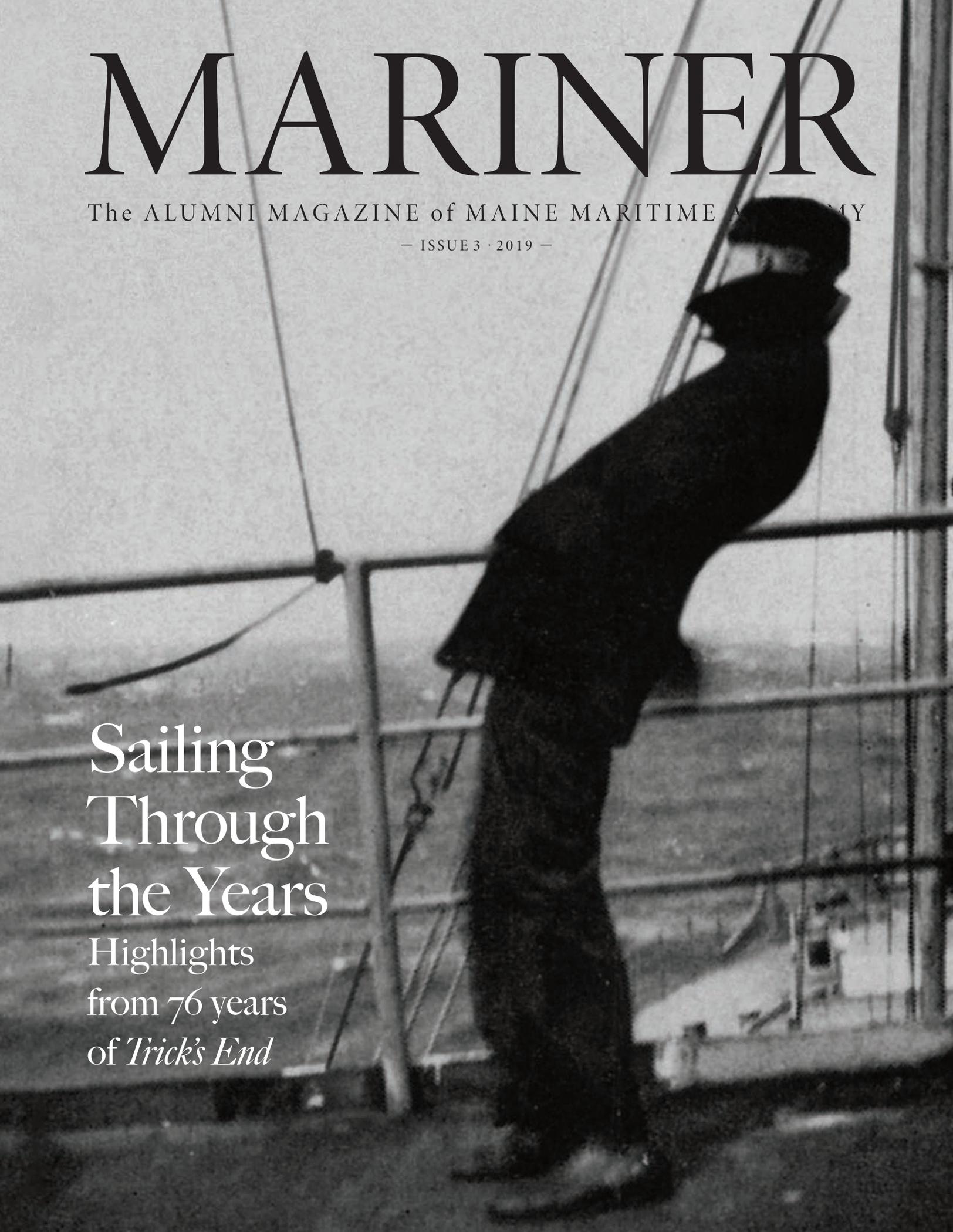


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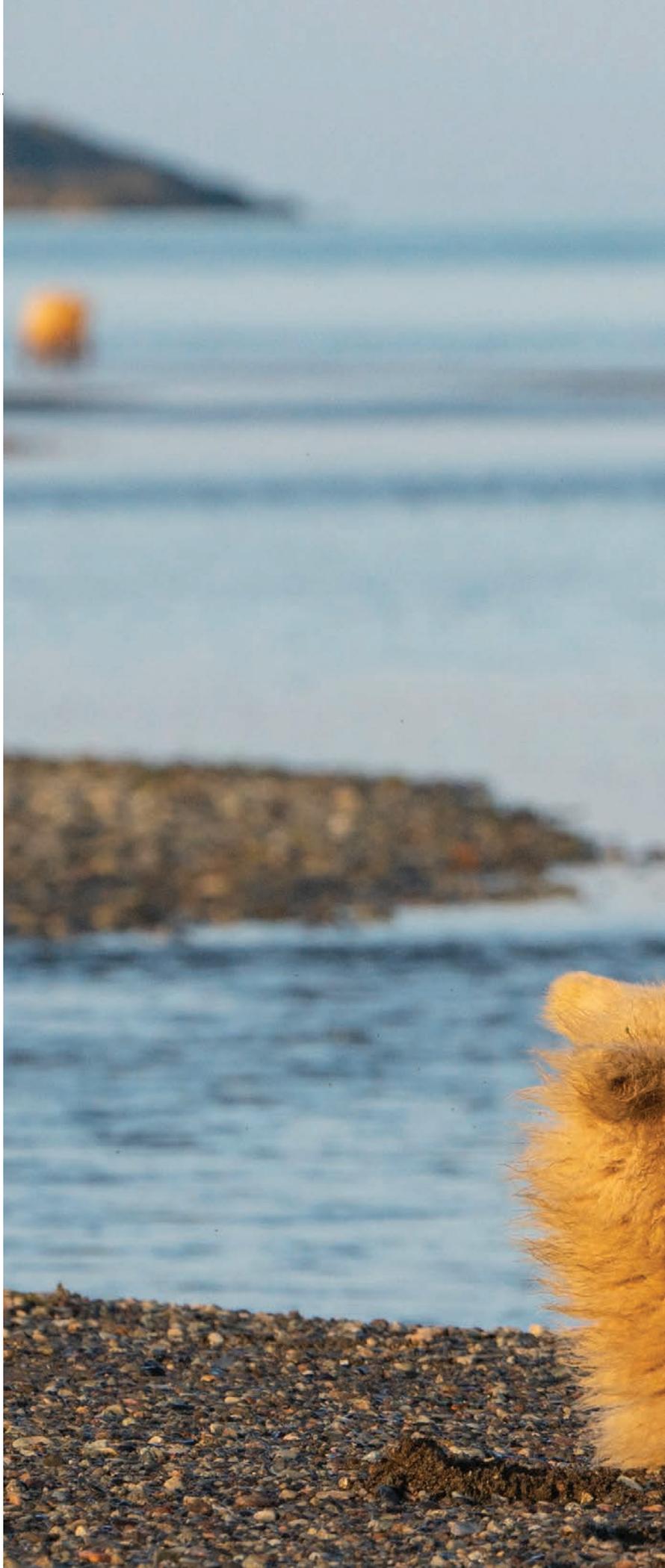
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On the Cover: Shared experience—In the 1949 *Trick's End* yearbook, this photo was taken in a "breeze" during the passage from Castine to Boston. The photo at right from the 2018 training cruise shows a midshipman in similar stance.





Taking a Paws

FOR HER SUMMER CO-OP, Vessel Operations & Technology major Olivia Mitchell worked as a skiff driver and deckhand on the bear guide boat *M/V Ursus* that frequented Hallo Bay in Katmai National Park, Alaska. She took this photo of a year-and-a-half-old grizzly bear cub playing with his paws while his mother and two others in the background hunted for salmon. "That evening, eight would eventually show up on the beach," says Mitchell. "Bears in Hallo Bay are fairly accustomed to humans, though we try to keep a low profile and don't get within 50 yards of them."

Mitchell captured the image with a Sony a7ii, a 35mm full-frame digital camera that boasts the latest in photo technology, and it became a finalist in the 2019 MMA Photo Contest. See other entries at mainemaritime.edu/photocontest. For a fun throwback to the latest photo tech circa 1875, see the stereoscopic photo of Dismukes Hall on page 42. ■

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Making History

AS A KID, I used to take my father's 1943 MMA yearbook off the shelf now and then, and flip through its pages. Each time, the images became more familiar. I would look for people I knew and compare the images of old times to my 1960s life in Castine and on campus.

Maine Maritime Academy yearbooks capture the spirit of campus life, and they're a window into the passage of time. Familiar faces bring back memories of favorite people and moments; photos from classrooms and labs remind us of changes in technology and facilities. Some changes are obvious; others are more subtle.

Throughout the years, notable events, such as the annual training cruises, might sum up the MMA experience: a focused, hands-on educational journey within a tight community, where you make friends for life and become prepared for a career of consequence.

The 8,000-plus alumni who called MMA home through their college career, and the nearly 1,000 current students, have varied experiences, but also common ideas, knowledge, training, struggles, friends, and connections that live on, both then and now.

It's only after some time that we can more easily see and appreciate the impact that MMA has had on us.

This issue of *Mariner* highlights memorable images from *Trick's End* yearbooks over the years and brings moments of Maine Maritime Academy history into the present. You will also see the 2019 donor honor roll, *Impact*, featuring the many alumni and friends who have volunteered their time, shared their talents, and given monetary contributions to support the student experience.

Impact demonstrates how alumni are taking an interest in giving back to the college in all sorts of ways. The data is in, and it's undeniable: this last year was the most successful fundraising year in



Raising the main mast on Leavitt Hall lawn in 1943.

MMA history. As a community, we should be very proud of that accomplishment.

I hope you enjoy the memories included in this *Mariner*. I also hope you take a moment to feel some MMA pride and remember that you are one of many who have made a difference here.

As always, please keep in touch. ■

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have been
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Astern and Ahead

LOOKING BACK ON 2019, I am most proud of how our alumni participation has grown. More than 200 volunteers assisted and supported alumni activities around the country. Speaking for the Alumni Association Board, I extend a sincere thank you to all our alumni for what you have done to make these events a success.

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Notable examples include the Senior Banquet held in February of 2019 (Senior Banquet 2020 will be February 5); Up Close events in Charleston, Jacksonville, Tampa, Houston, Jersey City, and Seattle; lobster feeds in San Diego, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans; golf in Texas and Maine; and reunions on the MMA campus, not to mention our Connecticut, Seacoast, Casco Bay, Ned Andrews and Sea Dog chapter events.

Looking ahead to the new year, keep MMA's most well-known vessels on your radar. The TS *State of Maine* will spend more time on this side of the Atlantic Ocean this year, with possible stops in Port Everglades, Philadelphia, Halifax, and New York City. The *Boxdoin's* training cruises will tentatively include East Coast ports, as well, such as Portland, Norfolk, Annapolis, Oyster Bay, Long Island, and Mystic Seaport, Connecticut. Stay tuned for invitations to alumni events in some of these areas.

