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he second semester of the 2013-14 academic year started quietly, but it is swiftly gaining momentum as plans develop for graduation, training cruises, cadet shipping, alumni reunions, and other summer activities. We are immersed in the budgeting process and we're well on our way to a new strategic plan, both of which will shape the future of the school for the short- and long-term.

As we budget and plan for a new year, we are also taking the long view, and answering vital questions regarding our future: What are the enduring components of a Maine Maritime education that make it singular among the state academies? How do we maintain excellence in all of our programs? How can we best serve our current and future students? We must weigh the answers to these questions along with others, such as: How do we address the rising cost of education? How do we stay competitive?

Many of these questions have come up in strategic planning, which we began in 2013. The plan has evolved from a finite end-goal to a continuous-improvement model. 'Continuous improvement' is the ongoing effort to improve the quality of products, services or processes. The new model is more practical and will allow us to meet the one constant we all know to be true: change. I believe that our process—involving more than 800 individuals in surveys, small meetings and group discussions—has generated fundamental information that will guide our future. I want to personally thank everyone who has participated in this process. We will be reporting more on this endeavor in a future issue of the MARINER.

The strategic plan will address ongoing change institution-wide. The main goals of the plan focus on: excellence in education and campus life, an

economically sound and sustainable operation, student satisfaction, and elevating awareness of MMA through outreach and strategic communication.

When we talk about assuring excellence in our educational programs and campus life, there are several drivers of that goal, such as service to our students while they are here, supporting our students' launch into their careers, adherence to accreditation requirements, compliance with state and federal laws, service to our partners in industry, and adherence to standards set forth by the U.S. Coast Guard.

An example of one change over recent practice that will affect many areas of our operation has come through new STCW (Standards in Training Certification and Watchkeeping) requirements. Amendments to standards for the unlimited licensing programs will require that our students receive additional at-sea training, requiring a longer training cruise of 68 days. This change affects many of our students, cruise staff and faculty, and of course, our operating budget.

When we focus on the future of Maine Maritime Academy, we must bear in mind all of the organizations and individuals to which we are accountable. Our future also owes much to our past and our alumni are extremely important in achieving a future vision for the Academy. I want to encourage you all to stay involved, and to take part in conversations about our future. I know that I find the Academy's challenges both motivating and energizing. I hope to connect with many of you this summer, and I look forward to talking with you about what the Academy's future means to you.

WHAT'S ON THE COVER

In the 1960's, a cover showing the Regimental Honor Guard caught the attention and respect of alumni. The traditions that held Maine Maritime Academy together in the past are the underpinnings for today's regiment. The 2014 Issue # 1 cover is dedicated to those traditions and shows the 2014 Maine Maritime Academy Honor Guard. A good past is always revealed in the present.





REMEMBER WHEN





Alumni President

JAMES PROULX '85

Dear Fellow Alumni,

The greatest summer of our lives while students at MMA is generally mentioned as the summer when we participated in the cadet shipping experience. That experience for many included their first plane ride, their first feel of complete independence, and their first taste of life aboard a merchant vessel.

Like many others before and since my experience was one I will never forget. Along with my classmate **Pat St. Pierre '85**, we met some of the MV JULIUS HAMMER crew at Logan Airport and set off for ports in Russia and Romania. It's almost unnecessary to say we learned life-long lessons while completing our sea projects.

There were three other MMA graduates serving as engineers on board: Allen Jones '79, Ray Bland '73, and Pete Nielsen '71. They were fantastic and fun, and made the experience positive and valuable in shaping my future.

I lost track of my three compatriots over time until last year when I ran into Ray at an MMA reception in Houston. Then, in late January 2014, I received a LinkedIn request from Pete. What a great and quick way to reconnect!

I ask you all: where or when at any other college do you meet someone at school and then reconnect with those classmates that you haven't seen in almost 30 years and basically pick up right where you left off? The answer is not too often, if at all.

We are an extraordinary group of individuals who make up the alumni of Maine Maritime. I am

constantly using LinkedIn with other MMA alumni and with current students as well. The goal of the Alumni Association is to connect as many MMA alumni and future alumni as possible to provide another resource for communicating, networking, and supporting each other. The LinkedIn forum is both personal and powerful in that it is a free professional resource that all MMA alumni can use to make connections with the past and with the future of Maine Maritime Academy.

Our numbers are strong and together we can make a difference in the lives of others. I encourage you all to reach out via LinkedIn to keep the circle of MMA alumni strong and complete. (The LinkedIn online address is: www.LinkedIn.com. Setting up an account takes about 2 minutes and is free for all professionals).

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WE WANT YOUR WATER!

his past fall Ocean Science instructors
Sarah O'Malley and Stacy Knapp have
been collaborating with researchers at the
Marine Environmental Research Institute in Blue
Hill, Maine in the emerging field of microplastic
marine pollution. While marine debris has been a
topic on mariners' minds for years, the realization
that microscopic pollution exists is a new one.
Marine microplastics are pieces of plastic found
in the ocean that are less than 5mm long. Sources
of the plastics are variable, and are thought to

include the physical breakdown of large marine debris (land-based trash and fishing gear) as well as fibers from synthetic clothing and micropellets from personal care products and industrial compounds. Working with O'Malley and Knapp, current students have been learning sampling and analysis techniques, testing the waters of Castine Harbor. Students on the 2013 BOWDOIN sail training cruises collected water samples from points across the Gulf of Maine.

This research is in its earliest stages. O'Malley and Knapp and their fellow researchers are curi-

ous about plastic levels worldwide. Here is where MMA alumni can help. If you are on the water regularly and are interested in assisting with this research by collecting water samples wherever you are in the world, researchers at MMA are interested in hearing from you. Contact Sarah O'Malley at sarah.omalley@mma.edu for more information.

SEAWEED ON THE MENU



his fall students, faculty, the college president, and townspeople participated in assistant professor of marine biology Jessica Muhlin's 6th annual Phycofeast Lab to learn how to prepare and enjoy various sea vegetables. In the Harborview Dining Room, about 15 students prepared dishes containing seaweed. President William Brennan threw himself into learning how to make makizushi (sushi rice, vegetables or seafood) rolled in a large piece of

seaweed called nori. Others moved from table to table to try out fruit salad with seaweed, carrot cake with seaweed, fried tofu with seaweed, and other intriguing foods, all prepared with some form of seaweed. Dr. Nic Blouin, an evolutionary ecologist at the University of Rhode Island, assisted Dr. Muhlin.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION

he International Student Ambassadors Club (ISA) at MMA organized and hosted an evening colloquium entitled "A Global Perspective on Education" in October 2013. Professor Ismail Cetin, visiting professor from Dokuz Eylul University in Turkey; Laurie Stone, associate professor of Humanities at MMA;

Alejandro Nevàrez '14 from Puerto Rico; Neal Lofgren '12 and Robert Smart '12 who went to Ireland; and Ryan Hyson '14 and Sam Diekmann '13 who went to Spain, each gave a brief overview of their time spent as professors or students in other countries. Andi Flannery, president of ISA, made opening remarks and Benjamin Dolloff,

vice president, reminded everyone that the group was founded to provide cross-cultural exchanges for MMA students, faculty, and international visitors to MMA. Dr. Elaine Potoker, professor of international business, logistics, and management advises the active club.

CAREER FAIR

eventy-eight companies sent representatives (39 were MMA alumni) and displays to MMA's 13th Annual Career Fair in October 2013. Organized by Tim Leach '05, Chuck Easley '08, Amy Gutow, and Lisa Burton of the Career Services Office, the career fair offered students and prospective employers the opportunity to meet, exchange skill information, and set up job interviews. The list of companies below offered students personal contacts.

The evening before the fair, Tom Lord '87, Executive Vice President at Seiden Kreiger, and Mike Ross, Senior Recruiter for General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works, shared insights and advice from their 35-plus years of combined professional experience. If your company didn't participate this year, consider joining this professional career fair in 2014. Contact: Captain Timothy Leach, Director of Career Services at 207-326-2276 or tim.leach@mma.edu.



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UNIVERSITY of COSTA RICA GROUP VISITS MMA



MMA & UCR Collaborators (L-to-R): Capt. Don Eley, Capt. José Maria Silos, Dr. Elaine Potoker, Dr. Bernal Herrera — Vice Rector of Academic Affairs at UCR, Dr. William Brennan — President of MMA, Lic. Ricardo Wing — Director of UCR Caribbean Campus, Francisco Rojas, Dr. John Barlow — Provost & Academic Dean at MMA.

n October, Maine Maritime Academy hosted several administrators and professors from the University of Costa Rica to discuss areas of future collaboration. "The visitors from UCR remarked about the friendliness of faculty, students, and staff," said Dr. Elaine Potoker, professor of international business and logistics at MMA, and Director of Caribbean and Central American Outreach. The collaboration began in 2007 when Dr. Potoker received a Fulbright Lecturer/Research Award to UCR and continued through 2012 when she returned to Costa Rica as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. In 2009, a Memo

of Understanding (MOU) was signed between MMA and UCR. A more specific MOU will be signed in 2014 with primary focus in marine science and nautical science.

