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George C. Preville Memorial Inaugural Inter-Academy Monomoy Challenge

September 8, 2018

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Founded 1941



MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY

Founded 1891



SUNY MARITIME ACADEMY

Founded 1874



U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Founded 1876



U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Founded 1943

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Overnight Accommodations for Teams on SUNY Maritime Colleges TSES IV

DAY 1

Friday, September 7, NOON - 2000



NOON - 1800: OPEN PRACTICE

Location TBD, Any team arriving between noon and 1800 may use Monomoy to practice.



1700 AND 2000: DINNER FOR ALL TEAMS

Mess Deck, Pizza served at 2000



1900: CHOWDER BOWL

MASS MARITIME VS. MARITIME FOOTBALL GAME

DAY 2

Saturday, September 8, 0700-1800



0700 - 0900/0900 - 1100: BREAKFAST

Mess Deck, Continental: 0700; Regular: 0900



0900: MARINE SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK WELCOME RECEPTION

Coaches/Staff and Marine Society Standing Committee TBA



0900: OPEN PRACTICE

Teams wishing to practice can make arrangements with SUNY Waterfront to use the Monomoy.



1130 - 1230: LUNCH AND TEAM MEETING

Mess Deck



1230: ANNUAL SUNY VS. USMMA RACE

Plebes/Mugs Only



1300-1600: THE MAIN EVENT

Monomoy Races - Round Robin

Seamanship Skills Competition

Water Toys - Kayaks, Stand-Up Paddle Boards, Water Trampolines



1600-1800: CELEBRATORY BARBECUE AND AWARDS

Quad

ABOUT THE MONOMOY

A Brief History



The Monomoy boat's roots date back to the whaling boats used in the whaling industry and the surfboats used by the U.S. Lifesaving Service (USLSS). The first "standard" version pulling surfboat was adopted by the USLSS in the early 1870s. It was 25 feet to 27 feet in overall length, had a 6.5 to 7-foot maximum beam, 2 to 2.5 feet depth amidships; and 6 thwarts for a total of 10 oars rowed in double-blanked configuration. There were four basic boat designs used by the USLSS: the Race Point boat, Beebe boat, Beebe-McLellen boat and the Monomoy.

The Monomoy surfboats were designed for use in the high surf off Monomoy Island and Chatham, Massachusetts. Two versions of the wooden Monomoy pulling surfboat were designed and built: one for use by coastal rescue stations, all of which were clinker built, and one for use as a cutter boat, which were carvel built. In 1934, the U.S. Coast Guard standardized the design for contract purposes, and thousands were built for use as lifeboats and gigs aboard not only naval and military ships, but also commercial freighters and ocean liners. The standard Monomoy, according to Coast Guard Plan No. 90870 in May 1934, is 26'0" between perpendiculars, 7'0" breadth to inside of planking at sheer, and has a molded depth of about 2'4" amidships.





There are stations for 10 rowers, a centerboard and rudder with a lug-rigged sail, and a plank across the stern for a steering oar. With the addition of heavy-duty hoisting gear at a “standard” 20’ spread, the boast is quite simple and Spartan.* Demand for Monomoy boats increased during World War II. At that time, there was a big push to mass produce Monomoy boasts for use as lifeboats and by maritime training schools.

Monomoy Racing

In the 1800s, many individuals earned their living as boatmen pulling an oar in the harbors of the world. Competitions between shipping companies became an annual event with the first formal race in New York harbor occurring on Sept. 5, 1927 from Ellis Island to Battery Park.

**U.S. Lifesaving Service Heritage Association*

In the 1950s and 1960s, Monomoy races between Maritime Academies were common. In addition to the annual Inter-Academy races, there were many quick pick-up races with shipping company crews. The winter edition of the 1969 *SUNY Alumni Bulletin* reported that "On a cold May Saturday in Castine, Maine, the red crew of New York State Maritime Academy won the National Lifeboat Race by defeating Kings Point, Maine Maritime Academy, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and Texas Maritime in that order."

As time went on, these Inter-Academy races became fewer, and in recent years, none have been held. The Marine Society of the City of New York believes that Monomoy training is extremely valuable even in this modern age of technology. The Society recognizes that this training instills leadership, teamwork, and fundamental seamanship skills. In 2006, the Society established an annual Monomoy competition between Kings Point Plebes and SUNY Maritime Mugs.



Inter-Academy Monomoy Race, 1965

The trophy for this competition is named after Captain Brown, a 1965 graduate of Kings Point and past president of the International Master Mates and Pilots. In addition, the Society purchased two fiberglass versions of the Monomoy and donated two to SUNY Maritime and one to Kings Point. The boats donated to SUNY Maritime were named after Robert Grove, a SUNY graduate who lost his life while aboard the *S.S. Poet* in 1980. The second boat was named *Virginia's Hope* after Virginia Maitland Sachs, mother of Clay Maitland, a longtime member and supporter of the Marine Society. The Kings Point boat was named after Captain George C. Previll, past president of the Marine Society and a graduate of the USMMA, who served as Master of the SUNY training ship.

This year, the Society voted to expand the annual Monomoy race between SUNY Maritime and USMMA first-year cadets by adding a main event named in honor of Captain Previll that includes teams from all the Maritime Academies on the East Coast of the United States. Additionally, there will be a seamanship competition.

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