Also, keep watch for class reunions this summer, as well as honor classes and academic programs planning anniversary celebrations at Homecoming 2020, and the first Alumni Association Travel Program, scheduled for October, to Portugal.

I encourage you to attend an alumni event near you or contact the Alumni Office to inquire about hosting an event in your area. As is often noted, no matter where in the world you travel, you're likely to meet someone from MMA, and you may be surprised how many MMA alumni are in your area.

Best Regards,

Joe Cote '82

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Campus Currents



The Write Practice

How composition skills are honed and why they count.

IBL major Andrew King's co-op assignment was creating procedure manuals that put his communication skills to the test.

PEN AND PAPER. Of all of the tools in the Lyman-Morse boatyard in Thomaston, Maine, the job Andrew King faced during his summer co-op with the custom boat builder required the simplest on the shelf.

"I was assigned to write a project management training guide and service yard manual," says King, an International Business and Logistics (IBL) major, "and, aside from some feedback from my boss, I managed most of it myself."

The project was successful and became part of King's IBL capstone project and presentation "that benefited tremendously from my improved writing skills developed through composition classes and support offered at MMA."

While MMA graduates are renowned for engineering and technical expertise, the ability to write and communicate with "concision, clarity, and consistency is fundamental to every student's ultimate success," says Dean of Faculty Susan Loomis. "If you write well, it indicates you're able to think well, a necessity in today's workplace."

More than two-thirds of salaried jobs require a substantial amount of written communication, according to *Grammarly*, and major companies spend an estimated \$3 billion annually training employees to improve their writing abilities.

Writing proficiency is promoted across the curriculum at MMA, beginning with freshman

Photos: Billy R. Sims

composition required of all students, followed by Humanities I and II and culminating in major-specific capstone courses and projects.

“You can make anything by writing.”
-C.S. Lewis

This is one reason the Faculty Senate adopted Communications Across the Curriculum, an international pedagogy that requires the entire faculty to integrate practice in writing across the curriculum, starting with first-year students and continuing through their final semester.

Still, MMA's commitment to writing is not limited to the classroom. At the Center for Student Success at the Buoy House, the Writing Center is staffed with trained writing consultants who work one-on-one with students to improve their writing in general and on discrete assignments ranging from lab reports and research papers to portfolio projects and research proposals — in other words, any writing project.

Also, the Nutting Memorial Library staff offers a variety of writing-support resources and instruction.

For King, other IBL students, and students in the Marine Transportation Department, a course in management communications is required. For engineering students, the emphasis is on technical communications. Ocean Studies students face increasingly challenging science writing assignments as they move toward their capstone projects.

No matter how much technical and leadership prowess Andrew King hopes to possess when he graduates from MMA in the coming year, he says he now realizes, “It doesn't matter what profession you are in, writing is the key. You're always going to write, no matter what you do. I'm glad I challenged myself to become a better writer. I think it will pay dividends for the time invested.” ■

TS STATE OF MAINE

SHIP SAFETY STANDARDS

“SAFETY FIRST” IS THE MESSAGE decreeing the mandatory culture of work habits and vessel condition aboard the *State of Maine*. In 2014, the training ship staff developed and internally vetted its own Safety Management System, a document providing safe work practice and vessel condition instruction and guidelines. It provides for an ever-evolving system of safety analysis, work permits, and stop work authority.

A typical day for the student, crew member, or contractor working aboard the vessel starts with filling out a Job Safety Analysis (JSA) form. This form provides a stock set of pertinent questions about all aspects of safe work practice, and causes the assigned individual to mentally review and check all points of the job he or she is about to perform. This ensures that workers perform the task with complete understanding of potential hazards and actions needed to mitigate these hazards.

A work permitting system is also mandated for jobs involving significant

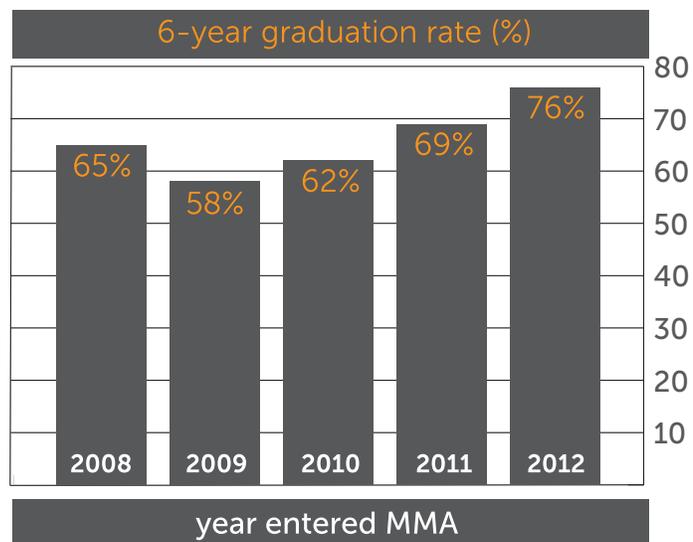
hazard. Among other tasks, these permits typically cover welding, working aloft, and enclosed space entry, and they require management review and approval along with specific additional safety precautions prior to commencing the task.

As a worker fills out these documents he or she is asked to review items such as whether Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is needed; securing systems to a safe condition; tagging/locking that system out to ensure its condition remains benign during the work; slip, trip and fall hazards; tool condition; excluding the work area from others not involved; and any other special precautions that the persons performing the work deem important.

At the end of the day, everyone goes home with the “same number of fingers and toes they arrived with” and the vessel benefits from continuing maintenance and improvement in an alert and safe industrial habitat. ■

— By SANDY CAMERON '84, CHIEF ENGINEER

DATA: MMA GRADUATION RATES



The national average from 2008-2011 is 60%.



OCEAN STUDIES

PROFESSORS BRING DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS have joined the Corning School of Ocean Studies and bring with them a desire to share their real-world research experience with undergraduate students in a learning environment known for its hands-on approach.

Assistant Professor of Oceanography LeAnn Whitney joined MMA in 2018 and comes from work at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Maine, as a postdoctoral researcher and in her continuing role as a research scientist studying phytoplankton ecology. She also previously served as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Maine Community College.

Steven Baer joined MMA in 2018 as Assistant Professor of Marine Science also having been employed as a researcher at Bigelow, as well as with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and other colleges and universities. Baer's specialty is Arctic oceanography, and he has worked aboard research vessels from the Bering Sea to

Antarctica.

"Both LeAnn and Steven are involved with fascinating research and have integrated deeply within the MMA community," says Department Chair Jessica Muhlin, "and they are bringing new ideas and perspective to the department."

One of the main incentives for both to join the faculty at MMA "was the almost family-like environment in the department," says Baer. "And, because of small class sizes, you get to know your students and can have an impact."

Whitney's focus is teaching introduction to marine science and biological oceanography, while Baer teaches upper-level chemistry, such as organic and marine geochemistry, as well as general chemistry to non-majors.

The professors have also been heavily involved with others in the department to develop content for the new Coastal and Marine Environmental Science major that will begin enrolling students in the fall of 2020. ■

ACCOLADES

MMA RANKS HIGH FOR ROI

AS NOTED IN *SHIPMATE*, *Washington Post* reporter Susan Svrluga wrote in mid-November about a new Georgetown University study regarding return on investment (ROI) for college graduates. The study listed Maine Maritime Academy as one of the very best schools providing ROI for alumni. Susan's article featured Larry Burrill '77 who was quoted regarding his undergraduate experience at MMA. She pointed out that Maine Maritime appeared sixth in the top 10 list, outscoring Harvard.

In that short list were mostly private schools, including MIT and Stanford University. The only public colleges in the top 10 were Maine Maritime Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

The study looked at alumni outcomes and earnings between 10 years and 40 years out of college, using 2019 U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard data for 4,500 schools. MMA ranked best for long-term returns, according to the study press release.

Maine Maritime Academy also continues to top other best-value lists. This fall, *Washington Monthly* listed MMA as the #20 Best Bang for the Buck college in the Northeast; #11 in Best Value Schools by *U.S. News & World Report*; and 39th in a list of Best Small Colleges by *Money Magazine*. ■



ATHLETICS

HALL OF FAME 2019 HONOREES

THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT is proud to announce the William J. Mottola Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2019 inductees who will be honored on April 5, 2020 at the department's End of the Year Celebration.

This year's honorees include: Larry Barchue '82, (Men's Soccer), Matt Clement '13 (Men's Basketball), Katrina Dagan (Coach - Women's Basketball, Volleyball and Softball), and Arnie Grindle (Equipment & Facilities Manager). Barchue ranks third all-time in career points with 88 (33 goals, 22 assists) and third in career goals with 33. He is tied for fifth in career assists with 22 and his 14-goal season in 1980 is tied for the eighth best career scoring season. He was a member of Maine Maritime's first-ever national postseason team, the 1978 NAIA National Tournament team, as well as a member of 1978 and 1980 NECC Championship teams. Barchue was named a NECC All-Star in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Clement ranks third all-time with 1,388 career points and second all-time with 812 rebounds. Clement is the all-time leader in blocks with 169 and blocked shots per game (1.2), averaged a career double-double of 17.6 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, while shooting over 50 percent (55.6%) from the floor. Clement helped lead the Mariners to the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 NAC Finals and was a two-

time First Team All-NAC Selection. Following the 2003-2004 season, Clement was named the NAC Player of the Year, and MMBCWA Player of the Year.

Dagan was Head Volleyball Coach from 2003-2011, compiling a 134-60 record, including two 20-win seasons, for a .691 winning percentage, the highest by any coach in MMA history. Dagan led the Mariners to five-straight NAC Volleyball Finals, including their first conference championship and four-straight NAC Championships and NCAA appearances. She was named the 2009 NAC Volleyball Coach of the Year. Dagan also served as the Head Softball Coach from 2005-2012, leading the team to five NAC Tournament appearances, including a NAC Final appearance in 2010. Over the past 19 seasons, she also volunteered as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach.

Grindle began working for MMA in 1988 in the Public Works department, where he served for 10 years before being hired as the Athletic Department's Equipment and Facilities Manager. Grindle made a lasting impact on every student-athlete he worked with and was dedicated to making sure that everything was ready for the teams during all of his 18 seasons. ■

— By MARINERS ATHLETICS

Above: Katrina Dagan (Coach - Women's Basketball, Volleyball and Softball), and below: Matt Clement (Men's Basketball, Class of 2013).



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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

New Organization for Nontraditional Students

MANY ALUMNI HAVE MEMORIES of their first days away from their family homes and adjusting to life straight out of high school as freshmen on the MMA campus. But, for the nontraditional student—one defined as 24 years or older, married or a veteran of military service—the transition can be especially tricky.

“You are surrounded by younger students with less life experience, and it’s hard to connect with others to whom you can relate,” says Rebecca Rankin, a Vessel Operations and Technology major who is secretary of the MMA Nontraditional Student Association. The group was established last spring to address such concerns and more. Rankin is 33 with prior college experience before coming to MMA.

There are nearly 100 nontraditional students at MMA, including many veterans, of which 25-30 have joined the new group now affiliated with the National Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE).