Dr. Ann Cleveland, Chair of the Ocean Studies Department and Professor of Marine Sciences, was hosted at UCR for 4 days in September 2013, and met with faculty to discuss the UCR Tropical Marine Science course. She also delivered a lecture to faculty and students at the Center for Investigation in Marine Sciences and Limnology. Cleveland was impressed by the quality and breadth of UCR's curriculum and the potential for

collaboration and faculty and student exchange.

Captains Don Eley, Chair of the Marine Transportation Department, Dan Parrott, Steve Tarrant, Ralph Pundt and Rick Miller showed the UCR guests MMA's simulator, classes on site and at sea, and discussed curriculum.

The visit was successful and discussions are continuing between both institutions.

MMA BECOMES CENTER OF ATLANTIC ONLINE STORY

ohn Tierney, a correspondent for the ATLANTIC.com, the magazine's website, learned of MMA from the ATLANTIC'S longtime national correspondent, James Fallows who was writing a story about Eastport, Maine. Tierney, a retired professor of American government, visited MMA in November 2013 with Capt. Robert Peacock '71, Chair of MMA's Board of Trustees, and wrote the article "An Educational"

Surprise from Down East: the Maine Maritime Academy." In the story, Tierney praised the Academy for its mission and its career preparation emphasis. In response to Tierney's initial story, a dean of students and politics professor at Pomona College posted a Twitter comment that, in Tierney's view, seemed to be "dismissing MMA as providing 'vocational, not broad-based education." Her comment stimulated Tierney to write

a second article about MMA in which he quoted many of the 70 + alumni and non-alumni reader responses he received. A third article followed. Read all three articles at http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2013/11.

MMA CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENT

n November 7, 2013, the Academy acknowledged a professor, 19 students, and one alumna at its annual Celebration of Achievement banquet. **Laurie E. Flood '93,** professor of engineering, was promoted to the rank of full professor based on her extensive service to the engineering program and teaching excellence.

Nine students were designated Scheel Scholars for 2013. The late Henry A. Scheel, one of America's top naval architects and yacht designers, who had a special relationship and affection for the Academy and its mission, established endowed scholarships for those students in the upper three classes who best exemplify intellectual curiosity and achievement.

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) awarded seven scholarships to 4th year students and three

scholarships to 5th year students enrolled in the Marine Systems Engineering Program. In addition to their scholarships, ABS Scholars are given the opportunity to do an internship at ABS.

MMA lost a distinguished alumna – **Susan J. Clark '85.** Known for her superior harbor piloting skills, her leadership aboard large blue water vessels, her legal prowess (she received her JD from the University of Maine in 1992 and practiced law in Portland, ME), and her excellent work as a trustee on MMA's Board, she was placed on the MMA Wall of Honor. At Homecoming 2013, MMA dedicated its research vessel the CAPT. SUSAN J. CLARK in memory of her service to MMA and the people of Maine.



Robert Somerville '65 awarded ABS scholarships in person at the Celebration of Achievement (pictured here with Gavin Cote of Arundel, Maine).

MID-YEAR RECEPTION HONORS 30

MA celebrated 29 students who received their Bachelor of Science degrees and one student who received his

Master of Science degree at its annual Mid-Year Reception for students who have completed their degree requirements.

MMA LANDS RESEARCH GRANTS

n the past several months, MMA has received five substantial grants to conduct research in a variety of areas. Below is a brief description of each grant and the people involved.

METEL Grant: The United States Department of Transportation awarded MMA a grant of \$1,414,100 to develop a Marine Engine Testing and Emissions Laboratory (METEL). "This is the largest research grant received to date by Maine Maritime Academy and marks the first opportunity for the college to serve as a lead institution," according to Dr. Darrell Donahue, MMA Director of Research. The METEL mission is to research and test ways to make existing marine diesel engines more efficient while also reducing emissions to meet the new regulations established by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships. According to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Richard Kimball, associate professor of engineering, four separate projects will occur: researching the biofuel glycol; at-sea testing of hydrogen injection systems; using forest biomass fuels; and using thermo-electricity. The University of Maine, Sea Change Group LLC, Global Marine Solutions, and Thermoelectric Power Systems LLC (owned by Travis Wallace '09, a marine systems graduate now getting his PhD in engineering at the University of Maine) have partnered with MMA. Undergraduates will be directly involved in various facets of the research to broaden their engineering expertise, "prepare them for graduate studies, and become leaders in the area of emissions" (Kimball). The new lab will be located in the ABS Center for Research, Engineering and Science at MMA now under construction and expected to open in January, 2015. In an October press conference, Dr. William J. Brennan, President of MMA, summarized the benefits of the research, "We are a career-oriented college. The research our faculty and students do addresses critical issues facing the maritime transportation and power industries. Our college is uniquely suited to work with emerging technologies and systems used in these industries." [B Pearson, Ellsworth American, Oct. 24, 2013].



Rockweed Research: The Maine Economic Improvement Fund Small Campus Initiative awarded MMA a research grant for \$93,605 to conduct research on "two types of seaweed - the commercially harvested Ascophyllum nodosum and the prevalent Fucus vesicilosus - in order to understand their contributions to the near-shore food web and ecosystem." Dr. Jessica Muhlin, associate professor of marine biology, is the Principal Investigator directing the project. Her research includes collaboration with Dr. Kenneth Dunton of the University of Texas at Austin and Dr. Brian Beal, professor of marine ecology at the University of Maine at Machias. Pamela Grindle '02, research assistant, is helping conduct field studies, placing temperature data collectors in the water and collecting algae among other responsibilities under the direction of Muhlin. Students from both MMA and the University of Maine are also working on the project.

Marine Hydrokinetic (MHK) Grant: Under the direction of Darrell Donahue, Maine Maritime Academy will test models of marine hydrokinetic power projects with grants of over half a million dollars from various sources including a sizeable grant from the Maine Technology Institute (MTI). International and domestic companies are inquiring about MMA's testing program and considering the academy for the test site for their project scale models. Four permitted sites in Castine Harbor and the Bagaduce River have been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the academy to use in its testing program. An MTI grant underwrote the purchase of a 60 x 24-foot test barge used by Ocean Renewable Power Corporation to place a tidal power plant in Eastport Bay, Maine. Academy students will be an integral part of the testing projects as some will drive the PENTA-GOET tugboat to push the barge to turbine sites and others will study the effects of the turbines on marine life. Peter Vigue '69, CEO of the Cianbro Corporation, has strongly supported research at MMA and was involved in the collaboration with UMaine to test the floating wind turbine, VolturnUS. Vigue told Craig Idlebrook of the WORKING WATERFRONT newspaper, "The ocean renewable energy industry plays to the school's strengths of teaching maritime skills and engineering skills," and he continued, "I think the school is ripe for educating the next generation of renewable energy engineers." (Sept. 13, 2013).



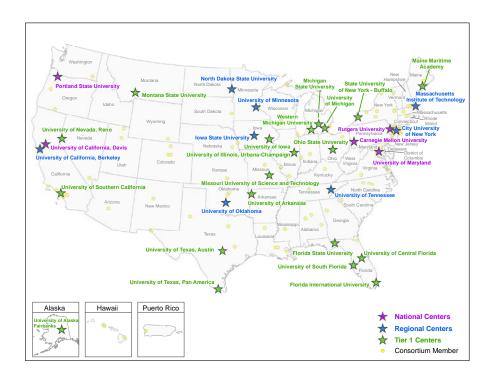
MMSA Collaborative Grants: Guided by Dr. Paul A. Wlodkowski, professor of engineering, coordinator of marine systems engineering, and member of the Governor's STEM Council, MMA is collaborating with the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance (MMSA) to help Maine young people become more involved in math and science through a program called "Mathematics and Science Through Engineering." The program is funded by Maine's Department of Education. Currently, over 100 kindergarten through 8th grade teachers (K-8) are reading and discussing the book, THE ESSENTIAL ENGINEER: WHY SCIENCE ALONE WILL NOT SOLVE OUR GLOBAL PROBLEMS by Henry Petroski. Wlodkowski serves as an expert panelist in this online book forum. As a follow-up to the principles outlined in the book study, during the summer of 2014, MMA will host a summer teacher-training program focused on techniques to incorporate the physical sciences, mathematical modeling, and design problems into the K-8 curriculum. Wlodkowski says he plans to integrate some of the work that the METEL team is doing as a way "to demonstrate to the DOT how MMA is increasing the STEM pipeline to the critical middle school years." In addition, he has a 2nd MMSA collaborative effort funded by a National Science Foundation grant designed to augment STEM in underserved regions of Maine through MMSA's Reach Center. "The regions identified are Dover-Foxcroft and the Blue Hill Peninsula," according to Wlodkowski. MMA is the higher education partner and hub of this project. MMA's outreach, teacher-training, and middle school education provided through the STEM initiative illustrate the importance of MMA's STEM engineering programs to the entire state.

