

## 2009 Homecoming: Reunions, Dedications and Fun

Over 200 alumni, spouses, children and grandchildren returned to campus Oct. 9-11 for the 2009 Cal Maritime Homecoming weekend. Following a Friday evening reception, the program kicked off Saturday with the formal dedication of the 137-bed McAllister Residence Hall, named in honor of the school's most generous private donor Robert McAllister ('42) and his late wife Edith. Noontime was devoted to class luncheon gatherings, followed by alumni/cadet whaleboat races and a tug-of-war. At mid-afternoon, a crowd gathered at the Sim Center for the dedication of the new Alumni Plaza area and then toured the facility for a look at some of the world's most advanced simulation resources.



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## Captain McAllister Responds to Dedication Honor

*Because of his advancing age and deteriorating eyesight, Capt. Robert McAllister was unable to attend the ceremonies dedicating Cal Maritime's newest residence hall in his honor. But through fortunate circumstances, we were able to bring him a quick update on the event through Cal Maritime's nationwide alumni network.*

*Dr. Gail Hallas, a writer, artist, public speaker, registered nurse and educator is also a friend of Cal Maritime alum Ed Engemann '64. Both were in attendance at the Saturday All Classes dinner when President Eisenhardt spoke of the generosity of Capt. McAllister. When they heard that McAllister was living close to their home in Florida, they immediately volunteered to go see him as soon as they returned from Homecoming weekend and Dr. Hallas sends this report of the visit:*

On October 10, 2009, when CMA President and Mrs. William B. Eisenhardt transformed a modern brick building into McAllister Hall, I was just a face lost in the crowd. A week later -- I found myself sitting across from the distinguished alumnus, Capt. Robert McAllister, listening to his tales of the sea.

Dr. Gail Hallas visited Capt. Robert McAllister at his Florida home a week after Homecoming ceremonies naming a new residence hall in his honor.



McAllister told me how he met his late wife Edith at the Tibley Hotel in Panama., about where they lived, and his voyages on ships. He talked about his fondness for dogs, and a parrot named Lolita who greeted him daily with "Morning Captain."

When I asked him about Cal Maritime Academy naming the new residence building after him and Edith, he replied, "I am just thunderstruck, Edith too, would have been thrilled at the honor."

Although McAllister is now legally blind due to macular degeneration, he can read with a special magnifier, which he used to view the unveiling of his plaque, as well as



Capt. McAllister uses a special magnifier to view a photo of the residence hall dedication during Homecoming weekend ceremonies at the school's Vallejo campus.

a picture book in large print, Braille, and CD I wrote for visually impaired persons. He got his first lesson in Braille, and when he told me about his preference for wearing red socks, I promised to write and illustrate a book, called *Captain Bob Docks in Red Socks*, to inspire youngsters to consider a maritime education and career. The book will be transcribed into Braille with CD narration.

Alumni or others interested in communicating with McAllister can send him an email to [wordstroken@aol.com](mailto:wordstroken@aol.com).

## Saturday Events



Twenty-five embers of the Class of '59 gather for a 50th anniversary group photo during their luncheon at the home of President and Mrs. Eisenhardt on Saturday afternoon.

The alumni tug-of-war team showed the strain in a losing struggle with cadets...



...who may have been given extra strength when they learned that a victory would enable them to avoid a formation the following week.



However, the alumni redeemed themselves with a resounding victory in the whaleboat race against a cadet team that was still trying to figure out how to round the buoy while the veteran rowers headed for the finish line near *Golden Bear*. A pretty impressive performance for the team, most of whose members had probably not touched the oars of a whaleboat since their years here on campus.

## Alumni Plaza Dedicated



Afternoon ceremonies marked another dedication—this time for a new Alumni Plaza area adjacent to the campus Simulation Center on the waterfront. Plans call for a use of the area as an informal plaza site for social events and a place to honor distinguished campus alumni for loyalty and generosity to the Academy as well as outstanding personal and career accomplishments.

Attending the dedication ceremonies were the current Cal Maritime Alumni Association President Ken Passe ('69) center, with past Presidents Dick Cochran ('50) and Lynn Fivey Korwatch ('76)



A chance to "take the wheel" in the Sim Center and go behind the scenes with Manager Mike Noonan (white shirt) were popular highlights as alumni, family and friends toured the new facility—one of the world's most advanced for maritime education and research.



