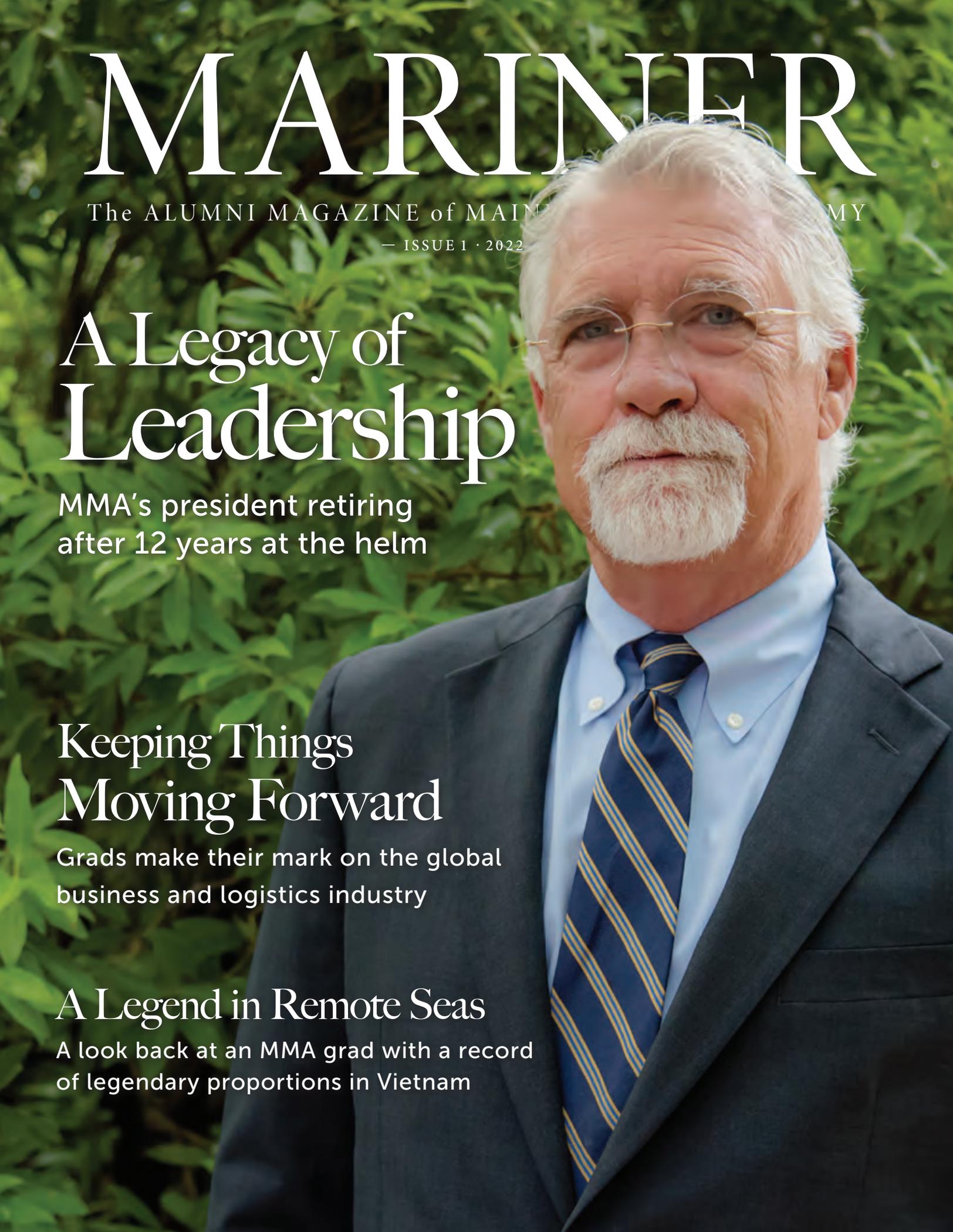


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Over the past few months, Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations, has been sorting and archiving photos, documents, and mementos from Maine Maritime Academy's rich history. The collection will be available for browsing in the Wyman Alumni House later this year.



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MMA PRESIDENT  
Dr. William J. Brennan

# Fair Winds and Following Seas

## A farewell letter from President Dr. William J. Brennan

BY THE TIME you are holding this magazine in your hands, Maine Maritime Academy will have entered a new chapter. Following the academy's 79th Commencement ceremony in April, I will have stepped down as President of this institution, and President-Select Jerry Paul '89 will have taken the helm.

But now, as I write, the transition has not yet happened in full. I have spent the past few days cleaning, sorting, and archiving materials in my office in preparation for the transition. I have long imagined what it would feel like to sift through the papers, photographs,

and mementos that have accumulated over the last twelve years, but nothing could prepare me for what it really feels like to say goodbye.

As I pack, I marvel at how the story of our beloved institution continues to unfold. In the last decade, we have accomplished so many great things, overcome so much, and proven time and time again what it means

to be a Maine Maritime Academy Mariner. I will carry these lessons with me going forward, forever holding a place for the academy in my heart.

Like so many others, I came back to MMA because I wanted to learn from the best and lead the best. I believe we all wanted to apply our experiences and potential to help make our academy, our small town, and our larger world better places. I knew, from growing up here as the Commandant's son, that this place is the kind of place that truly changes a person; that creates leaders both in mind and spirit.

Over the years, I have made mistakes, but I have always tried to learn from them. I learned at times that what I thought was right was wrong, and what I thought was wrong was right. I learned that what sometimes seemed simple was fairly complicated, and what seemed complicated just followed basic principles. In many ways, I have been a student alongside the young men and women who arrive in Castine in pursuit of their college education.

As I will tell this year's graduates, learning is not what you do only in your school years. It's what you do every day of your life in order to seek new understandings and new appreciations. Every day, we must think critically and for ourselves. And we must especially do so in ways that learn from those who come from different backgrounds with different life experiences. We must all strive to learn from those around us, near and far. It is shallow validation, not developmental learning, to seek and listen only to those who already think like we do. True learning, the kind that makes you a more

informed, analytically rigorous, and accepting person comes from the challenge of understanding and valuing the experiences of others. That is the lifelong process of personal and professional development. That is true learning, and that has been the lesson gifted to me as President of Maine Maritime Academy.

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I consider myself truly fortunate to have been able to learn and grow here, and to have gotten to know so many wonderful people associated with this amazing little college. Because of our ability to change and adapt, I know that our reputation and success will continue for many years ahead on the path forged by our alumni. As always, I am incredibly proud of our students, alumni, and friends of the institution as a community. I know that your strength of character and dedication to superior performance will continue to bring distinction to Maine Maritime Academy.

Thank you for everything you have done to serve the mission of our institution, the success of our students, and the reputation of our alumni. You have each helped write the last decade of MMA's history alongside me, and I will be forever grateful for your contributions. I wish you all fair winds and following seas. ■

## A Season of Change



### Looking toward a bright future

academy to wait until things settled down. None of us would have guessed at the time that it would be two more years before President Brennan and his wife Heather would be able to enjoy their well-deserved retreat from the 24/7/365 duties as the first family of MMA.

If Bill had retired in 2020, he would have had many laurels to rest upon. Chief among them was developing the new training ship program and, as President of the consortium of maritime academies, securing congressional support and shepherding the project through Congress. Since that successful effort, Bill and Heather have done the equivalent of four overtimes, guiding 900 or so students, staff, and faculty through two years of COVID-induced challenges. At long last, we wish you well on the next stage of your lives and express our thanks for 12 years of extraordinary effort!

Another significant change for the academy will come in early summer, when Earle Cianchette '77, Chair of the Board of Trustees, steps down. After serving on the Alumni Board, Earle was appointed to the Board of Trustees a decade ago. As a result of his energy and devotion to the school and his leadership skills, he was quickly drawn into the leadership ranks. The school and our alumni have been fortunate to have benefited from his service for many years. Thank you, Earle!

We are also fortunate to have Jerry Paul '89 and his wife Kristy coming onboard. MMA has become a jewel of an institution. That happened not by chance but by the success of the alumni and their generosity in giving back. In turn, the strength of the school's curriculum and reputation within the industries it serves have supported and benefited the alumni. This symbiotic relationship and effort are what resulted in our having an extraordinary field of presidential applicants and the opportunity to welcome Jerry back to Castine.

While Maine Maritime Academy has many challenges to face with the effects of COVID and a declining population of college-age students, our support of one another gives us a bright future!

Sincerely yours,

Bill Full '76

WHILE I RECENTLY had the pleasure of welcoming President-Select Jerry Paul '89 back to MMA, equally important to me has been the opportunity to thank Dr. William J. Brennan for his long service to Maine Maritime Academy.

It was a closely held secret in early 2020 that Bill was planning to retire that year. He had quietly discussed his plans to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Earle Cianchette, and myself but asked that it be kept strictly confidential until his plans were finalized. A few short weeks later, he called to express his concern over the spread of COVID-19 and how that would impact a presidential search and transition. He felt that he owed it to the

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# Campus Currents



## LEADERSHIP

### A New Chapter for MMA Jerald S. “Jerry” Paul ’89 Returns to Lead Academy

Jerald S. “Jerry” Paul ’89 has been named as the college’s 15th President.

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY’S Board of Trustees announced in December that Jerald S. “Jerry” Paul has been named as the college’s 15th President. Mr. Paul, former President of Capitol Access and a 1989 graduate of the institution, will take office in April.

“I am gratified that the Board has selected such a fine individual to lead this wonderful college when I step down,” says President William J. Brennan. “Jerry has the background and experience needed to lead MMA at this important time in our history.”

A Marine Engineering Technology major, Mr. Paul graduated in the top 5% of his class with two minors at MMA: Powerplant

Management & Controls and Nuclear Engineering. After MMA, he earned a Post-Baccalaureate Degree in Nuclear Engineering, conferred with High Honors, and a Juris Doctor of Law, conferred Cum Laude.

Mr. Paul held an unlimited tonnage USCG 3rd Engineer License and a Maine Third Class Engineer License. He sailed on Merchant Marine vessels intermittently and served as an Engineering Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve MMR. He later served as a Reactor Engineer on shoreside nuclear reactors.

For more than 20 years, he has practiced law as a member of the Federal and Florida Bar,

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including advocacy as a government affairs consultant and strategist, representing clients in governmental venues on matters of policy, appropriations, and grant funding.

Mr. Paul served as the President-Appointed Principal Deputy Administrator of the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) with a budget exceeding \$10 billion along with oversight and management of 3 Divisions: U.S. Nuclear Defense Programs; U.S. Nuclear Nonproliferation; and U.S. Naval Reactors. He has experience within the National Security complex including U.S. National Laboratories and with international diplomatic affairs. He has held security clearances at the highest levels for oversight of classified programs important to America's interests.

As a former senior official within the U.S. Department of Energy, Mr. Paul has been engaged throughout domestic and international energy markets. He served as Distinguished Fellow for Energy Policy at the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee in conjunction with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He represented the State of Florida on the Southern States Energy Board. He served on the 10-Year Planning Board for Tennessee Valley Authority. He has operated an energy consulting firm specializing in regulatory policy and development of energy technology.

He served as an elected member of the Florida House of Representatives, serving as Chair of an Appropriations Subcommittee and Chair of the Environmental Regulation Committee. Throughout his career, he has also served in multiple capacities within Higher Education. He served on the College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Board and the Nuclear Engineering Dept. Advisory Board at the University of Florida. He served on the Board of Trustees for the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

"I am honored to be offered this opportunity to return to my alma mater and lead the Academy that provided me with the tools that enabled me to achieve success," says Mr. Paul. "My wife, Kristy, and I are eager to come back to Castine. We love this town, its maritime heritage, and especially its people including our local friendships."

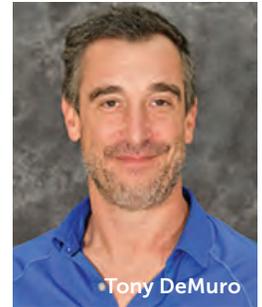
"I have had the good fortune in both the public and private sectors, and in government, to experience a rich diversity of perspectives on how organizations function – and function at the highest level. I will draw on all that I've learned as I settle into this new role," Mr. Paul says. "I look forward to building on President Brennan's extraordinary service and stewarding MMA into the future." ■

## ATHLETICS

# ACCOLADES FOR MMA COACHES

THIS SPRING, Coach Tony DeMuro was named the 21-22 North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Men's Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year and the Charles Silvia Women's Co-Coach of the Year at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association (NEISDA) Championship.

After leading a young team of Mariners to an impressive season, Coach Craig Dagan was named the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. After 21 years at the academy, Dagan is the winningest coach in MMA Women's Basketball history. ■



## LEADERSHIP

# Kimberly Reilly Named Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing

FOLLOWING a national search, President Brennan announced that Kimberly Reilly would join the leadership team at MMA as the new Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing.

"We are thrilled to have Kim join our leadership team," said President Brennan.

"Her impressive professional background is an incredible asset to the Academy. We are poised for continued growth, and her energy and vision are exactly what we need to propel ourselves forward in these unusual times."

Reilly provides the vision and leadership to develop essential institutional priorities and is developing a strategic plan to deliver on MMA's ambitious enrollment goals. She oversees Admissions, Financial Aid, and Marketing at the college.

With a long career in higher education, Reilly brings expertise in designing operational processes that are student-centric and focus on increasing recruitment, retention, persistence, and graduation rates; developing and integrating technology to leverage institutional resources; implementing and optimizing recruitment-oriented CRM solutions; and a demonstrated history of achieving growth in both enrollment and net tuition revenue.

Prior to joining Maine Maritime Academy, Reilly served in Enrollment Services leadership roles at La Salle University, Nova Southeastern University, and Southern New Hampshire University. Reilly received her B.S. and M.Ed degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and is currently completing her Ed.D with the University of New England. ■





## ATHLETICS

# Leading By Example

ON THE EVE of her final New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association meet, and two months out from graduation, Kaitlyn Reny is busy.

Reny serves as a senior captain for the first four-year class of swimmers at Maine Maritime Academy and is the Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Anyone with her skills and poise would make a gifted leader, but her resilience and disposition towards service make her an exceptional leader. Her head coach, Tony DeMuro, noted it as soon as he met her.

“Kaitlyn’s leadership is not defined by her times or performance,” says DeMuro. “She offers so much more than that. She believes in the team and actively guides them through every situation. It is not just that she is just willing to help; it’s that she expects to help.”

Maine Maritime was not initially Reny’s first choice, but when she visited another New England college with both a swim team and a marine biology program, she was handed a sheet of times on paper. She was asked if she had ever swum those

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times. When she acknowledged that she hadn’t – yet – that was the end of the line. That’s a tough setback for anyone, especially when that school had initially been their top choice.

Thankfully, the impersonal nature of her visit there stood in stark contrast to her visit

to Maine Maritime. Handwritten letters, a vision of the future, emails with photos of work being done on Bok Pool, and a sense of being wanted moved MMA up on her list.

“It has been cool to be a part of the growth,” says Reny. “To see the scoreboard and the records go up and share in the vision of what it is now. It’s all rewarding.”

Her name is all over the record board, but Reny demurs at the fact.

“I can’t wait for the day that my name is not up on the record board,” she says. “I know I am not the fastest swimmer in the pool. If my name is not up there, it means we have moved to the place where I wanted this team to go.”

She may be humble about the records, but the fact that she is in the pool at all is rather extraordinary.

Reny suffered from a condition known as Femoroacetabular Impingement, which led to labral tears in both hips.

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### WATERFRONT

## MMA Waterfront Redevelopment Underway

AFTER 25 YEARS OF TRAINING students aboard the current T/S *State of Maine*, Maine Maritime Academy anticipates receiving its first ever purpose-built training ship in October 2024. The National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV) is the third of five planned training vessels designated for state maritime academies. SUNY Maritime and Massachusetts Maritime will receive their vessels before Maine; Texas A&M Maritime and California Maritime will follow. In anticipation of the NSMV's arrival in Castine, the college has enlisted Collier Project Leaders of Connecticut as its Owners Representative. Derek Osterman, Director of Collier's Project Management Team in Boston, will work with MMA staff to oversee the three-phase design-bid-build process.