Five/50 Project: The MELMAC Education Foundation, dedicated to advancing education for all Maine citizens, awarded \$17,435 to identify and provide early intervention to first-year at-risk students. Through an earlier MELMAC grant (2007-2012), MMA participated in "Support in Early Success in College". The campus community learned that MMA does "well in overall persistence, retention, and graduation rates compared to other public four-year

institutions" through its special "advising program, academic support, new student programs and student life initiatives." This new grant will help MMA meet its new long-term benchmarks including identifying at-risk students and implementing the "Five/50 Project" focusing on increasing "the overall graduation rate by five percentage points by raising the graduation rates of probationary students to 50%." Dr. Joceline Boucher, director of Accessibility Services and professor of marine chemistry; Deidra Davis, Dean of Student Services; Dr. Elizabeth True, Vice President for Enrollment Management; and Dr. Patricia Bixel, Associate Dean of Academics submitted the grant and will be assisted by Coach Seth Brown '98, student-athlete affairs coordinator.



Photos: METEL research involves faculty and students (left, center); Rockweed researchers Pam Grindle (sampling Ascophyllum at left, bottom) and Dr. Jessica Muhlin (deploying temperature loggers at Schoodic Point, above); and MMA gets a star on the University Transportation Centers RITA/DOT map, below).



AN HONORS EXPERIENCE

Reflections by Prof. Susan Loomis, Capt. Richard Miller, & David Markley '14

s educators, we are committed to improving the learning environment for all students. Current academic programs at MMA provide stimulating and challenging courses of study, but there are few occasions in the curriculum where students can participate in a team-taught seminar outside of their majors to interrogate and discuss global issues with an interdisciplinary focus.

A new honors course was piloted in the Fall of 2013 to provide a context to identify, reward, and nurture academic excellence. The educational goals were designed to cultivate curiosity and stimulate conversations that develop strong critical thinking skills among highest-performing students. The pilot course strengthened our offerings to students and enriched faculty opportunities to participate in new-to-MMA learning forums. Students were guided by three faculty members from different MMA academic departments who facilitated high-level discussions.

Designing the course were Dr. Ann Cleveland (Ocean Science Department), Dr. Thomas Batt (Arts & Sciences Department) and Capt. Richard Miller (Marine Transportation Department) who selected the Cape Wind initiative as a focal point for the course. The hybrid course consisted of a three-hour evening class and an on-going discussion thread online. Guest speakers, a visit to Vinalhaven's wind energy site, and student-led classes were some of the highlights of the semester.

Facilitating the Honors Seminar presented incomparable opportunities for the three colleagues from different disciplines and also offered students the chance to witness interactions among professors with different academic backgrounds and discourses. It was rewarding for the faculty team to plan, facilitate, and assess the course together, and equally rewarding to expose a diverse group of MMA students to critical thinking skills that cross academic disciplines.

Honors student David Markley '14 wrote, "We often spend most of our lives deciphering the pages of our minds. There are few moments when I feel that I've made any headway in this



Fall 2013 Honors Seminar students at Vinalhaven's wind energy site

regard, but I have found moments of clarity in the Honors Seminar. It created an atmosphere that cultivated mindfulness, and encouraged mental clarity." Many different components contributed to the success of the course including the contagious energy of the people in the class.

"Some of my biggest 'take-aways' from the class were observing different personal strengths and approaches to discussions," stated Haley Hunt Griffin, a fellow Honors student. She continued, "Additionally, the exposure to scholarly articles and a wide variety of assignments tested our communications skills across different media."

We've challenged our beliefs; we've debated; we've failed; and we've succeeded. The Honors Seminar was an experience about learning how we learn. Faculty and students are looking forward to the next iteration of this new offering at MMA.

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DOE SUMMER FELLOW EXPLORES EM's COLD WAR CLEANUP PROGRAM

Maine Maritime Academy senior learns about nuclear waste management issues By Todd Lapointe '87

ASHINGTON, D.C. – Jared Woods graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) in December 2013 with the experience and adventure as a summer fellow in the US Department of Energy (DOE) Scholars Program, an opportunity to explore the agency's careers and learn about its mission and operations.

Woods was assigned to DOE's Office of Environmental Management (EM) Washington, D.C. headquarters, where he learned about nuclear safety, nuclear waste treatment and disposal under the guidance of EM Office of Safety Management Director **Todd Lapointe '87**.

Created in 1989, EM's mission is to address the nation's Cold War environmental legacy resulting from five decades of nuclear weapons production and government-sponsored nuclear energy research. This legacy includes some of the world's most dangerous radioactive sites contaminated with innumerable types of radioactive waste. EM has the responsibility for completing the cleanup and managing the remaining nuclear materials.

"It was a pleasure to mentor Jared as the first DOE - EM summer fellow from MMA," Lapointe said. "I was impressed with how well the academy had prepared him. He made a positive impact on the DOE engineers he worked with. We look forward to providing future fellowship opportunities."

Woods explored policy and oversight functions at headquarters and gained hands-on experience in project work at EM field sites. He visited the Idaho Radioactive Waste Management Complex outside of Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he joined a team evaluating work at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and assisted with an integrated safety management system review.

Woods traveled to Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory near Niskayuna, N.Y., to observe challenges in nuclear sludge processing at EM's Separations Process Research Unit project. He also participated in a quality assurance compliance review at the Office of River Protection in



Jared Woods '14 shows his graduation award to Jerald Markley '69

Richland, Wash. There, he visited the Hanford tank farms as well as the Department's single largest new facility start-up, the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, currently under construction.

Woods graduated a semester ahead of schedule because he accelerated his education at the academy. In January, he planned to set sail with the U.S. Merchant Marine as a U.S. Department of Transportation, Coast Guard licensed marine engineer. The Merchant Marine is a "fourth arm of defense" in time of war or national emergency, delivering

military troops, supplies and equipment overseas for U.S. forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy.

Targeting undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate students of an accredited institute of higher education, the DOE Scholars Program introduces students and post-graduates to DOE's mission and operations.

Interested undergraduates should submit applications for the 2014 DOE Scholars Program in early 2014. Assignments are possible at DOE locations across the complex. More information is available at http://orise.orau.gov/doescholars/.

"SALTY DAWG RALLY"

2 013 was the year for long-time alumni friends and roommates to meet aboard sailboats and test their blue-water sailing skills. In July 2013, David Gelinas '84, David Hopkins '84, James Hutton '84, Larry Russell '84, Jed Sutter '84, and Skip Strong '84 met at the MMA waterfront dock to board WHISPER, the yacht they sailed in the Marblehead-to-Halifax International Ocean Race. (See story in MARINER 2013 Issue 3). Then, on November 4, 2013, Bill Full '76, Art Hall '76, and Dave Witherill '76 met in Hampton, VA to crew up the 54' custom Rob Ladd-designed, raised deck salon sailing yacht named FLYING WHITE.

Full, a former ship's master and now sales manager for East Coast Yacht Sales, handled the purchase of FLYING WHITE for clients several years ago. In the fall, the clients, now wonderful friends, decided to take the yacht to the Caribbean for the winter and asked Full to put together a crew to do the "Salty Dawg Rally." Full turned to Hall, an engineer, and Witherill, another deckie. Thanks to some of their MMA training, they were able to provide the owner (Jim Becker, a Dartmouth graduate) with a lot of assistance.

The first repair that had to be taken care of was a defective transmission, which Full and Hall managed to tease off the engine and onto the dock. Hall, with the help of another crew member, installed a new one while Witherill and Full handled a number of other repairs such as replacing defective running lights, re-bedding leaky ports, etc. Once FLYING WHITE was at sea, her engine broke down again. Thanks in part to his MMA training, Hall was able to diagnose



Bill Full '76, Art Hall '76, Dave Witherill '76 The "Salty Dawgs"

the problem and repair it.

Week one involved a stormy and lively Gulf Stream crossing followed by calm seas and winds that came out of the south instead of the expected east. This made sailing difficult at times and necessitated use of the engine more often than the three MMA alumni wanted. Nevertheless, the boat and crew arrived safely at St. Thomas with, as Hall noted, a tired and somewhat dirty crew who dove overboard as soon as they anchored in order to splash around and shake some dirt loose.

Full and Witherill at one time had both worked for SeaRiver Maritime and over a period of three to four years relieved each other on one of the company's ships. Presently, they live about three streets away from each other in Cumberland, Maine, while Hall and his wife, Sandy, live in Belfast, Maine. All three sailors had daughters close in age that attended Greely High School in Cumberland. Full, Hall, and Witherill each have sailboats in Maine where they actively cruise and race. All three have been involved in the Casco Bay Alumni Chapter annual maritime flea market every spring (See MARINER 2013, Issue 3 for a story about the Casco Bay Maritime Flea Market) and have maintained their friendship on land and at sea

INSTRUCTOR REESE RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

djunct instructor of GIS and geography in the Arts and Sciences Department, Betsy Reese, received a fellowship in January 2014 from the American Geographical Society Library (AGS Library), now housed in

the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries. She will study the materials available on the SCHOONER BOWDOIN as well as the library holdings on explorer Donald B. MacMillan and other scientists who worked aboard the BOWDOIN during its

trips to the Arctic. This past spring semester, she taught World Regional Geography II, Geographical Information Science, and Special Topics in Geography. Her fellowship began in June.

