371, LT. COL.  
WEST BECKER MEMORIAL AWARD  
**Anthony Ambrosio**

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
SQUADRON 50, PELHAM, THE EVANS-HOWARD  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
**Dan Fleischman**

THE SPILL CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD  
**Daniel Anderson**

THE THROGGS NECK MEMORIAL AMERICAN  
LEGION POST #1456 AWARD  
**Timothy Winters**

THE VANE BROTHERS MARITIME SECURITY  
AWARD  
**Jonathan Agliata**





## FRANCIS "STASH" PELKOWSKI '84 PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL

The Maritime College hosted a frocking ceremony for Captain Francis "Stash" Pelkowski, USCGR, who was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral, Lower Half, on Saturday, May 31 in front of nearly 200 family, friends, and colleagues of Admiral Pelkowski.

The promotion ceremony was conducted under the direction of the Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Vice Admiral William "Dean" Lee, in the multipurpose room of the campus' new Academic Building.



Rear Admiral Pelkowski is a 1984 graduate of SUNY Maritime College, and currently is an assistant professor in the College's Global Business

and Transportation Department (GBAT). He is the 18th alumnus of the College to attain the rank of Admiral.

Professor Pelkowski's teaching expertise includes Environmental Law and Policy; Port and Terminals

Management; Transportation Management; International Business and Transportation Law; Port and Terminal Management; and Analysis of Integrated Ocean Transportation and Ports. He is the faculty coordinator for the



GBAT Panel of Successful Graduates, which each November brings back a selection of graduated ITT and ITM students to tell their stories and serve as role models for current students.

Pelkowski is a former chief executive officer of a towing company and an executive vice president of compliance at another firm. He holds a law degree (JD) and a Master's of Business Administration.

## RESEARCH VESSEL MARCUS G. LANGSETH VISITS MARITIME

The research vessel Marcus G. Langseth made a port call to the Maritime campus the last weekend of June. The vessel was preparing for a science cruise, and docked at Fort Schuyler before sailing on July 1. During its weekend stay, the research vessel was open for tours to students, faculty, and staff.

The Langseth is captained by Mark Landow, Maritime Class of 1989.

The Marcus G. Langseth offers unparalleled opportunities for scientists interested in pursuing research in the fields of marine geophysics, seismology and general oceanography. Scientists onboard the Langseth are responsible for many invaluable contributions to humankind's knowledge of Earth's sub-seafloor. The 235-foot vessel was purchased in 2004 by Columbia University under a cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation. It is operated by the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, located in Palisades, N.Y., along the Hudson River's west shoreline.

Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory will host an open house the first weekend in October. For additional information go to: <http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/news-events/events/open-house>





## *It's all about building relationships*

**I**t's six o'clock on a warm mid-August morning. When most chief executives are on their way to their office, or perhaps enjoying a summer vacation, Maritime College's newest president is partaking in physical training -- or PT -- alongside 330 bleary-eyed MUGs on Reinhart Field.

Dr. Michael A. Alfultis, a retired U.S. Coast Guard captain, now finds himself a Rear Admiral in the United States Maritime Service. He began his tenure as Maritime

College's 11th president in mid-July. Within weeks, he had mapped out a first-year agenda with a focus on communications, transparency, trust, and governance.

Participating in PT on an early August morning with the incoming freshman Class of 2018 was important to Alfultis. Whether it was doing push-ups, leg lifts, lobster crawls, or a going on a mile-and-a-half run, the Admiral hung right in there with the MUGs. "It's all about building relationships," he says.

"This is my MUG year, as well," says Alfultis. "I need to observe the MUG indoctrination and learn more about the history and traditions of Maritime College. Participating in these events, as well as other classes, is a great way to learn and to see -- firsthand -- how we develop our cadets, and the leaders who serve as indoctrination officers and squad leaders."

Amiably referring to himself simply as "Mike" among the faculty and staff, the six-foot-three-inch tall Alfultis is struck by the obvious pride in the College exhibited by so many of the people he has met thus far.

Prior to arriving at Fort Schuyler, Alfultis served for four years as the chief administrative officer of the University of Connecticut's campus for marine and maritime studies at Avery Point, overseeing a complex comprised of undergraduate and graduate programs.

The two-hour move south on I-95 from Groton to Throggs Neck was one that the mid-West native was pleased to make.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the SUNY Maritime College community," he is quick to say.

Dr. Alfultis brings a uniquely diverse background to the presidency at Fort Schuyler. His background includes service as an operations officer and navigator on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter; maritime safety and security; Coast Guard Academy faculty member and academic department chair; and senior administrator at a flagship university.

### **The Early Years**

Michael Alfultis was born in Detroit, Michigan. At an early age, his parents moved the family to St. Paul, Minnesota, and later to the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio, where Mike graduated from high school. The oldest son and the third overall of six children in the Alfultis household, Mike's roots decidedly are mid-Western.

By his sophomore year in high school, he knew that he wanted to attend a service academy.

"I had a strong calling to serve in the military," he recalls. "My father was in law enforcement, running a crime lab. Our family was large, and my parents were not in a financial position to send me to college. I knew if I was going to attend school, I would have to look at the service academies, which offered tuition-free education."

The young Alfultis received congressional appointments to both West Point and Annapolis, in addition to being accepted strictly on



President Alfultis jogging with MUGs and squad leaders during Indoctrination 2014.



*"I am thrilled and honored to join the SUNY Maritime College community."*

academic merit to the Coast Guard Academy. He also was selected for the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Ohio State University.