The MMA group has held several meetings and informal gatherings, and “getting together and talking about common concerns has been

powerful just in itself,” says Rankin.

But the association is more than a support group and is also involved in helping nontraditional students gain credit and recognition for life and career experience at MMA, says Marine Transportation Operations major Nicholas Lewis, president of the association. “We’re working to help create more concrete and consistent policies for nontraditional students, especially those in the regiment.”

Leaders from the group attended an ANTSHE national conference where there was much discussion about ways to generate scholarship opportunities. “Because of our age, we don’t qualify for many of the MMA scholarships available to other students,” says Rankin, “so one of our key goals is to identify additional sources for financial aid.”

While the group is in its fledgling stages, it has the enthusiastic support of MMA leadership. “We believe they serve a vital role in our community,” notes Janet Acker, one of the group’s faculty advisors and executive assistant to President Bill Brennan. ■

NUTTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Desire to Learn

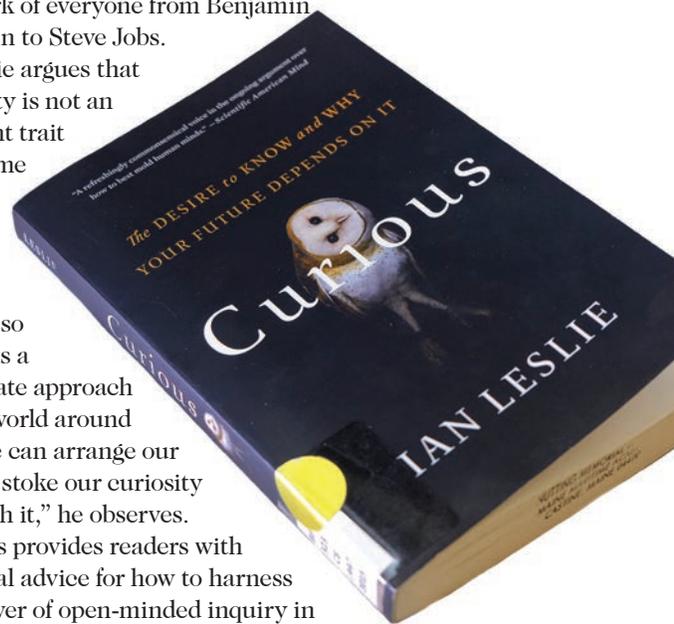
WHAT IS THE ONE BOOK on the Commandant’s recommended reading list that everyone should read?

Ian Leslie’s *Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends on It* examines the origins and powerful potential of the human drive to understand the world around us. All too often, Leslie points out, we fail to indulge the impulse to be curious: we are too busy, or too afraid of revealing our ignorance, or we don’t know what questions to ask. *Curious* makes an excellent case for the value of overcoming those barriers and exploring the unknown.

“Curiosity,” Leslie argues, “is a life force.” Pursuing life’s “whys” is a part of who we are: our brains, he explains, are naturally wired to take pleasure in learning. And rather than being a distraction, our pursuit of understanding is an essential part of what makes us human, and a driving force behind our success as a species.

Technology has put an unimaginable amount of information within easy reach, but simply looking up facts cannot provide meaningful intellectual satisfaction. Real curiosity is more than that: it allows us to build connections between ideas and move from mere knowledge to the kind of world-shaping discoveries and innovations that we admire in the work of everyone from Benjamin Franklin to Steve Jobs.

Leslie argues that curiosity is not an inherent trait that some people have more of than others, so much as a deliberate approach to the world around us. “We can arrange our lives to stoke our curiosity or quash it,” he observes. *Curious* provides readers with practical advice for how to harness the power of open-minded inquiry in their lives. ■



— By LAUREN GARGANI, HEAD LIBRARIAN

OPENING DOORS CHANGING LIVES

The Scholarship Campaign for Maine Maritime Academy



SAMUEL TUCKER '21

This Marine Engineering Technology major is confident of his future career ambitions and thankful for less stress from financial school debt.

DO YOU HAVE A CAREER TRACK IN MIND AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR COLLEGE CAREER?

Yes, I'd like to sail as a third assistant engineer (3 A/E) aboard a tanker or a containership. This past summer, I did cadet shipping with Overseas Shipholding Group, a provider of energy transportation services, and hope to work with them upon graduation.

Beyond that, my hope for the future is to become a chief engineer and successfully balance family and work life.

DESCRIBE YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITIES WITH MMA.

As a member of the Regiment of Midshipmen, I was a member of the training staff and a regimental yeoman for the 2018 training cruise. I also worked as a tour guide and a member of the Admissions Open House team.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS YOU'VE LEARNED AT MMA?

I've learned the importance of teamwork and the value of a good education. I am confident I made the right decision when choosing schools; MMA is the perfect combination of hands-on work and in-class work. I've learned hard work pays off in the classroom and the maritime industry.

HOW ARE YOU MANAGING THE COST OF ATTENDANCE?

Through student loans, generous scholarships from the school and alumni, and through direct payments. The financial help that generous scholarships provide relieves the stress of the costs of higher education.

Samuel Tucker is one of more than 100 students who've received a J. Scott Searway Regimental Scholarship.

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF PROFILES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND CAMPAIGN DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN THE GOAL OF RAISING \$20 MILLION FOR AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. CURRENTLY, \$17.8 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED

WHAT HAS RECEIVING THE J. SCOTT SEARWAY REGIMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Searway scholarship means a lot to me. The financial security that this generous donation provides allows me to focus more on my academics and less on the financial stress of paying for higher education.

WHAT ARE PERSONAL VALUES THAT GUIDE YOU?

Each day I work hard because many people work hard to allow me to have the benefit of attending MMA. I try to maintain the utmost integrity in all my interactions, whether they be with teachers or fellow students. And I do what I can for the betterment of the people around me.

GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO AN ALUMNUS, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE THE BEST REASONS TO GIVE TO THE CAMPAIGN?

If I was given the opportunity to speak to an alumnus who might be considering making a contribution to the scholarship fund, I would ask them to think back to when they were a student and how they would feel receiving a scholarship and the financial security it brings. Donations from alumni are a huge part of how MMA can continue to teach future mariners.

IN THE FUTURE, WOULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING BACK TO MMA?

I want to set up a scholarship fund tailored to help students in need who are unlimited license majors at MMA and ensure that the maritime industry receives educated and capable workers for years to come.

WHAT SETS MMA STUDENTS APART FROM OTHERS?

MMA's curriculum and experienced teachers set our graduates apart from other colleges and academies. The professors at MMA are extremely knowledgeable and bring energy to the classroom that helps me engage with the material and have a great learning experience. ■



SCOTT SEARWAY '66

What was your experience financing your attendance at MMA?

I was the first generation of my family to go to college, and I came from a family of limited means. I struggled to pay for schooling at Maine Maritime and ended up with a significant amount of student loans—just as did many of my classmates.

Over the years, I thought to myself, if I can ever help others, funding scholarships is how I want to help the Academy. Financial support attracts and assists well-qualified applicants, and there's much competition for these students. MMA needs to be competitive in the assistance it offers.

What are some of your career highlights?

I'm the majority owner of the Chebeague Island Boatyard, near Portland, Maine.

I was CEO and founder of SW&B Construction Corp., a large industrial construction company with completed projects from Maine to Oregon. Since 1996, SW&B has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of BE&K, Inc., at the time one of the largest privately held engineering and construction companies in the U.S. BE&K is now part of KBR.

I was also cofounder, Director and part-owner of Cormier Equipment Corporation, one of the largest construction equipment rental companies in the eastern U.S.

I was elected to MMA's Wall of Honor in 2000.

How have your contributions made a difference?

I funded a regimental scholarship in 2004 that has been awarded to more than 100 students. When you think about how many students have benefited, it's impressive, personally rewarding and an excellent investment from my point of view. I hope it serves as an incentive for others to do the same.

How You Can Help

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Sailing Through the Years

Highlights from 76 Years of Trick's End

by Billy Sims · photographs from *Trick's End* 1943-2019

WE REVIEWED EVERY page of each *Trick's End* yearbook to select some of the most noteworthy images for this special section of *Mariner*. The breadth of this experience summoned two conclusions: from 1941 to the present, the scope of learning at MMA has been one of adaptation and innovation, constant changes to keep pace with the needs of the maritime and related industries, and yet many traditions and student experiences transcend the years. The regiment on parade is as impressive today as it was 78 years ago, and being a MUG has always presented rigorous challenges.

Also the same is the arduous work required by the editors to bring each *Trick's End* to life. "Spell check, patience, and a good amount of coffee," recalls Cristin Wright '18, who edited the 2018 edition. "It took a lot of planning with campus clubs, faculty, staff, athletics teams, and the regiment to schedule times where yearbook members were able to take group photos. The formatting and editing process was time-consuming, but very rewarding.

"I hope when people look back at the yearbook, they will see the photos from Navy Ball, Ring Dance, Ship Jump, and Cruise and remember the friendships they gained along the way."

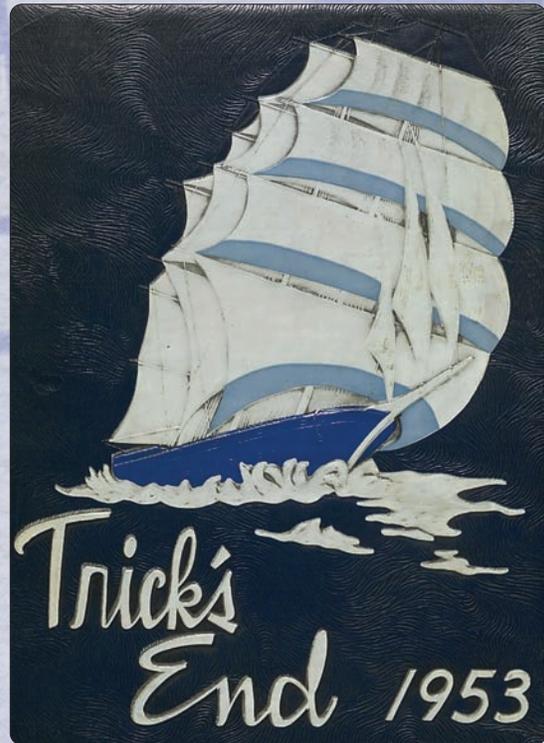
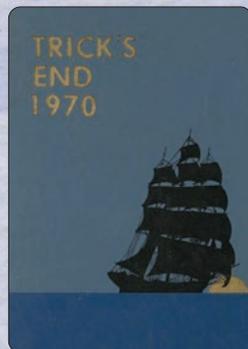
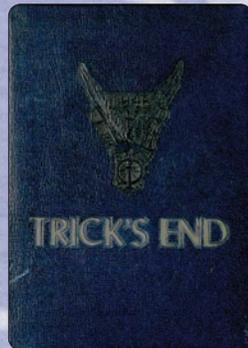
Rear Admiral Warren C. Hamm Jr. '49 was the editor of his class's *Trick's End*, and shared a similar goal. "We wanted to come up with a publication that would be of value in the future so that we could all look back, remember the times, and see the positive side of Maine Maritime.