THE IMPACT OF PROFESSOR SARAH F. HUDSON

By **Dr. Ian M. Langella '94**, Prof. of Supply Chain Management, Shippensburg University

Professor Sarah F. Hudson retired after 27 years of service to MMA in May, 2013. The incredible impact Sarah has had in teaching and practicing emergency medicine over her career has created a powerful legacy.

Before arriving at MMA, her passion for emergency medicine was already in evidence. She became a CPR instructor in 1976, and an instructor trainer for the AHA in 1981. She helped form Bagaduce Ambulance Corps, the Castine ambulance that operated until December 2011. In my quest to quantify her impact, I calculate that with an average of 60 emergency calls per year, the BAC assisted around 2,100 patients over its life, a life that is in no small part due to Sarah's efforts and leadership. There is no way to quantify how many lives have been saved because of Sarah's 38 years as a CPR instructor, where she not only taught CPR classes herself, but also trained instructors who themselves have taught many classes. This is something referred to as the multiplicative effect of education. It is likely that the number of lives saved by Sarah's students and the students of Sarah's students is large and significant.

Sarah started teaching at MMA in 1986 as a part-time adjunct professor. By 1989, she became a full-time faculty member teaching 8 classes a

year to around 30 students per class. This can be easily quantified as 6,000 students, many of whom went on to serve collaterally as Ship's Medical Officers. It is interesting to ponder the cumulative amount of lives saved or injuries minimized. In the same year, she started working at Med Now in Ellsworth, a job that produced many remarkable examples and funny stories in her classes. She worked there almost 20 years, touching countless patients' lives.

Those of us who were taught by Sarah know that attempting to quantify impact in this manner is grossly inadequate and masks her real contribution.

Sarah is a truly irreplaceable person, and this easily came through in her lectures. Her style was attention-grabbing, and she had a knack for explaining difficult things with folksy ease, often with devices to ensure their recollection at needed times. She was an utterly masterful professor, and now, years later, much of the knowledge she imparted remains where it was placed years ago. Specifically: "If you need to give someone a shot in the ass, you should aim for the upper right quadrant of the upper right quadrant of the right buttock;" "What characteristic is present in an overwhelming majority of male cold water drowning victims in Maine? An open fly." She was always exceedingly patient when students

practiced, commonly remarking after pointing out a mistake, "you'll never make that mistake again." After all, she knew it was much better to err in the classroom. This led to a very encouraging learning atmosphere and underscored her humble, down-to-earth nature.

Outside of the classroom, many of us worked alongside her in the back of the ambulance and teaching CPR classes. She formed relationships in the way that only the best professors do, and the relationships made the learning experience richer. There was a plethora of truly exceptional professors at MMA, but she will always be my favorite for this reason.

In a recent conversation reflecting on her career, she told me that she never considered her work as work, that she never did it for the money, and was always happy to get paid for doing what she loved. She confessed that in her first three part-time years at MMA, she donated her salary to the Castine Hospital. She was always all about impact, and this passion infected all aspects of her activities and left her with many lifelong friends. She leaves some impossibly large shoes to fill at the school we all love.

MMA'S DIVING PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



im Schroder, diving instructor at MMA, was notified by Johnny Wetzstein, director of training at PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors), that he and MMA had won the national "Continuing Education Growth Award." The award was announced officially at the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association

annual show in Orlando, Florida on November 6, 2013. Slides showing Schroder teaching his classes at MMA were flashed on a screen at the prestigious diving show.





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I also love it when students come up to me and ask for hugs. I never had any kids of my own, but now I have thousands!

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Susan Wilbur

Sodexo Cashier & Friend to All By Haley Hunt Griffin '15

How did you decide to work at MMA?

Well, I grew up in East Orland and was born in Castine. This was the place to come in the 40's, 50's, 60's, and early 70's to have babies. I wanted something different and I found out about this job opening with Sodexo through a career fair, met with the manager, and was offered the job the next day. I started working at MMA on November 8, 2000. Maybe I'm coming back to my roots, so to speak.

What and where did you study in college?

I studied law enforcement at the University of Maine at Bangor. I didn't complete my degree because my smart professor took us to an autopsy of an eight year old. After that, I told him, 'you're right, I'm not cut out for this' and I stopped taking classes. I then worked at the Wyman's Blueberry factory (where I met my husband of 34 years), Duffy's Restaurant, and the Birchwood Living Center, a nursing center for the physically and mentally handicapped. I worked in the kitchen for 18 years. When I work somewhere, I like to stay a while.

What do you like best about working at MMA?

The people! The academy staff, the guys I work with, and the students. The faculty gave me a book full of quotes because they know I like to read and I am always saying stuff. A few years ago, the school yearbook was dedicated to me. It brought me to tears! Major Christian said I should be a motivational speaker because of the support I give the students, and the Commandant Staff gave me the honorary MTO pin! 'It's the people!'

What do you love best about the students?

Their intelligence, their dedication, their drive to go where they want to go; to be so focused! How hard they work, and (winking) how hard they play. And, the students save me from getting Alzheimer's. Sometimes students forget their

ID cards and because of this, I remember their names, and sometimes even their numbers. I like to say, why retire? You guys keep my brain busy. I will never get Alzheimer's! I also love it when students come back to visit. I always tell graduating students, you'll be back. One year there was a student, Travis, who swore he would never, ever set foot in Castine again and, three years later, he was back with his fiancée. I told you; they always come back. I also love it when students come up to me and ask for hugs. I never had any kids of my own, but now I have thousands!

We often see you knitting. What else do you do in your free time?

I go back to Birchwood to visit friends at the nursing center. Some of them can't talk very much, but they enjoy the company. I tell one of my good friends that when I get sick of my husband, she can have him. When the local police officers and firefighters have a bad call, I go in and cook for them. I read a lot. I've been reading Ellsworth American's articles about the Civil War. I also love genealogy! When my husband and I are driving, I ask him to stop at cemeteries we haven't visited before and he teasingly replies, "One more cemetery and I'm divorcing you." I have found some unique grave stones, personal stories, and learned I have a great, great, great uncle who shot off his toes in the Civil War to come home.

Every day the students see you smiling. How do you keep your positive attitude?

You guys need a smiling face. You're going through a lot - dealing with schoolwork, balancing a social life, and planning your futures. It helps you to have positivity in your lives. I also don't sweat the small stuff. I do the Polar Bear Dip every year - what's a little bit of cold? I also don't worry about keeping a spotless home. I don't want it to be written on my tombstone, 'she kept a clean house.' I want it to be written, 'she lived life.'





The Schooner BOWDOIN, launched in 1921 by Hodgdon Brothers Shipyard of Boothbay, Maine, was commissioned and commanded by explorer Donald MacMillan, a pioneer in sail training. MacMillan was deeply committed to education and to providing access to the arctic for scientists and students. His summer voyages to the Arctic were always undertaken with a crew of college-aged men eager for adventure. MacMillan would be thrilled to know that his graceful ship, now captained by Eric Jergenson '00, is well cared for and still serving as a leader in sail-training at Maine Maritime Academy today.

The BOWDOIN's future did not always look so bright. During the 1960s, the vessel was poorly maintained and left in a state of neglect. In the 1970s, Captain Jim Sharpe, of Camden, Maine, did what he could to restore the BOWDOIN with extremely limited funds. Finally, in the 1980s, the BOWDOIN underwent a complete 'rebuild' at the Percy & Small Shipyard. At that time, her original white pine deck was replaced and sealed. Just as Hodgdon Brothers had done when she was first built, her decks were laid of 2 ¾ white pine and caulked with cotton, oakum, and pitch before they were painted. That 1980s deck has lasted through 33 years of sailing but, according to Capt. John Worth, Schooner BOWDOIN Committee Chair, "It's time to replace the deck once again."

The deck will require new white pine and a polysulfide seaming compound. That sounds straight-forward but here is what goes into replacing the deck on this historic vessel that is almost 100 years old: quality boards must be purchased, stabilized, and dried; BOWDOIN must be pulled out of the water and put into extra sturdy supports; a structure must be built so the shipwrights and students can work on her through the Maine winter. Because she has an American fishing schooner design, "her deck is unique as an integrated part of the cabin housing and will require that all cabin houses be completely lifted off and placed in storage," stated Worth. Her rig, cap rail, bulwarks, and sheer strake must be removed and replaced; her chain plate must be removed and re-galvanized to eliminate rust; the deck must be installed and caulked; the cabin houses must be returned to their places on the new deck; and these need to be sealed before she can be returned to the water for sea trials and her required US Coast Guard inspection.

Replacement of the BOWDOIN's deck is the first phase of a major restoration project that will take place over the next ten years. Fund-raising efforts have begun with major donors, but this phase will also require support from all who care about the BOWDOIN's legacy. The BOWDOIN will be visiting ports on the Northeast Coast this June and July and you will be welcome to go aboard for a tour (see sidebar for location and dates). As Captain Jergenson says, "The BOWDOIN is worth our investment. She continues to work hard in support of the training mission of the school and serves as an ambassador for Maine Maritime Academy wherever she sails. Most importantly, BOWDOIN offers an experience rich in maritime tradition and teamwork for our sail-training students."