He ultimately chose the Coast Guard Academy because it was small, had an active peace-time mission, and it offered a major (Marine Science) in which he had a strong interest. When he arrived in New London, Connecticut as a swab in the summer of 1978, Alfultis saw the ocean for the first time in his life.

It was at the Coast Guard Academy that Cadet Alfultis would meet his wife, Kim. They have been married for 31 years and have two sons; David, a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corps, and Matthew, a sophomore at SUNY New Paltz.



Senior class photo at the Coast Guard Academy.

## Graduation and Beyond

Dr. Alfultis graduated with honors from the Coast Guard Academy in 1982 with a degree in Marine Science. He later earned a master's degree from the University of Washington (1987) and a doctorate from the University of Rhode Island (1997), both in Oceanography.

Following his graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, Alfultis was assigned to Guam, as an operations officer aboard the United States Coast Guard Cutter Basswood. He later served as an operations section chief of the International Ice Patrol.

Alfultis returned to the Academy in 1989 as a member of its science department faculty. He was an architect of the Marine and Environmental Sciences major, and developed a Geospatial Sciences curriculum to educate cadets and officers on its use. He also supervised an active cadet research program. In 2009 he received the Academy's Distinguished Faculty Award.

He retired from the Coast Guard in 2010, following a 28-year career. That same year he assumed his duties as the chief administrative officer of the UCONN Avery Point regional campus.

## First-Year Goals and Educational Philosophy

Dr. Alfultis is laser-focused when it comes to his single-most important first-year goal: "To secure funding for the design of a new training ship, and to begin that design," he answers without hesitation.

In addition to replacing the College's 50-year-old training ship, Empire State VI, Alfultis wants to tend to items that can and need to be addressed now. Among those are increasing retention and graduation rates; increasing the quality and diversity of the campus by making it more attractive to out-of-state students and veterans; and establishing alternative funding sources.

Dr. Alfultis is a strong advocate for student-centered learning and inquiry-based studies. His educational philosophy is student driven.

"If you are thinking about what it is that you want to teach when preparing your lesson plan and it is not important that the students actually be in the classroom, don't do it," he says emphatically. "Education should be active. It's about engaging with the students."

Early into his tenure, Alfultis is impressed with the College's staff. A firm believer in working together, his vision to increase communication internally would facilitate teamwork among the College's faculty and the administration, for the good of the institution and its students.

Alfultis follows three guiding principles: 1. Listen and learn. "I will invest considerable time listening and learning about the college, and I will ask many questions." 2. Take time to connect. "I will travel throughout the year to meet with alumni, parents, corporate and industry partners, and I will spend time out of the office to personally engage with students, faculty, and staff." It is all about relationships. 3. Respect. "I have come to deeply appreciate the word 'colleague,' and I strive to treat everyone with respect and collegiality."

"Undoubtedly, we will make mistakes along the way," he says. "But if we do things right, we can't go wrong."



Alfultis (second from the right) with Coast Guard sponsor cadets on their "Billet Night." Mike and Kim hold the record as the longest continuous participants (1991-2014) in the USCG Sponsor Cadet Program.

# 2014 SUMMER SEA TERM

The Empire State VI visited U.S. ports in Baltimore and Philadelphia, prior to embarking on the European leg of the 2014 Summer Sea Term. While in Europe, the vessel visited the Canary Islands (Spain), Cobh (Ireland), Copenhagen (Denmark), and Lisbon (Portugal).

The visits to Baltimore and Philadelphia followed the training ship's departure from Fort Schuyler on Monday, May 12, under sunny skies, as well as a week of training exercises off Montauk Point in eastern Long Island.

Former President, Dr. Michael A. Cappeto and Captain Richard Smith '81, Commandant of Cadets and Master of Training Ship Empire State VI, along with other Maritime staffers welcomed alumni, elected officials, maritime industry leaders, and friends aboard the ship in Baltimore (5/21) and Philadelphia (5/23) during pre-Memorial Day ports of call receptions. Admissions staff was on site at both ports to welcome prospective students, tour the training ship, and talk with the admissions representatives.

Docking and navigation in Baltimore and Philadelphia were seamless, thanks to the assistance of so many Maritime alumni who work the local rivers and bays.

A highlight of the summer term was a side trip to Sweden, while the vessel was docked in Copenhagen. Fifty Maritime cadets were guests at the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden (7/11) for a presentation about WMU's educational opportunities and capacity building mission. The generosity was returned the next morning when 50 WMU students visited the Empire State VI back in Copenhagen. There they met Captain Smith, instructors, and cadets, and received a tour the ship. The College held a reception on board in Copenhagen attended by alumni, industry partners and friends including the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, Rufus Gifford.

The cadets were joyously and enthusiastically welcomed home from the 90-day term by family and friends on Monday morning, August 11.







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## FACULTY & STAFF

*Five individuals were recognized by SUNY Chancellor, Nancy Zimpher with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence. The Awards are conferred to acknowledge and provide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. Through these awards, SUNY publicly proclaims its pride in the accomplishment and personal dedication of its instructional faculty, librarians and professional staff.*

*A luncheon was held at Quarter's One, the president's residence, to honor the five, award-winning faculty and staff members.*

### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

#### ***Captain Ernest J. Fink, USCG (Ret.)***

Captain Ernest J. Fink, '75, currently is in his seventh year of teaching at Maritime College. Captain Fink spent 32 years on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he enjoyed a highly-successful marine safety/security career. He returned to Fort Schuyler in 2007 as an alumnus desiring to share his professional career knowledge and experiences with students.