"We carefully wrote the [student] bios to reflect the real thing, but not to say anything that would hurt someone's feelings or one's children's or grandchildren's feelings in the future.

"I'm proud that those little bios truly positively reflected the individuals. And then, on the dialogues on the cruises, the good and the bad were mentioned, and I think that brings back excellent memories. It makes you feel good about what you did for those years."

The photographs featured show Maine Maritime as viewed by students, often with pride, always with a mix of humor and honesty that will spark personal memories for alumni.

TRICK'S END



Trick: A period of time spent at the wheel ("My trick has ended").

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Training Cruises

Scenes from training cruises are often the most creatively produced and memorable features of the yearbooks.

2000 - From the '99 cruise to Europe: "What am I getting myself into ???!"; 1953 - "Bull-Session Parties;"
1981 - Yearbook opener made a splash with this shot of *State of Maine*; 1967 - Lisbon;
1956 - TS *State of Maine*, ex-*Comfort*, served as academy training vessel until 1962; 2006 - dockside distress signal training



'67



'56



'06

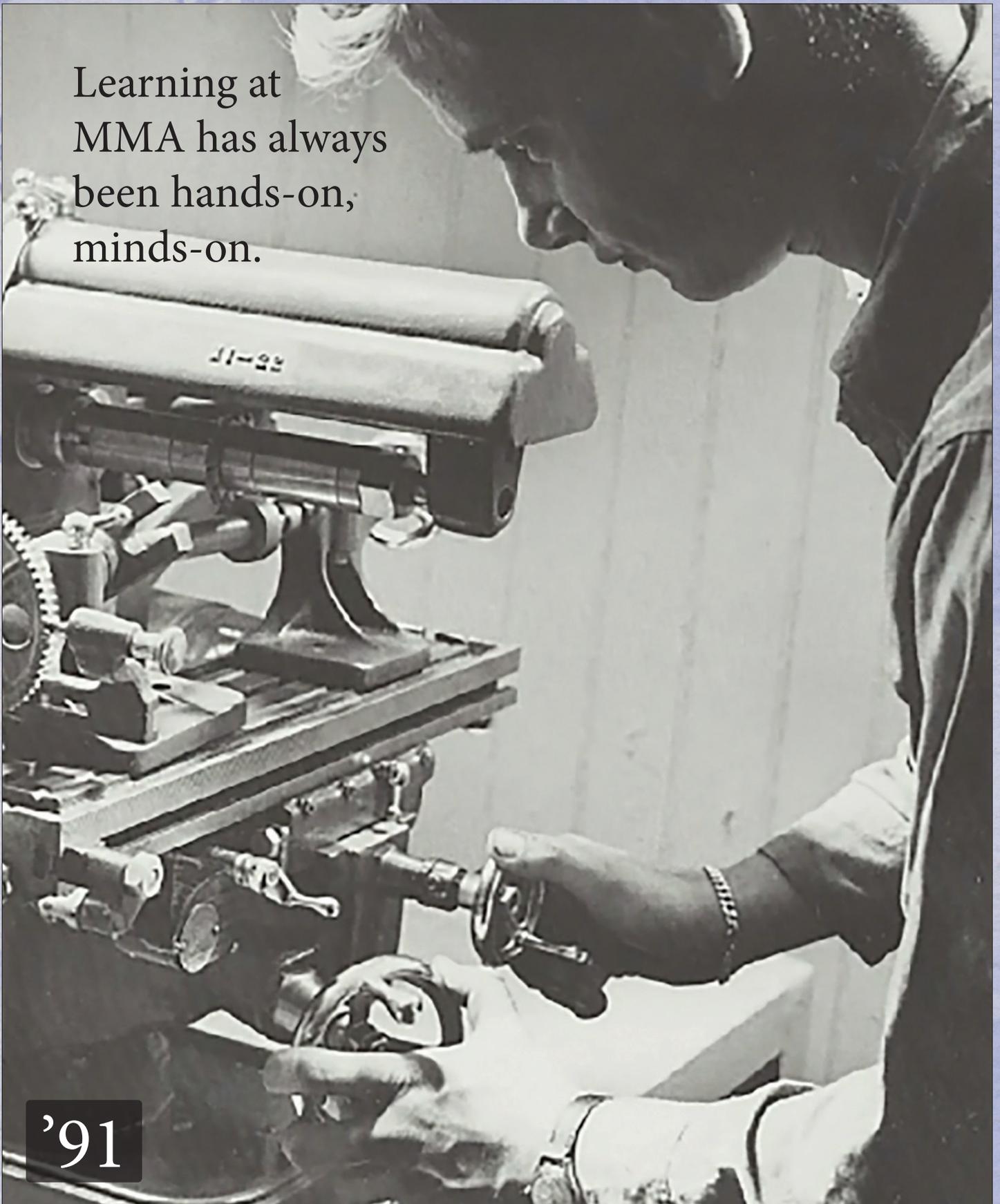


Academics

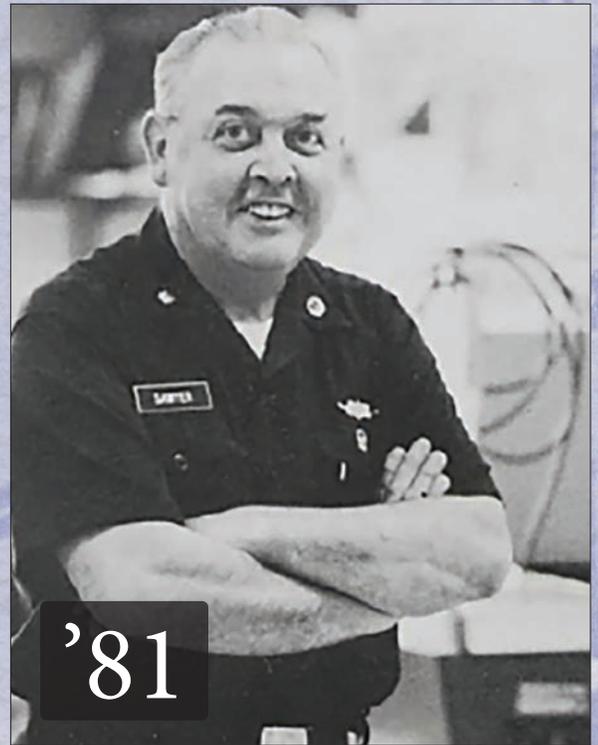
MMA programs have focused on blending chalkboard concepts and real-world experiential learning.

1991 - "Machine tool operations has been a requirement for engineers from the school's inception;"
1951 - "So when applying right ascension...;" 1962 - waterfront work; 1976 - license exam: "In The Hot Seat!";
1950 - Coming at lab work from all sides.

Learning at
MMA has always
been hands-on,
minds-on.



'91



Movers & Shakers

Yearbooks often acknowledge and are dedicated to those who have supported the college in myriad ways, day-to-day and year-over-year.

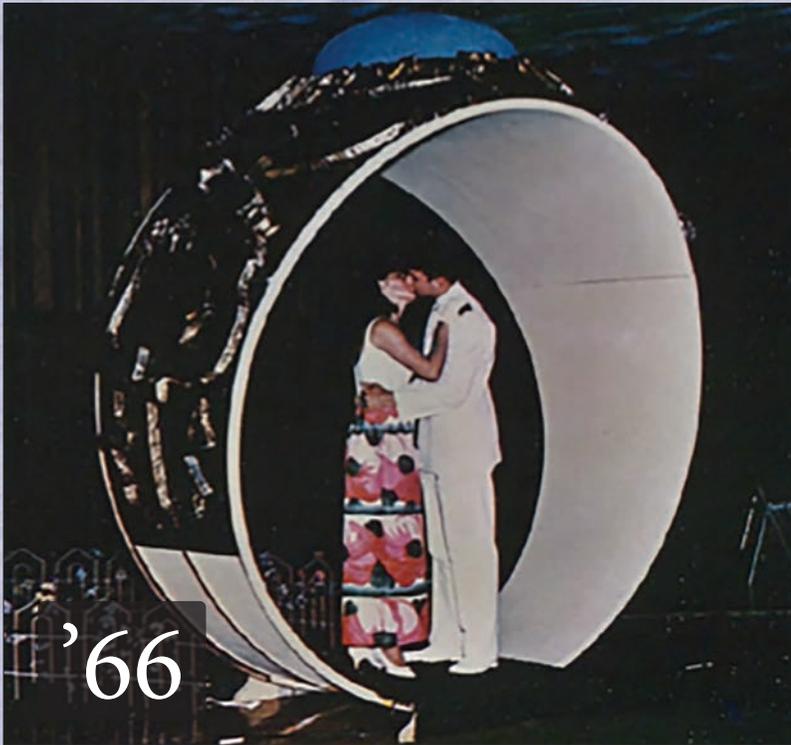
- 1964 - two pillars of MMA, Senator Margaret Chase Smith and Ralph A. Leavitt, one of the founders of MMA;
- 1981 - Comdr. Sawyer, who in a subsequent dedication "taught us to be professionals by accepting nothing less than perfection;"
- 2016 - dedication to Deidra Davis, first women's basketball coach (now Dean of Student Services);
- 1989 - Kenneth Curtis, MMA President 1985-1994, a period of tremendous growth.



Regiment of Midshipmen

Although the style and look of the regiment has changed over the years, the shared experiences cut across the decades.

1947 - Sharp-dressed battalion man salutes; 1990 - "Freshman Year" smiles; 1959 - "Just Thin The Top, Sir;" 2016 - RPT in the rain.



Student Life

What's MMA life without special social events, good song, and companions, balanced with a little solitude?

1966 - Junior Ring Weekend; 1977 - Senior Houman Farjah, like many, challenged authority during a turbulent decade; 2001 - "Students at work and at play!"; 1972 - "Captain Croke at work and play;" 1973 - Drill Squad handiwork; 1987 - Senior Scott Holdsworth wrote, "Fishing with my best friend — I hope she sees me graduate."

TRICK'S
END





'66



'54



'07



'19

Sports & Activities

As small and seemingly isolated as Castine can feel, the opportunities for lasting friendship, athletic competition, and service provided by extracurriculars make for a rich community and are vital to the MMA student experience.

1966 - "What was that word? HAUL, er-a, PULL, e-ra, oh ya, STROKE - Rowing Team;"
 1954 - "Down the bench: Brophy, Gaspar, Pearson, Nixon;" 2019 - Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA);
 2007 - Women's Soccer, 18-game season; 1993 - Lacrosse



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Alumni News



Energized Tour

THE SEA DOG ALUMNI CHAPTER (Bangor) enjoyed a dynamic outing on October 25 with a tour of Coastal Resources of Maine's new Advanced Waste Processing Facility in Hampden. Thirty alumni attended the tour, hosted by plant manager Scott Alley '90 and O&M manager Dave Howard '87.

Along with Alley and Howard, five other MMA graduates hold key positions at the plant.

"We all come from other industries," says Alley, "shipping, pulp and paper, startup and commissioning, offshore drilling, and power plant operations."