Eric Jergenson '00

CREW

sixteen

TRIPS ABOVE THE ARCTIC twenty one

HULL, DECK, AND MASTS white oak, white pine, and douglas fir

POWER

gaff-rigged sails on 2 masts & auxiliary diesel, 190 Hp Cummins engine

RIGGING gaff, bald-headed, knockabout

NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

radar, GPS, INMARSAT-C, VHF & SSB radio

SPEED

under sail, 10 knots maximum; auxiliary, 7 knots maximum

COST WHEN BUILT \$35,000

FROZEN IN ICE

four winters









Wyman House in February 2014

Wyman House to Become Alumni and Career Services Center

By Laurie Stone, Editor

The Wyman House is one of many buildings MMA has modernized over the years in order to serve the changing needs of its students and programs. Given our limited footprint for facilities, we must make the best use of the spaces we have. A new plan to convert the Wyman House into a home for alumni and career services will make room for additional alumni meeting space, while also accommodating new office space for career services and cadet shipping, all under one roof.



Wyman House circa 1950

Since its construction, the house has been used as a private residence and most recently, it has served as a space for alumni and continuing education. The original vision of insurance executive Edward H. Carpenter, of Brookline, Massachusetts, was to design a colonial revival-style house to be built on an open parcel of land in Castine with a magnificent view down the length of Penobscot Bay. Carpenter commissioned Everett & Mead Architects of Boston to make his dream a reality. The finished house was a two-and-a-half storey framed structure clad in painted white pine clapboards with a hipped roof and hipped dormer windows.

The Carpenters had regular house parties featuring dramatic and musical entertainment so the house was designed to accommodate large groups. A spacious entry hall, a simple set of stairs complementing the hall, two parlors, a formal dining room with fireplace, a large kitchen with pantry, a small bathroom, and a long screened porch were the original first-floor features. On the second floor were bedrooms, closets, and bathrooms as well as a small stairway to the servants' quarters on the third floor. The daylight basement contained storage space, a large coal bin, and a sizeable billiard room with a fireplace.

In 1941, the newly-formed Maine Maritime Academy purchased the Carpenter House as a residence for the superintendents and presidents and renamed it the "Admiral's House."

In April 1981, J. Hollis Wyman, affectionately known as the "Blueberry Baron," transferred his home and land in Milbridge, Maine to MMA "as a gift" but retained the right of life tenancy. When the property became fully available to the Academy, it was sold and the Admiral's House was renamed to honor Wyman.

Wyman's career was long and distinguished. He graduated from Harvard University and became a partner

in, and later CEO and president of, his father's blueberry company. He was a well-respected Maine state senator from 1955-1978 and a trustee of Maine Maritime Academy from 1962-1978. Because of Wyman's service to MMA and the state, the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees passed a resolution in November of 2006 to designate the residence of the president of the academy as "Wyman House." The resolution said that Wyman "loved the academy and endorsed significant initiatives on its behalf in addition to personally providing substantial financial support. As a long-term and very influential member of the Maine State Senate, he was particularly effective in ensuring that the academy was appropriately recognized and adequately funded..."

From 1995 until 2010, former President Leonard Tyler and his wife, Bonnie, occupied the house and continued the tradition of using the first floor for academy entertaining and formal occasions. Dining-In, the etiquette program for MMA students, was held in the formal rooms. During the Tyler residency, the house was carefully redecorated by Bonnie Tyler, to maintain its turn-of-the century character.

"We're really pleased that the academy is committed to creating a permanent home for alumni on campus," said Paul Mercer, Director of Alumni Relations. "It's fitting that career services will share this space, as our alumni play such an important role in advancing our students' careers."

Below: Architectural drawing of Wyman House, rear elevation



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M.E.B.A. is the nation's oldest maritime labor union, established in 1875. We represent licensed engine and deck officers aboard seagoing vessels, ferries and government-contracted ships. Our members also serve on tugs and barges, research vessels and in various capacities in the shore-side industries. In wartime, our members have sailed in virtually unarmed merchant ships delivering critical defense cargo despite attacks from enemy aircraft, submarines and warships.

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MMA Numbers at a Glance

days for 2014 training cruise

68

total fleet size

27

1941

number of clubs and organizations

year academy was founded

80 PERCENT

students receiving MMA Financial Aid

592

students in regiment

175

students enrolled & qualified to go on a co-op in 2014

130

students in scuba classes

\$1,159,970

estimated cost of fuel for 2014 TS STATE OF MAINE cruise

students on tap to cadet ship in 2014

Wyman house built

buildings on campus

MMA facebook followers

Campus Acres

students competing in varsity and intramural sports in 2013-2014

number of MarinerSports.org pages viewed by March 1, 2014

cadets expected to cruise in 2014

alumni living within 50 miles of campus

years old in 2021 Bowdoin will be

Maine Maritime Academy Alumni

June

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Mariners Classic Golf Tournament 12:00 pm

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

July 6-8

Class of 1959 Summer Reunion

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

August

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8th Annual Wilbur Brown Golf Tournament

Belgrade Lakes Golf Club 46 Clubhouse Drive Belgrade Lakes, Maine June 27-29

Class of 1984 Summer Reunion

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

July 9-11

Class of 1952 Summer Reunion

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

August 7

Alumni Association Board Meeting 3:00 pm

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine July

Alumni & Friends Cruise Reception 5:00 pm

aboard the T.S. State of Maine Portsmouth, New Hampshire

August 1-3

Class of 1964 Summer Reunion

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

> August 9

Mariners Ride-In

Details coming Soon!

Maine Maritime Academy Campus Castine, Maine

For more information on any of these events visit: www.mainemaritimealumni.org or contact the Alumni Office at 207-326-2337 or alyssa.allen@mma.edu



ON THE COURT & OFF — JILLIAN PERRON '15: ATHLETE PROFILE

illian Perron had just finished a basketball tournament, in which she was named to the All-Tournament team, when she made her way to the lounge of Maine Maritime's athletic building looking through a photo album. Perron, who was celebrating her 21st birthday, ran through a gauntlet of emotions as she recalled the first 21 years of her life with her mother, Jean Perron, by her side.

Jean came to her only child's birthday gathering with cash that Jillian would later use for veterinarian school applications, but before giving it to her daughter Jill had to answer pre-arranged questions on specific pictures in the album. Jillian would have to earn it and she wouldn't want it any other way.

The values instilled in Perron at a young age and the intangibles that she possesses— loyalty, a strong work ethic, and the need to constantly strive to improve—make her the exceptional young woman that she is. To understand Perron's drive, there needs to be an appreciation of the upbringing of the Maine Maritime junior.

Though Perron was an only child growing up in Skowhegan, the Perron household had more than two mouths to feed. The Perron's took care of upwards of 36 dogs at a time—a mixture of Siberian huskies and Alaskan malamutes—that were a part of Jean Perron's dog racing teams. Perron's daily chores with the dogs included feeding them, cleaning their kennels, exercising them, and taking them on training runs. All of this, Perron says, had to be done before she and her mom ate. "The dogs came first," she says.





It's this daily routine in Perron's childhood where she developed her values. She started helping her mom with the dogs at age four and racing at age six. "I had to learn those things because I was part of a team," she says.

Perron juggled dog racing with field hockey, basketball, and band throughout high school and was an honor roll student. Maine Maritime women's basketball coach Craig Dagan watched Perron play in high school and liked what he saw on the court, but was more impressed about what he heard about her off the court.

"When I found out about the dog racing background she had, I knew this was a person I wanted because of the intangibles she brings to the table," Dagan says.

Perron knew she wanted to play basketball or field hockey in college and ended up choosing Maine Maritime for several reasons.

"Coach Dagan had a lot to do with me coming to MMA," Perron explained. "Castine is a beautiful area and the Marine Biology program prepares a person for many different avenues and I like that it is one of the most challenging majors on campus."

Perron has continued her frenetic pace in her three years in Castine and exemplifies the NCAA Division III mantra of discover, develop, dedicate.

Perron is in the Student Mariner Society, mentors children at the local elementary school, is a physics and calculus tutor, gives basketball lessons to local elementary kids, and shadows at a nearby veterinarian hospital. She accomplishes all of this while carrying a 3.53 grade point average in the Marine Biology program and juggling the time-commitment requirements of a Division III athlete.

"There are a lot of opportunities we have here at Maine Maritime," Perron says. "I want to take advantage of them because I may not have those opportunities later. That's what drives me. I want to be able to positively effect others."

At the women's basketball banquet following the 2012-2013 season, Dagan expressed his admiration for Perron by telling the room full guests that he wants his daughter to grow up and be like his team captain.

"Jill represents everything that a good person should be, first and foremost," Dagan says. "She's caring, loves her team, and wants to do the right things in the classroom, on the court, and off the court. She's honest, trustworthy, and loyal. She has qualities that I would want everyone to have."

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ATHLETICS RECAPS



Golf: One of the best seasons in program history was capped off by a third place finish at the North Atlantic Conference championship. The Mariners opened the season with two-straight wins including a school-record 299 at Maine-Machias, and also won the Castine Invitational. Keenan Kalthoff '16 became the first person in program history to be named to the All-NAC First Team and Dan Mackenzie '15 was the first golfer in program history to make the All-NAC Second Team in two consecutive seasons.