Currently, he is an associate professor, and is the founding chair of the Professional Education and Training (PET) Department, and Dean of Maritime Education and Training. He recently authored the college's 1,000-page submission to obtain approval for the College's cadet licensing programs for the next five years.

His departmental chair responsibilities include administering the college's continuing education program, which involves offering approximately 30+ Coast Guard-approved courses to professional mariners. During the past year, the PET Department offered approximately 120 courses to 700 mariners.

Captain Fink's outgoing personality, devotion to the College and its students, his military background, along with his acquired teaching skills, helps motivate students.

### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY SERVICE

#### ***Captain Eric J. Johansson***

Eric Johansson has provided superior service to the campus as a member of several committees, as well as to the local community as the Executive Director of the College's Maritime Industry Museum. His contributions to the maritime industry on the national, regional, and state-wide levels are rivaled by his service to the campus during his 20-year tenure at Maritime College.

Eric teaches a wide range of courses, including basic shipping, advanced navigation, towing, and leadership. Additionally, he has developed courses, and rewritten cadet shipping workbooks and course books. While teaching a full load, Eric manages to secure timely research. His success in garnering funded-research

is attributed to his long-standing industry and government relationships.

Johansson takes academic advising very seriously. His open door policy for students includes advising them on credit load, academic standing, major track, curriculum, and their graduation checklist.

Eric is a prolific industry speaker and researcher, and has chaired committees for the U.S. Coast Guard. He is a valued resource on alternative and conventional energy proposals. He consistently demonstrates outstanding leadership, service, and outreach within the maritime industry, all to the benefit of the college and its students.

### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### ***Ms. Lu-Ann Plaisance***

As Maritime College's Director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action Officer, Lu-Ann prides herself on being approachable, professional and helpful.

At the start of Lu-Ann's career at SUNY Maritime College, the College's Human Resource Services department was in need of improvement. Some of the issues facing the department included the processing of appointments and separations, setting up location pay and a five-day lag for eligible employees; starting retirement contributions; and, the completion of annual performance evaluations.

Improvements that Lu-Ann has helped bring about include:

- HR has built a great relationship with the faculty and staff of the College.
- HR has implemented a checklist to ensure that employees receive the required paperwork for hire, and ensure that the staff processes the paperwork accurately, and in a timely manner.
- Ensured that employees' retirement information is processed timely a avoid any arrears.

As a result of Lu-Ann's efforts and improvements, the College received the State Comptroller's Payroll Achievement Award





L to R: Jason Vega, Joseph Williams, Captain Eric J. Johansson, Lu-Ann Plaisance, and Captain Ernest J. Fink

for Distinguished Performance in 2007, the Distinguished Performance Award in 2008, and the Distinguished and Outstanding Performance Awards in 2009.

Lu-Ann is an example to her staff. In addition to an extremely sunny personality – you never see Lu without a smile on her face. She is the first person in the office and she is the last one to leave. She leads by example.

#### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLASSIFIED SERVICE

##### **Mr. Jason Vega**

Supervisor Jason Vega is responsible for all maintenance, grounds, and warehouse for the College. It is a job he has performed with distinction since 2006. Thanks to Jason, the campus grounds and the landscaping are beautiful.

During foul weather, Jason coordinates personnel and equipment to clean the campus roadways, parking lots, walkways, and grounds. This includes removing trash and debris, cutting and trimming trees and branches, and clearing ice and snow. During snowstorms and floods, Maritime College always is back in operation quickly. Jason also coordinates the repair of doors, windows, and other hardware.

Jason handles maintenance repairs quickly, to ensure that the campus is ready to fulfill its educational mission. His customer service skills are excellent, and he works well with everyone; sometimes in difficult situations. Jason is patient and kind with students and staff.

Moreover, Jason ensures that the College's money is wisely spent. He uses the right contractor, or Maritime staff, to perform a quality job, completed in a timely manner, and at the best

possible price. He gives his undivided attention to complete all tasks before him.

#### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

##### **Mr. Joseph A. Williams**

Joseph Williams has demonstrated outstanding capabilities in handling the duties as Head of Technical Services & Assistant Library Director at the Stephen B. Luce Library. He possesses in-depth knowledge of his subject matter, the publishing world, and the vendors, acquisitions, and accounting processes.

Joe has been successful in initiating various projects to revise and streamline acquisitions and collection, and in revamping the entire serials collection. He delivers high-quality library instruction classes. His pleasant demeanor, teaching skills, and subject knowledge, have made him an excellent researcher and reference librarian.

Joe is involved with maintaining, organizing, and promoting the Library archives. He has authored highly-competitive grants to arrange and organize special collections. He has made great advances at the Library with scholarly research, publication, and conference presentations. His book: *Four Years Before the Mast*; is the first published account of the history of Maritime College, and has brought him recognition as an expert on that subject.

Joe is a talented, hard-working, creative and dynamic librarian and researcher. He is an asset to the Library, the College, and his profession.

*Note: Since the writing of the article, Joe has accepted a position at the Greenwich Library in Connecticut. We wish him every success in his new endeavors.*



**Professor Richard Burke** was selected as a 2014-15 Presidential Fellow by The Research Foundation for SUNY. Dr. Burke will conduct outreach to foster a higher level of sponsored research and collaboration among campuses, particularly the comprehensive and technology sector campuses.



She has spent several summers on National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships at Cornell University, Regents College in London, Colgate University, Hollins College and University College in Galway, Ireland.

*Casual Affairs: The Life and Fiction of Sally Benson* by SUNY Maritime Associate Professor **Maryellen Keefe, OSU, Ph.D.**, has been released by SUNY Press.