This diverse group and others operate the plant that, when fully operational, will

process household trash from 115 Maine communities. "The plant essentially separates all of the traditional recyclable material, separates the fiber for use as biomass fuel or in pulp and paper products, and as a byproduct, makes a biogas similar in quality to natural gas," says Alley.

The plant is owned by Fiberright and other investors and is operated by NAES Corporation.

It will serve as an \$80 million R&D facility, showcasing and developing technology transferrable to many industries.

"It is exciting to be working in this first-of-its kind facility," says Alley, "designed to be part of a viable long-term solution to the world's waste problem." ■



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Black Mountain Ski Event

Feb. 29 | Rumford, ME

Maine Boatbuilders Show

Mar. 20 - 22 | Portland, ME

MMA Career Fair

Mar. 24 | MMA Alexander Field House

Mariners Golf Classic

Apr. 20 | Houston, TX

MMA Commencement

May 2 | MMA Alexander Field House

Summer Solstice Cruise

June 19 | Bar Harbor

Class of 1985 Summer Reunion

June 22 - 24

Class of 1980 Summer Reunion

July 13 - 14

Class of 1965 Summer Reunion

July 20 - 22

Alumni Association Portugal Tour

Oct. 24 - Nov. 2

NED ANDREWS CHAPTER

NED ANDREWS MEETING

PRESIDENT BEN CAMERON '93 reports 19 people attended the Fall 2019 Ned Andrews Chapter meeting in Brunswick. Clifford "Sandy" Cameron, Jr. '84, chief engineer of the TS State of Maine, was the guest speaker and reviewed the highlights of the 2019 Cruise, as well as specifications for the new academy training ship planned for MMA (the National Security Multi-mission Vessel (NSMV) program was highlighted in *Mariner* 2019 – Issue 1, viewable at mariner.mainemaritime.edu). The chapter will host another event in the Spring of 2020.



NORTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER

NEW FLORIDA ALUMNI GROUP

THE FIRST GATHERING for the Northeast Florida MMA alumni group, held in late October, was both challenging and interesting. Due to an unwelcome guest, Tropical Storm Nestor, the scheduled Red Boat Dolphin Boat Tour was canceled. Most of the alumni who made it for the gathering planned to meet at Beaches Restaurant of Vilano for lunch, but it, too, was closed due to inclement weather. Not easily deterred, MMA alumni detoured to Aunt Kate's Restaurant in St. Augustine and had an enjoyable meal there. Many thanks to the following hearty souls who did not let rain and wind stop them: John '95 and Colleen Hodge, Tom Benz '66, Howard '73 and Jacinthe Littlefield, Barry '75 and Rita Joy, Robert '77 and Kelly Ethier, David '68 and Diane (red vest on left) Lane, Don McAllister '61 and Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations.

“

The theme was 'What could taste better than a Maine lobster.'

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

39TH ANNUAL LOBSTER FEST

WITH THE THEME "What could taste better than a Maine lobster," 70 alumni, family and friends joined together representing MMA classes from 1943-2 to 2015 along with fellow maritime academy alumni from Massachusetts, California, and the US. Merchant Marine Academy for the MMA Southern California Chapter's celebration of its 39th annual Lobster Fest on August 14. The day was made more special as everyone joined in to celebrate Carlton Hutchins' ('43-2) 96th birthday.

Lobster Fest attendees (L to R): Frank Tepedino '58, Fred Therrien '71, Carlton Hutchins '43-2 (sitting), Curt Nehring '71, Jeff Pollock '15, Alex Waller '15, Chris Rodriguez '12, Peter Betti '10, Ralph Staples '71, Michael Curtin '04 (with future Mariner, Hunter Curtin), Ben Robertson '00, and Alden Beck '01.



WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER

AND MORE LOBSTER

THE D.C. GROUP gathered for a lobster meal on Saturday, August 24 at the home of Wayne Rolland '97 in Bethesda, Maryland. MMA alumni partaking in the delicious crustaceans (L to R): (front) Jason Grabelle '98, Jeff Linton '98, Rolland '97, Thomas Brown '00, (back) John Kinlein '00, Chris Owsianiecki '98, Zarra-Anne Farrar '13, Andy Covert '89, Greg Lundy '03, and Joshua Collamer '98.

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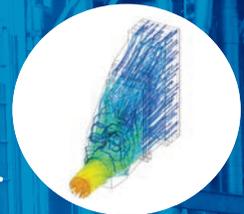


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Class Notes



The Case of a Lifetime

THE PEER REVIEW PUBLICATION *Best Lawyers* has announced Gene Silva's (Class of '64) inclusion on its list for 2020, making it the 30th consecutive year he has received this recognition.

In a career highlighted with notable challenges and successes, among which was managing litigation for one of the most complex and costly admiralty cases in history, central to it all is Silva's approach to work, which he first learned at MMA.

Upon graduation with a degree in nautical science, Silva shipped out as a mate and served in the U.S. Navy. After graduating from Notre Dame Law School, he worked for a California firm and then established an admiralty practice for another firm in Texas where he worked from 1977 to 2003.

"The biggest case I handled came in 1988 with the Piper Alpha (North Sea) oil platform catastrophe," says Silva, "in which 167 people died, and losses

exceeded \$6 billion, a horrible matter and a defining chapter in my life."

Collectively there were some 900 claimants represented by 80 lawyers. Silva represented the owners of the platform. The related legal work spanned courts in three countries and five years for Silva, as well as resulting in an argument before the United Kingdom's House of Lords.

"I worked many 18-hour days, sometimes all night," says Silva. "I had a great team backing me up, but it was enormously taxing and such a devastating loss of life and property."

After Piper Alpha, Silva was involved in other high-profile legal cases, including preparing several briefs and appearing before the U.S. Supreme Court, before retiring in 2003.

He says his experience at MMA helped him "develop a sense of personal responsibility and discipline, and a deep, stubborn, inherent desire to succeed and

work hard.

"I remember advising my son, who went to law school and at one point was just up to his ears in studying:

"When faced with complex situations, try to narrow down the issues carefully and put out of your mind everything you feel is extraneous to the issue you're working on right at the moment," says Silva.

"For me, if I were to try to grasp everything that might flow from a decision I made at the moment, I would get nothing done.

"If you have 15 things you're thinking about, concentrate on one thing to the exclusion of the other 14, get it done, put it aside, and then move on to the next. It might result in long days, but you will eventually succeed."

This mindset has served Silva well and it underscores his continued professional recognition, volunteer work, and philanthropy. ■

CLASS NOTES

1943-2



Pete Longley '71 caught Capt. Bill Brennan recently having his morning coffee at the Falmouth, Maine, McDonald's. Brennan also accompanied his son, President William J. Brennan, to the October Up Close presentation in Portland.

1943 -2

George Stowers reports his father Clifford Stowers is still going strong at age 96, remembers his MMA days fondly, and is living in Altmar, New York.

1944



Dr. Barclay Shepard was the featured speaker recounting his extensive career as a U.S. Navy surgeon at the Veterans Day observance at Southport Memorial Library on November 11.

After graduation from MMA, he sailed with American Export Ships, and then graduated from Bowdoin College in 1950. After teaching, he attended Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and graduated in 1958. After subsequent training, he worked at the naval hospitals in Beaufort, South Carolina and St. Albans, New York and specialized as a thoracic surgeon. In 1967 he volunteered for Vietnam duty and was assigned to the USS *Repose*, a hospital ship in the Da Nang and DMZ areas.

Shepard was Chief of Thoracic Surgery at St. Albans Naval Hospital for two years and served another stint at

Bethesda. His next assignment was with the Navy Surgeon General's Office where he was in charge of future designs and construction of medical facilities. In 1978, he retired from the Navy but continued to work with the Central Office of the Veterans Administration, initiating a program for Agent Orange. Finally his work with computerized medical records brought him to retirement in August 1991. He remains active as a community volunteer.

1958

One of the highlights of this year's Kittery Historical and Naval Museum annual Veterans Salute tribute was the dedication of memorial benches honoring the late retired Merchant Marine captain and Kittery native Milton Hall Jr., a longtime museum trustee and volunteer.

"We received many monetary gifts in his memory because so many people loved and appreciated him," said Kim Sanborn, the museum's director. "The trustees decided to honor him with two benches to replace the wooden ones that he repaired and varnished every year so they would flank the doors to the museum."

1958



From Fred Therrien '71 to Frank Tepedino, Class Agent for 1958: "Hi Frank. Thanks for helping me get connected again with my old boss Captain Art Wardwell. He taught me everything I know about fixing ships on the waterfront. Just had a nice visit with him and we took a stroll down memory lane. What memories. Believe me there's nothing wrong with Art's memory. Thanks again. All the best

- Fred '71E' Therrien just retired from the U.S. Navy for a second time; this time from a civilian role as an engineer. Congratulations on your 40-year career, Fred!

1959



Capt. Tom Kelly stopped by campus in November. He was instrumental in coordinating his 60th reunion, though a medical issue kept him from attending. Kelly reports he has been giving presentations to groups visiting the Cole Land Transportation Museum.

1970



Dick Roscoe sent this photo of the dipper dredge *Cascadas* which helped dig the Panama Canal. "I worked on this amazing piece of machinery ... when it was used in the Gaillard [Culebra] Cut," he writes. "I learned recipis from G P 'HOSS' Jacobs and it came in handy. *Cascadas* was equipped with a main lifting engine that was a horizontal recip, two vertical recip Spud engines, two vertical one-cylinder engines that drove the generators. The pumps were also steam driven."

1971



From Labor Day Blueberry Celebration at Dave Dodge's home in Buxton, Maine, where we had a mini muster. "If you need any help in identifying the individuals," he writes, "I will start with the two lovely ladies in the front, Ellen Grant and Claire Dick. In the back, Peter Longley, Bruce 'Woody' Woodman, Dana Grant, Dave Dodge, and Steve Dick. Woody just retired from Casco Bay Ferry System as Chief Engineer."

1971



From left to right: Larry Cahill, Vinnie Bonsaint, and Don Cannan recently met for lunch in Kittery and shared sea stories. Cahill lives in Newburyport, Bonsaint in Mansfield, Massachusetts and Cannan lives in Monmouth, Maine on Cobossee Lake and continues to work "very part time."

1975



Left to right: Ted Knowles and Brian McNamara sailed up the Maine coast in September, moored in Castine and stopped by the campus to inquire about Homecoming 2020 events for their 45th reunion. Homecoming is October 2-4, 2020. Class Agent Raymond Mann has been in touch with classmates to encourage their attendance.

1979

Glen Hutchins reports that he is self-employed. He and his wife, Molly, live in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

1979

Chip Simpson is supervisor of Noise, Shock and Vibration testing at BIW. He and his wife, Laurie, live in Woolwich, Maine. He writes, "Can't believe it's been 40 years since I graduated! My younger son Charlie will be a junior this year at in the MET program. He's loving it and I'm glad to see the hands-on training continues at MMA. The self-discipline and character development can't be matched at any other school. Keep up the great work."

