

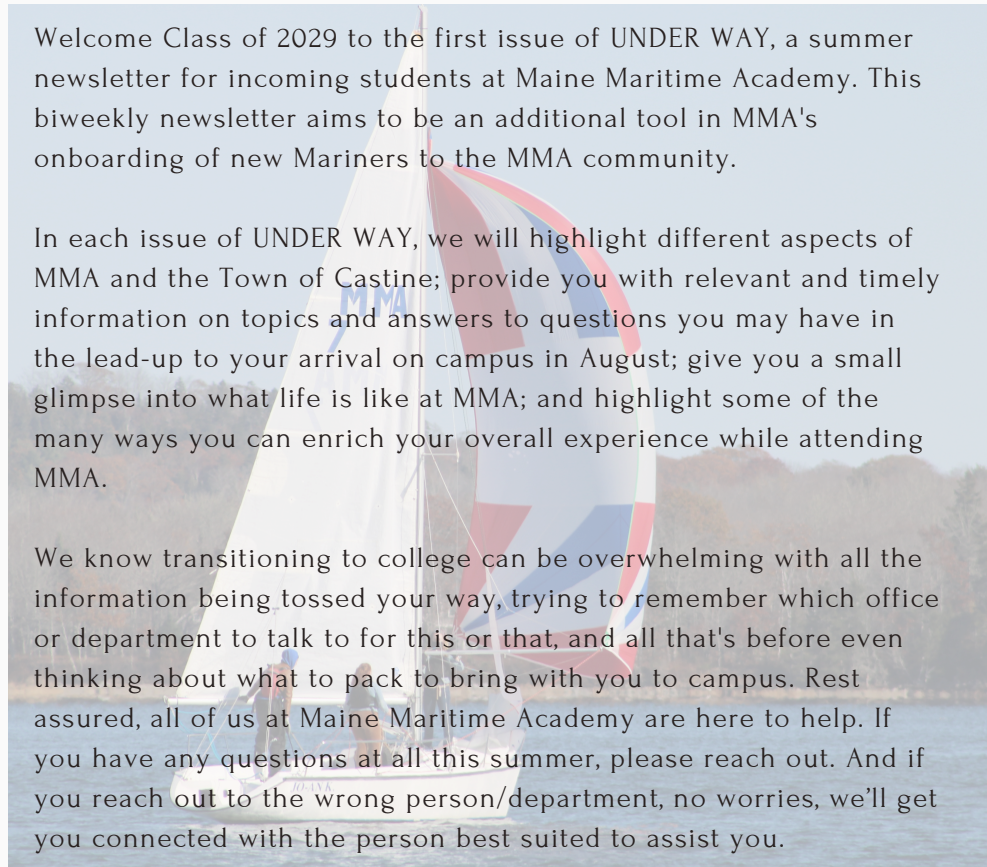


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UNDER WAY

A NEWSLETTER FOR INCOMING MARINERS

INTRODUCTION



Welcome Class of 2029 to the first issue of UNDER WAY, a summer newsletter for incoming students at Maine Maritime Academy. This biweekly newsletter aims to be an additional tool in MMA's onboarding of new Mariners to the MMA community.

In each issue of UNDER WAY, we will highlight different aspects of MMA and the Town of Castine; provide you with relevant and timely information on topics and answers to questions you may have in the lead-up to your arrival on campus in August; give you a small glimpse into what life is like at MMA; and highlight some of the many ways you can enrich your overall experience while attending MMA.

We know transitioning to college can be overwhelming with all the information being tossed your way, trying to remember which office or department to talk to for this or that, and all that's before even thinking about what to pack to bring with you to campus. Rest assured, all of us at Maine Maritime Academy are here to help. If you have any questions at all this summer, please reach out. And if you reach out to the wrong person/department, no worries, we'll get you connected with the person best suited to assist you.

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY:

WHERE A SMALL COMMUNITY FEELS LIKE A LARGE FAMILY

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

The OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE is dedicated to supporting the residential students in a variety of ways, with our primary focus on fostering a community within the residence halls where students feel safe, supported, respected, and are encouraged to actively engage with the residential life experience. Our team is composed of Dan Gardner, Director of Residential Life & Student Activities, Josh Stanhope, Assistant Director of Residential Life, and a dedicated group of 14 Resident Assistants (RAs), who are integral to the success of our program.

For many, moving into Curtis Hall may be the first time you'll be sharing a bedroom and communal spaces with peers. Some of you will adjust quickly, while others may experience challenges. It's completely normal to feel homesick or need guidance on navigating roommate dynamics or conflict resolution. Rest assured, you won't be alone, and these experiences are common. In these moments, your RA is a valuable resource and can offer support and advice to help you navigate any difficulties.

As you embark on your journey at MMA, we offer three key pieces of advice to keep in the back of your mind:

- 1** You've heard it before, but this is applicable throughout all of life: when you need help, reach out and ask for it. Remember, it's best to ask for help when an issue or concern is a small ripple in the water, rather than a tsunami. We all need assistance occasionally, so don't be afraid, embarrassed, or shy in reaching out and asking for it. Everyone at MMA is always willing to assist you.
- 2** Think about how your decisions and actions, for the good or the bad, will impact your peers. Part of being a contributing member of any community - whether within a residence hall or aboard a ship - is being mindful and respectful of others.
- 3** Take advantage of as many opportunities provided to you while at MMA as you can. Ahead of you lies an opportunity to forge lifelong friendships, as well as lifelong memories.