Sally Benson was a writer for the *New Yorker* in the 1930s, who published stories about her family in the magazine under "5135 Kensington." Her fiction inspired the popular 1944 Hollywood musical, *Meet Me In St. Louis*, starring Judy Garland and directed by Vincente Minnelli. Dr. Keefe's biography draws chiefly from personal correspondence, interviews with Benson's family members and *New Yorker* colleagues, and research in the *New Yorker* magazine's archives.

Dr. Keefe is a member of the Maritime Humanities Department, the Faculty Senate, and is the adviser to the College's Newman Club.



SUNY Maritime College will celebrate the opening of the New Academic Building at the start of the 2014 academic year. The new facility will be a bright beacon announcing SUNY Maritime's flagship position in maritime education. In addition to serving SUNY Maritime's nationally recognized academic programs, the building also will be used as a conference center, providing a signature location for large groups to convene throughout the year.

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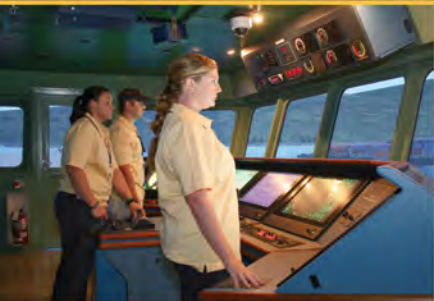
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*One hundred and forty years ago, on December 10, 1874, the St. Mary's was delivered to the New York City Board of Education to found the New York Nautical School. A month later, the school was ready to accept its first class of students. What follows is an excerpt about those early days from Joseph A. Williams's Four Years Before the Mast: A History of New York's Maritime College.*



The boys of the St. Mary's underwent a rigorous program of practical training and common grammar school subjects. Image provided courtesy of the Stephen B. Luce Library, SUNY Maritime College.

On January 11, 1875, twenty-six boys made their way to the foot of East 23rd Street where, tied to a wharf, sat the New York Nautical Schoolship *St. Mary's*. They were going to become sailors in a school that required boots, thread, needles and dark blue overcoats, instead of notebooks and pencils.

That January, the *St. Mary's* was a noisy place. The ship was being refitted into a floating grammar school. Half of her guns were taken out, a temporary schoolroom built on the main deck and hammocks slung on the gun deck. The ship wasn't quite ready by January 11th, but the superintendent and captain of the ship thought that the time was ripe to bring aboard a class of boys.

The students were mixed in age. The youngest, A. Emelius Irving, was just 14 years and 11 months old and needed the minimum age rule of 15 years waived by the Board of Education's Nautical School Executive Committee. The oldest, Richard Moseley, was 21. These boys came from all over Manhattan and the Bronx. In those days, New York City consisted only of those boroughs; by law, only those with a parent or guardian residing in the city could enroll in the school. However, the rules were bent and the very first student enrolled at the school, Alexander Wadsworth, had a guardian from Quincy, Massachusetts. From its beginning, the New York Nautical School was a national enterprise.

The school was governed by an Executive Committee that was composed of members of the Board of Education. It established policies that were suggested by the superintendent, who acted as the captain of the *St. Mary's*. The Executive Committee provided oversight, administered tests, established policies and served as a job placement service for graduates. For the first years of the school's life, this body was headed by David Wetmore.

In addition to the Executive Committee, business interests were represented through advisory committees from the city's Chamber of Commerce and the Maritime Association. These groups represented shipping interests and aside from providing advice, also gave periodic examinations to the boys.

The U.S. Navy was also involved. Not only did they furnish the ship, but they often did repairs and provided personnel to be the instructors. The schoolship's first superintendent was Captain Robert Lees Phythian. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1856 and was a Civil War veteran, serving in the Union naval blockade of the Confederacy. After the war, he taught at the Naval Academy and headed its Navigation Department under the direction of Stephen B. Luce. The teaching and practical experience made him such an easy fit for the job that Luce recommended him for the position. One 1876 graduate, Charles Williamson, recalled that Phythian combined the "knowledge of a school teacher" with "the firmness of the disciplinarian and . . . the kindness of a parent." For his trouble, Phythian received in addition to his Navy pay, \$2,000 from the city and the right to have his family live aboard the *St. Mary's*—something unheard of in the service. These additional perks made the job a "soft berth" and "the most desirable position in the Navy." Phythian had good cause to be kind.



Robert Lees Phythian, first Superintendent of the New York Nautical School. Image courtesy of Navsource ([www.navsource.org](http://www.navsource.org)).



Phythian and all the officers in the early years of the New York Nautical School were active Navy officers who were assigned to the ship to train the boys to be a reserve for the U.S. Navy. If a boy got out of line, George W. De Long, Phythian's executive officer, would enforce the rules in a military fashion. Naval discipline was the watchword, and Luce's *Young Seaman's Manual* was their text.

Aside from learning rigging, mastwork and vessel identification, the boys, to their great delight, learned how to fire the *St. Mary's* great guns (the half not removed during her reconditioning), use small arms and wield cutlasses. The boys were taught how to make "all knots, splices, hitches, bends, clinches, . . . worming, parceling and serving ropes; turning in deadeyes, securing lanyards and rattling down rigging." They learned the colors and arrangement of running lights, how to sew and how to swim. It was an education that was fun for a boy who learned by doing rather than sitting over a book reading and thinking.



During cruises, the *St. Mary's* would often be visited by dignitaries at foreign ports. This photograph, taken circa 1902, shows the Lord-Mayor of a British town touring the ship. The older gentlemen in the Navy uniform standing at the left-hand side of the man with the tri-corner hat is Superintendent G.C. Hanus. Next to him is executive officer, Christopher Marsden. Image provided courtesy of the Stephen B. Luce Library, SUNY Maritime College.