1980

As part of the observance of Veteran's Day at MMA, Rick Leighton, a caretaker of the Ground Zero Flag that was raised after the September 11, 2001 attack, brought the flag and a marble cross fashioned from debris from the World Trade Center site to campus. It was presented and ceremonially flown at the Regiment's formation and morning colors. The flag has traveled across the United States and world for various observances and is destined for permanent display at the 9/11 Museum in Manhattan.

1983

Nathaniel "Frosty" Leonard and his wife, Eve, have moved to Ponte Vedra, Florida. Leonard is President/CEO of Little River Marine Consultants, specializing in high-speed ship escort concepts and tractor tug technology.

1984

Brian Moore writes: "After 13 years in academia, the last five of which I spent as a professor and chair of the University of Georgia Dept. of Construction Management & Civil Engineering, my wife, Yin, and I moved to California in 2012 to be closer to family.

"I began working for the California Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and acquired a California Professional Engi-

neer's license (Civil). Following the failure of the spillway at the Oroville Dam, which resulted in the evacuation of almost 200,000 people, I was asked by DWR to take over responsibility for managing a new office that handles construction contract administration and construction inspection for the Oroville recovery effort. Extensive projects are being discussed for this area and the aging infrastructure that comprises the California State Water Project (SWP). The SWP will require an extraordinary effort over the next 5 to 10 years."

1984



Adm. Mark Whitney recently retired after 35 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Navy. Sandy Cameron, engineer of *TS State of Maine* and Whitney's MMA roommate, was on hand for the retirement ceremony.

1985

Adam St. John, who helped lead the Old Town High School basketball team to the 1980 Eastern Maine title and who still ranks second on the MMA career scoring list, was selected for the Old Town High School Sports Hall of Fame.

At MMA he was the leading scorer in NCAA Division III during 1984-1985, averaging 29 points per game. St. John was named Northeast Conference MVP in 1985 and was a three-time, all-conference, first-team pick. He achieved All-America status in 1995, and was inducted into the MMA William J. Mottola Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. He is Senior Vice President of Manufacturing for Verso Corporation in Wisconsin.

1986

Adam Guziewicz is a senior associate with R3 Strategic Support Group. He and his wife, Lori, live in Ten Mile, Tennessee.

1987



In September, Maritime Administrator Mark Buzby swore in Capt. Douglas H. Harrington '87 as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Federal Sealift. Harrington replaces Deputy AA William (Bill) Cahill '67. Harrington is responsible for the operations and resource management of the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF), including 46 ships of the Ready Reserve Force, NDRF training ships, Divisional Field Offices, National Defense Reserve Fleet sites, and oversight of the Office of Ship Disposal Programs.

Left to right: Bill and Missy Cahill, Mark H. Buzby; Doug and Constance Harrington, and Deputy Maritime Administrator Richard Balzano '89.

1988



From Eric Smith: "I have recently accepted a position with Brogan Financial as their COO. The founder and CEO, Jim Brogan, and I met several years ago via the Tampa Bay Frogman Swim along with sharing the JH Ranch experience together with our daughters.

"While I am moving away from the maritime industry, I am extremely excited to be working with Jim and his com-

pany along with the talented team he has built over the past 18 years. I look forward to remaining connected with him as we have formed a friendship that transcends our business."

Prior to the new job, Smith caught up with Chief Engineer Sean McGowan '06, and Chief Mate Steve Tukey '94 on the *Resolve Pioneer*, a wreck removal and spill response vessel home-ported in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

1989



Juan Molino submitted the following on behalf of the Panama Canal Alumni Chapter. "In July, Tim Reid '88 (center), master of the OSG Endurance transited the Panama Canal and arrangements were made to have Maine Maritime grads pilot his vessel. Cesar Achurra '90 (left) worked on cruise ships until he became a pilot apprentice in 1996. Eusebio Stewart '90 (right) joined the Panama Canal Pilot force in 2011. Prior to that he was the tugboat manager for the Atlantic District in the Canal.

1991

Tim Twomey is director of ship operations for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, Massachusetts and lives in East Falmouth.

1992



Rusty Franz, CEO of NextGen Healthcare, was interviewed on Nasdaq: Behind the Bell by

MMA Engineers Power Up JAX

After we featured MMA alumni who work at The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) in the last Mariner (Issue 2, 2019), Luke Damon, Utility Plant Assistant Chief Engineer at JAX, wrote to us with more information on the engineering side of the operation. —Ed.s

I joined JAX in 2011 for a Per Diem job after returning home from working on LNG regasification tankers at sea. I was looking for something productive to do in my off time and surprised by how big JAX was and what a decent career it offered for marine and power engineers. I was able to take the skills I gained from my maritime experience and apply them to the lab's Process/Heating/Power plant that was right in my "backyard."

I am proud that 12 out of 14 full- and part-time plant engineers at JAX are MMA alumni. Another MMA engineering alumnus is a Building Automation Specialist in the maintenance group.

When I tell people I work at The Jackson Laboratory, many ask if I'm a

scientist or work with mice. It is less known that JAX has two steam plants in Hancock County, each with an around-the-clock crew of engineers. We also have a steam plant in California and a high-tech facility in Connecticut.

The JAX utility plants employ as many or more MMA alumni than the other JAX departments combined, in the most traditional role for MMA marine and power engineers. Employment here is an easy transition role for sailors coming home from sea who are used to operating and maintaining all systems onboard. Our plant is run more like a sea-going vessel as opposed to most shore side facilities with segregated duties and responsibilities. We have an excellent balance for engineers who like to turn wrenches and maintain the plant they operate.

The plant in Bar Harbor alone has seven boilers capable of producing 140,000 #/hr @ pressures of 300 psi and 85 psi. Our flagship boiler is a suspended combustion wood dust unit, the only one

of its kind on the continent. It runs at 300 psi and drops to campus line pressure of 85 psi through a back pressure turbine generator and then supplies steam for process equipment and heating loads.

Along with this small 600kW steam turbine generator, we oversee four 35 series Caterpillar generators producing emergency power for the Bar Harbor campus. We also have four 480VAC diesel generators capable of an additional 1.0MW for critical buildings and behind-transformer support.

We run and maintain a large chilled water plant as well, with nine chillers rated at more than 6,100 tons of capacity for almost 800,000 square feet of building space. These boilers, generators, chillers, associated auxiliary equipment and miles of steam, condensate, and chilled water lines and vaults are our responsibility. Plus, we're also first responders to any and all alarm conditions across the rest of campus, which makes the job versatile and interesting. ■



From Left to Right: Thomas Bouchard, Darrell King, Jake Sigouin, Terry Gray, Josh Young, Mitch Farren, Ray Hardison (non alum), Brian Hardy, Luke Damon, Tim Bunker (non alum), Mark Smith. Not shown: Kyle Martin, Nick El-Hajj, Collin Walton, Brady MacLeod.

Lyanne Alfero, show host and producer, in October. To view Franz's interview, search YouTube: Nasdaq Rusty Franz.

1994

Capt. William Perkins is a staff officer at NATO Joint Air Power Competence Center, coordinating the integration of Carrier Operations and Maritime Patrol Aircraft into NATO's use of Joint Air Power. His career as a naval flight officer led to extensive leadership and operational experience in amphibious/expeditionary warfare (as commanding officer of Tactical Air Control Squadron ELEVEN) and in Anti-Submarine Warfare (as P-3 Orion Weapons and Tactics instructor).

1994



Matthew Zardeskas writes that he "left the T-AKE/AOE Program Office at Military Sealift Command in June. Started new position at Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic in the Readiness (N8) department. Enjoying the good life in Chesapeake, Virginia." Photo: Zardeskas and happy crew.

1995

Capt. Greg Baker recently assumed command of the USS *Wasp* (LHS 1), making him the second MMA graduate to command the ship. Capt. Kurt Kasner '89 previously commanded *Wasp* from January 2015 to April 2016.

1996

Steven Tosi is sailing as a second mate for Reinauer out of Staten Island, New York. Tosi lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

1997



Thanks to Capt. Todd Cooper who sent this photo and is among pilots representing MMA at the 2019 Bi-Annual Florida Harbor Pilots Convention held in Key West, Florida in November. From left to right: Cooper, Port Everglades Pilot; Capt. Nathan Cook '96, St. John's Pilot; Capt. Brendon McDonnell '09, Port Everglades Pilot, Capt. Chuck Zenter '96, Key West Pilot, and Capt. James "JD" Williams '02, Biscayne Bay Pilot.

1998



The Maine Marine Patrol announced the promotion of 18-year veteran Matthew Talbot to the rank of Captain. Talbot joined the Marine Patrol in 2001 after earning associate degrees from Maine Maritime Academy in small vessel operations and from Southern Maine Technical College in law enforcement. After completing the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, he spent 12 years serving as a patrol officer in the Rockland-Searsport Patrol.

In his new role, Talbot will be responsible for directing all activities within Marine Patrol's Special Services Division, which includes the Underwater Recovery Team, the Maritime Security Team, the Firearms Team and the Whale Disentanglement Team.

Talbot has received numerous honors during his career including the 2006 North East Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Association Officer of the Year award; the 2010 and 2016 Maine Marine Patrol Commendation award; the 2013 Maine Lobstermen's Association Officer of the Year award; the 2016 Maine Marine Patrol Colonel's Supervisor award; and the 2017 U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Valor.

1999



Linette Casey recently received an Excellence in Character Award from POWERGEN International. Casey, who works for Siemens Energy Inc. in South Easton, Massachusetts, is the key account manager for New England, working with renewable developers, power producers, engineering firms, private equity firms and higher education facilities. She has been with Siemens for 18 years.

1999

Ashley (Tardif) Darnell is an assistant principal in the Katy (TX) independent school district. She has three children Jacey (15), Audrey (12) and Arya (5).

1999

Cyrus Dimock is Master/OIM for Transocean in Houston, Texas. Dimock and his wife, Krista, live in Glen, New Hampshire with their daughter, Jemma.

2000

According to the Ellsworth American, Roderick J. Fraser Jr. will star in NBC's new TV reality series Meet the Frasers. The 10-episode series, debuting on NBC's E! Entertainment

cable channel on January 13, revolves around Fraser's psychic medium son Matt, who credits his mother and grandmother for his gift to hear "messages from heaven." Fraser served for 21 years in the U.S. Navy, including command of the guided-missile frigate USS *Underwood* during the Iraq War and as the Boston Fire Department's commissioner for seven years.

2000



Matt McNealy is commanding officer of the USS *Kidd* (DDG 100). McNealy earned a MBA at the Naval Postgraduate School. His at-sea assignments have included Damage Control Assistant and Navigator in USS *Rodney M. Davis* (FFG 60), Engineering Officer in USS *Mason* (DDG 87) and Material/Logistics Officer in Destroyer Squadron 22. He has served as strategic capabilities branch chief in the Directorate for Strategy, Policy, Partnering and Capabilities; as an instructor at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command; as an action officer assigned to the chief of naval operations staff to the director, fleet readiness; and as the future operations team leader for U. S. Africa Command.