**Phase I** focuses on the infrastructure needed to receive the new ship. The goal is to complete this phase by the start of the Fall 2024 semester, prior to the NSMV, which will also carry the T/S *State of Maine* name. The primary objective of Phase I is the physical improvements of the existing Academy pier, including new mooring points, new breasting points, extension of the pier face, and the installation of one or more mooring dolphins to meet parameters for sustaining a category 1 hurricane. As a working waterfront, MMA will minimize any disruption to its mission throughout the construction phase.

**Phase II** will focus on town-gown interests. It includes an increase in MMA parking to lessen the demand on Castine's waterfront lots, improved pedestrian access, and the revitalization of other spaces. The projected completion date for this phase is August 2025.

**Phase III** will focus on academic infrastructure developments. Andrews Hall will be replaced with a new education center that will include Ocean Studies laboratories, a wet lab, an exhibit space, meeting and event spaces, and public restrooms. Lifeboat davits with boats for training will be built and mounted to the pier. This phase is slated for completion in August 2026.

The Academy is working with MARAD to explore federal opportunities for support. The State of Maine recently earmarked \$3 million toward the effort; discussions are underway for additional funding opportunities. Phase II and Phase III will be funded by private philanthropy as part of a comprehensive campaign, the largest in the school's history. The campaign is currently in the silent phase of this effort but will be launched publicly later this year. ■

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The condition required two separate surgeries, one on each side. The first one came during the second semester of her first year and the second over the holiday break of her sophomore year.

The latter surgery cost her a return trip to the NEISDA Championships and required rehab with Athletic Trainer Haley Yager. Long sessions involved painful movements to regain strength and mobility.

“She showed up for every rehab session with a smile on her face and put in extra work outside the clinic so that she could get back in the pool as soon as possible,” Yager noted. Despite the long hours of rehab, Reny was at practice every day, sitting on the pool deck and cheering on her teammates.

“It was difficult at times,” Reny acknowledges, “but I was a sophomore, and I couldn’t be bitter. I knew I had two more opportunities – or I thought I did.”

Then, COVID hit. Suddenly, the swim team was limited to 12 in the pool at a time and was without a competition schedule. As a junior captain, Reny found herself reassuring people that this would not last forever and that they would come out of the challenge stronger. A year later, the team placed second at the first ever North Atlantic Conference championship.

“Swimming was the release from an otherwise difficult year,” recalls Reny. When the team finally got to be on deck together for a virtual meet, she knew they were still a team despite the social distance. The energy was still there.

“All this stuff happened, but I had fun,” she says of the adversity. “I don’t look back and think that this sucked. I just love the sport, and when you love it so much, there is nothing that will stop you from doing it.”

After taking a left off stage, degree in hand, Reny will make another left at the end of the Castine Road and head south for Virginia. She has applied for jobs at the Virginia Institute for Marine Science, and she has her sights set on shellfish aquaculture. She likes being in the field more than in the lab, something she learned during her internships. She also learned about the value of an MMA education when she recognized how prepared she was relative to her peers.

It has left Reny facing the unknowns of her future without an ounce of fear. She wouldn’t have it any other way.

“As MMA students, we can do anything,” she says. Recent history proves that she sure can. ■

—By STEPHEN PEED

## ACADEMICS

# MMA STUDENTS PREPARE TO TAKE CHARGE

MMA’S MD311 MEDICAL PERSON in Charge (MEDPIC) class provides students with the unique opportunity to learn emergency life-saving skills in a hospital setting. Since its inception in 2017, Maine Maritime students have completed clinical rotations in the Emergency Department at Waldo County General Hospital (WCGH) in Belfast, Maine, under the tutelage of Professor Jeffrey Boal.

Maine Maritime Academy is the only maritime school in the United States to offer students this kind of real-life, hands-on experience.

While completing shifts in the ER, participants handle actual emergencies and execute life-saving procedures. They learn and perfect various medical tasks such as IV placements and administration of medications and complete physical examinations and assessments on a diverse patient population. The program’s overall aim is to help MEDPIC students identify potentially life-threatening situations that might occur at sea and be prepared to manage various situations appropriately.

The Anesthesia Department at WCGH recently added the option of completing airway management training with patients in the Operating Room. Alongside Professor Boal, WCGH staff teach students to provide advanced medical care for patients who require assistance with breathing. This includes the insertion of breathing tubes for those who cannot continue to breathe independently.

“There’s no other program like this,” explains Boal. “Our students apply what they learn in class directly to patients at WCGH, and the results are transformative. They are saving lives long before they even graduate.”

Since its inception, 182 students have completed the classroom and hands-on training required to obtain a MEDPIC endorsement for their mariner license. “It’s amazing to hear from students who have completed the program and have been able to use their skills in the field,” continues Boal. “Robert Pfeiff ’21 was able to diagnose and evacuate a sailor with appendicitis during a recent hitch, and John Fendl ’19 treated and evacuated a patient with an extremity amputation. Their skills and experience are being well used. This stuff really pays off!”

With the class of 2022, an additional 24 students are underway to obtaining their endorsement. Without exception, all the students in this class point to their Emergency Department experience as essential for their MEDPIC training. ■





GRADUATION 2022

# MMA Graduates 204 in April Commencement

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to the MMA Alumni Association, Class of 2022! Scan this code to share your most up-to-date contact information with MMA, submit Alumni and Class Notes for future magazines, and more. Keep in touch!



## By the Numbers

Graduation 2022

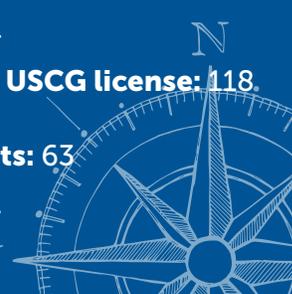
**2022 Graduates:** 204

**Students receiving a USCG license:** 118  
(unlimited or limited)

**Out-of-State Students:** 63

**Maine Residents:** 141

**Veterans:** 12



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# Leadership, Legacy, AND LOOKING BACK

After 12 years at the helm, President Brennan is leaving MMA to start a new chapter

By Emily Baer

**I**T IS APRIL IN CASTINE, and the seasons are finally changing. The breeze off the harbor has softened, the sun is shining, and the first yellow flowers of spring have arrived.

In a few short weeks, this year's graduates will be off to pursue exciting new careers, at sea and ashore, and underclassmen will embark upon summer adventures that include internships, co-ops, cadet shipping, or life aboard the Training Ship *State of Maine* (TSSOM) during the summer 2022 sea term. There is a feeling of both excitement and nervous anticipation in the air.

It is a feeling that President William J. Brennan also shares. After 12 years at the helm, he is now headed into retirement, joining graduating students as they leave Castine after the commencement ceremony. Like them, he is beginning a new chapter and looking back on the years he has spent on campus.

## A HOMECOMING

President Brennan began his tenure as academy president in 2010, following a successful career in public service. Having grown up in Castine, taking the position of president was something of a homecoming. His father, known to thousands of MMA graduates as Captain Brennan, was the academy's first Commandant of Midshipmen.

"Castine was a fairly magical place to grow up in," he remembers. "When we first arrived, there were several young families in the area, and we had the run of the town. We would sled down the hill where the Alford Student Center now stands during the winter and play in the Witherle Woods or along the shore during the warmer months."

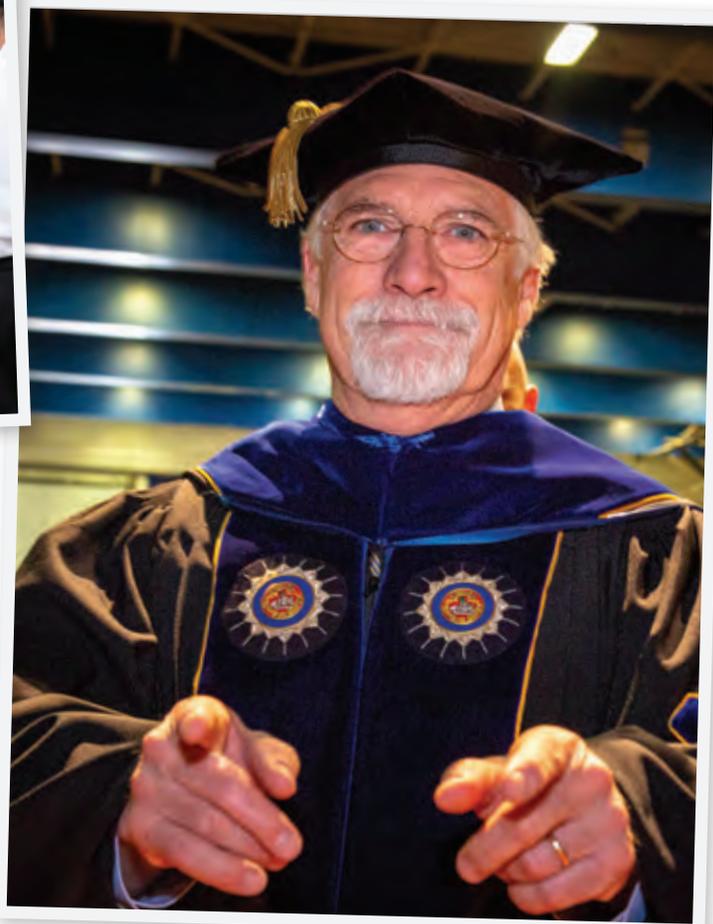
Prior to the family's arrival in Castine, the Brennans had had something of a nomadic existence. Captain Brennan graduated from the Academy in 1943 and joined the U.S. Navy soon after. As a young sailor in service to his country, he traveled the world.

He met his wife Ethel in 1949 and together they began to build a family, with President Brennan as the oldest of four children including his sisters Maryann and Katy and his brother Michael. During his first 12 years of life, President Brennan moved nine times. In coming to Castine, he finally found a home.

"I've always seen Castine as something of a refuge," he explains. "After moving around so much I was happy to be somewhere that I knew we wouldn't leave. I didn't know it at the time, but in many ways this place has become my life."

## PLACE AND PURPOSE

It was thanks to this love of place that President Brennan ultimately found his professional passion. After attending Bucksport Junior High School and



graduating from Kents Hill School, he joined his first ship as a merchant mariner, working as a wiper aboard a Getty oil tanker. A brief stint studying art in a Colorado university convinced him that path did not suit him, and he began looking for another way forward.

He returned to Castine to rethink his plans and took a job working with a local fisherman. Under Captain Phil Sawyer's watchful eye, a young President Brennan learned the ins and outs of scallop fishing. He became fascinated by the creatures that they pulled from the gray, gleaming waters and was ever more intrigued by the intricacies of fishing.

Because of that experience, President Brennan decided to pursue a degree in marine biology from the University of Maine. From there, he went on to earn his M.A. degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island.

In 1977, he joined the research team at NOAA Fisheries' Woods Hole laboratory and began his professional career in earnest.

While he loved working in the field, President Brennan's interest in the legislative aspect of the work continued to grow. In 1983, he joined the office of Congressman John R. McKernan, serving as senior staff in the U.S. House of Representatives. Four years later, he was appointed by Governor John R. McKernan, Jr. to serve in his Cabinet as Commissioner of Maine's Department of Marine Resources, a position he held for eight years.

By the time President Brennan and his wife Heather returned to Castine in 2010, he had earned a doctorate in Ecology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Maine and served as head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and as Assistant U.S. Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. In addition to his NOAA duties, President Brennan served as the Director of the United States Climate Change Science Program, integrating government-supported research on climate and global change. He also served for a time as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, managing the international activities for NOAA and its subsidiary branches.

## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

As the academy's 14th president, President Brennan had two simple goals: foster the connection between the academy and the local community and develop critical infrastructure to allow the institution to bridge its rich heritage with a broad vision for the future.

To achieve the success he envisioned, President Brennan set about building. First, he needed to reacquaint himself with the people of Maine Maritime Academy. "When I first came to the Academy as president, I was surprised to learn how many employees I was connected to directly or through a personal relationship. Many of us had gone to school together, and others I knew through my family's association with the college," he says.



The relationships that he was able to rekindle or build have been transformative. "I am so proud of what we have been able to achieve together," he adds. "MMA is a community, a family, and when we come together there is little we cannot do."

True to the mission of the school, much of President Brennan's focus over the last 12 years has been on improving the student experience, be it in the classroom, on the field, or on the water. To support academic endeavors, he stewarded resources to renovate the Buoy House and establish MMA's Accessibility Services program.

To enhance extracurricular activities and athletics, critical investments were also made in Mariner facilities. This included new and refurbished women's and men's locker rooms, an expansion and upgrade of the MMA fitness center, and new turf on the athletic field. To honor the institution's service heritage, a Veteran's Center was established in Quick Hall in 2017.

Under President Brennan's leadership, the academy also secured \$14M in philanthropic and state bond money to build the ABS Building, the first new classroom/laboratory building built on the campus in 30 years, and \$18M of state legislative support to renovate Curtis Hall. In the spring of 2019, MMA celebrated the completion of renovations to the Wyman House.

## MAKING WAVES

As a world-renowned maritime training institution, President Brennan endeavored to build the campus' waterfront capacity in several ways.

As Chairman of the State Maritime Academy (SMA) Consortium, President Brennan worked to increase federal funding to SMA and led the effort to secure more than \$1.5 billion for the construction of a new fleet of purpose-built maritime training ships. The state-of-the-art diesel electric National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMVs) will provide world-class training for state maritime academies across the country and support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions. MMA is slated to receive its new training ship in late 2024.

"The arrival of the NSMV will fundamentally alter the way we are able to educate the next generation of mariners," explains President Brennan.

As steward of the Schooner *Bowdoin*, Maine's official state vessel, President Brennan successfully lobbied legislators in Augusta to provide \$50K in annual state appropriation for *Bowdoin's* annual maintenance and oversaw the renovation and restoration of the vessel in 2019.

"I'm gratified to know that the future of this beloved vessel will also now be secured through the Bowdoin Legacy Fund and the committee of dedicated individuals who safeguard her for the education and enjoyment of our students," he says.

The sustainability and viability of a student's education was also central to President Brennan's push to establish a satellite campus. In 2020, the academy purchased a property in Bucksport that now houses the Center for Professional Mariner Development (CPMD) which enhances the academy's research and programming capabilities.

## STUDENT-CENTERED SUCCESS

In all areas of operations, President Brennan's efforts were focused on students. "We have worked hard to make sure that our students can be successful in their studies, their careers, and their lives," he says.

Early in his tenure, President Brennan joined cadets aboard TSSOM during a portion of their summer cruise. "I met a freshman on watch one night who told me about his plans for the future. He was still several years out from graduation, but he was so focused," President Brennan recalls. "I saw him again several years later at an alumni function and he had achieved the goals he spelled out for me that evening aboard the ship – he had the land and the house he wanted, had earned his license, and was newly married. Most importantly, he was happy."

It was experiences like this that motivated President Brennan to also focus on growing the academy's endowment from about \$11 million when he began in 2010 to more than \$60 million today. "My hope is that any kid who wants to come here, can, regardless of financial circumstance," he says. "MMA can be transformational and access to it should not be limited by factors that are outside a student's control."

To convey his dedication to their success, President Brennan has long participated in one of the academy's most beloved traditions, Ship Jump. "I jump to demonstrate in a very dramatic fashion that I am with them," he says. "I lead this institution as president, but we are shipmates, and we can do anything together."

## TOGETHER, WE CAN

The belief that MMA's community will always find strength in unity has been central to President Brennan's leadership.

"The story of this institution is written collectively," he says. "Painful and difficult moments, like the sinking of *El Faro* or the challenges posed by the pandemic, are part of our history and we endured them together. The same can be said of our success and our victories. They are ours, together."