But the boys of the *St. Mary's* were still required to learn the normal grammar school curriculum which was taught over the winter months. History, math, grammar

and the art of penmanship were all given time in repetitive drills.

Yet in the late spring, and every year thereafter, the schoolroom was broken down. The boys put away their *Robinson's Progressive Practical Arithmetic* and *Brown's English Grammar* to turn to the practical work of getting a full rigged sloop-of-war ready for a sea-voyage. These cruises were the heart and soul of the school.

Phythian did not sail the *St. Mary's* far that first year and kept within Long Island Sound. After all, he had a completely new set of boys aboard. To take them into the Atlantic would be too hazardous for what was admittedly dangerous training.

On most of the *St. Mary's* cruises the ship first went to Glen Cove, Long Island. There, stores were loaded and the boys were mercilessly drilled. Then, when the captain thought the boys ready, they sailed into the Atlantic.



The gundeck of the *St. Mary's* where the students would sleep, mess, and study. Image provided courtesy of the Stephen B. Luce Library, SUNY Maritime College.

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*Four Years Before the Mast: A History of New York's Maritime College (ISBN 978-0-9899394-0-9) may be found on sale at the campus's Ship's Store or on Amazon. Detailing the history of the near present, it was published by the Fort Schuyler Press in 2013.*



## SPRING 2014 RECAPS

The women's lacrosse team ended the season with a program record five wins and also had a player named the Skyline Conference Rookie of the Year and two were named to the All-Conference Teams. They defeated arch-rivals Kings Point in the Second Annual Sound Shootout.

The men's lacrosse team increased their win total from the previous season and had one player named to the All-Skyline Conference First Team. The Privateers defeated rivals Maine Maritime at the First-Annual Maritime Cup in Castine, Maine.

The baseball team qualified for the Skyline Conference Tournament for the third straight season and had two players named to the All-Conference Teams. Two pitchers threw no-hitters for the Privateers, one of which was a perfect game.



The co-ed dinghy sailing team competed in 13 events in the spring and successfully hosted the Admiral Moore Regatta in the East River in late March. The Privateers finished as high as second place in one event and had two sailors named to the All-MAISA Conference Teams.



The men's and women's rowing teams competed in seven events in the spring, including three championship regattas: the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships, the New York State Championships and the Dad Vail National Championship Regatta. At the Dad Vail, the Privateers saw the Novice Four boat earn the silver medal for its second place finish in the nation.

### Off The Fields of Competition

The Privateers also had success away from the playing fields, as 43 student-athletes earned Academic All-Conference honors from their respective conferences. Their names are listed in the sidebar on the right.

#### ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

##### Skyline Conference

Peter Anderson	Men's Cross Country
Brendan Welsh	Men's Cross Country
Chris Whalen	Men's Cross Country
Jackie Bellisari	Women's Cross Country
Mary Baccellieri	Women's Cross Country
Robert Cunningham	Men's Soccer
David Hraska Jr.	Men's Soccer
Nick Mast	Men's Soccer
Asilcan Oztop	Men's Soccer
Dave Sparozic	Men's Soccer
Michael Wood	Men's Soccer
Amy Hansen	Women's Soccer
Kristen Hoar	Women's Soccer
Caroline Reynolds	Women's Soccer
Jorrie Trenkamp	Women's Soccer
Ayannah Bright	Women's Volleyball
Alyssa Pourmonir	Women's Volleyball
Nick Dunbar	Men's Basketball
T'Vaughn Gibson	Men's Basketball
Brendon Halligan	Men's Basketball
Thomas Gallagher	Men's Swimming
Daniel Hemmer	Men's Swimming
Ryan Wood	Men's Swimming
Danielle Leahy	Women's Swimming
Ryan Alsdorf	Baseball
Tom Bauer	Baseball
Trevor Cannella	Baseball
David Ramos	Baseball
Nick Sarna	Baseball
Paul Woodburn	Baseball
Anthony Ambrosio	Men's Lacrosse
Theresa D'Amore	Women's Lacrosse
Kristen Hoar	Women's Lacrosse
Hannah Mutum	Women's Lacrosse
Caroline Reynolds	Women's Lacrosse

##### Eastern Collegiate Football Conference

Michael Brunk	Football
Brandon Kuster	Football
Beau Warrington	Football

##### American Collegiate Hockey Association

Stephen Altini	Hockey
Dillon Dolansky	Hockey
Ross Freund	Hockey
Nick Galli	Hockey

##### Mid-Atlantic Rifle Conference

Allison Lashmet	Rifle
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Last April, more than 50 Privateer student-athletes from the The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the men's and women's swimming & diving teams volunteered their time to help Maritime Athletics host its Inaugural Special Olympics New York Swim Meet at the Riesenberg Hall Pool as a kickoff event for 2014 NCAA Division III Week on campus. It was a really fantastic day and "feel-good" event all-around for everyone involved.

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## MacCULLOCH NAMED TO NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Maritime College's Director of Athletics Heather MacCulloch has been appointed to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA). MacCulloch's appointment to the prestigious committee reflects her contribution to athletic opportunities for women, as well as in recognition of her continued success in women's athletics.

The 15-member CWA committee provides leadership and equal opportunities to women's intercollegiate athletics. MacCulloch and the rest of the committee have the responsibility to analyze and make policy changes in relation to supporting and promoting women's intercollegiate athletics.

MacCulloch has more than 15 years of athletic administrative experience ranging from NAIA, NCAA Division II, NJCAA, and currently DIII.