Football: The Mariners finished 1-8 in 2013. Billy Wetherbee '14, who paced the top rushing offense in all of college football, finished his career with 2,634 rushing yards and moved into seventh on the program's all-time rushing list. Wetherbee joined teammate John MacDonald '16 on the All-NEFC Second Team and was named NEFC Player of the Week once. Michael Burgess '15 also earned Player of the Week honors in 2013.



Men's Soccer: The Mariners finished 11-5-2 in 2013 and ended the North Atlantic Conference regular season tied for first place with a 7-1-1 record. The Mariners reached the NAC semifinals where they drew with Colby-Sawyer (CSC won in PKs). Nicholas George became the first player in program history to be named NAC Player of the Year. George was also named to the National Soccer Coaches Association All-Region Second Team and Scholar All-Region Second Team. David Clough '15 earned All-NAC First Team honors and Matt LeBlanc '16 was named to the second team



Women's Soccer: The Mariners finished 3-12-2 overall and 2-6-1 in the North Atlantic Conference in **Seth Brown's ('98)** first season as coach. Sarah Brochu was named to the All-North Atlantic Conference Second Team. Annie Koensgen '14 finished her career ranking eighth all-time in program history in points (30) and sixth in goals scored (13).



Women's Cross Country: A win at the Mariner Invitational highlighted the 2013 season. Maine Maritime finished eighth at the North Atlantic Conference championship. The team competed in ECAC Division III Championships in Bristol, Rhode Island for the first time in the program's history. The team is also a USTFCCCA (US Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association) All-Academic Team, defined by a 3.10 or greater cumulative, collective GPA.



Men's Cross Country: The Mariners won one invitational and took second at three others in 2013. They placed fourth at the North Atlantic Conference championship and finished 28th at the NCAA Regionals, an improvement of 16 places from the year before. Matt Methot '14 had one of the best seasons in program history. He was named NAC Runner of Week four times, won two invites, took second at the NAC Championship and was named All-NAC First Team.



Volleyball: The Mariners reached the North Atlantic Conference championship game for the seventh-straight season before falling to Colby-Sawyer in Tricia Carver-Watson's first year as coach. The volleyball team finished 18-10 and also won its third Mariner Classic title in four years. Melissa Lail '14 was named NAC Player of the Week twice and to the All-North Atlantic Conference First Team. Gillian O'Neal '17 was named NAC Rookie of the Year and to the All-NAC First Team. Sydney Robertson '15 earned her second-straight All-NAC Second Team selection.



Men's Basketball: The Mariners finished 2-23 in 2013-14 and 1-17 in the conference. Maine Maritime was awarded the North Atlantic Conference Team Sportsmanship Award. Coach Chris Murphy announced his retirement after 22 seasons in Castine.



Women's Basketball: The Mariners finished 17-10 in 2013-14, their best record since 2010-11. Maine Maritime went 13-5 in the North Atlantic Conference and reached the semifinals, where they fell to Colby-Sawyer in overtime. The Mariners put together two impressive winning streaks of seven games and six games during the season.

Leah Jackson '14 earned her second consecutive All-NAC Second Team award and was named Player of the Week once. Kari Jones '14 also earned a Player of the Week award and Ashley Shine '16 was named to the All-Tournament team.



Pictured is the women's basketball locker room, which received a generous donation from the Biggie family to upgrade to custom wooden lockers.

VARSITY LOCKER ROOMS

Maine Maritime women's varsity locker rooms received renovations this fall as part of the first phase of renovating all varsity locker rooms. Each of the five women's varsity teams now have their own dedicated space that is clean, modern and secure. Each room features anti microbial carpet, new lockers and multi-media outlets.

The Chesapeake Chapter

Chesapeake Bay Chapter membership was well represented during the recent joint Maritime Academy luncheon held in Washington, DC's Phoenix Hotel on Monday, January 27th, hosting a presentation by 1982 alumni and current Commander of Military Sealift Command (MSC) Rear Admiral Thomas K. Shannon '82. Chapter attendees spanned the years from 1952 through 2000. The presentation by Rear Admiral Shannon focused on the changing challenges facing MSC



Visitors at the Lego-style Fleet of Vessels booth

and the need to build better awareness of the critical missions and invaluable service that MSC provides during times of both war and peace. Also central to the meeting was the deployment earlier that day of the MV CAPE RAY as she embarked loaded with sophisticated equipment Monday for the Mediterranean Sea where she will be used to destroy dozens of containers of deadly chemical weapons being removed from Syria. Unique to this mission, the CAPE RAY, belonging to the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD), was transferred to MSC before setting sail with a crew of about 35 civilian mariners aboard as well as 60 experts needed to operate the sophisticated equipment and provide the security necessary to complete her mission. Chapter members also took the time to speak with Rear Admiral Shannon, senior leaders from both MARAD and MSC and distinguished retired Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, a long-standing proponent of strengthening America's Merchant fleet.

Discussions are underway to identify a location for a spring meeting of the Chapter likely to be held in either Washington, DC or Northern Virginia. Chapter President: **Todd Lapointe '87** tnlapointe@gmail.com.

The Kennebec Valley Chapter

The Kennebec Valley Chapter participated in getting the word out for the "Yes on 4" vote by posting signs in the greater Waterville area. Congratulations to all for a successful campaign!

The Chapter's fall gathering in late October featured a visit from Dr. William J. Brennan and **Paul Mercer '73** who both provided a discussion of current activity at the Academy, including an overview of the new ABS Center for Engineering, Science and Research.

The Chapter's winter gathering was held the first week of February and featured a brief discussion to outline its participation in and assistance to the Alumni Association in hosting the 2014 Wilbur Brown Golf Tournament. Chapter President: Jon Fortier '86. jon.fortier@kvcmmaaa.org

The Penobscot Bay Chapter

Members of the Penobscot Bay Chapter held their spring meeting at the Craignair Inn, Clark Island, ME, on June 6, 2013. The chapter enjoyed a happy hour before holding its annual business meeting; after which, the Craignair Inn served a delicious supper to the 30 members and guests. Chapter president, **Captain Chet Hopkins '62**, introduced the guest speaker, Jon Johansen, editor of the MAINE COASTAL NEWS and an expert on local maritime history. Johansen illustrated his vibrant talk about shipwrecks off the New England and Canadian Maritimes coasts.

The Southern California Chapter

The MMA Southern California Alumni Chapter held its 16th annual "All Academy Christmas Banquet" on the evening of Saturday, December 7, 2013, at the Coronado Golf Course Clubhouse. The clubhouse provided dramatic views of the Coronado Bridge, Hotel Del Coronado, and the San Diego Bay. 55 alumni and guests were in attendance including two members of the MMA Wall of Honor, Fred Harris '67 and Frank Tepedino '58 who were accompanied by their wives. We were honored to have Dr. William Brennan, MMA President, provide a presentation that included an update on the status of the ABS Center for Engineering, Science and Research, the importance of alumni involvement to MMA and general information about recent Academy successes. Also, Mr. Kevin Mooney, Vice President of Operations for General Dynamics NASSCO, provided a presentation that included insights into MMA graduates who have impacted the US Navy submarine force and ship construction. Guests included alumni from the US Merchant Marine Academy and California Maritime Academy. Contact Ralph Staples '71 for information about future activities: rstaples@epsilonsystems.com.



Golf Extravaganza:

The Seacoast Golf Extravaganza was held at the links at Outlook in South Berwick on September 19, 2013. This annual event takes place the Thursday prior to MMA Homecoming weekend. It was a spectacular day and we had over 80 golfers muster for the event. First place "All MMA Alumni" Team award was captured by Pete Dumoulin '85, Mark Eisenhaur '86, Mike Grigware '87, and Dave Roy '84.

Christmas Reception:

The Seacoast Chapter held their annual Christmas Holiday Reception on December 12, 2013. Over 50 Alumni, friends and guests attended the event held at the Sprague House/Axel Johnson Conference Center in Newington, NH. The annual event is highlighted by the chapter members who generously donate stuffed animals and toys to the Child Advocacy Center in Portsmouth, NH. The stuffed animals and toys were delivered to the CAC by Ken Linscott '67 and the reception was beautifully adorned with poinsettias brought by Mary Ann and Tom Smith '67. John Webster '72 was not able to attend, but he did share the recipe for his world famous "Ragin Cajun Shrimp" with Jim Proulx '85. JP was up for the challenge and did a great job with the shrimp.

2014 Seacoast Chapter Calendar:

March Reception – March 20 June Reception – June 19 Golf Extravaganza – September 25 Christmas Reception – December 11

The Seacoast Chapter actively supports Maine Maritime Academy. All MMA alumni, family and friends are invited to join us at the Seacoast Chapter receptions and events. Check us out on Facebook at Maine Maritime Academy Seacoast Alumni. Contact **Mike Grigware '87** at mikegrigware@gmail.com or 207-590-2192 for more information.