While he has largely focused on the students themselves, President Brennan notes that the community extends far beyond the campus' boundary lines. MMA's global network of alumni and supporters are the lifeblood of the academy.

"It is as true here as it is on a ship," he says. "We each play a role. We are responsible for one another, and we must protect one another. My dedication to that notion has never wavered and I have seen the strength of that conviction in my colleagues countless times over the years."



## LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

As he looks back on the last 12 years, President Brennan considers his place in a much larger picture.

"My relationship with the academy goes back more than 50 years," he explains. "I have always understood that I am here in service to something much bigger than myself and I have taken the responsibility of tending to that legacy very seriously."

Like so many of this year's graduates, President Brennan will be surrounded by friends and family during the Commencement ceremony in April. Many of his guests have played key roles in the academy's success over the years and now close out this chapter with him. Together they will celebrate this remarkable occasion and close an important chapter in MMA's rich history.

"It has been the honor of my life to follow in my father's footsteps and lead this remarkable little college," he says. "I've always considered MMA to be a part of my heritage and this place will continue to be central to my life. So many graduates feel forever tied to this place and for me it is also so." ■



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# The Changing Face of International **BUSINESS &** **LOGISTICS**

MMA grads make their mark on the industry while the next generation is well prepared to follow

By Catie Joyce-Bulay

**F**ROM AUTOMOBILES TO HAMBURGERS, we've all become more aware of the pandemic's impact on the global supply chain and what can go awry with its logistics. But even with the strain of the pandemic, the logistics industry continues to be a highly desirable field. A whopping 93% of industry professionals would still recommend it as a profession to those entering the job market or contemplating a career change, according to a 2021 survey by the logistics industry magazine D.C. Velocity.

Tom Noble, Sr. '71, Chairman of the Board at Noble Supply & Logistics, would agree that it's a great field to get into despite the challenges of the last few years. Though, the company he started over 40 years ago may have had a leg up on dealing with emergency situations and crises since it specializes in government procurement contracts, specifically for disaster relief and war zones. But getting to this position — a well-equipped leader at the forefront of a challenging industry — was a long road for the Massachusetts native.



Noble majored in engineering at Maine Maritime Academy during the late 1960s, the Vietnam War era, well before International Business and Logistics was an area of study or sector of business. At the time, sailors in shipping were doing very well financially, and Noble was keen to get in on this. However, once he graduated and the war was winding to a close, those maritime opportunities dried up.

After a short stint aboard a research ship at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, he quickly realized a life at sea was not for him, and he made his first career pivot into sales, though he said those 400 days at sea were a great training ground.

“I think that’s when I learned a little bit about human nature and the ability to develop into somewhat of a pseudo salesperson,” he said. “It was an eye-opening adventure.”

Noble then went on to work for a large industrial company based in Cleveland, Ohio, learning more about sales and the domestic supply

chain while he raised a young family. But after eight years with the company, he was at another crossroads; tired of the travel and missing his children’s sporting events while on the road, he decided to start his own company. He never missed another game, and, as it turns out, his eldest son, Tom Jr., would go on to play hockey professionally before eventually taking over the company.

Noble became adept at providing clients the products they needed, using a business model similar to how Amazon started, buying from local distributors and delivering them to customers without the overhead of inventory and a warehouse, beginning the business out of his home with his wife, Rosemary.

“The good news was we didn’t have trouble selling product,” Noble said of those early days. “The bad news was we had trouble getting paid for it.”

He persisted for another ten years and then heard an ad that the federal government was looking for small businesses to partner with for its supplies. He figured they wouldn’t go bankrupt, so he took a shot.

“That was the turning point for our business,” he said. “Where the company started to take root.” During the early 2000s, when hurricanes

and floods were hitting the Southeast hard, Noble began developing a relationship with overseas suppliers for the tarps FEMA used to cover damaged homes and buildings.

“For two to three years, we were importing tarps [from China] by the container load, getting good at the logistics,” he said, which allowed Noble Supply to build a reputation as a company that could procure and deliver to compromised places. Over the years, Noble began to get more and more requests of a similar nature for disaster relief and war zone supplies and grew in reputation and sales, with numbers in the billions today.

While the pandemic has heightened awareness of the importance of IBL, this growing field has been gaining momentum for decades. Noble says the most significant changes in the global procurement revolution now have to do with technology.

“If someone asks, ‘What’s made your company more successful than others?’ I would say that it was our ability to embrace making it easier for the customer to do business with us,” said Noble. And that ease comes from the adoption of technology. Noble Supply has invested in developing apps and other technology to streamline its processes for customers.



## FOLLOW THE DATA

Jay Harris '73, another industry veteran and COO of Komar Distribution Services, has seen the same changes and agrees that technology has been an industry game-changer.

Harris, who was attracted to MMA for its sailing program and majored in nautical sciences, gained his first sales knowledge working for an up-and-coming sailmaker out of college. Over his years there, he helped North Sails grow to become the largest sailmaker in the world and developed its educational program, North University, which has taught over 300,000 sailors how to be better racers. So, he was in a good position to help Komar Distribution Services grow when he joined their team in 1982, leading them into the global manufacturing arena in the mid-1980s. Today Komar is one of the leaders in women's and children's clothing brands, with over \$1 billion in sales to every major retailer. This year Komar will import 110,000 million garments they distributed from two state-of-the-art distribution centers, each over a million square feet. In the last two decades, Komar has acquired 18 different companies, solving many logistics problems along the way.

"Logistics is a microcosm of the world of business and life today — it's all about data," Harris said. "The first question with data is what can be created that the machine can solve? So, gather the data, and solve it with the machine. If the machine can't do it, then find a human that's competent and trained well enough to provide the answers routinely. That's the middle layer. The top layer is the critical thinking part. The academy brought a lot to the table for me in terms of critical thinking."

While the Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics didn't exist when Harris and Noble attended, the program carries on the Maine Maritime tradition of hands-on learning to build those crucial critical thinking skills today.

## PREPARING STUDENTS TO FACE A CHANGING WORLD

The Loeb Sullivan School of Business and Logistics, which started as a flexible graduate program in the 1980s for mariners staying on vessels, is now the only one of its kind in New England. It includes both undergraduate and graduate degrees, and currently has a total of about 130 undergraduate and ten graduate students.

Associate professor Navneet Jain '06, who has been with the department for 16 years, has seen not only an increased interest in the program because of the pandemic, but a growing interest from businesses around the world looking at how they can make their supply chains

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more resilient. He sees MMA's IBL students really prepared to take that on.

"We [at the department] have been talking about how the supply chain is the most critical piece of a business's success for the last 20 years now," said Jain. "Many corporations and companies now realize that, and they are looking to hire. They're looking for leaders; they're looking for people who can troubleshoot things, for people who have a mindset of 'let's look at this problem and see what we can come up with to fix it.'"

The department's faculty challenges students early on to solve real-world business problems. Students in Jain's current warehousing and distribution course are working with a startup in New Jersey that is trying to figure out how to grow its warehouse sustainably in a

new facility. MMA students are tackling questions about warehouse layout, product packaging, and the most cost-effective and efficient ways of shipping. Projects like this one are common in the department and working alongside companies in real-time problem solving helps students not only gain hands-on experience but confidence in their new field.

"They've done it," said Jain. "Rather than just reading it from a textbook."

Another way students gain confidence and experience is through an internship or co-op requirement during their junior year, where they apply as they would for an actual job and work with a faculty supervisor on a problem the business is facing to come up with tangible solutions.

Jain sees a significant change in students after their internships. "Many of them go out for their co-ops, and they question themselves, asking 'Will I be able to do this? I'm not really sure,'" said Jain. "They come back from their co-ops, and you see a completely different person. They're confident. Literally, after they come back from it, they say, 'I'm ready to go out in the real world.'"

MMA graduates won't have any difficulty landing that real-world job. Logisticians will see a job growth of 30% between 2020-2030, much faster than the average of 8% most fields see, according

to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. It projects about 24,500 openings for logisticians each year over the next decade, many expected to result from replacing workers who transfer to different occupations or retire.

"The logistics and transportation world is ripe for new blood," said Noble, who sees the BLS projections playing out first-hand in the industry. The field offers a great opportunity for MMA graduates, who can bring new and different ideas and ways of doing business.

"I would just say a very good place to initiate a frontal assault would be in the transportation and logistics business," said Noble. "There won't be as much competition going forward because you'll be at the front of the curve, not the back of it. ■"



LT WESLEY HOCH  
Just a Little More

## Lt. Hoch Maritime Graduate

Lt Wesley A. Hoch, 31, is the son of Mrs. Ruth Hoch of Glen Cove, Rockland, Me. and the late Raymond Hoch. He is single.

He was graduated from Rockland High School in 1950 and the Maritime Academy with honors in 1953, with a B.S. in marine science. He went to sea for a year in the maritime service before joining the Navy.

He served with the Navy in the installation of the DEW (Distant Early Warning) line before his assignment to the Republic of Viet Nam as an adviser to its junk fleet in December, 1962.

He has two brothers, David, superintendent of the Rockland-Rockport Lime Co., and William, a student at the University of Maine.

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The Boston Sunday

## A Legend in Remote S Maine

By ORVILLE SCHELL



## Lonely Outpost

### Editor's Note

I HAPPENED ACROSS THIS ARTICLE from the Boston Sunday Globe, dated October 20, 1963, while organizing boxes of alumni files, documents, clippings, slides, and correspondence, among other things. The treasures were numerous, but this made me pause... Wesley Hoch, class of 1954, in the Boston Sunday Globe?

The research began... more newspaper clippings: a Portland Press Herald article (April 26, 1957) following Ensign Hoch in "sort of a resumption of the search for the Northwest Passage" aboard the *Requisite*, a U.S. geodetic survey ship, following two ice breakers from west to east for 1,800 miles, only to be stopped by ice 50 miles from their destination; a LIFE magazine article (November 27, 1964) about the Black Pajama Navy and how "LT Lovdal's job at Phu Quoc has been made easier because of the pioneer work of his predecessor, LCDR Wesley Hoch of Rockland, ME... 'I heard a lot about Hoch and the wonders he performed with the scruffy little group of junks. The VC respected him so much they put the flattering price of 500,000 piasters (about \$7,000) on his head..."; and a book titled "Dai Uy Hoch: A Legend In Remote Seas," a manuscript about his time in Vietnam that sat for over 40 years, published by his brother David after Wesley's unexpected death December 23, 2004 at age 72.

His accomplishments and accolades are many, several documented in his book and mentioned in his obituary (see Eight Bells at [mainemaritime.edu/alumni](http://mainemaritime.edu/alumni)). To add to his honors, Wesley Hoch was the first to be named Maine Maritime Academy Outstanding Alumnus (1964). He is also on the MMA Wall of Honor for attaining "high levels of leadership within their chosen fields. By force of effort and ability, they have attained distinguished positions of responsibility. Their accomplishments have served society and brought credit to the Academy."

Orville Schell, the author of the article, is a long-time China observer, author, journalist, and former dean and professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He has been a contributor on China for PBS, NBC, and CBS, where a 60 Minutes program of his won an Emmy.

I hope you find this article as interesting as I do, and I highly recommend reading "Dui Uy Hoch: A Legend In Remote Seas."

— Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations

# Navy Lieutenant Leads Viet Junks

Nam. He is a man who has been presented the job of

Lt. Hoch

*From The Boston Sunday Globe, October 20, 1963*

## A Legend in Remote Seas

### MAINE NAVY LIEUTENANT LEADS VIET JUNKS

By Orville Schell

*(Orville Schell is a Harvard student studying in the Far East.)*

ANTOI, Viet Nam — On a remote island off the tip of southern Viet Nam, a Navy lieutenant from Rockland, Me, lives an almost squalid life among Vietnamese who man junks in patrols along the swampy, treacherous delta coastline of the Ca Mau peninsula.

The junks stop and search craft that might be secretly bringing arms and supplies to Communist guerrillas in the area.

In his sea-sprayed New England twang, Lt. Wesley Hoch, barefoot and dressed in a baggy black tunic that is the uniform of the junkmen, sounds peculiarly out of place standing at the door of the structure that is his district headquarters. Before him, out in the harbor beyond the barbed wire, is part of his fleet — a motley collection of junks.

Hoch is as much at home with the Vietnamese as if he were born in one of the small grass roof shacks that make up the village out of which he operates.

#### RARE RAPPORT

He has a rare rapport with the junkmen with whom he works. They, in turn, are devoted to him.

For Dai Wei Hoch (their name for him) is one of them — 24 hours a day.

He wants no escape to separate quarters, clean rest rooms, Western food, military clubs, and air conditioned rooms when 5 o'clock rolls around.

Unlike so many other American advisers in Viet Nam, Hoch lives, sleeps, eats, and fights 24 hours a day, every day, with his junkmen. He refuses to accept any privilege for himself that he cannot give his men. He says he hates to see stuff sit in Saigon warehouses rotting when his men are cold at night, wet during the day, undernourished, and manning junks that are short of arms.

He has been known, when making one of his rare trips to Saigon, to drive a borrowed truck up to a warehouse during lunch hour and just start loading things into it — as if he owned the place. In this way he brings precious things to people fighting a war with empty stomachs and hardly a shirt on their backs.

The first thing he did when he arrived at Antoi, a small fishing village on the island of Pho Quoc, was to rip the sign off his door that said Cam Vao (do not enter). He runs as austere mobile force that fights the Viet Cong guerrillas on their own terms. He does not want a large-scale, super-organized force that would sacrifice the comradeship of his smaller group of men who can live off the land and trust one another.

In the life of LT Wesley Hoch — in a war most Americans forget — there is no time for the beer runs and the endless movies that keep most other American advisers entertained at night. There is no hot water heater that will be transported at the expense of something more necessary to the people or the war.

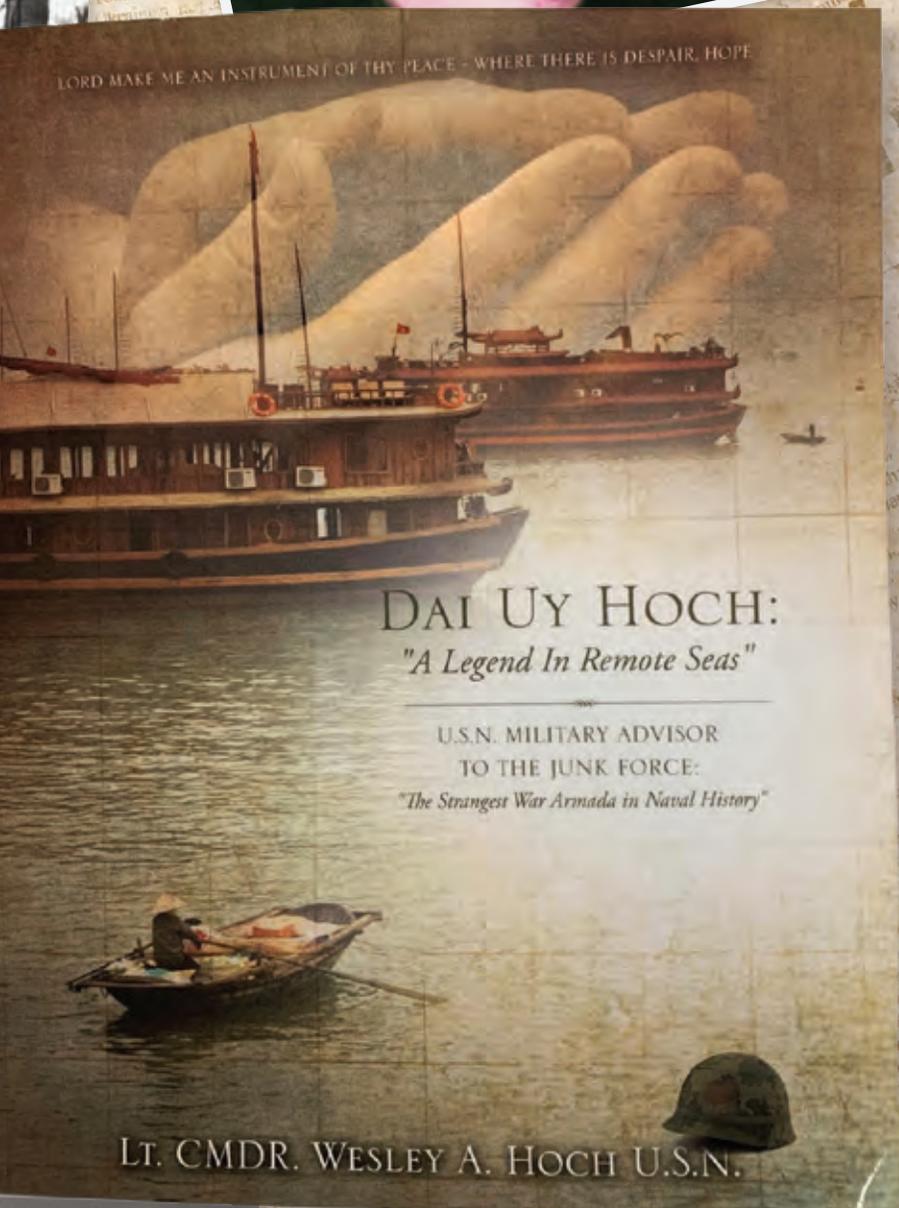
He says that one has to give everything or nothing at all, or one will fail. This is the creed he lives by.