## NEW TURF FOR REINHART FIELD



The turf on Reinhart Field has been replaced. The removal and replacement of turf on the field began in late April and was largely complete by the end of July. It replaced a turf originally laid down in 2005.

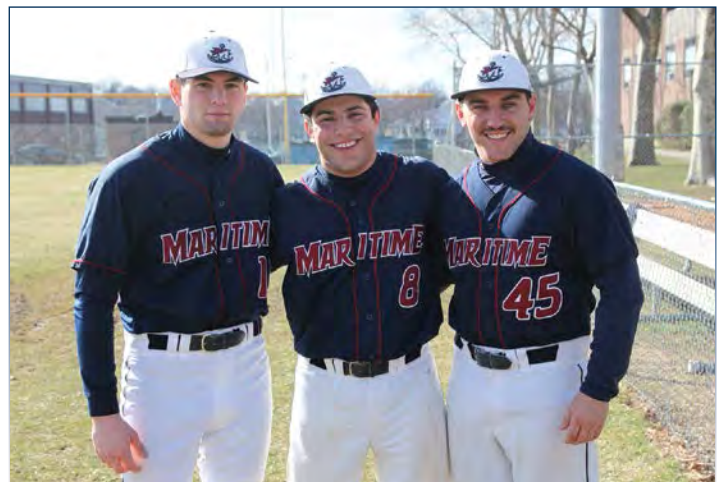
The new playing field will enhance the College's overall brand, improve its ability to attract outside events to the campus, and improving the on-campus experience for students and student-athletes.

The new field is a positive step for the College, particularly the football, lacrosse and soccer programs. The new field will protect the health of student-athletes, improved playability during inclement weather, save on field maintenance, and provide the campus with a fantastic recruiting tool.

To view the updates of the Reinhart Field Turf Project throughout the summer, visit <http://tinyurl.com/m5ftxw3>



The department celebrated the 2013-14 athletic seasons at the Annual Athletic Awards Banquet on the Mess Deck on April 24. Numerous awards were given out during the ceremony, including the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards, which went to Allison Lashmet (Rifle) and Nick Galli (Baseball and Hockey).



Three seniors from last year's baseball team have reason to smile. Trevor Cannella (L) pitched the team's second no-hitter in less than a month. Nick Sarna (R) tossed the first no-hitter – a perfect game – no less. Right fielder Nick Galli (C) ended both pitching gems with putouts at first base on groundballs to the outfield.



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## FALL 2014 PREVIEWS

Led by 10th year head coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes, the **football team** looks to improve on its even 5-5 season last year. The Privateers will be taking on non-conference opponents William Paterson, Massachusetts Maritime and Kings Point before moving into conference action against Eastern Collegiate Football Conference foes. The annual Homecoming game is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, against Becker College.

First-year head coach Dan Gwyther will take the reins of the **men's soccer team** after serving as an assistant coach last season. He will look to lead the Privateers back to the Skyline Conference Tournament, which they have qualified for eight straight seasons.

The **women's soccer team** will also be under new guidance for the 2014 season, as last year's assistant Brittany Ross takes over as head coach. Ross will inherit a team that finished with the highest win total of any women's team in Maritime history in 2013.

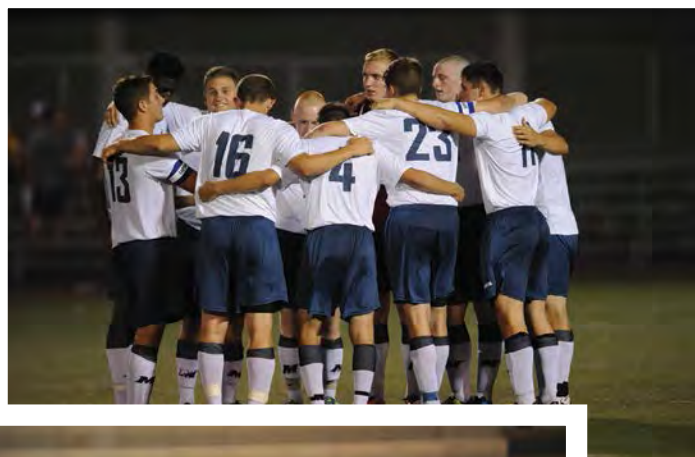
The **women's volleyball team** will be looking to first-year head coach Danielle De Stefano to guide the team to newer heights. The Privateers hope to continue increasing their win total year-by-year.

The **men's & women's cross country teams** will be looking to improve on their fourth and seventh place finishes, respectively, in the Skyline Conference Championship meet last year. Both teams will be competing in eight events throughout the fall.

The **dinghy sailing team** has 12 regattas scheduled for the fall season, with a chance to qualify for three championship regattas at the end of the season. The Privateers will be hosting two regattas on the East River – the Maritime Fall Open (Sept. 20-21) and the War Memorial (Nov. 1-2). The annual Alumni Regatta is scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

The **offshore sailing team** will be competing in three events this fall, all taking place at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The Shields Trophy (Sept. 20-21), the MacMillan Cup (Oct. 25-26) and the Kennedy Cup (Nov. 7-9).

The **men's & women's crew teams** have six regattas planned for the upcoming fall season including the famed Head of the Charles Regatta on the Charles River in Boston Mass. in mid-October.