2000

Megan (Noonan) Swaney and her husband, James, live in South Berwick, Maine. She is a stay-at-home mom for her daughter, Rachel, age 4.



Port Director's Perspective

A 40-YEAR maritime industry veteran, Capt. John Murray '79 has piloted a successful career from almost every perspective—from deck to wheelhouse, to global commerce and port management.

Since 2016, Murray has been the Canaveral Port Authority CEO and Port Director in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

“We are the world’s second-busiest cruise port in terms of multi-day passenger movements (second only to Miami). Our proximity to Orlando International Airport, Florida’s busiest airport, and the area’s theme parks contribute to our success as a cruise port. But we are also a diversified cargo port with petroleum, aggregates, and lumber among the major imports coming across our docks. And we also have commercial fishing fleets operating here, a public park, campground, beach, boat ramps, restaurants, and more.

“The Port is an important component of the growing commercial space industry, as Elon Musk’s SpaceX started landing boosters three years ago on drone ships offshore that berth in the port.”

Murray has witnessed tremendous

changes and growth in the shipping industry, and ironically, the shrinking of the U.S. merchant marine for which he has been a vigorous advocate.

After graduating from MMA with a degree in nautical science, Murray sailed with Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. for eight-and-a-half years, becoming master before heading the company’s port operations in Charleston. He later led regional operations and then overall crew and ship management. He successfully guided the company through Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1997; its ultimate acquisition by CP Ships; and, over the next eight years, as CP Ships acquired seven more shipping companies before it was acquired by Hapag-Lloyd in 2005.

During his time at Lykes, CP Ships and Hapag-Lloyd, Murray led the U.S. flag subsidiary of the company and its operation of U.S. flagged container ships.

Because of his extensive experience with ocean carriers and their strategic sealift for the U.S. military, Murray addressed Congress in 2016 to provide details on the challenges to sustaining the fleet due to reduced food aid cargoes

earmarked for U.S.-flag transport.

“We’re down to about 80 American-flagged deep-sea cargo vessels; 60 of them are in the Maritime Security Program with the balance in the Jones Act domestic trades,” he says.

“In times of national emergency, trained and experienced U.S. mariners are needed, but the size of the American fleet and employment opportunities are not adequate, and the economics of maintaining these ships and a pool of skilled mariners has become more difficult. Year after year, I have seen support chipping away.”

Murray is heartened, though, by MMA’s diversification with programs such as International Business and Logistics (IBL) and Small Vessel Operations. “We’ve had IBL interns from MMA and the other academies at the Port, and I hope to hire some in the future as employees.

“Success in today’s maritime industry isn’t limited to shipboard skills. There are great opportunities ashore for those willing to work hard and apply their classroom learning and experiences to building great maritime careers.” ■

While Capt. John Murray oversees a thriving port operation, he is deeply concerned about diminishing U.S.-flagged merchant shipping.

2002



Deb Smith (right) is a marine technician aboard the Schmidt Ocean Institute research vessel *Falkor*. MMA senior Sydney Adams met up with Smith aboard *Falkor* this summer. Eric King '90 is director of marine operations for the Schmidt Ocean Institute.

2003

Casey Gagne is sailing as chief engineer for Hornbeck Offshore Services and lives in Olalla, Washington.

2004

Sean Varney, his wife, Rhonda, and their two boys, Dillon and Tyler, have moved to Arizona. Sean recently created an app that tracks expiration dates for personal and professional documents, maritime and non-maritime related. Learn more on his Facebook page: facebook.com/licensedapp.

2009

Tim Herrle is sailing as second mate with Dunlap Towing. He reports, "I really enjoyed my time at MMA, and absolutely love working in the maritime industry. I've been sailing in Alaska and Hawaii on Dunlap Tugboats for the last five years. Great company to work for. Having six months off each year lends itself to lots of fun and outdoor adventures! Living the dream." He and his wife, Sarah, live in Medina, Ohio.

2009

Bryan Kneeland is Chief Mate for Crowley Petroleum Services. He lives in Englewood, Colorado.

2010

Alexander Efron is sailing as Chief Mate for Kirby Offshore Marine and lives in Brooklin, Maine.

2010



Isiah Roberts, his wife Caissie (Nevala) Roberts '13, and Harry Finn '09 and his wife Gina purchased the Machias Hardware Store (Maine) and reopened it in July as the Machias River General Store. The new owners will continue to run the retail establishment that has been a fixture in town for generations.

2011

Eric Eaton of Seabridge Marine got a helping hand from some neighbors to rescue the 65-foot fishing boat *Scout* that ran aground in the wake of the windy storm that hit Bass Harbor, Maine on Halloween night. His salvage business was only two months old and off to a busy start with recent fall storms. Eaton worked as a merchant mariner for eight years before starting the company. Source: MDIslander.com

2011



Dan Weamer '11 is a Docking Pilot for the Delaware River Harbor Pilots, Capt. Eric James '93 is a River Pilot for The Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware, and Joe Chesworth is a Docking Pilot Apprentice for the Delaware River Harbor Pilots.

2013

James Michie is Dynamic Positioning Officer for Transocean. Michie lives in Severna Park, Maryland.

2013



Jean Payne, wife of Fred Payne '74, sent a wedding photo of their daughter and bride Danica Payne '13 and groom Levitt Storer '07 from the event in Thuret, France, August 30, 2017 that also included other alumni. Shown left to right: Park Tupper '07, Fred Payne, Joseph Gunnell '07, Levitt Storer, Danica Payne, Jonathan Payne '14, Jonathan Storer '15, and Cameron Murphy '14.

2014

Alic Albright works as a senior sales engineer for NECI, and focuses on "helping our customers to succeed in their businesses by extending the life of their critical assets, reducing process variability, controlling costs, minimizing maintenance requirements, and implementing value-added technologies." He and his wife Kayla live in Unity, Maine and have three children.

2014

Ben Cummings is a boiler inspector for Boiler Services and Inspection, Simsboro, Louisiana. Ben and his wife Colleen live in Lamoine, Maine.

2015

Bill Wetherbee has joined the Jewett Construction project management team. With expansion underway at the company's Maine office, Wetherbee will be a field manager to oversee projects and to ensure

structure and coordination at each site he is assigned.

2015

Congratulations to Adam Weymouth who has started a new job at George's River as a stationary engineer.

2018

Edison Ma is a surveyor for American Bureau of Shipping and lives in Seattle, WA.

2018

Chris Grindle is a Firefighter AEMT for the city of Bucksport, Maine. He is enrolled in Eastern Maine Community College in the Emergency Medical Services program to become an EMT-Paramedic. When not on duty, Grindle operates his landscaping business.

2018



Lucas Kord was married recently and MMA alumni in attendance were Alex Hollis '19, Derek Jesiolowski '19, Kord, Nicholas Jesiolowski '17 and Dylan Birmingham '18.

MARINERS: Stay in Touch with Your Classmates

Share what you've been doing with your fellow alumni. Tell us about career changes, latest achievements, hobbies and adventures. Photos welcome. Include your class year and contact information, and send to alumni@mma.edu.

Eight Bells

The tradition of Eight Bells pays respect to deceased mariners and signifies that a sailor's "watch" is over.

FRANK E. HALL '43-2

died October 1, 2019 at the age of 97. Hall was born, raised, and educated in Milo, Maine. He was a retired merchant marine captain, avid golfer, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

RICHARD H. MOODY '44

died November 11, 2019. Moody attended Phillips Academy, earned a Marine Engineering degree at MMA and a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Brown University. He served in WWII as an engineer aboard Liberty ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Believing in local industry and as an entrepreneur based in Ballardvale, Massachusetts, he engineered a textile manufacturing plant and then transitioned into computer hardware manufacturing. Further responding to changing times, he went on to develop a rubber recycling facility. After a short run in production of industrial finishes, he turned to real estate and thrived in a 19-year career with his real estate and life partner Barbara. Moody spent weekends and extended retreats in Rangeley, Maine.

FRED P. TRAFTON '45

died September 11, 2019. In addition to MMA, he was a graduate of Bentley College. He served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy. After the war Trafton lived in Massachusetts and began his career as an engineer, specializing in metallurgy. He worked for Bethlehem Steel in East Boston and then Reed and Prince in Worcester. He lived in New Hampshire 1977-1995 where he worked for Joy Manufacturing in Claremont. In 1995 he followed his heart back to Maine and the ocean. He treasured his trips to Swan's Island to visit family. He volunteered for many years as a senior companion and served as town assessor.

BRYANT L. HOPKINS, JR. '46

died August 19, 2019 in Richmond, Virginia — the last surviving member of the Class

of 1946. A proud veteran of the Merchant Marine, Bryant went to sea as a licensed marine engineer, visiting Japan and the Philippines. He attended the University of Maine, graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. After two years active duty in the Navy, Hopkins worked for several manufacturing companies designing heavy power equipment, ship and textile machinery, and scanning electron beam microscopes. He was a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts and Maine. Hopkins's main interests were family, books, ships and hiking. He was an active member of several churches over the decades, serving as a trustee and handyman, and singing bass in the choir.

CAPT. OSBORNE N. ELLIS '47

died October 28 in Brunswick, Maine. After graduating from MMA he received a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine in 1951. He was employed as a civil engineer in the fields of construction, papermaking and consulting engineering. "Oz" was hired as the first engineer at Cianchette Brothers/Cianbro in Pittsfield, Maine and ended his career as President of Kleinschmidt Associates, also in Pittsfield. In between he spent many years at Scott Paper Company and Keyes Fibre Company. In his work for Keyes, he oversaw construction of numerous plants across the United States, from Albertville, Alabama to Wenatchee, Washington, with a few stops in between. Oz was a proud officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 30 years and retired as a captain. An accomplished woodworker, Oz spent many hours in his backyard shop constructing boats, canoes, furniture and in his later years, dozens of clocks. As Oz liked to say, "Engineers always know the right moment."

EUGENE V. GENDRON '50

died October 2, 2019. After graduating from MMA Gendron was employed as a merchant mariner for Sun Oil in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. He served during the

Korean War as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. After his military service, he was employed as a safety engineer for insurance companies in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Syracuse, New York. In 1978, he returned to Biddeford and was employed by Hanover Insurance in Portland, retiring in 1993. During retirement, he was a consultant for Acadia Insurance Company and a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. Golf was his passion and Gendron was a member of the Dutch Elm Golf Club for more than 30 years.

LUTHER M. GOFF '50

died March 11, 2019 in Providence, Rhode Island. He was the husband of Betty L. Goff. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Luther and Eva Goff. After graduating from MMA, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was the owner and operator of the Goff Company, which designed electrical systems for yachts.

WILLIAM SCOTT LAMOND '50

died June 23, 2019 in Branford, Connecticut. Lamond met Margaret Poulin at Pat's Pizza in Orono while he as a marine engineering student at MMA and she was a nursing student in Bangor. They were married in 1952 and lived in Guilford, Connecticut where they raised four children. Lamond served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Following his service, Lamond sailed as a merchant marine out of New York City. He finished his career with more than 40 years as a field engineer for General Electric Company. Bill and Betty loved to travel together visiting the islands, fished in Alaska, golfed in Scotland to name a few adventures.