Jon Harrison '11, Alan Harrison '82 and Jim Proulx '85 at the Christmas Reception





Christmas Reception guests with their donations (left); Jim Proulx "85 and Mike Grigware '87 show off their "Ragin Cajun Shrimp" (right); Seacoast Golfers celebrate (below).



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1951

Richard Ingalls '51, captain, who serves on the Maine Port Authority Board of Directors, is part of the team involved in removing as many lobsters as possible from the Portland Harbor shipping channel. Although lobstermen are removing the lobsters, Ingalls is part of the overall picture because of his work as a member of the board of directors. The lobsters are in holding areas until the dredging is completed at which time, they'll be returned to the harbor area. The Army Corps of Engineers will be dredging the channel at a cost of \$9 million to provide depths up to 35 feet at low tide.

1962

Bob Chiarello '62 (L) and his wife,

head of the Quoddy Pilots Association, attended **Capt. Sam Teel's** '77 shiphandling class in December and delivered an inspiring lecture to the students "on his world as a pilot."

1977

Capt. Mike Ames '77 spoke about tanker operations in November 2013 in Capt. Sam Teel's '77 tanker course. Fellow classmate, Capt. Ralph Pundt '77 joined them for a catch-up conversation after the class.

1990

Lance Burton '90 and three MMA students -Dave Wilson, Chris



Claire, enjoyed a visit from **Jim Barr '62** (**R**) at their Cape Cod home in November 2013. (Pictured above.)

1964

Correction - Paulsen '64

We apologize to the family and friends of Robert "Robby" Paulsen '64 for publishing an outdated class note about Mr. Paulsen, who passed away several years ago.

1971

Robert Peacock '71, Captain, Chair of the MMA Board of Trustees and

Carter, and Matt Plocinski – spent February 8, 2014 taking a course in Kennebunkport, ME, for rescue personnel to learn how to be Ice Rescue Technicians (IRTs). Lance says it would be closer to the truth to say that "the course was more about how Dave, Chris and Matt prevented Lance from drowning."

1998

Joseph Ferris III '98, a chief mate aboard the RV MELVILLE owned

by Scripps Institute of Oceanography in San Diego and a co-owner - tour leader for Young Pioneer Tours, responded immediately to the needs of the Philippine people suffering after Hurricane Haiyan. He and his company organized a "relief team to bring medical supplies, tools, building equipment, and hands-on assistance to the small fishing village island of Hilantagan" (A. Curtis, "Maine Maritime Academy Grad Launches Typhoon Relief Effort." BANGOR DAILY NEWS, Nov. 17, 2013, Online). Ferris had several motivations for leading the tour, one of which was grave concern for the many friends he has in the devastated area. The team Ferris put together was comprised of first responders, medical personnel, relief specialists, construction people and others qualified to render aid as well as build shelters for the villagers.

as assistant director of marine operations at American Cruise Lines with headquarters in Guilford, Connecticut. The company received the "World's Leading Small Ship Cruise Line" in 2012 and the "World's Leading River Cruise Co." in 2013 from World Travel Awards.

2012

Kirstien Dickey '11 announced her marriage to Andy Davidson '10 in Northeast Harbor, Mt Desert, Maine. The couple had their reception at the Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor and several MMA alumni attended. Kirstien, an international business and logistics major, is a buyer for Georgia-Pacific in Brewton, Alabama, and Andy, a marine engineering major, is a 2nd assistant engineer for US Shipping aboard the MV CHARLESTON. The newlyweds live in Milton, Florida. (Group picture below)

2010

Maxwell T. Collins '10 married Laura M. Young in September 2013.



She is a medical assistant at the Maxfield Clinic in Newport, NH and he is an assistant plant operator at Wheelabrator Concord Co. Thecouple resides in Andover, NH.

2012

Michael Dunn'12 recently left the sea to take up a new position

2012

Bryan Hammond '12 was seen in December 2013 and again in January 2014 in Searsport and then in Belfast, ME. He works for Genesis Energy, LP, Hornbeck Offshore Transportation Co. and occasionally gets sent to this area as part of his job. He and his wife had a baby in the fall of 2013 whom

they named Owen. Hammond met up with Mason Hall '13 at the Left Bank Bookshop in Belfast, ME in January. Hall had just gotten in from his rotation aboard one of Maersk Line's vessels.

2012

Robin Merrill '99 received the St. Botolph Club Foundation "Emerging Artists Award" in June 2013 for her work as an artist. The St. Botolph Club Foundation, established in 1963, recognizes and supports artists working in or associated with New England. Robin Merrill was nominated for the award by Maine poetry icon, George van Deventer of Bristol. Merrill is a full-time freelance writer who has published her poems in The Café Review, Ledge Magazine, Margie, Spoon River Poetry Review, and Stolen Island Review. Her poetry collection, A House of Bottles, is available from Moon Pie Press. In addition to poetry, she has written 5 children's books and competed in poetry slams. Merrill lives and works in Maine.

2012

Katrina Morrison '12 and Casey Hawkins '11 became engaged on Campobello Island on October 11, 2013. Katrina is a mate for Edison Chouest delivering supplies to oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico and Casey is an engineer for Covanta Power Plant in Jonesboro, ME. The couple is planning a fall 2014 wedding and expects to continue to live in Washington County after their marriage.

2013

Ethan Dublin '13 returned to campus on February 24, 2014 to see his younger brother at the Regimental Change of Command Ceremony. Dublin '13 now works for Subsea

Engineering – Ensco, plc on submersibles in the Gulf of Mexico. He is also the CEO/co-owner of Dublin AK Systems, a small company that designs improvements to the AK-47 and other military rifles.

2013

Hunter Sperry '13 is working for Transocean aboard a drill ship in the Gulf of Mexico. He reported that recently information he learned from Capt. Sam Teel '77 - "GO SLOW, THINK AHEAD AND BE PATIENT" - was true. He was "launching and recovering life boats off the side of the rig ... kind of scary 150 miles offshore! Just as [he] was about to lower [his] first boat, [his] captain turned to [him] and said, 'Now Hunter, keep in mind Sam Teel's words of wisdom...Also don't f*&% this up!' Well, it turned into an absolute sh** show! We had too much roll for the guy on the bow of my life boat to be able to attaché the falls! By applying Capt. Teel's command, we got it eventually." Aboard the rig at this time were fellow alumni: Capt. Steve Fleming '00, Chief Mate Charlie Perry '07, DPO Chad Friend '05, and Senior DPO Jack Spratt '93.

2013

Jacqueline Connell '13 ran into Alex Stark '10 when she went to Boston to sit her US Coast Guard exam. He and she both passed their exams and she reports that he now has his chief mate's license. True to MMA's alumni spirit, Stark offered to help Connell by passing her resume around among recruiters.



A graduate's license plate spotted on campus this past year. Please send your MMA inspired plates to alumni@mma.edu

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Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

The more it changes, the more it's the same thing.

Jean-Baptiste Alphonse

77

A Regiment for the 21st Century

n seventy years of training and teaching,
Maine Maritime Academy has undergone
significant changes with the most recent being
the construction of the new ABS Building for Engineering, Science and Research. Over that time
and through all those changes, some have questioned if the Regiment is relevant anymore. Let
me assure you that the Regiment of Midshipmen
is not only alive; it is thriving here in Castine.

Like any organization that is going to remain relevant, the Regiment of Midshipmen has adjusted. However, those adjustments have not changed what the Regiment sets out to accomplish in four years. It is human nature to resist change, particularly when that change is occurring to a program that has had a positive impact on a generation or generations and as I returned to MMA to take the reigns as Commandant, I wondered about how much had changed and if the founding values remained. I wasn't sure, after more than 20 years away from Maine Maritime Academy, if I was going to find that this generation that has been labeled as "Millennials" would be receptive to those values that we alumni recognize as the bedrock of our professional success.

I am happy to report that not only are those values intact, but the Regiment is in fact thriving because of them. Many of you remember a time when you were a member of the Regiment of Midshipmen because that was the only option at Maine Maritime Academy. In retrospect, you have, I hope, come to realize that there were many benefits to the program and that lessons learned as a Midshipman have assisted you as you navigated your profession. Today, every major at Maine Maritime Academy is represented in the Regiment because students in IBL, Power Engineering and even Ocean Studies have realized that the Regiment will teach them management and human interaction skills that they just can't learn in a classroom. Elsewhere in this edition of MARINER there is a section that focuses on numbers, so let me break down some of the Regimental numbers a bit further.

Last semester, the average GPA of the Regiment

was 2.93 with over 200 Midshipmen making the Dean's List. This past November, 73% of the Regiment of Midshipmen participated in a fundraiser that produced \$2,000 in support of an MMA staff member who is battling a particularly nefarious form of cancer. Twenty Midshipmen coordinated a day of work to help Bucksport Little League construct a new storage facility one Saturday this Autumn and Midshipmen have taken on roles as mentors to students from The Adam's School here in Castine where one 1/C has also stepped in to be that school's basketball coach. Ten members of Band Company participated in the annual Christmas Concert with the Castine Town Band and the students have made arrangements to get the grand piano in Delano tuned. We are still active members of two fire departments and ambulance services, competing in local First Responder competitions in both Ellsworth and Eastport last year. This is just a small sample of the things that our Midshipmen do as an exhaustive list of their campus involvement would overwhelm this

Make no mistake about it, OUR Regiment is alive and well. I look forward to introducing you to these young men and women at the next alumni event you attend on the training ship or here on campus.