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# CLASS NOTES

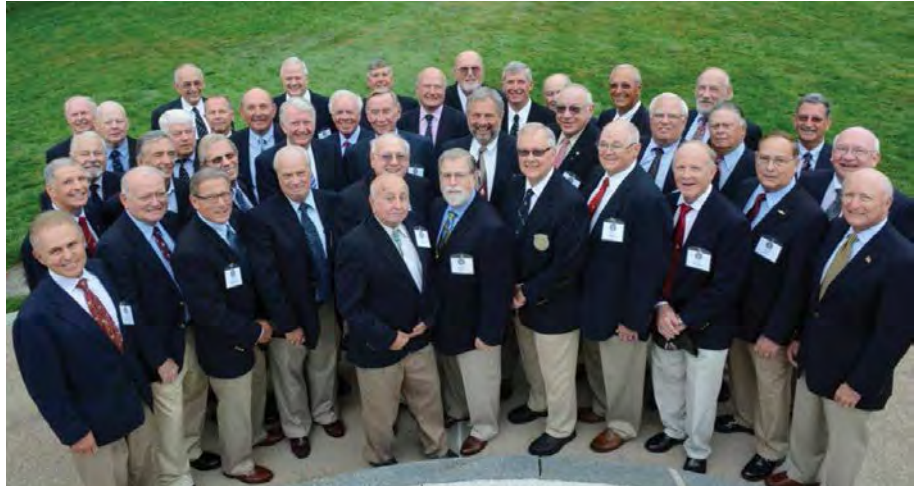
## AN EVENT-FILLED HOMECOMING WEEKEND FOR THE CLASS OF '63

- *"It was a GREAT two-day event with memories that will last and last."*
- *"It was a really great get together ..."*
- *"A well-organized, delightful reunion with a bunch of nice people."*
- *"My brother Joe and I would just like to again thank you for all the hard efforts that made the reunion a wonderful gathering."*

Those were some of the comments following the Class of 1963's 50th Reunion, held September 20-22, 2013, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend at the College.

Thirty-seven graduates, their spouses and guests, attended the three-day event staged at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel in West Harrison, New York. Several couples arrived on Thursday to play a round of golf at the nearby Doral Arrowwood Resort.

Things started jumping on Friday in the hotel's Beehive Lounge, as more and more couples arrived. Several groups went out to dinner at nearby restaurants, while others enjoyed a relaxing meal at the hotel.



On Saturday, classmates donned the "dress uniform of the day" (blue blazers and tan slacks) and arrived at the College campus in time for the complimentary breakfast with former the president Carpenter. A few took time to record memories of their years at Maritime for the Stephen B. Luce Library.

A light rain didn't deter everyone from posing for a photo in front of the flagpole in the Pentagon. The class marched into the Pentagon to take their seats of honor alongside guests and loved ones. The class of 2017 passed in review. Visitors later

toured the campus and training ship, and enjoyed lunch at Van der Clute Hall.

Some classmates stayed to watch Kings Point do a bit better than the Mariners during the afternoon football game. Others headed back to the hotel to prepare for Saturday night's cocktail reception and dinner.

That evening, 70 attendees who came from across the country attended a dinner in the hotel's ballroom. The graduates were honored to have two recent widows in attendance: Kelly (Mrs. John) Killian and Hazel (Mrs. Henry) Zimmer.

### CLASS OF 1963 DONATES \$30,500 TO ESTABLISH CAMPUS VETERANS CENTER



The SUNY Maritime Class of 1963 has donated \$30,500 to assist the College in the establishment of an on-campus Veterans Center. A check was presented to President Alfultis at a luncheon held in mid-August at Quarters One by the Class of '63 members Charles DiGiovanni, Norman Maender, Joe Maurelli, Alan Ross, Robert Tambini, and Len Weinberg.

The gift will be used by the College for renovations and improvements to establish the Center on the ground floor of Vander Clute Hall.

The College will publicly recognize the Class of 1963's commitment with the placement of a plaque of recognition in the Veterans Center, following its completion.



A video recapping the past 50 years of Class of '63 reunions and classmates' activities looped on the large screen while a delicious meal was enjoyed. After dinner, Cliff Dahl offered everyone copies of the video in exchange for current portraits, which will be included as a remembrance of the festivities.

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Two Maritime grads meet at work. **Captain Giles Kelly '42** (right), while working on an article about Chesapeake Bay pilots, meets Maryland pilot **Captain Mark Fithian '73** (left), as he readies to board and dock the car carrier *Jinsei Maru* in Baltimore Harbor.



**Captain Robert Johnston '69**, has retired as President and CEO of Overseas Shipholding Group.

Captain Johnston was named President and CEO in February 2013 after serving as Head of the U.S. Flag Strategic Business Unit since January 2009. From 2005 through 2009, Johnston was Head of Shipping Operations. Prior to that, he held numerous positions including Chief Commercial Officer and Vice President of U.S. operations, where his responsibilities included the operation of the U.S. Flag fleet. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 1998.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Prior to coming ashore in 1976, Captain Johnston served on crude oil tankers and product carriers in positions ranging from Third Mate to Master. He joined OSG in 1969.

Captain Johnston holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation Maritime College. He also is a graduate of Dartmouth University's Tuck Business School.

He will continue to advise the company as a consultant through mid-2015.



# ALUMNI PROFILE

By Karen Crary Dawson

**Stephen John Grose '94** (B.S. Engineering), has led a successful career, shaped by his education and experience at SUNY Maritime College.

Upon graduation, Stephen went to sea as third assistant engineer aboard the USNS Silas Bent. Later, he worked as a production engineer for Unisea, which at the time was the world's largest fish factory, in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Grose has enjoyed a successful career in healthcare engineering where he focused on creating and executing environmentally sustainable solutions to healthcare's physical environment.

