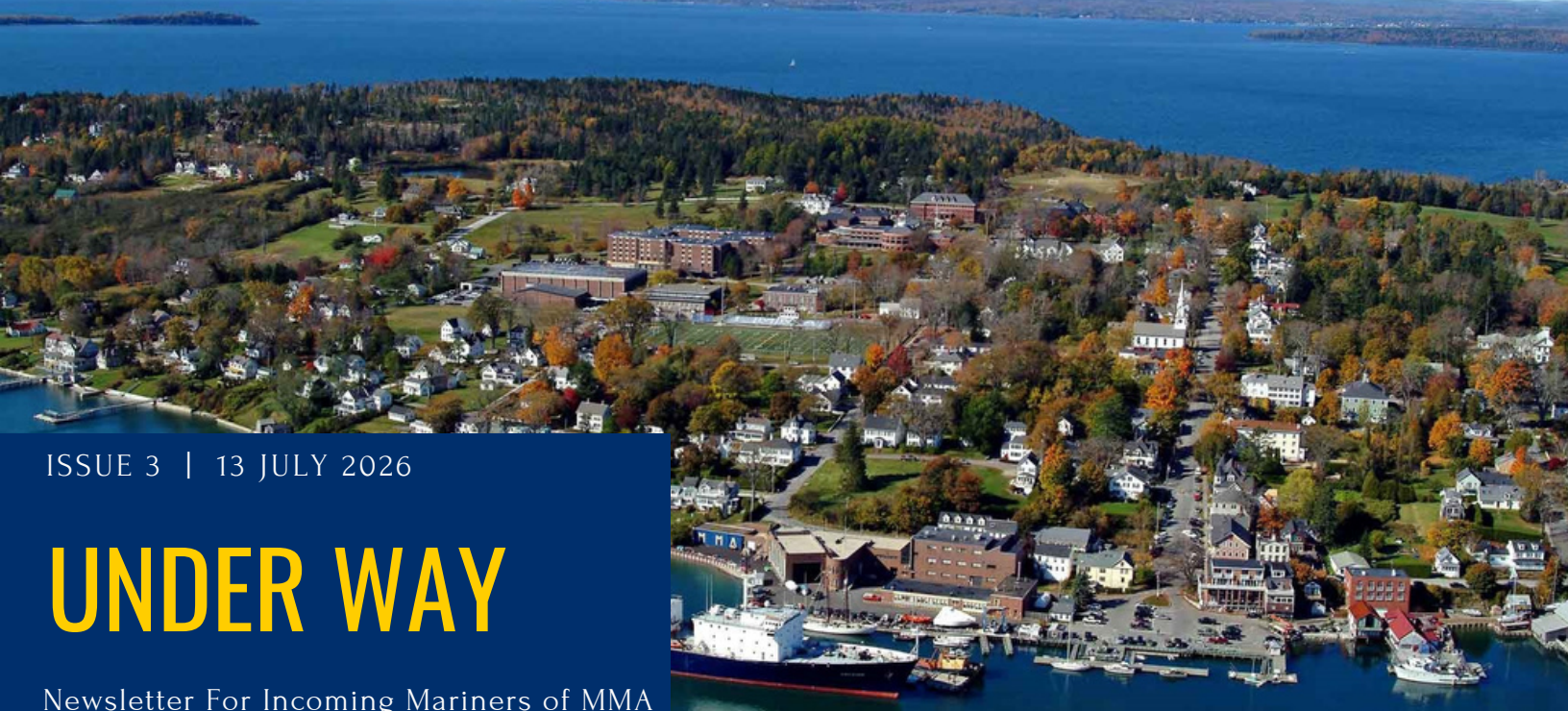




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Newsletter For Incoming Mariners of MMA

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - or FERPA for short - is a federal law that protects the privacy of your educational records. When you were in high school, FERPA gave your parent(s) or guardian(s) certain rights concerning your academic records, but those rights transfer to you when you turn 18 or enter college at any age.

Your educational record includes academic, billing, disciplinary records, financial aid, and student account information. As the person now in charge of your educational record, you are able to direct which of your academic information MMA releases, and to whom. Maine Maritime Academy will not release your student information without your written consent. Suppose you want the Academy to release your student information, in that case, you need to fill out a FERPA Consent Form, which can be [found here](#), or on the Academy's website: Admissions & Aid > Forms > FERPA Information.

Interested in learning more about FERPA, and the rights it affords you? Check out the U.S. Department of Education's [website](#) or read over their [guide to FERPA for college students](#).

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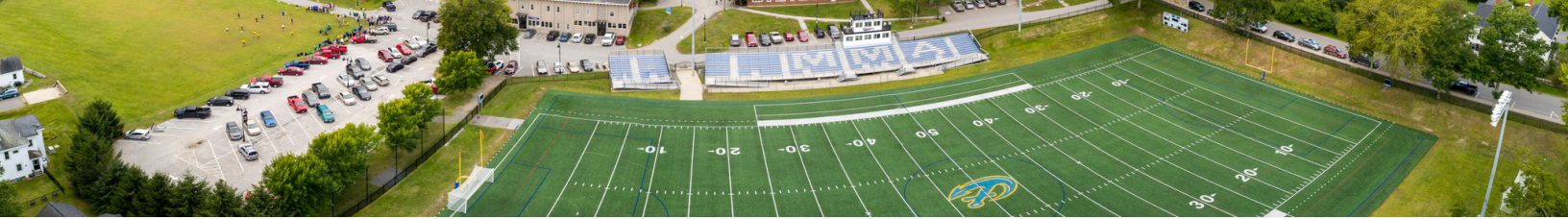
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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

The CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS, more commonly known on campus as the BUOY HOUSE due to the building in which it is located, provides students with a wide range of academic support services. The Buoy House is staffed by a Director (a search is currently ongoing following the recent retirement of its previous director); Thomas Batt, Director of the Draft Deck (Writing Center); and a dedicated team of peer tutors.

Whether students need additional support in mathematics, physics, nautical science, navigation, writing, organization, or note-taking strategies, the Buoy House serves as a central resource for academic assistance and student success.

In addition to academic support services, the Buoy House offers students access to a 24-hour study space that can be used for quiet individual study or collaborative group work.

The Buoy House staff can also assist students in connecting with peer tutors (subject to availability) for support in specific courses or subject areas. Peer tutors are students who have demonstrated strong subject knowledge and a commitment to helping fellow Mariners succeed academically. Peer tutoring positions are paid opportunities and are open to all qualified students. Students interested in supporting their peers, developing leadership skills, earning additional income, and creating a flexible work schedule are encouraged to apply to become peer tutors.

CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Restaurants & Markets

Castine features a handful of restaurants & markets, all of which are within walking distance of Maine Maritime Academy.

[Auxford Market](#)

[Castine Variety](#)

[Compass Rose](#)

Danny Murphy's Pub

[Dennett's at the Wharf*](#)

[Pentagöet Inn Restaurant & Pub](#)

[Windmill Hill Provisions](#)

*Won't be open in 2026 as still undergoing extensive repairs following a major winter storm and flood in 2024.

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UPCOMING DATES

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: Wednesday, July 15

Off-Campus Appeals Due: Wednesday, July 15

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 Wednesday, July 15. 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 2026-2027.

Did You Know:



MMA's Incoming Class Has Students From:

35 U.S. States & 4 International Countries

Top 3 States Represented:

#1: Maine

#2: Florida

#3: Massachusetts

Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- PACKING SUGGESTIONS
- FAQs
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT:
DINING SERVICES