#### PRICE ON HEAD

The result: His men respect him. And the enemy has placed a 500,000 piastre bounty (about \$7000) on his head.

When not on patrol, Hoch lives in the sparse remains of a garrison building the French vacated. Two rickety double-decker bunks junkmen share with him (depending on who gets tired first), a gas ice box filled with medicine and a few squash or melons are the only furnishings. The kitchen consists of a tub of water.





(At left) The cover of LIFE magazine from November 27, 1964 which includes an article about the Black Pajama Navy and how "LT Lovdal's job at Phu Quoc has been made easier because of the pioneer work of his predecessor, LCDR Wesley Hoch of Rockland, ME.

(Above) A later photo of Hoch and his book titled "Dai Uy Hoch: A Legend In Remote Seas," - a manuscript about his time in Vietnam.

On the wall, several .45 automatics and a rack of M1 rifles and clips complete the scene. The "Antoi Hilton," as Hoch calls his quarters, sits close to the beach looking to a number of tropical islands in the distance. Behind his small compound sits the village of Antoi.

And behind the village, a hill rises. Almost every other night the Viet Cong muster on the hill after dark and launch an attack. During the day the Viet Cong are too wary to attack.

When at the base he does anything from writing reports to requesting more equipment to distributing whatever he has managed to beg, borrow, or otherwise appropriate from what he calls the "air conditioned empire" of Saigon. Other days are spent trying to get damaged junks back into working order.

For a week, Hoch will put to sea in one of his patrol junks to check posts up and down the coast. He takes no special rations for himself. Instead, he brings paper, pencils, books, shoes, medical supplies, and food to the people who live in the forgotten backwaters of this embattled nation.

If the men catch no fish on their long sea journeys, he goes hungry with them; if the mosquitoes are biting, he is fair game. If the area is dangerous, he shares in the danger.

He is a strange mixture of soldier, sailor, dentist, mechanic, linguist (he speaks a fractured Vietnamese), doctor, and teacher. He claims to have no special proficiency in any of these things, but maintains that anything that one can do as an amateur is better than sitting around doing nothing at all.

## BEYOND CALL

Most of the small coastal villages to which he goes are dirty, poverty-stricken areas accessible only by sea. What is more, they are infested with the enemy.

Hoch runs his junk force in a way that is seldom found in the impersonality and coldness of the war here in Viet Nam. He is a man who has been presented the job of building an effective junk patrol force for the Navy. He has done this, but he has not stopped there.

Hoch has a private theory, that if one will only sacrifice a little more, share a little more the dirty work with the people about whom the war is being fought — then it will be won a lot sooner.

To him, this does not mean going on a dangerous mission and then returning with relief to the comfort of Saigon, leaving the men who were being advised behind in the mud.

The war, for him, is not like holding your nose for a brief moment through a bad smell.

He is in it the whole time and asks no exceptions because he is American.

This rare dedication has one visible side effect among the sincere and grateful Vietnamese: To them, Dai Wei Hoch already is a living legend. ■

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# Alumni News

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## SPOTLIGHT

# MMA Alumni Association Election Information

THE MMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION has announced a Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors' biennial election. The Alumni Association's Bylaws allow for the opportunity to have eighteen voting Directors on the Board. This year, all four Officer positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk) and six (6) Directors will be elected to the Board.

All MMA alumni are eligible to submit nominations and vote for the Alumni Association Board of Directors. To nominate alumni, including yourself, to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, submit a nomination online ([mainemaritime.edu/alumni](http://mainemaritime.edu/alumni)), via email ([alumni@mma.edu](mailto:alumni@mma.edu)), or mail (MMA Alumni Relations, 1 Pleasant Street, Castine, ME 04420).

Each nomination must include the name of the nominee, their graduation year, email, and the position for which they are being nominated (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Clerk, Director). Please also include the name, graduation year, and email of the nominator.

*Nominations must be received no later than 11:59 PM EDST on Friday, June 24, 2022.*

As a part of the nomination process, all nominees shall complete a brief 200-word resume to introduce themselves, give an overview of their career, and state their reason for wanting to serve. The Alumni Office will collect submissions and provide them to the Nominating Committee for consideration.

Ballots will be sent either by post or email to all alumni by July 15, 2022, when the elections will take place. Submission of ballots will be done by mail (only original ballots will be accepted). Ballots must be received by Thursday, September 15, 2022 after which time the votes will be tabulated. The Directors will be introduced at the Alumni Association's annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10 AM in the Class of 1954 Lecture Hall, Alford Center, MMA. All alumni are invited to attend. ■

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ALUMNI NEWS

### THE CT GROUP

The CT group has been gathering regularly. Their January event was held at Gasper’s Automotive Restoration, owned by John Gasper ’02. Pictured on this restored fire engine, owned by Jack Spratt ’93, is Rich Slack ’93, Gasper, Cliff Jackson ’08, John Wustman ’09, Doug Vines ’81, Todd Thiel ’92, and Joe Stanley ’21. The gathering was a tour of the armory and the fire truck restoration shop, then dinner at The Main Pub restaurant. The next meeting is pizza and beer in April.



ALUMNI NEWS

### SEACOAST CHAPTER

The Seacoast Chapter held a holiday event in conjunction with the MMA Alumni Association meeting at the Sprague House in Portsmouth, NH. Attendees donated stuffed animals and MMA Alumni Association VP Andrew Strosahl ’05 delivered them to the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. Thank you, donors!



ALUMNI NEWS

### BANGOR SEADOG CHAPTER

Alumni from the Bangor Seadog Chapter helped support 12 students on a coral reef dive trip while they were in St. Croix USVI during the winter cruise. In addition to all the coral and fish, they saw sea turtles and blacktip sharks. The money raised cut the cost per student in half. Students signed thank you cards for the chapter donors.



ALUMNI NEWS

### CASCO BAY CHAPTER

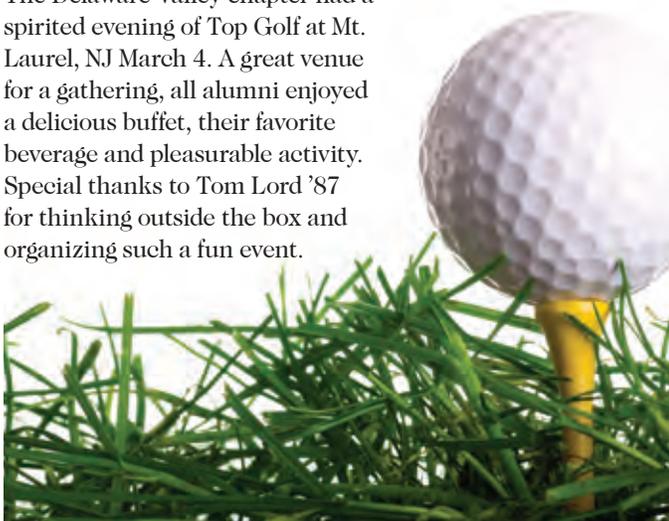
The Casco Bay Chapter hosted area alumni at the Ice Level Lounge of a Maine Mariners game in Portland on January 28. A great turnout watched a highly competitive game, complete with great seats and viewing area, a buffet “cookout”, and lively conversation. The Alumni Association hosted another hockey event to a packed “Lounge” on April 15 against the Newfoundland Growlers. Great time and camaraderie!



## ALUMNI NEWS

### THE DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

The Delaware Valley chapter had a spirited evening of Top Golf at Mt. Laurel, NJ March 4. A great venue for a gathering, all alumni enjoyed a delicious buffet, their favorite beverage and pleasurable activity. Special thanks to Tom Lord '87 for thinking outside the box and organizing such a fun event.



## ALUMNI NEWS

### SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC

Captains Carrie '00 and Jay Stewart '00 hosted a BBQ for students and the ship's crew during the training ship's winter cruise in November 2021. The Stewarts are instrumental in contacting companies to keep ship services at a manageable cost. TSSOM is returning to Charleston, SC this spring and the Southeast Atlantic group will host area alumni and students during a Charleston RiverDogs (AA) baseball game and picnic.



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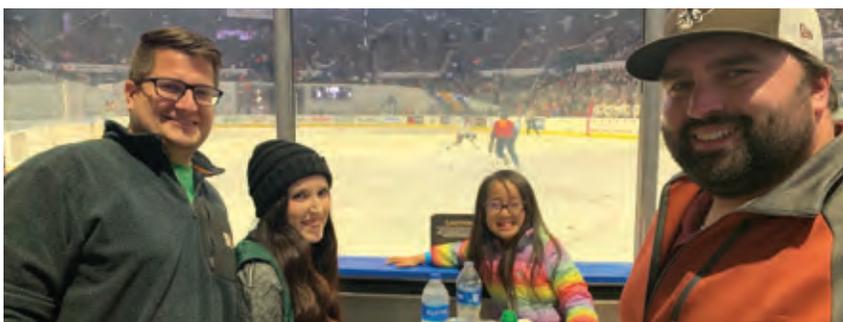
### BLACK MOUNTAIN SKIING

Special thanks to Roger Arsenault '71 and Ed Rosenberg '72 for their tireless efforts to host the annual alumni ski event at Black Mountain in Rumford, ME. Ed reports, "The energy and the camaraderie was the best we have had to date. The skiing was great. We had alumni from as far away as Holden and Rockport. We had alumni from 1960 to 2014. There were 2 classmates that currently sail as Master and Chief Engineer on the same ship who were there skiing." See you next year!

## ALUMNI NEWS

### TIDEWATER CHAPTER

The Tidewater Chapter also got the hockey bug, hosting an event at the Party Pad of the Scope Arena, where MMA alumni and families were treated to an exciting overtime game by the Norfolk Admirals and Atlanta Gladiators. Again, our impressive alumni attendance had great seats, a buffet cookout, and cash bar. Pictured enjoying the game is the Dion family (Andrew '07, wife Jaime, daughter Nadine) and Steve Case '05/'09, Janice and Mark Vanty '86, and Tom Bourgelas '81, and Jim Michalski '89.



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## THE TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter hosted a welcome reception for President-Select Jerry Paul '89 at the Marriott Waterway, The Woodlands, TX, on April 3. Paul was in town to welcome alumni and corporate representatives who participated in the annual Texas Mariner Golf Classic on April 4 at the PGA-tournament-rated Woodlands Country Club. Attending were Larry Burrill '77, Paul, Tom Lord '87, Richard Balzano '89, and Steve Schutt '88.



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## NEW CHAPTER CONTACTS

The Alumni Association wishes to thank Mike Grigware '87 (Seacoast), Sherri Hickman '85 (Texas), Minh Harriman '90 (Puget Sound), David Lane '68 (Jax), and Norm Laskey '62 (Southeast) for their dedicated years of service as chapter contacts. A hearty welcome and thank you to DK Horne '80 (Seacoast), Ben Van Der Like '16, (Southeast), Josh Shaw '12 (Texas), and Mark Keene '11 (Puget Sound) for picking up the baton and continuing to serve area alumni. Steve Roy '78 is working toward revitalizing the Kennebec Valley Chapter as well. Please welcome them and offer your assistance when and where you can.

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## SENIOR BANQUET

After two years and two months, the Alumni Association hosted the 52nd Alumni Student Banquet at the Cross Center, Bangor (see page 13 for photos). Turnout was lighter than in past years, but attendees were appreciative and enjoyed their evening. Andrew Strosahl '05, VP of the Alumni Association, welcomed the soon-to-be members and Jeff Wright, Director of Alumni Relations, gave a quick overview of the support and offerings that the Association has to offer.

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### ALUMNI SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

In cooperation with the Alumni Relations Office, the following speakers were on campus to share their expertise with students during Commandant's Time this spring:

- February 7 to 2/C – Role of Leadership to soon-to-be 1/C; Richard Balzano '89, CEO, Executive Director Dredging Contractors of America; former Deputy Administrator, MARAD; CAPT, US Navy (retired); and Mark Winter '88, State Office Rep., Sen. Collins; Attorney; CAPT, US Navy (retired)
- March 7 to 3/C – Cadet Shipping Experience, Preparation, Expectations, Advice and Sea Stories; Capt. Prentice “Skip” Strong, III '84, Penobscot Bay & River Pilots Assn.; author
- March 14 to 1/C – Real Estate; First Purchase and Investment Tips, Rylee Knox '19, worked as a Nuclear Test Engineer for the Department of Defense at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, started investing in real estate in 2017. Transitioned career in 2019 to become a full-time real estate investor and real estate agent.
- March 21 to 3/C – Alumni Relations at MMA, Jeff Wright, Director, Alumni Relations
- April 11 to 1/C – Insurance Coverages and Considerations, Joshua Doolan '17, Vice President, Property & Casualty at USI Insurance Services

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2 – SEACOAST CHAPTER, “YOU BRING THE MEAT, WE’LL BRING THE HEAT” COOKOUT, PORTSMOUTH, NH

JUNE 18 – MUSTER/RIDE IN AND EL FARO SALUTE! UPDATE, STUDIO JBONE, WARREN, ME

JUNE 20 – OCEAN GATEWAY RECEPTION, TSSOM RETURN, PORTLAND, ME

JUNE 23 – PEN BAY CHAPTER GATHERING; SAIL, POWER AND STEAM MUSEUM, ROCKLAND, ME

JUNE 27 – MAINE GOLF CLASSIC, BRUNSWICK COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 11-13 – CLASS OF '65 REUNION, MMA

JULY 15-17 – ME BOAT BUILDERS SHOW, PORTLAND YACHT SVCS., PORTLAND, ME

JULY 15 – ME/NH ALUMNI EVENT, PORTLAND SEA DOGS PICNIC, GAME, FIREWORKS

JULY 23 – SO CA LOBSTER FEED, SAN DIEGO, CA

AUGUST 1-3 – CLASS OF '67 REUNION, MMA

AUGUST 8-10 – CLASS OF '62 REUNION, MMA

SEPTEMBER 16 – SEACOAST GOLF SCRAMBLE

SEPTEMBER 16-18 – HOMECOMING

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# Class Notes

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## GUIDANCE

# Ready to Grow

Alumna shares insights on building a life at sea

**E**liza Pingree '15 keeps an open mind. As a transfer student in the MET program, she knew that things might not always go as planned, and she was open to adventure. In the years that followed her graduation from MMA, she has traveled the world and learned more than she ever imagined she could along the way. Here, she shares insights on what it takes to build a life at sea.