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E. Allen Beem '44

retired captain and insurance agent, died February 6, 2014 in Maine. He worked aboard Liberty Ships during WWII immediately after graduation and then went to Bowdoin College for his BA in history after the war. During the Korean Conflict, he was recalled and served aboard U.S. Navy minesweepers in the Pacific. After working for MET Life Insurance, he returned to sea at age 42 as an able-bodied seaman. He worked his way up to licensed captain and master of all seas. Although he retired in 1989, he was recalled in 1990-1991 by the Navy to take mothball freighters to the Middle East in order to ferry equipment to Europe from the Gulf.

David J. Billings '57

Lt Cdr, USN, Ret, died February 21, 2014 in Maine. After 23 years in the US Navy, he retired at the rank of Lt Commander and became the harbormaster and pier manager for 16 years at the Cape Porpoise Pier in Kennebunkport, ME. He was also a commercial fisherman for eight years. As an active Mason, he held many different positions of responsibility.

Harry E. Bolster '53

died September 1, 2013 in North Carolina. After two years as a Merchant Marine officer, he joined the US Navy and participated in the US Naval blockade of Cuba in 1962. He was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for acting as commanding officer of Harbor Clearance Unit 1 (7th Fleet) from 1966-1967 in Vietnam. He aggressively led salvage operations to keep Saigon River open. For this outstanding work, he was given the Bronze Star Medal. During his career, he served aboard the USS ALGOL, the aircraft carrier LEXINGTON, and the WALTER B. COBB; and was executive officer and plank owner of the EL PASO.

Dwight A Collar '56

died in Georgia on October 21, 2013. He served in the US Navy and worked for 38 years for Warren Pumps (later called Ahlstrom Pumps). He loved golf, camping, traveling, and TV sports.

Robert (Bob) Giamotti

CDR (USN Ret) and former Director of Public Relations and Director of Sports Information for Maine Maritime Academy, died in Maine on February 26, 2014. He began his naval career as a flight navigator for Naval Air Transport Squadrons #2, 11, 8, & 1 in the South Pacific. In 1948, he became an Ops Officer/Navigator and served in many officer positions aboard 5 ships of various types. He did shore duty for two years as an instructor in navigation at the US Naval Academy and as the Assistant Ops and Scheduling Officer for the entire 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. After 27 years in the US Navy, he and his wife moved to Castine where he began his work for MMA. Known affectionately as "Gio" by the midshipmen, he continued his service as a volunteer basketball statistician and record keeper even after retiring in 1998.

Douglas M. Green '56

died January 30, 2014 in Maine. He spent his first 4 years after graduation working as an officer for American Isbrandtsen Lines. For over 33 years, he owned Douglas Green Realty of Camden and Rockport, ME. In 1995, he formed Green/Keefe Real Estate and opened a third office in Belfast. Over his career, he was a member and officer of professional real estate associations in Maine and nationally. In 1995, he was Realtor of the Year. He

also devoted himself to many civic and community organizations including the Lions Club, Rotary Club, YMCA, school board, and budget and nominating committees for Camden.

Dominic Leali

who worked for the Maine Maritime Academy postal department for 20 years, died October 31, 2013 in Maine at the age of 96. He worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in WWII, then spent many years as a blacksmith for a granite quarry on Deer Isle before coming to work at MMA. In retirement, he was known for his neat yard and prolific garden.

Mark G. LaRochelle '57

a licensed captain who worked for Military Sealift Command for almost 20 years, died in Maine on January 9, 2014. Although he was a world traveler, his favorite place was his brother's house in Old Orchard Beach, ME. He received his law degree from Concord Law School of Kaplan University and was working toward a master's degree in law at the time of his death. His obituary in the PORTLAND PRESS HERALD stated, "his distinctive laugh will always linger" in the places he loved.

Terry R. Parker '64

licensed captain, died in Florida on February 25, 2014. He was in the US Merchant Marines before retirement. Throughout his life, he belonged to many civic organizations including the Masons. He was also a member of the Ham Radio Opertor's Club.

John M Whelan '46

died in Rhode Island on October 25, 2013. He was a 25-year veteran of the US Navy and retired as a Commander. He worked for FM Global Insurance Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1991. In addition to MMA, he graduated from Wentworth Institute.

TIES THAT BIND & ASSIST

By Mark Coté '83, PE, EMT-B

Since its founding in 1941, Maine Maritime Academy has had a significant impact on the town of Castine and its residents. One area where there is a positive and synergistic relationship with the town is in the operation of the Castine Fire Rescue Department.

The Castine Fire Department (CFD) was established in 1796 as the primary emergency services agency for Castine. CFD added emergency medical response services to its mission and updated its name when the Bagaduce Ambulance Corps disbanded in 2011.

Castine Fire Rescue Department (CFRD) remains an all-volunteer service and has approximately 40 active members. During the first 40 years of MMA's existence, there were few ties between CFD and MMA. However, in the 1980s, the fire department opened up its membership to MMA students and, since then, students have been active members in the department. This was a natural area for collaboration in that almost all MMA students underwent some type of fire training in their academic programs.



L-to-R:Joseph Andrew Sheehan Tartre '15, Lance Burton '90, & Charles Salerno '15

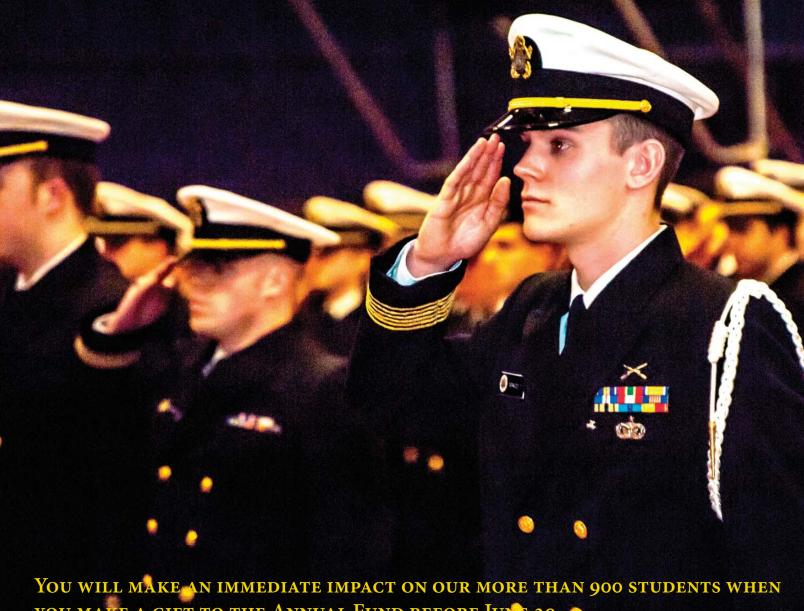
The relationship has grown to the point that MMA students now make up about 30% of the department and have helped the department continue its services. "MMA students are a key part of our membership. They provide a lot of energy and talent for the department and we miss their contributions when they are on break and during the summer," said CFRD Chief Randy Stearns. Students from all majors participate and many students have gained certifications in firefighting or emergency medical services to complement their MMA educations. MMA students also can be members of the Castine Volunteer Firefighter's Association, established in 1999 as an auxiliary, non-profit organization, and serve in various leadership capacities for CVFA, including as elected officers.

Some alumni have used their CFRD experience to complement their professional careers both at sea and ashore. **Myles Block '06,** now a firefighter/paramedic for the Town of Hampden, Maine, and an emergency services instructor in eastern Maine, leveraged his CFRD experience when he chose a full-time career. As he said, "I had a strong interest in community service and, when I came to MMA, I wanted Castine to be my new community. I had a number of member and leadership roles in the department, ending as a lieutenant. The leadership opportunities I received at CFRD, in conjunction with my regimental leadership training at MMA, gave me multiple occasions to serve Castine and to improve my skills."

Lance Burton '90, '13, assistant professor of engineering, has been active in the CFRD, both as a student and as a current resident of Castine. He volunteered as a basic firefighter after completing his MMA-required fire training and then, when he moved back to Castine, rejoined the department and assumed a leadership role, including as a trainer for the emergency vehicle operations course. Based on his time both as a student and a Castine resident, he emphasized the value of the MMA/CFRD relationship: "Our reliance on the MMA students is very real and continues to grow each year as the age of the permanent townsfolk who volunteer increases and as a result of inheriting the EMS service. CFRD is proof that great synergy can be achieved when the common good and building a community are sought-after goals." A number of current and former MMA faculty and staff are or have been active members such as President William Brennan and Career Services Interim Assistant Lisa Burton.

As CFRD and MMA move forward, the links between resident firefighters, MMA students, and MMA faculty and staff who serve, continue to grow and enhance this vital service provided to Castine and the school. It is a true "win-win" scenario, with all participants benefitting from the experience, thus strengthening the relationship.

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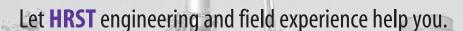
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