Most recently, Grose worked for Virginia Mason Medical Center, climbing through the engineering ranks to the role of Administrator of Support Services. There, he developed a strategic energy and waste management program that reduced the organization's energy use 15 percent and its waste by 28 percent. The innovative programs developed by Grose provided many industry firsts, and current best practices associated with national healthcare waste management and sustainability initiatives.

Grose' work at Virginia Mason led to the hospital receiving the Practice Greenhealthcare (PGH) Environmental Excellence Award, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star recognition for a Healthcare Campus, and Seattle Business Magazine's Green Washington award. In 2011, Grose was awarded the Region 10 Better Bricks Facility Manager of the Year for his work.

While at Virginia Mason, Stephen was involved with its foundation's support for the Boeing Classic, the annual PGA Senior Tour golf tournament that takes place in Snoqualmie, Washington. With a desire to bring Virginia Mason's

sustainability principles and practices to the PGA, Grose served as chairman of the Ecology Committee on the Classic's Board of Directors. Under his leadership, the tournament achieved a 98 percent recycling rate for both waste collection and construction material, setting a new precedent for the PGA and professional sporting events as a whole.

In 2011, Grose left Virginia Mason to work for Seattle-based Emerald Services, where he currently is director of facilities and production. Responsible for the only facility of its kind in the country, Stephen is focused on engineering, operational management and market development.

Emerald Services re-refinery produces over 15 million gallons per year of low sulfur marine diesel oil created by using spent lube oil inputs and processing them through a state-of-the-art, falling film distillation process. Lower marine emission standards have been mandated by the EPA, and all products are sold directly into the local maritime market in a partnership with Phillips 66.

The framework that Grose has built in his career is a tenacious commitment for developing solutions for industrial wastes that are fiscally feasible and make an impact on the environment. Grose' professional reputation is a strong leader, a creative problem solver, an innovative solution finder, and a person who works tirelessly to get the job done.

Grose credits his time at Fort Schuyler with enabling him to work from a foundation defined by his ability to work independently, lead, challenge himself to be and do more, and his continued partnership with the brotherhood of friendships made at SUNY Maritime.



Grose is a devoted husband and father of three boys. He is committed to his sons, spending many weekends coaching baseball, boating, camping, fishing and hunting throughout the Pacific Northwest. He serves his community of Port Orchard, Washington through his involvement as a Little League board member, volunteer coach, and umpire for his sons' Little League program.

In his career, in his community, in his family, and in his faith, Stephen Grose is guided by the principles of leadership, the loyalty to those he cares about, and a commitment to excellence that he gained during his time at Maritime College. He hopes that his sons may one day experience that same education and opportunity at Maritime. He looks forward to attending his 20 year reunion this fall, reconnecting with alumni, and bringing his family to New York City for a taste of what were some of the best years of his life.





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**Roy C. Berg '41** passed away February 17, 2014 at the age of 92. He worked for Lunn Industries (formerly Lunn Laminates) for 36 years. The bio below was written by Lunn's Human Resources Department in August 1954. The photo is from the Eighty-Third Graduation Exercises held September 26, 1941.



**Roy Berg, Huntington Production Manager.**

A Brooklyn lad whose loyalty still is with the Dodgers, Roy now makes his home in Huntington Station. A Lunn employee for four years, quiet and unassuming Roy worked previously for the major steamship lines as a marine engineer. The companies were: Moore-McCormack, Mystic, and the United States Lines. But ships and ships' engines were not his only line. He did a short stint as a Franklin Square plumber while in between jobs.

Roy is a graduate of New York State Maritime College and at present holds several reserve commissions: a Lieutenant J.G. in the Navy, and a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Maritime Service. He already was in World War II when the U.S. officially declared war in 1941. Roy was sailing in the area of Trinidad when it all began, but such continents as Europe, Asia, South America, Central America, Australia, East and West Indies became part of his battle schedule during the war. He ended up in the Philippines.

Married in 1948 to his high school (Brooklyn Tech.) sweetheart, Shirley Dowd, Roy is now the father of two strapping heirs, Chris, 5 and Douglas, 2; and two cars, a Jeepster and a Studebaker.

The 5'8", blond-haired Roy has tried his hand at all kinds of hobbies. Photography hit his fancy at one time, then it was sailing, cowboy

life at a dude ranch, flying and making steam engines. Now he is busy building a workshop, hoping that it does not result in becoming a correspondent in a divorce action. "First," Roy says, "my wife was a golf widow; now the workshop threatens." Roy plays just a little bit of golf currently and classifies himself as a duffer. Yet, he adds, it's not the high scores that bother him, "it's losing those balls!"

**Mortimer John Sullivan '48**, beloved husband and father, passed away June 9, 2014 at the age of 86. Mort was born in Bronx, New York to Mortimer and Marie Sullivan. He graduated from La Salle Academy in Manhattan before entering the New York State Maritime Academy at Fort Schuyler, where he earned a degree in marine engineering. Following his service as an officer in the Merchant Marine, he worked for many years in U.S. manufacturing and robotics industries. Mort was known and loved for his kindness, generosity and eternal optimism. A true raconteur, he entertained all he met with stories of his maritime adventures, business experiences and family history.



Mort ran the engine rooms (steam/electric and diesel) on ore carriers out of the Port of Baltimore, making several sailings to South America. He transited the Panama Canal 26 times, and survived a rogue wave hit in the Atlantic.

Mort is survived by his wife of 42 years, Patricia; his children Richard G. Sullivan, Mark J. Sullivan, Karen Pease Marino, Kirsten Pease, Gail Lane, and Steven J. Sullivan, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. Donations may be made in Mort's memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.



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