**DON'T QUIT YOUR DAYDREAM.** "Going to sea had always been one of those unattainable daydreams of mine but I was majoring in fine arts and working as a dishwasher at a local restaurant. When my brother applied to MMA, it felt like I was given permission to explore my old daydream. If he could do it, why couldn't I?"

**WORK HARD AND BE HUMBLE.** "One of my biggest takeaways from MMA was to never be above a job. I would never ask anyone to do something that I'm not willing to do myself. Even as a 1st A/E with a department of 40 people, I'm not above getting my hands dirty! I get bored at my desk and am always looking for excuses to do cool stuff."

**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.** "I had a specific vision for my career, but it doesn't look anything like that now. I didn't realize that engineers are basically detectives: something happens that makes no sense, and then you spend the rest of the day gathering clues and figuring out what's going on. Now that is my favorite part of the job — who doesn't want to be Sherlock Holmes?"

**LISTEN AND LEARN.** "I've learned never to underestimate the power of experience. You can't truly understand what you're getting into until you do something yourself — no matter how much you've read about it. You have to use your judgment, obviously, but don't discount the input of people who have more experience than you."

**SET GOALS AND WORK TOWARDS THEM.** "There are still a few things I'd like to accomplish: go to the Antarctic Circle, the Black Sea, transit the Panama Canal, and things like that. At some point, I need a few months of diesel time to complete my license upgrade. Beyond work, I really want to start building my house, and I think that might help with the whole life outside of work thing!"



**BE OPEN TO CHANGE.** "Don't be afraid to reinvent yourself! Your goals don't have to stay the same and if you change directions, your time hasn't been wasted. Everything you do becomes part of who you are. I use so many of the things I learned in my fine arts program in my job as an engineer, and I don't count the years of college I did before MMA as a waste. They were an important chapter in my story."

**STAY HUNGRY.** "Remember that you don't have to know the answer to everything, but you do have to be willing and eager to find out. When you first join the workforce, you're at the bottom of the pyramid, and that's okay. Just don't get too comfortable there! Keep your eyes wide open and learn everything you can." ■

# CLASS NOTES

## 1960

Peter Schiot is still on the water but in a much smaller craft. Last year he logged 152 days in his ocean racing 20' shell. "Pay isn't so good but plenty of fun."

## 1961

Joseph Fortin downsized and moved from Texas to Louisiana in January 2022.

## 1962

Bob Pouch reports, "We completed a 77-day circumnavigation of South America on Holland American Line."

## 1962

Lawrence Feldman was chosen as a "Top 100" out of 24,000 U-Haul independent dealers.

## 1962

Jim Barr wrote to the Alumni Office recently: "This is my narrative as a 1962 graduate of MMA and is intended to emphasize the importance of further education. I have spent a total time on the high seas of 20-25 years, raising my USCG license to Chief Engineer, unlimited horsepower and this included Victory ships, turbo-electric ships, LASH ships, San Clemente tankers, and a transition to large slow speed diesels.

"In this time frame, I dabbled in nuclear power and qualified as a shift test engineer, testing nuclear submarines at Newport News Shipbuilding and Day Deck Company and Electric Boat in Groton, CT. My further exploration enhanced my repertoire of experience and knowledge through working for Bechtel, Stone & Webster, Sargent & Lundy, Burns and Roe, CMP, and Cianbro.

"I am now 81 years old. I retired from sailing the high seas at age 70, having sailed with MEBA District 1 Union

for 20 years. At this juncture, I returned to MMA for my master's degree in Global Supply Chain Logistics, 2010, and a doctoral degree in Business Administration, 2020, from University of Phoenix."

Congratulations Dr. Barr, well done.

## 1964

Class Agent Larry Wade reported to classmates that Joe Moran has moved to the Coastal Manor Nursing Facility in Yarmouth. Wade reports that the past president of the MMA Alumni Association is "incredibly sharp and still as witty as ever" and loves company.

## 1967

David Norton is "still lobstering and trying to keep up with our grandkids!"

## 1970

Bob Martell says, "I missed my 51st reunion due to neck & throat cancer. I would like to thank my classmates for the cards and well wishes from the Academy. I won the battle, thanks to you."

## 1971



Rollin Thurlow was featured in the article "Two Traditional Canoe Builders" in issue 164 (2020) of *Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors*. Thurlow and a former business partner build wood-and-canvas canoes by hand in the tiny town of Atkinson, ME. Their 1987 book *The Wood and Canvas Canoe: A Complete Guide* is still in print. (Photo: MaineBoats.com)

## 1971

Gary Chapin reports that he has retired and lives in Cumberland Foreside, ME.

## 1971

Richard Clapp is in Spokane, WA. His daughter Addy, husband, and grandson are in Seattle. Son Andrew, wife, and granddaughter are in Spokane, WA.

## 1971



The Class of 1971 has sustained a robust email thread among classmates for many months with sea stories, MMA remembrances, and interesting images. Tim Plummer shared this image of the July 1971 Alumni News (precursor to the Mariner) where MMA's newest alumni were featured on its cover. Great job Class of 1971!

## 1972

Roland Martin reports that he is retired and lives in Falmouth, ME, with wife Mary.

## 1973



Pat Hickey stopped by the alumni office this spring to say hello. Hickey was in town doing work aboard the TSSOM prior to its annual training cruise.

## 1975

Gary Dustin announced his retirement and is living in Waterville, ME, with wife Patricia.

## 1975



Capt. Dave Kendall recently retired and is now sailing on his new home — the SV *Dreamwa*, a 42' Gozzard. He now reports to Admiral Cyndy Kendall. Classmate Steve Gumpel joined them for the Stonington to Greenwich leg of their voyage south to Port Canaveral from Rockland, ME.

## 1975

Ray Mann is a staff volunteer for the New Jersey Maritime Museum on Long Beach Island, NJ. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of maritime history and artifacts.

## 1976

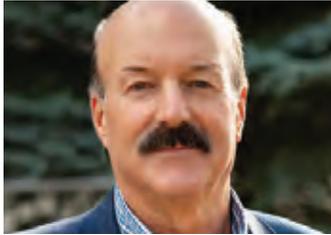


In a recent email to classmates, Class Agent Capt. Dave Witherill shared some images with his classmates, compliments of Mark Johnson. At graduation 1976, Witherill captions this one "Cool Dudes: along with Mark (middle), we have John (Jake) Jacoby to Mark's right, Russ Koehler to his left, and I believe Doug Koehler on the far right." Thanks for sharing Mark and Dave.

## 1976

Masoud Sarikhani passes along, "I am proud of MMA and grateful about all MMA gave me. Love to visit MMA at this age with my classmates."

## 1977



AZCO, part of the Burns & McDonnell family of companies, selected Earle Cianchette as CEO of the national industrial construction and prefabrication firm. Cianchette has more than 30 years of construction management experience across multiple industries including power, manufacturing, and oil and gas.

## 1979



John Murray, CEO of Port Canaveral, FL, met up with recent MMA President-Select Jerry Paul '89 at "Seaport Day" in Tallahassee, FL, on February 3, where Florida's seaports showcased how they are playing a leading role in transportation and logistics.

## 1979

Robert Montgomery served 5 years active duty, Surface Warfare Officer, USN then 29 years with Liberty Mutual, investigating commercial losses. He retired four years ago and "living the dream on the farm coast of southeastern (Westport) MA."

## 1979

Steven Wilson retired in February as Chief Engineer with American Steamship Co. after 42 years sailing on the Great Lakes. With the sudden passing of Tammy, his wife of 20 years, retirement plans changed dramatically. Now Wilson spends most of his time hunting, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family. He resides in Toledo, OH.

## 1980



Several alumni attended the retirement party of Mark Paine, Elish Higgins '87 and Mike Marzolf '78 at Danny Murphy's (formerly The Reef) in Castine, on February 26, 2022. Congratulations!

## 1980

James Kahler is a Ship Berthing Specialist, working for the Maritime Administration, and lives in Harper's Ferry, WV.

## 1980

David MacDonnell has moved to Underhill, VT.

## 1981

Lee Washburn is the Plant Manager at the Blackstone Energy facility in Blackstone, MA. Washburn and his wife Patti currently reside in Woonsocket, RI, and travel extensively back to Maine and Florida to spend time with their children and grandchildren.

## 1982

Jonathan Ogle is the Senior Director, Strategic Development for Matson Navigation Company in California. Matson recently

formed a partnership with MMA, and he is the Matson Ambassador to MMA. Ogle represented Matson, a sponsor for this spring's "A Night by the Bay" fundraiser. Following this successful event, he spent most of the week on campus, speaking with classes and students about Matson and the world of logistics.

## 1983

Anthony Pala is a pilot for FedEx and lives in Falls Church, VA with wife Kathleen.

## 1984



Capt. Dave Gelinas and his family were the subject of a post on the Camden Herald on March 10. Titled "Meet the Rink-Meister of Molyneaux Road," the article describes how the Gelinas family creates their own front-yard skating rink bringing outdoor activity to the neighborhood. (Photo: Camden Herald)

## 1984

John Anderson is living in the Lewiston-Auburn area with wife and youngest son Jack, working at a small trash-to-energy plant as a shift supervisor with eight other Maine Maritime alumni.

## 1984

William Manduca is self-employed, working as a consultant/coach on various assignments. He lives in Savannah, TN.

## 1985

Roger Boyington is employed by Atrium Health Care as the Northern Region Director of Facilities and lives in Concord, NC with his wife Jody.

## 1987



Paul Gallagher & Hugh Tillman met up in Hawaii. Captain Gallagher is the Vice President at Foss Maritime in Seattle and Tillman, a retired USMC aviator, is enjoying diving and flight instructing in Hawaii.

## 1987

Jim Carnes has been living in Atlanta, GA, for the past 28 years. After shipping as 3rd/2nd Engineer for 6 years, he worked in the automation field, heavily involved in sensors & pumping systems. In 2002, he started Integrated Process Solutions. Next year will be 20 years in business along with wife of 31 years, Lisa. His daughters are dancers and work cruise ships and other various shows. "MMA gave me the foundation for a good life!"

## 1988



What are the chances of running into your Port Management professor from 35 years ago from MMA? Dru DiMattia, representing the Convoy Cup Foundation and the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization, met up with Dr. Shashi Kumar, representing MARAD at St Paul's Abbey, in Newton, NJ in August 2021, honoring the late Captain Leonard LaRue, commander of the "Miracle Ship" SS *Meredith Victory*, for rescuing 14,000 North Korean refugees 23 December 1950.

# CLASS NOTES

## 1988

Eric Smith is the Director at Resolve Marine Group in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He and wife Pam live in Lithia, FL.

## 1988

Thomas Wranosky is the power superintendent for Westrock in Panama City, FL. He lives in Tallahassee with his wife Dawn.

## 1990



Eric King, Senior Director of Operations at the Schmidt Ocean Institute, Palo Alto, CA, was interviewed for the 94th episode of the Longitude.site blog, conducted by SOI fellows, about the history and future of SOI. Visit [longitude.site/soi](https://longitude.site/soi) to view.

## 1990



Dr. John Turner has received tenure at University of North Texas in September 2021 and is an Associate Professor in the College of Information. He is the co-creator of The Flow System (TM), co-author of the book *The Flow System* (2020), and has published numerous articles.

## 1992

Geoff Ashton is the Operations Manager for Elexon Mining and resides in the Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia area.

## 1992

David Lithway is a licensed real estate broker/manager for Landfall Properties, LLC and lives in Panama City, FL.

## 1993



Members of the Class of 1993 met for dinner in Philadelphia area in February. From left, Eric James (PA), Steve Pellegrino (ME), Mike Tolley (ME), Tom Ashton (PA), and Terry Mannion (PA).

## 1993



Paul R. MacGillivray sent a "photo of me and my colleagues outside the Graduate Office, May 1992. I'm in the front row, 3rd from right (next to George Schatz). It was a very special time for all of us. I loved Castine, but sadly I have never made it back there for a visit. Most of us went on to have great careers from the MMA launchpad. The 30th anniversary of my attending MMA, and my desire to contribute to the 2022 Annual Fund has proven to be a great impetus to reconnect with the school. I faithfully contributed to the Annual Fund for 20 years. I have my online connections to the school, and I have always been an ardent supporter of MMA. I wish to stay connected and continue to support a great institution — now 80 years young!"

## 1994

David Harms reports that he is retired. Harms lives in Gilford, NH with wife Heather and children Makenna and Jonathan.

## 1995



Ben Strickland and wife Candice are now "empty nesters" and have relocated full-time from Norfolk, Virginia to Orlando, Florida. Their son Brian (Cal Maritime '17) works in the Seattle area for Trident Maritime Systems as a program manager and their daughters Amy and Laura attend Old Dominion University in Norfolk.

## 1996



In January, Andrew Russo wrote, "I received the most recent Mariner and when I finished looking it over, I was pleasantly surprised to see the Time & Tide section featuring the former TVSSOM model. If memory serves me correctly, this model was displayed in the library during my time at MMA. I want to mention that Tom Linsky '66 is my uncle and a large part of why I attended MMA. Tommy passed away several years ago but his widow, Carol Linsky, and son, Max Linsky, are still residents of Cape Ann & Beverly, MA respectively..."

## 1996



"On this Veterans Day, we honor and thank the millions of military veterans who dedicated themselves to the preservation and furtherance of this great nation and recognize one of our own Veterans who continues the call now as a Florida Harbor Pilot. On Monday, Key West Bar Pilot and former LtJg Marine Safety Inspector (11-year total combo U.S. Coast Guard Service Enlisted and Commissioned Officer) Captain Charles Zenter, received a Coast Guard Certificate of Merit for his professionalism and efficiency as the pilot that brought in the Royal Caribbean Serenade of the Seas cruise ship a few weeks ago at a moment's notice to save a passenger's life. We had the whole Key West Bar Pilot team there to witness and support as we could not be prouder of you — for so many reasons, Captain Zenter."

— Florida Harbor Pilots Association, Port of Key West

## 1997

Scott Lambert retired from Transocean after 24-year career in subsea engineering.

## 1997

Gary Chase is the Commanding Officer of the USS *Vicksburg* (CG 69) and requested orders to become the next CO of the MMA NROTC Unit. Stay tuned...

## 1997



Logan Snyder was recently selected to be the General Manager of Frisco Marina in Frisco, CO. At just over nine thousand feet elevation, Frisco boasts one of North America's highest in-land marinas on the shores of Lake Dillon. Snyder lives in Dillon with his wife of 22 years, Deborah, and three sons who all enjoy the year-round recreation in the area from skiing to sailing.

## 1998

Jason Alley is "lobstering in Jonesport USA!"

## 2000

Stephen Britton recently became a licensed paramedic, was the honor graduate in his class, and is working as a full time Firefighter/Paramedic for the South Area Fire District in central Wisconsin. He is also a part time Lieutenant/Paramedic for the neighboring Riverside Fire District.

## 2000

Aimee Hayden-Roderiques is a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher in Wiscasset, ME. She, husband Joseph '00, and children Olliver and Orelia live in Bath, ME.

## 2000

Linette Casey was recently recognized by the *Transition Economist* as part of the TE100 Awards as one of the Top 10 Women in Sustainability globally. She is the Power Systems Development Director for Siemens Energy.

## 2000

Jeremiah Pease is the student athlete affairs coordinator and women's lacrosse coach at MMA. He and wife Sara live in Castine.

## 2001

Joshua Atwood reports, "I am currently an Engineering Technical Leader for GE Power Services located out of Greenville, SC. Previously employed by Calpine Corp. within their construction management team, I transitioned into an engineering role in 2005, beginning with GE Power Turbines, GE Aviation, and now GE Power Services." Atwood lives in Simpsonville, SC with wife Christy and children Peyton and Grayson.