As you are probably already aware, Curtis Hall is undergoing a two-year-long renovation project. While the renovation will bring needed improvements to the building, it will unfortunately also bring disruptions. In the next issue of UNDER WAY, we will discuss the renovation and its impacts on the residential experience.

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**The Residential Life Offices Are Located On The First Floor Of Curtis Hall
In The Trophy Lobby. We Love It When Students Stop By And Say Hi!**

ACRONYMS & LINGO

Companies, industries, and higher education alike love acronyms and oftentimes have their own lingo. Below are some of the common acronyms & lingo you'll hear on campus:

The Bilge ~ Located within Curtis Hall, this recreational space has a pool & ping-pong table, TVs, board games, couches, a video game lounge, and a kitchen.

CAB (Campus Activities Board) ~ A student group, which plans and sponsors a variety of on and off-campus events for students to take advantage of.

Mess Deck ~ Located in the Alford Student Center, this is the main dining room/location on campus.

MUGs (Midshipmen Under Guidance) ~ New members of the Regiment of Midshipmen are known as MUGs during RPT and MUG Month.

Non-Reg ~ Students who are not a part of the Regiment of Midshipmen. You may also hear these students referred to as Independent Students.

OLs (Orientation Leaders) ~ OLs are returning students who assist incoming students in their transition to MMA during New Student Orientations during the summer and during Fall Orientation after your arrival to campus and before the first day of classes.

On Neck ~ Refers to the area of Castine between the British Canal & Dyce Head.

RAs (Resident Assistants) ~ RAs are students who are charged with being leaders, resources, and community builders to the residents of Curtis Hall.

Reg ~ Refers to The Regiment of Midshipmen, or Regimental Students (those students in The Regiment of Midshipmen).

RPT (Regimental Preparatory Training) ~ The time during which MUGs are prepared for regimental life.

SGA (Student Government Association) ~ Student leaders elected by their peers to represent the MMA student body as a whole.

The Wedge ~ Student leaders within the Reg who are responsible for the Regiment and its organization.

Waypoint ~ A snack bar offering grab-and-go foods, a limited menu to order from, and Starbucks drinks to get you going in the mornings. Also a place where students gather and hang out or study.

CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Outdoor Recreation

Are you a fan of the outdoors? Here are some outdoor adventures to check out and take advantage of in Castine:

<u>Backshore Beach</u>	<u>Fort George</u>
<u>Castine Golf Club</u>	<u>Fort Madison</u>
<u>Castine Kayak</u>	<u>Hatch Cove Preserve</u>
<u>Dyce Head Lighthouse</u>	<u>Witherle Woods</u>

The Town of Castine is rich in history. If you're a history buff, or simply interested in learning more about the town, download the self-guided walking tour app, 'Castine History Highlights', found in app stores.

Lodging

While Castine is a small town, it does see a decent number of visitors, mostly from June - August.

The following are lodging options in town:

Castine Inn
MMA's Leavitt Hall
Pentagöet Inn

RA HIGHLIGHT: Rayelle Brewer



HOMETOWN:
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

YEAR:
SENIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:
MARINE BIOLOGY & SMALL VESSEL OPERATIONS WITH
A MINOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY &
PHYSICAL SCIENCE

WHAT INSTANTLY MAKES YOUR DAY BETTER?
SEEING FRIENDS & SWIMMING

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREETIME?
GO BEACH COMBING

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY
FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?
MISSY FRANKLIN

RA HIGHLIGHT: Orion Tevanian



HOMETOWN:
LIMINGTON, MAINE

YEAR:
JUNIOR

MAJOR/MINOR:
OCEANOGRAPHY & SMALL VESSEL OPERATIONS

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING
FORWARD TO THIS UPCOMING YEAR?
MMA'S FENCING CLUB

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?
VOLLEYBALL, READING, BEACH WALKS

IF YOU COULD HAVE A TALKING PET,
WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL WOULD IT BE?
A HAWK

UPCOMING DATES

New Student Orientation (NSO): NSO sessions will be held on: Saturday, June 14; Saturday, June 28; and Saturday, July 12. While not required, MMA encourages students, and families, to attend one of the sessions if able. Registration for an NSO is required, and sign-up is embedded in your housing application.

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: Monday, July 14

Off-Campus Appeals Due: Monday, July 14

Roommate Selection (Optional):

Independent Students: If you find someone you want to room with this year, you can make a roommate group in the on-campus housing application. Roommate groups need to be created by Monday, July 14. If you don't have someone in mind, no worries, the answers to the personality questions you provide on your housing app will help us pair you with a roommate.

Regimental Students: The Regiment does not allow you to choose your roommate during your first year.

You can complete all of the above by navigating to mystudentlife.mma.edu, and then clicking on Housing Applications 2025-2026.

Did You Know:

SENATOR RALPH LEAVITT OF PORTLAND
LED THE WORK FOR THE CREATION OF
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY.

ON MARCH 21, 1941, WITH THE PASSING OF
AN ACT BY THE 90TH MAINE LEGISLATURE,
MMA WAS BORN, MAKING THE ACADEMY
84 YEARS-OLD.

THAT'S A LOT OF BIRTHDAY CANDLES!



Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:
OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES
- CURTIS HALL & BREAK PERIODS
- CURTIS HALL RENOVATION
- JUNE 14 NSO HIGHLIGHTS