ROBERT B. LESSELS '50

died October 2, 2019. After MMA, he went on the maiden voyage of the SS Excalibur and he served as a lieutenant and Chief Engineer in the U.S. Navy on the USS O'Hare. After leaving the Navy he worked as a nuclear test engineer until he was hired by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission as

a water engineer where he worked until his retirement. Lessels was a loving husband, father and grandfather. When he retired he enjoyed riding his Honda Goldwing motorcycle and taking care of his home and small farm.

ROBERT L. SMALLIDGE '52

died April 6, 2019. He was in the Merchant Marine from 1952 to 1954 and then joined the U.S. Navy to become a fighter jet pilot. One of the biggest joys of Smallidge's life was flying jets off of aircraft carriers, flying to other countries or "buzzing" Somes Sound. "Niffie" loved to fly fast. He was offered an opportunity to fly as a Blue Angel but declined so he could remain with his family. After he retired from the Navy, he was employed by Marine Hydraulics International in Norfolk, Virginia for 20 years. In 2005, he retired to Pretty Marsh, returning to his roots in Mt. Dessert Island. Niffie had many loves on this Earth but the greatest of all was his wife of 63 years, Helen. Niffie and Helen grew up together in Pretty Marsh riding the school bus together and reconnected in their 20s. They raised three girls while living in Texas, Florida and Virginia.

ROBERT S. WALKER '53

died September 24, 2019. After graduating from MMA, he served in the Merchant Marine and was a U. S. Navy veteran. Walker then worked at Bethlehem Steel in Massachusetts where he met his wife Barbara. In 1978, he founded Marine Hydraulics International, Inc. (MHI) in Chesapeake, Virginia, which he later sold to his employees. He also founded Ocean Marine Yacht Center in Portsmouth, Virginia. He served on the MMA Board of Trustees. He was a proud patriot who loved boating, automobiles, crossword puzzles, and watching NASCAR and football. Walker was a humble man with impeccable principles.

JOHN I. SMALLIDGE '54

died September 21, 2019 in East Lyme, Connecticut. Born in Bar Harbor, Smallidge, known as "Ting," was raised in his ancestral home in Northeast Harbor. Following graduation, he enlisted as an officer in the U.S. Navy before leaving for employment as a merchant mariner sailing globally. He and Dorie settled in East Lyme, enabling him to share his love of natural spaces with his family. He served as a math teacher at

East Lyme High School in 1967. Smallidge organized and, for many years, coached the East Lyme crew program. He taught celestial navigation and sailing. He worked summers as captain of several passenger sailing schooners out of Mystic. Upon his retirement, they continued sailing their sloop Medric, gunkholing along the coast and cruising the New England coast.

JOSEPH WARREN CUZZUPOLI '57

died March 25, 2019 in Panama City Beach, Florida. Cuzzupoli had more than 40 years of experience in aerospace engineering and management. He began his career with General Dynamics as Launch Director, and then became Manager of Manufacturing/Engineering and Director of Test Operations for Rockwell International. Cuzzupoli managed the building and testing of Apollo 6, Apollo 8, Apollo 9, and Apollo 12. He later became Rockwell's Vice President of Operations and then Vice President and Program Manager for the Space Shuttle Orbiter Project. Cuzzupoli left Rockwell in 1980 and consulted on various aerospace projects for NASA centers until 1991 when he joined American Pacific Corporation as Senior Vice President. He later worked for Kistler Aerospace, where he was responsible for design and production of the K-1 reusable launch vehicle. He also had a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Connecticut and a Certificate of Management/Business Administration from the University of Southern California.

R. EDWARD HANSON '58

died August 11, 2019 in Augusta, Maine. After graduation, Hanson served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and Reserves until 1966. He worked at the Socony Mobile Oil Corporation as a junior engineer in the marine resources division. He also taught marine engineering at MMA and always enjoyed working at his alma mater. He was employed by Central Maine Power Company and retired as the vice president for production and operations after 30 years. He was active with the MSAD 16 school board, serving as its chairman 12 times.

MALCOLM CARL "MAC" CIANCHETTE '73

died November 21, 2019, at his home on Great Moose Lake, Maine. Mac graduated from MMA with a B.S. in Nautical Science and

made his career with Cianbro Corporation; a company founded by his father. Mac officially joined the Cianbro ranks after his graduation from MMA and retired after 44 years of dedicated service in a variety of senior management roles. Mac served on the Cianbro Board of Directors for 18 years until the time of his death, as well as the MMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and numerous other professional organizations over the course of his career. Mac loved working with people and was often sought out by his business partners for advice and counsel. His success in his career, and in his life, was attributed to his calm and fair demeanor, and that he treated everyone he knew with the upmost dignity and respect.

CAPT. HERBERT M. WALLING '71, '87

died December 22, 2018 in Galveston, Texas. He attended Augusta Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia and then MMA where he earned a B.S degree in Nautical Science. He completed his M.S. degree in Maritime Management from MMA in 1987. He worked at Getty Oil on tankers and Interstate and Ocean Transport (later SONAT) as a captain on tugs, for Moran Towing, and Hornbeck Offshore. He entered teaching in higher education at MMA to start the first tug and tow program of its type in the U.S He also taught at the Harry Lundeburg School of Seamanship at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Texas A&M, initiating and teaching their tug and towing program.

CHRISTOPHER A. DALEY '93

died August 12, 2019. After graduating college, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Daley spent most of his career in the IT business, but loved working with his hands and doing home projects or construction work. His friends and family will remember Daley's charismatic personality and smile. He was passionate about sports and was a founding member of the annual Portsmouth High School Alumni hockey game. Daley participated in the Skate for the 22 Foundation, to bring awareness to suicide prevention for military veterans.

Most Eight Bells entries are obtained from online news sources and edited for length. To access the Eight Bells archive visit mainemaritime.edu/alumni.

3D Then and Now

IN KEEPING WITH THIS ISSUE'S REMINISCENT THEME, TS *State of Maine* Chief Sandy Cameron '84 provided this stereograph photo of what is now Dismukes Hall. The photo belonged to his father, Cdr. Clifford, Sr. '49.

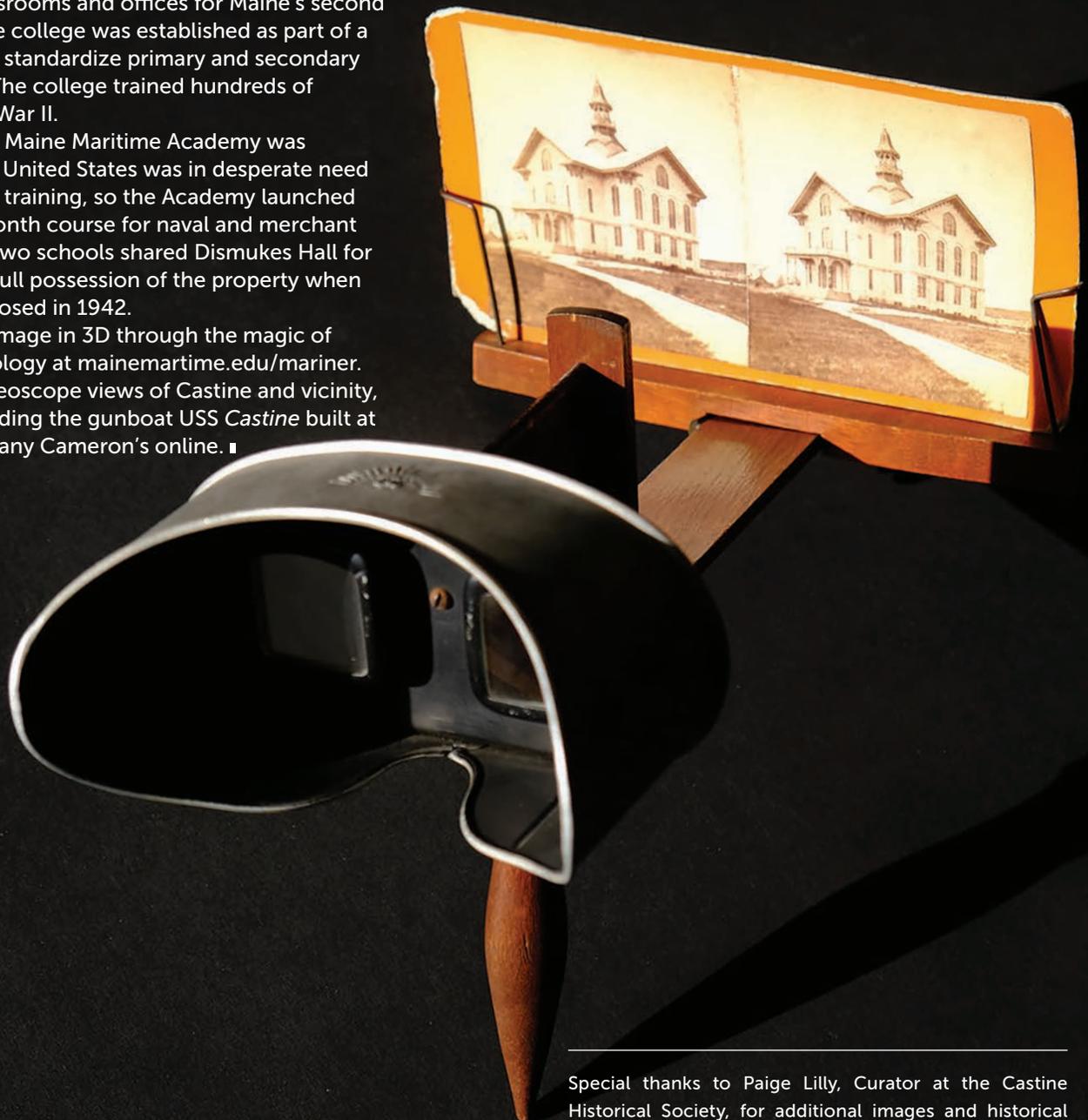
Stereographs were a popular form of photography in the 19th century. Using a special camera, photographers would take two images of a scene from slightly different angles, which, printed side by side, appeared as a three-dimensional image when viewed through a stereoscope.

Cameron's images show the Eastern State Normal School (later renamed Dismukes Hall) that was completed in 1872 to house classrooms and offices for Maine's second teacher's college. The college was established as part of a trend to improve and standardize primary and secondary education in Maine. The college trained hundreds of teachers until World War II.

With war looming, Maine Maritime Academy was founded in 1941. The United States was in desperate need of those with military training, so the Academy launched an accelerated 18-month course for naval and merchant marine officers. The two schools shared Dismukes Hall for one year. MMA took full possession of the property when the Normal School closed in 1942.

You can view the image in 3D through the magic of today's online technology at mainemartime.edu/mariner.

Other vintage stereoscope views of Castine and vicinity, plus local ships, including the gunboat USS *Castine* built at BIW in 1892, accompany Cameron's online. ■



Special thanks to Paige Lilly, Curator at the Castine Historical Society, for additional images and historical information. Visit castinehistoricalsociety.org.

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