## 2002

Chief Mate John Holesha was profiled in a Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS) article this past summer.

## 2003

Shannon Kaminski is the Senior Category Manager, Contract Manufacturing for Purpose Built Brands, Gurnee, IL. Shannon and husband Richard live in Grayslake, IL.

## 2005

Gregory Foote is the VP of Sales for NLine Energy, Inc. in the greater Portland, ME area.

## 2005

Chris Oelschlegel is "humbled and excited to announce that I have accepted an offer to join the team at MPR Associates, Inc., in Alexandria, Virginia! I will depart Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for the last time on April 1 with a heavy heart. Much of who I am today has been forged through the challenging training and leadership opportunities I have been afforded at the finest nuclear capable shipyard in the

world. I hope I leave PNSY better than I found it. My teammates have become my family and I will miss you all dearly. Portsmouth Pride!" Continued success, Chris.

## 2005



In mid-2021, Colleen Peters was hired by Sairdron, where she combines her passions for sailing and seafloor mapping. Shortly after her arrival, the Sairdron *Surveyor*, a 72-foot uncrewed vehicle, completed its inaugural voyage, sailing (and mapping!) from California to Hawaii. Peters is the Bathymetry Data Manager and interim Lead Surveyor. She oversees all the bathymetry data collected at Sairdron, from managing the data onboard the vehicle, the offload, processing, and delivery to the customer. She is also involved in the initial

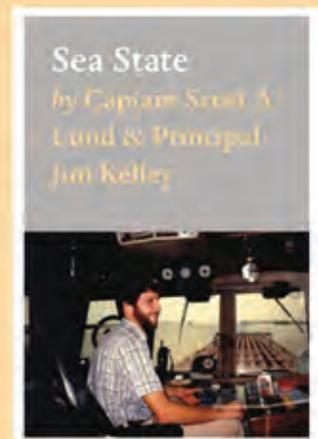
integration and configuration of mapping systems and software aboard future vehicles. As interim Lead Surveyor, Peters plans and executes surveys, developing the onboard workflow and mapping data integration with the customer-facing Mission Portal. Piloting of the vehicle and mapping operations are conducted completely remotely — from any device, from anywhere in the world!

## 2006



Nolan Lucas, wife Katherine and son Theodore joined other Tidewater area alumni at the Norfolk Admirals hockey game. Lucas is in the US Navy completing his shore rotation in Norfolk, VA, is in the aviation community, and anxious to get back into his F-18.

Search 'Sea State Lund' on Amazon and order your copy today!



Captain Lund's book *Sea State* describes a harrowing voyage at sea in a time less refined and regulated - a world away in all respects!

All profits from this book are contributed to animal welfare organizations.

# CLASS NOTES

## 2006



Don Thibodeau is working with Duke Energy Sustainable Solutions, a subsidiary of Duke Energy. One of the largest utilities in the country, Duke provides energy solutions as a service to campuses nationwide to support sustainability, resiliency, carbon reduction goals, and providing a unique learning/research experience to the education sector on advanced market technologies. He has reached out to support his alma mater in advancing their sustainability initiatives on campus and the Castine community after reading about the Academy's recent membership to Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Thibodeau lives in Debary, FL with his wife, 4 dogs, 2 cats, and 4 birds.

## 2008



Blake Hynes is the Marine Manager, US West Coast, for The Hiller Companies, a start-to-finish fire protection company with design, installation, and maintenance solutions for commercial, marine, and military entities. Hynes came to Hiller after 14 years with Transocean.

## 2009

Matt Hofer is an assistant professor of Marine Transportation at MMA and lives in Orrington.

## 2008



Alex Miller (l) caught up with Caiden Shea '20 (m) and Jared McCleary '16 (r) at Luminant's Lake Road Generating in Dayville, CT. McCleary and Shea are both Operations Technicians on the same shift at the 827 megawatt (MW) natural gas fired combined cycle facility. Together, they have been making great contributions to the Lake Road Generating Team. Miller supports their site along with several power generation sites as the Regional Safety Manager.

## 2009

Caroline Marin has started a new job at Genesis Healthcare as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She resides in Cumberland, Maine with her husband and three children: Lydia (8), Amelia (3), and Clark who completed the family of 5 in August.

## 2011

Jason Endsley is a regional operations manager for Central Maine Power. He, wife Katherine, and boys Lucas and Isaac, live in Gorham, ME.

## 2011

Benjamin Moll is a captain with Stasinis Marine LLC of Weymouth, MA, and lives in Marshfield, VT with his wife Kerri.

## 2011

Trevor and Jenna McCourt '12 welcomed their second son, Waylon Douglas McCourt, to their family.

## 2011



Corey Sampson from Durham, ME, a chief engineer working on an oil rig, was profiled in Maine MBA, the the UMaine Graduate School of Business e-newsletter.

## 2012

Tom Gorman is 2 A/E with MEBA and has been shipping ever since he graduated. He lives in So. Hamilton, MA. He and Elizabeth were blessed with son Thomas Jr. on New Year's Day 2022.

## 2012



Emmett Huber made his third appearance in the amateur mixed martial arts cage Friday, November 5, 2021, in his hometown of Portland, ME, as part of "NEF 45: Uprising."

## 2012

Emily Lee is a Logistics Engineer for General Dynamics NASSCO. She, husband Michael and children Alexander, Scarlett, and Maxwell are "an active-duty family" living in San Diego.

## 2012

Heather (Moore) Santana is the Operations Manager for National Domestic Workers Alliance and lives in Shrewsbury, MA with husband Edwin (2012) and children Edwin III, Valerie, and Vivian Santana.

## 2012



Josh Shaw is loving the Lone Star state. "I'm still working with Chouest sailing as Captain onboard docking tugs in Alaska. We work closely with Trans Alyeska Pipeline System otherwise known as TAPS. The job requires ongoing training in spill response training and drills throughout the year. Mid COVID-19 2020, sold my second home and moved out of Maine. In October 2020, my girlfriend Chelsea and I hit the road in a 41' 5th Wheel and traveled 8,000 plus miles all over the country in-between my 28-day rotations. We have a beautiful country to say the least. For the time being, we're settled in Dickinson, TX, until we figure out where we'd like to build a home. We'd love to meet up with old classmates if any of you are in the Houston area. So, please reach out. For now, we'll be venturing out with the RV from time to time to the states surrounding the Lone Star State."

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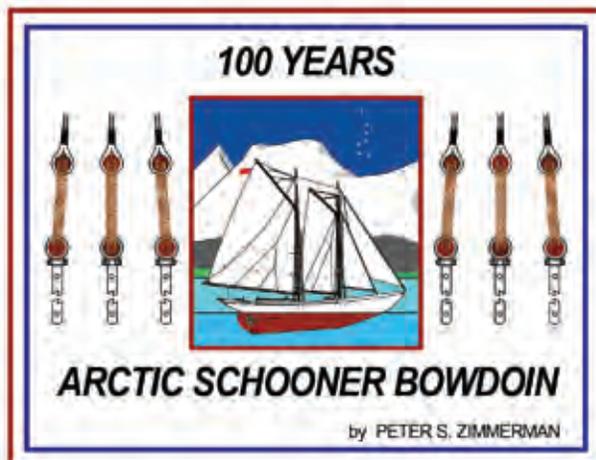
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# Honoring History's Heroes

EVER SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG STUDENT at MMA, Anthony 'Dru' DiMattia '88 has loved maritime history. Back then, he looked forward to Friday afternoons when Professor Mayhew would regale his Oceanic History class with sea stories from the near and distant past.

Now, DiMattia is himself helping write an essential chapter of that rich history. For over 15 years, he has been involved with the American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV). Since 1983, AMMV has worked to foster a sense of community among Merchant Mariners and raise awareness about the critical role that they have played throughout this nation's history. DiMattia's first encounter was with the local chapter near his home in southwest Florida, but he soon became invested in the organization's work on a national level.

As the all-volunteer organization's President, DiMattia has been integral in helping to tell the story of America's World War II veterans. "This group is disappearing," he says. "Many MMA graduates served in that war, and some were killed in action. Still, if you ask most people about our merchant marine, they haven't any idea what it is."

Years of hard work finally paid off in March of 2020 when the Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act came into law. As an active member of the committee that designed the medal, DiMattia is looking forward to attending the virtual award ceremony in May when the Speaker of the House will first award the Congressional Gold Medal.

Having attained that milestone, AMMV is focused on its membership base and supporting mariners throughout the decades. "The Merchant Marine has been an important auxiliary to the Navy since 1936, but it has been neglected. It is screaming to right itself, but it will not do it on its own."



A primary goal is expanding the veteran status to those who participated in more recent conflicts. "Do I believe that mariners who sailed during the conflict in Korea and Vietnam deserve to be considered Veterans?" DiMattia asks. "Absolutely!"

The key to achieving the awareness that AMMV is dedicated to requires continual education and engagement. "The U.S. Merchant Marine remains a vital service and should be understood by the younger generation," he explains. By building public knowledge and encouraging others to be involved, DiMattia is helping to ensure and protect the legacy of America's brave and patriotic Merchant Marine. ■

## 2013

"After an extensive search for new leadership for our Quality Assurance team in Saco, it is with great pleasure that I announce an important internal promotion at our SeaCo processing facility. Sabrina (Keach) Fiaalii has officially accepted the position of Director of Food Safety & Quality Assurance!" The official company announcement was over 500 words long describing how awesome Fiaalii is. According to the announcement, her laudable accomplishments include earning a nearly impossible 99% score on food

safety audits, streamlining the Food Safety Culture training, successfully working with local governments, and — most important — coaching and captaining the company softball team to a championship.

## 2013

Oscar Adams is a consultant for Deloitte LLC of Arlington, VA.

## 2013

Zara-Anne Farrar is a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy and living in Portsmouth, RI.

## 2014



Classmates got together at the wedding of Sam Hall in September 2021. Pictured are Kasee Wilson, Hall, Kevin Pettengill and Ryan Armstrong.

## 2016

Matthew Barnes was recently promoted to senior service manager at GE power. Barnes currently oversees operations as site representative for GE at the Berwick Power Plant in Berwick, PA.

## 2017

Catherine (Bailey) Cote and husband Gavin '15 now live in Scarborough, ME.

## 2017

Tara Gauntt-Glick writes to us: "Married my now-husband LT William Glick (USCG) in September 2020 but celebrated with friends/family 2021 on our first anniversary. Moved to Quaker Hill, CT, in June 2020, military transfer for my husband. I soon thereafter started working at Cross Sound Ferry Service. My husband and I have two rescue dogs, Zoey and Rainey, and a cat, Frank."

## 2018

Jackson Larrabee is the Global Freight Operations Assistant Manager at Wayfair in Brunswick, ME. Prior to this, Larrabee was the Assistant Superintendent at the Federal Marine Terminal, Eastport, ME.

## 2018

Brendan Newcomb is the Market Development Manager at Sazerac, leading the Upstate New York



West team. A graduate of International Business & Logistics, Newcomb received his MBA in 2021 from University of Alabama Birmingham, concentrating in Management Information Systems. A four-year letter winner at MMA, Newcomb is a part time basketball coach/trainer, owning and operating BN Basketball LLC, personally working with individuals to improve their game and achieve their goals.

## 2018

Daniel J. Peabody-Harrington is enrolled in Northeastern University's Roux Institute in Portland, ME and was featured in News@Northeastern's "How his Amphibious Airplanes Could Bring Flight to Inaccessible Places" by Ian Thomsen.

Peabody-Harrington's goal is to build a new line of amphibious planes that can provide air transportation for populations that are growing rapidly around the world. The commercial plane under development by his startup, Mallard Enterprises, could land on a body of water or a traditional runway-offering the versatility that is needed for regions that lack the land or funds to build or expand airports.

## 2018

Cristin Wright has moved to Wanaque, NJ, and is a Staff 1 Scientist for Anchor QEA, Wood Lake, NJ. Wright received her master's degree in Marine Science in 2021 from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) of William and Mary University, VA.

## 2020

Mitchell Bradford is an assistant engineer with Kirby Corporation.

## 2020

Avae L. Traina has moved back to Maine from Boston and bought a house in Scarborough, close to the beaches! She is still working for Siemens — loving her team, clients, and location. She's also coaching Portland High School girls basketball as JV head coach and assistant varsity coach.

## 2020

Jay Trenham is sailing as 3rd Assistant Engineer for Crowley and lives in Middleton, DE.

## 2021

Garrett Williams started a new position as 3rd Assistant Engineer at Transocean in January 2022.

## 2021

Owen McClain is a 3/M for Hornbeck Offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

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# Eight Bells

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

## **ELMER W. PERKINS, JR. '45**

of St. Petersburg, passed away at home on December 2, 2021. He was born and raised in Maine. He attended MMA and graduated in 1945. He served his country honorably in the Merchant Marines WWII. After working various jobs, Perkins served as Union President for the United Food and Commercial Worker Union in Tampa. Upon retirement, he and his wife traveled in their R.V. with their dog Friday. Some of their favorite places to visit included Alaska and Prince Edward's Island in British Columbia. They were beloved grandparents to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## **GILBERT MARRINER '47**

died November 2, 2021, after a brief illness. Marriner was born and raised in Camden and was a graduate of Camden High School, class of 1945. He attended MMA, and then enlisted with the Army National Guard before being called to active duty with the United States Army. In the 1950's, Marriner and his father began the business of tarring roads from their filling station in Camden. The business evolved into Clyde Marriner Trucking and Paving, and subsequently into the asphalt paving company named Marriner's Inc. After his father's retirement, Marriner took over the business. Marriner was a proud member of the Freemasons for

**KEVIN FITZGERALD** passed away peacefully at home on February 15, 2022. He attended Shelton schools and was a Shelton resident up until 1993 when he moved to Maine. He was employed at Maine Maritime Academy where he had many friends. He will be remembered for his kindness, jokester personality, and his one-of-a-kind sense of humor. He will be held close to our hearts and missed by his family and friends.

over 73 years; he was a Master Mason and received many service awards during his membership, including a 50 Year Service Medal. Marriner had his pilot's license and owned a plane; was an avid boater; and enjoyed golfing. He was a sports fan, mostly for the Boston Red Sox as well as tournament PGA golf. He also enjoyed instrumental music and was known to have "Seriously Sinatra" playing in his vehicle. He was known by all that knew him as an easy-going, kind, generous, humble man and a joy to be around. He truly was a one-of-a-kind, gentle soul who left a positive impact on everyone he met, no matter who they were.

## **DANIEL F. SEVIGNY '47**

passed away on September 6, 2021 after a brief illness. He was a resident of Grand Villa of St. Petersburg, where he was fondly known for his obsession with trying to get snacks from his neighbors. He was known for his non-stop walking, how sweet and helpful he was, and his mad pool skills. Sevigny was born in Biddeford, Maine. Sevigny was a veteran of the Korean War where he served in the Navy and served in the Merchant Marines. After working on ships for many years and being away overseas, he obtained a job at the Traveler's Insurance Company where he started working inspecting boilers and worked his way up to a Senior Safety Engineer. This job gave him his classic green overalls, which were playfully referred to as the "green machine" and worn to do all manner of household chores. Many Sunday dinners at home were spent regaling the family at the dinner table with stories of all the many ports that Sevigny had sailed into. Sevigny was a family man who spent weekends mowing the lawn, teaching his kids not only manners and responsibility but also how to fish in the summer and ski in the winter, going to the beach, canoeing, and a lifelong love of camping at Sebago Lake. He will be truly missed by those who knew and loved him and his devilish sense of humor.

## **JAMES E. BERGER '50**

passed away in January 2022.

## **CAPT. ALAN V. MITCHELL '50**

passed away on October 3, 2021. Mitchell earned his private pilot's license before graduating from Spaulding High School as class Vice President. From there he headed north where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Nautical Science from MMA. While there, where he was known as "Navy A-V", it did not go unnoticed that he was the "only midshipman who returned from that [second] cruise with more money than he possessed when he had departed" and noted that "if A.V. can shake the sound of soaring airplanes from his brain he will be an efficient mate for some shipping industry." Upon graduation, he was commissioned Ensign, USNR with a designation of Third Mate (deck). Mitchell resigned his commission as Ensign to become a Naval Cadet. Mitchell was designated a Naval Aviator where he was responsible for classified and cryptographic materials as an Assistant Communications Officer. From 1952-1953 he flew combat patrols in the Korean Theater. His service included combat patrols, developing tactical plans for mine laying and anti-submarine warfare for the Operations Department. In 1954, he was designated Patrol Commander P2V. Mitchell wanted to be an airline pilot which is why he opted for multi-engine flying. Upon discharge from service, he was hired by United Airlines in July 1955. He retired on January 1, 1988 as captain of a DC-8.

## **BRUCE R. CARTER '52**

passed comfortably on October 31, 2021. Carter attended Franklin High School and MMA with the aid of Sen. Mac Noyes. He served in the U.S. Navy from October 1954 through October 1957 and in 1966 on a Vietnam ammo ship. He served aboard the USS *Intrepid* (1954-1955) and in the Navy Reserves (1958-1968). Carter traveled the world as a Merchant Mariner. After leaving the high seas, he worked at the Maine

Department of Corrections Downeast. He later served Franklin as selectman, road commissioner, water commissioner, assessor, Planning Board member and Community Center trustee. Carter wrote the "History of Roads in Franklin," with some side commentary, as always. Books researched and written by him are "Odyssey in a Downeast Outhouse" and "Oblivion & Dead Relatives Downeast." Many hours were devoted to the establishment and development of the Franklin Veterans Club. At beano he sold tear tickets, and he ran the coin game on Friday nights. A few of his other activities included: MMA director, Realtor, VFW member, DAH lodge member, certified assessor, contributor to The Ellsworth American, panelist for Maine Public Opinion and race announcer at Cherryfield and Graham Lake dirt tracks. Carter was the owner/operator of Ma's Barn/ Franklin Stove Shop for many years. His passion was Franklin genealogy, especially the cemeteries. In "retirement", he and his wife traveled all over Maine — they knew all the good eateries and ice cream joints.

### **CAPT. GEORGE M. JOHNSON '52**

passed away on December 20, 2021. Johnson lived on Bailey Island, ME where he helped his dad in the summers catching lobsters, tuna fishing and sardining. He attended Fryeburg Academy where he played football, baseball, and was on the ski team. Johnson loved the sea and it was only natural for him to attend MMA. After graduating, Johnson joined the U.S. Navy. Johnson would spend the next 30 years of his life sailing all over the world in service to his country. One of his proudest achievements in the Navy was commanding the USS *Glennon* (DD-840) from 1967-1969. Some of the admirals would place bets on Johnson's ship driving skills as he was an excellent parallel parker at the ship's pier in Newport, R.I. After his ship command was over, Johnson then went on to the Pentagon from 1969-1974 where he worked for the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Zumwalt. In 1974 he was assigned to the U.S. Army War College. He was the Senior Naval Representative at the U.S. Army War College from 1975-1982. After his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1982, he worked for Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor as the Director of Operations for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. It was there that Johnson, along with his staff, designed and implemented the first satellite

communications network with mapping systems for all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties to be used during disasters. Johnson returned to Bailey Island in 1993. He enjoyed fishing for striped bass and mackerel, building bird houses and gardening.

### **CMDR. THEODORE W. MANDUCA USN (RET.) '52**

died on December 31, 2021 following a lengthy illness. Manduca attended Old Orchard Beach High School where he played football and ran track. He graduated from MMA with a degree in marine engineering and a commission in the US Navy. He later acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. Manduca had a 25 year Naval career aboard many different ships either as a chief engineer or a combat operations officer. He was the operations officer for the battle cruiser USS *Canberra* (CAG-2); the chief of staff for the Fleet Training Group in Pearl Harbor; the commanding officer of the USS *Aeolus* (ARC-3), an underwater cable laying ship; and was assigned to the National Military Command Center in the Pentagon, where he briefed the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense on world events. He concluded his career as a senior analyst in the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington. He returned home to Maine and taught marine science at Southern Maine Technical College, guiding many students to careers in the shipping industry. A lifelong trombone player, he played in many bands, and was also a long tenured member of the Downeasters Barbershop Chorus. Manduca could always be found working on home improvement projects around his home. His signature project is a solarium that he added to the seaward side of his home. He was a seafaring man from a seafaring state and he loved being by the ocean.

### **DR. ALBERT B. BENNETT, JR. '54**

passed away February 19, 2022 in Durham, New Hampshire. Bennett graduated from Camden High School, where he excelled in basketball and baseball and formed a dance band. He graduated from MMA as Valedictorian. He shipped out for two years and while at sea wrote the MMA March, which was accepted by the Academy as their school song. Bennett entered the University of Maine in the fall of 1956 and over the next three years obtained a B.S. in

education and a Master's in mathematics. Bennett taught at Gorham State Teachers College and was granted a National Science Foundation Scholarship to the University of Michigan. In 1966 he obtained a doctorate degree in math education. After teaching at the University of New Hampshire for 42 years, Bennett retired as a Full Professor of Mathematics. In 2009 he received the New Hampshire Mathematics Education Service Award in recognition of his teaching performance and the materials and books he developed for learning mathematics. In 2018, Bennett received the Camden High School Alumni Association Award in recognition of his contributions as a university professor, author of math books, and as author of books on Cyrus H. K. Curtis' Lyndonia ships. Bennett also created Fraction Bars and Decimal Squares for helping children understand and learn about fractions and decimals, wrote a textbook and an accompanying activity book for college students to give them the background and ideas for teaching mathematics with understanding, and published eight articles in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics journals to provide ideas for teaching school students. Bennett enjoyed meeting people and talking to everyone.

### **CAPT. HARRIS E. TUCKER '56**

passed away on January 10, 2022. Tucker was proud to be a graduate of MMA and of his life as a Merchant Mariner. He took great pride in being a Captain and traveling the world along with his wife, Marie.

### **MALCOLM M. MURRAY, JR. '57**

passed away on January 12, 2022, after a brief illness. He passed away quietly at home with his loving wife by his side. Murray attended Newport and Portland schools. He graduated from Portland High School in 1954. He earned his bachelor's degree at MMA. After graduation, he was employed by Gulf Oil for 28 years as a merchant marine engineer before retiring. His second career was with Burnham & Morrill Baked Beans of Portland for 14 years before starting his "real retirement." Murray returned to East Newport where he started his most passionate project - creating their beloved home on the shores of Seabasticook Lake. From remodeling the "old camp," building his barn and most recently his new garage, Murray was always working on current projects and planning new ones.

# EIGHT BELLS

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## **STANLEY P. QUINN, JR. '57**

passed away January 10, 2022.

## **WILLIAM A. SAWYER '57**

passed peacefully in Fredericksburg, VA on February 21, 2022. Sawyer grew up in South Orrington, Maine. He attended MMA, graduating as a Marine Engineer. Upon graduation, Sawyer entered the Merchant Marines, sailing with the United States Lines. It was during his sailing years that Sawyer met his future bride, Nancy. After sailing the world, Sawyer returned home to Bangor to operate the Brewer Variety store. It was also in this period that Sawyer enlisted with the United States Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain and retiring after more than twenty-five years of service. On the civilian side, Sawyer settled in to a long, successful career with Travelers Insurance Co. from which he eventually retired. Sawyer was a great participant in civic and social organizations. He was a member of the Anah Temple of Shriners, worked with the United Way, volunteered with the Boy Scouts, volunteered as an instructor in both first aid and defensive driving, belonged to the National Ski Patrol, was a member of the Navy League & Propeller Club of America, a member of the Wardroom Club, and a life member of the Naval Reserve Association. Sawyer proudly supported his alma mater, MMA, as an active participant in the Alumni Association, including serving as President. Sawyer enjoyed flying, boating the coast of Maine, skiing, riding his Harley and working. He was never known to sit still for long.

**WILLIAM C. HUGHES** passed away peacefully January 1, 2022. Hughes was a well-respected and honored man in the greater Bangor area, where he was involved in civic and community affairs, including being a member of the Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy, Bangor Lions Club, Bangor Lodge of Elks, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Brewer Zoning Board of Appeals, YMCA of Bangor, Penobscot Valley Country Club, and the Board of Trustees of the Brewer Savings Bank.

## **DAVID H. O'DONNELL '62**

passed unexpectedly December 15, 2021. O'Donnell was a 1959 graduate of Searsport High School and a 1962 graduate of MMA. He traveled the oceans of the world as a marine engineer, and later was an engineer on cargo ships on the Great Lakes. He also was a pipe fitter and worked "the docks." In O'Donnell's later years, he enjoyed the simple things in life, especially his family, Goodwill, Liberty Tool and ice cream cones from DQ. O'Donnell always said you could count true friends on one hand, but we think he had more than that! His quick wit and charm kept everyone on their toes. He will be greatly missed by his friends and his family.

## **JOSEPH B. STACKPOLE '64**

passed away in early December 2021 in Boulder, Colorado after a brief illness. He worked New York Harbor and the ferry from Bridgeport, Conn. In his retirement, he enjoyed skiing and golfing.

## **DENNIS J. ROACH '65**

passed away on January 9, 2022 after a long illness. After graduation from MMA with a B.S. in Maritime Engineering and his Third Assistant Engineer (Unlimited) license from the U.S. Coast Guard, Roach was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Navy Reserve, serving on vessels with the U.S. Merchant Marine to ship material to Vietnam and various foreign shores. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Lieutenant in 1973. Resuming his career onshore, Roach transferred his chemical engineering skills to a career in the paper-making industry with Southland Paper and Weyerhaeuser Paper. In 1986, he joined Albany International, Appleton Wire Division, working with the corporation until his retirement in 2007. His quick wit and antics endeared him to many. He loved to scuba dive and shared memorable experiences with his dive buddies. He also enjoyed fishing. His favorite saying, "It's all in the wrist," was repeated often as his rod and reel fell from his hand, splashing into the water below. His daily retirement ritual was to meet friends for coffee.

## **CAPT. HERBERT D. ROBINSON USCG(RET.) '67**

crossed the bar on February 2, 2022. Born in Boston, Robinson graduated from Marian High School and continued on to MMA, earning his degree in Marine Engineering.

He set a course for Houston, Texas to begin work at the Coast Guard. Captain Robinson dedicated 27 years to maritime safety and security before retiring in 1994. His priority was always to ensure a safe haven in the storm for the sailors and family under his watch. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family at the Cape (Eastham) on family vacations and in the search for big fish.

## **DAVID G. GORDIUS '69**

passed on Dec. 8, 2021. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering. He was a Disabled American Veteran and veteran of the Vietnam War. He achieved the rank of lieutenant and was licensed chief engineer with limitations from the American Society of Power Emergencies, up to 20,000 horsepower; United States Coast Guard, up to 5,000 horsepower per engine; and the state of Maine, up to 100,000 pounds of steam per hour per boiler. His first ship was the U.S. Mate operated by AEC Inc. and last ship was Sealand Consumer operated by Harrison Lines Inc. He was a member of the Protestant Congregational Church, American Merchant Marine Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans, Youth American Uniformed Services, Seafarers International Union, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association-District Two, Moose International and the United States Navy Reserve.

## **LINCOLN E. MCRAE III '69**

passed away peacefully in Jacksonville, FL on November 9, 2021. A proud graduate of MMA, McRae began his career with Academy Tankers, rose to CE and continued as CE for Point Shipping, Cove Shipping, Coscol Marine, Ogden Marine, OMI Corp, and AMSEA. He also sailed on ships supporting the sealifts for Vietnam, Desert Shield / Desert Storm, and Operations Iraqi Freedom. He maintained his commission with the US Navy Reserve until retirement from sea. He came ashore and joined the ABS as a Surveyor, and subsequently served as Port Engineer for OMI Ship Management and Maersk Line in their government fleets, and afterward with Seastar and Crowley Maritime. He also worked as a consultant and turbine specialist. He was working as a consulting engineer for American Roll On-Roll Off Carriers at the time of his passing. He will be greatly missed, both by his family and by his many close friends and colleagues in the industry.

## **CAPT. CRAIG J. KALLOCH '70**

passed peacefully and sailed on to his next voyage March 1, 2022. Kalloch's great love growing up was baseball. He spent hours perfecting his knuckle ball under the guidance of his father. All this hard work paid off as he was the winning pitcher for the 1964 Babe Ruth state championship playing for the Linnox (Knox and Lincoln Counties) team. He continued sharing his talent in high school and college. Kalloch graduated from Rockland District High School in 1966. After his graduation from MMA, he joined the Merchant Marines. In 1976, at the age of 28, he became the youngest captain on ocean-going ships in the United States at that time. One of his ships, The Golden Monarch, a 900-foot oil tanker, was the largest ever to dock in Boston Harbor. His enthusiasm, dedication and leadership throughout his career allowed him to successfully navigate some of the most challenging ports around the world. Upon retirement after 25 years of service, Kalloch and his wife Lisa founded the Middle Earth Healing and Learning Center dedicated to the practice of Deep Ecology. They were deeply grounded in the belief that the health and wellbeing of each individual is interconnected with their living and working environment, as well as to the health and sustainability of the planet herself.

## **RAYMOND E. PICKERING '70**

died peacefully at the hospital in Biddeford, Maine, on January 19, 2022. Pickering served in the Merchant Marine before coming ashore to work for Digital Inc, in Augusta. He loved the outdoors, enjoying deer camp and fish camp in Newfoundland.

## **GERARD R. LEHOULLIER '71**

passed away June 17, 2021 in Florida. Lehouillier's career took him to Electric Boat in Groton, CT, then as Maintenance Manager at the Maine Yankee plant in Wiscasset.

## **CHARLES L. SPALDING '72**

passed away peacefully on September 19th, 2021. Spalding graduated from Orono High School in 1968 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from MMA. Spalding worked his way up to Chief Engineer, leading with knowledge and integrity. After sailing for 20 years, Spalding retired and opened (what should have been famous) "Diggity's Dogs" in Bangor where you would find his one-of-a-kind breakfast waffle

## **SUSAN J. HUTCHINS**

passed away at on November 12, 2021 following a hard-fought battle with complications of Multiple Myeloma cancer. She was a 10th generation Mainer and a lifelong resident of Penobscot, Maine. Hutchins graduated from George Stevens Academy in the class of 1974. Shortly after that, Hutchins began her 47-year career at Maine Maritime Academy. Much of her time at MMA was in the Finance and Information Technology departments. Over those 47 years, she was truly thankful for the many lifelong friendships she made and the opportunities she was presented at such a great college. She loved the outdoors and spent thousands of hours maintaining her and her twin sister's home and property. She took much pride in maintaining immaculate lawns and vegetable gardens: there was never a blade of grass out of place and you couldn't find a weed if you tried. She got the biggest kick when total strangers would stop and tell her how beautiful the lawns were. She always had a paint brush or a polish cloth in hand, making sure everything was in top form.

sausage dog, along with the best hot dogs in town. Deciding to get back to his former love of engineering, Spalding was hired by the University of Maine as the facility's Steam Plant Lead Engineer. This position led to many wonderful friendships and a love of watching the UMaine Hockey team and feeding the crew "Slap Your Mama Chili Dogs" on special nights. Spalding retired from his third and final career in February of 2021 and was quick to take a month-long road trip out West where he was able to check a multitude of items of his Bucket List. He had a passion for the Classics: classic songs and cars. His '56 Chevy was a project that he and his sons worked on together, and he loved the quality time spent with them as much, if not more, than seeing the progress made. Spalding's sense of humor lifted the spirits of everyone around him and he always had a quick-witted response to just about anything.

## **JOHN W. ALLEY '73**

passed away at home November 18, 2021. Alley attended school in Jonesport and graduated in the first graduating class from Jonesport-Beals High School in 1969. After high school, Alley went on to further his education at MMA where he earned his degree in Marine Engineering. Alley went to work at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut but soon decided he wanted to sail. He went to work as an engineer on tugboats and worked his way up to being a chief engineer. In his 43 years of merchant marine life, Alley worked for IOTC (Interstate Ocean Transport Co.), Sonat Marine, Maritrans, K-Sea Towing, and Kirby before his retirement in November 2016. Alley loved his maritime life working on the Patriot, the Java Sea and the Mediterranean Sea over the years and made many good friends

while out to sea. After Alley retired from his many years of shipping, he returned home to Jonesport. He spent his retirement following adventures of his grandchildren, attending music festivals, and watching multiple sporting events on TV and in person. Alley was always extremely proud of his family and all that they accomplished along the way. He enjoyed his time with family talking sports and current events and especially loved to aggravate and then sit back and grin.

## **JEFFREY A. MURDY '77**

passed away January 12, 2022, surrounded by his close family and fiancé. Murdy was a 1973 graduate of Triton Regional High School, where he was a member of the football and hockey teams. Murdy graduated from MMA with a BS in nautical science, and held a master's degree in business science from Husson University. After his education, Murdy found himself shipping throughout the world with Sun Oil Company as Chief Mate. He progressed through his career in sales in the oil industry, making many friends out of the clients he encountered along the way. His greatest passion was being on the water. Next to Boothbay, Maine, the place where he was happiest was on the Parker River in Newbury, Massachusetts. He and his fiancée spent countless summer weekends boating down the river and meeting up with life-long friends at Sandy Point. He was an avid fan of all sports, particularly the New England Patriots, Boston Celtics and the Bruins. Murdy was a voracious reader, an avid golfer and an enthusiastic fan of UMaine Football. Besides being a wonderful family man, Murdy developed wonderful friendships over his lifetime which was the true measure of a life well lived.

# EIGHT BELLS

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## **MICHAEL J. MORRISSEY '79**

passed away suddenly on February 19, 2022 at his home in Beverly. He was a graduate of Beverly High School and MMA. Morrissey spent his career working as a merchant marine. He looked every part a seafarer and sailed the world working as an engineer. Morrissey was a proud member of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association union. He strived to mentor and recruit young mariners and in his retirement continued his connections with MEBA. Morrissey was an avid skier and was happiest skiing Bear Peak. Morrissey loved fishing and in retirement scheduled off-the-grid fishing trips with some of his former shipmates. He loved music and live concerts, occasional road-trips, and spending time with family and friends.

## **CAPT. DAVID POULIOT '80**

passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on March 2, 2022. He graduated from Morse High School and later obtained a degree in Nautical Science at MMA. Pouliot held an Unlimited Masters License issued by the United States Coast Guard and his career as a ship's captain took him around the world and eventually to a job in Jakarta, Indonesia where he lived with his family for two years. Pouliot was constantly learning more about his profession, participating in regular continuing education and maintaining an active membership in the Portland Marine Society and the Council of American Master Mariners. Pouliot was an avid boater and enjoyed every second he spent on the water. He was known to all as a man who could fix or build just about anything and was meticulous and organized in everything

## **ALDEN MONBERG** died

December 12, 2021. Monberg earned a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics and Physical Oceanography at the University of Maine in Orono as a National Science Foundation grant recipient. Monberg taught for nineteen years at MMA. She was well loved and healthily feared by her students who will all remember her sense of humor, engaging lectures, and Problems of the Week.

he did. Pouliot was a culinary master and especially excelled at grilling. Many times he would come home with groceries eager to cook something new to the delight of his family. The family remained tightly knit throughout the years, spending time every summer in Small Point, learning to scuba dive together, and cheering on the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team every season.

## **MICHAEL P. HURLEY '85**

passed away on January 2, 2022. Hurley graduated from Peabody Veterans Memorial High School and earned a Marine Engineering degree with a concentration in Engineering Sciences from MMA. Hurley's lifelong passion for travel and interest in world culture took root in his semesters at sea while at the Academy. Hurley obtained his United States Coast Guard Engineer License, joined the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics and completed a two-year Management Trainee Program at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. As a Consultant Engineer for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Submarine Programs, Hurley received high commendations for his leadership and hard work. Hurley worked for United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) where his strong leadership skills in Design and Program Management earned him recognition for his distinguished career, receiving several awards, including the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for his work on the National Geospatial Agency (NGA) and the Joint Base Myer Building Assessments, distinction as the 2019 National USACE Installation Support Professional of the Year nominee, the USACE Commander's Coin Award presented by General Semonite for outstanding contributions to the NGA program, the NAB Team Award for NGA East Campus completion, and a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the United States of America. Hurley's love for his beloved New England had him making his annual pilgrimages to the Massachusetts North Shore beaches and cheering his Boston sports teams. Hurley's strongest strength was his will to "never give up" in the face of adversity.

## **MATTHEW S. WILLIAMS '96**

passed away on October 17, 2020. He was a graduate of Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, NH, cum Laude

from MMA, and GE Electric Power System Field Engineering Program. He earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the South Texas College of Law in Houston, TX. Williams was an Attorney and Counselor at Law in Texas. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Harvest United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing with his daughters, playing guitar, archery, gardening and cooking. He was a creative woodworker and made home furniture.

## **KEVIN P. MITCHELL '97**

on Dec. 17, 2021, after a courageous battle with COVID. Mitchell was educated at Bay Path Vocational School in Worcester, Mass., and later received his Associate Degree from MMA through the apprenticeship program at Bath Iron Works. Mitchell proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and the Maine Army National Guard. He was employed at Bath Iron Works, Fontaine HVAC and most recently at Pinard and Sons Mechanical Services in Wales. He was a martial artist, practicing at Pelletier's Karate Academy. He enjoyed riding his Goldwing and attending his wife's plays and concerts. At the time of his passing, he was the Vice Senior Commandant of the local detachment of the Marine Corps League and a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, New England Division.

## **CHRISTOPHER J. BATES '12**

of Wallingford, Conn. died February 11, 2022. Bates resided in Florida aboard on his 36' sailboat. Bates was the first Wallingford student to attend and graduate with honors from the Sound School, a regional aquaculture high school located in New Haven. He knew early on that the traditional life plan wasn't his style and by his middle school years decided that the opportunities at that school should be available for those who had a passion for our Earth's waters as he did, and worked with the school boards from Wallingford and New Haven to make this happen for not just himself but others who shared his vocational hopes. Bates lived his passion and loved all of what being at one with the sea brought him. Bates earned an associate degree in Small Vessel Operations and a bachelors degree in Marine Transportation from MMA. Just prior to his illness, Bates worked diligently for Mohawk Northeast on tugs, his chosen vessel in his industry.

**THEODORE F. "TED" REED** passed away peacefully Jan. 25, 2022, after a heroic battle against acute myeloid leukemia. Reed was born in Jamestown, R.I. He spent much of his youth living in the Frankfort, Maine area. Reed was an Army veteran with a specialty in artillery. Reed was a longtime law enforcement officer and served for Belfast Police Department for over 20 years, many of those alongside his beloved K-9, Mitzi. He also worked as a security guard at Maine Maritime Academy from 1992-2007. In his spare time, Reed enjoyed hunting, fishing, landscaping, detailing his many cars, and restoring antique rifles. He loved to jump in his car on the weekends to visit family and friends. He was a great storyteller with a larger-than-life personality. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

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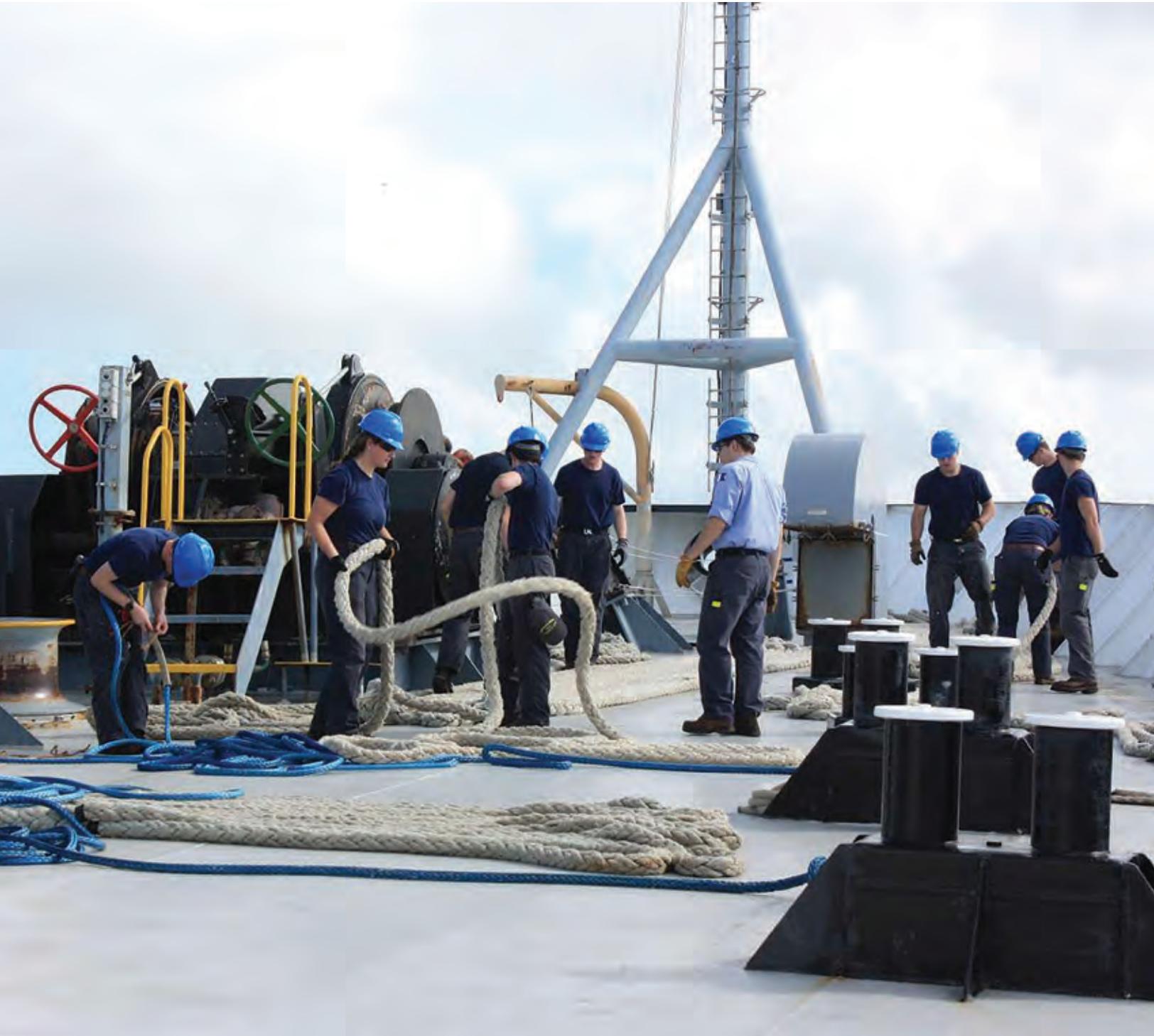
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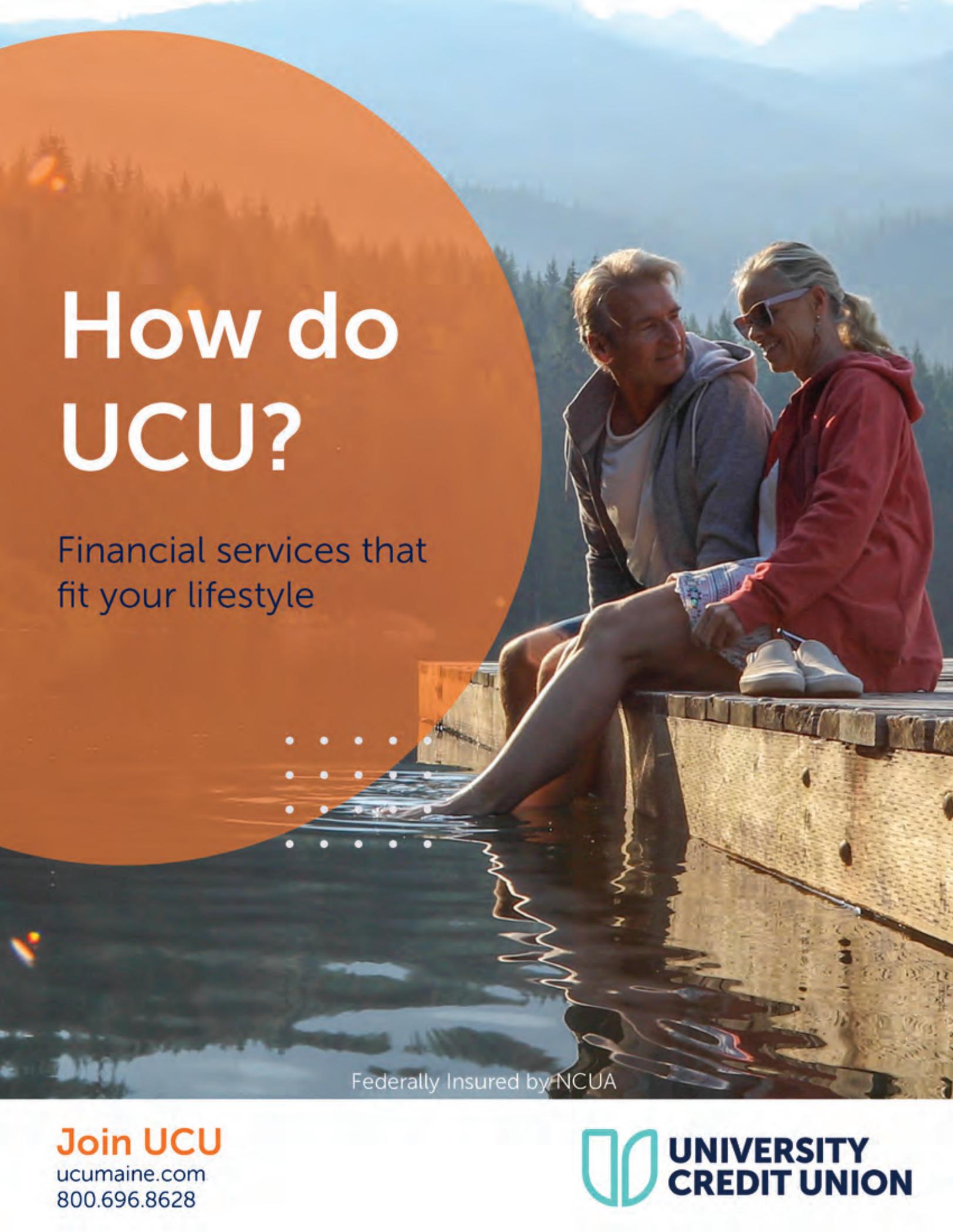
USUALLY, MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY'S State of Maine (TSSOM) departs in May for a single summer training cruise. But, in 2021, the at-sea training schedule was modified to recover sea time that was lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two 37-day cruises were completed throughout the spring and summer before a third cruise departed Castine in November.

"The pandemic caused disruptions at every level, but we evolved our programming to regain lost ground," explains

John Cashman, Commandant of Midshipmen. "Thanks to the perseverance of the students, crew, faculty, and staff, we were able to fulfill MMA's core mission despite the obstacles."

During the winter cruise, TSSOM visited Charleston, South Carolina, Frederiksted, St. Croix, USVI, and Port Canaveral, Florida. Most of the underway time was spent training in the warm and relatively calm waters of the northern Caribbean and students welcomed the reprieve from Penobscot Bay's wintry weather.





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