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## All Classes Dinner—Saturday



The cadet Color Guard trooped the colors into Mayo Hall at the start of the evening of food and friendship involving alumni from all of the participating classes.

Slide shows of photos from 2009 Homecoming, including Day on the Bay, can be found on the campus website—[www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu)—and then click on News and then Videos and click on the video sequences dated 10/14/09



Members of the Class of 1969 made a class gift of \$25,000 to the Academy Foundation. The funds will create an endowment for student scholarships and support. Class members hope to make additional contributions to the fund in the years ahead.



Jim Hazel '64 and step-son Eric Haynes '94 represent two of the Academy's many "generational" alumni. Jim's cousin Chris Lane is a 1963 alumnus. We're looking for similar connections of related alumni, so if you know of one, contact Sylvia Regalado in the Alumni Office at [sregalado@csum.edu](mailto:sregalado@csum.edu) See also Page 12.



Members of the Class of 1994 had a great evening sharing their memories 15 years after graduating from the Academy.

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## Day on the Bay—Sunday



It was “away all lines” promptly at 10 a.m. Sunday as *Golden Bear* departed the campus pier for another Day on the Bay voyage to San Francisco and the annual “Fleet Week” festivities including the traditional Blue Angels air show over the city. For cadets, the sailing was another great learning opportunity...from line handling to engine room operations to bridge and navigation work. Nearly 700 alumni, families and friends were aboard for the day and despite grey skies and cooler-than-usual temperatures, still enjoyed the chance to see the sights, watch vessel operations from the bridge to the engine room, enjoy a picnic meal on the fantail and listen to some great music from the Urban Bushmen band of Vallejo.



(Below) Cadet Damian Casken MT '11 helms *Golden Bear* in the San Pablo Bay shipping channel.



(L– Above) Five of the Navy’s Blue Angels in close formation. (L) Robert DeStafney, Corps Commandant, and Administrative Assistant Susan Reynolds carefully check the full listings of the nearly 700 people aboard—a task vital to vessel security and passenger safety. (Above) Cadet Charles Judge MET '13, leads tours of the ship’s engine room. For many visitors, it was their first time on a large vessel and provided a new appreciation for the size and complexity of the power and control systems aboard and the skills needed to operate and maintain them.

## Cadets Receive Admirals and Cruise Awards



Capt. Robert DeStafney, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, gives a congratulatory handshake to cadet Ryun Konze, an Admiral's Award recipient. The awards are given to students who achieve exemplary performance as displayed through self-discipline and service during a semester (including cruise). To earn the award, cadets may not have any demerits or any proven disciplinary action, and must have acquired over 30 merits during the academic semester. The honors were announced at morning formation on Oct. 19th on the quadrangle.

William Akers  
Levan Akitaya  
Alvin Alcaide  
Sean Bach  
Jennifer Baker

William Ballew  
Sean Baptista  
Matthew Barrett  
Lowell Belany  
Mary Belasco  
Justin Bell  
Gregory Bennett  
Shireen Blau  
Bernard Bove  
Katherine Brookshier  
Samuel Brown  
Joel Buffa  
Kimberly Butte  
Barnaby Butterfield  
Jonathan Carta  
Paul Casken  
Kyle Chernoff  
Marijan Ciklic  
Michael Cogan  
Nicholas Corwin  
Blake Cowan  
Julia Crandall  
Richard Darwood  
Andrew Paul David  
Trevor Davis court  
George Dick  
John Dickinson  
Michael Diddams  
Michael Dougherty  
Ryan Drewry  
Michael Durnan

Harrison Eide  
Jason Eisemann  
Michael Epperson  
Jordan Fachko  
Kaylinn Fiscus  
John Galatioto  
Nevin Garcia  
Charles Gionet  
Erik Glaser  
Dane Goddard  
Daniel Gorman  
Matthew Greely  
Colby Grobschmit  
Natalie Gross  
Rebekah Grossman  
William Hawke  
Michael Hess  
Brian Higgins  
Rachel Holder  
Michael Holliday  
Valerie Holl-McGowan  
Kamuela Johnson  
Charles Judge  
Maxine Kantor  
James Kaufman  
Greg Kemper  
Drew Kerlee  
Michael Kim  
John Kinney  
Ryun Konze  
Kent Korwatch

Stephen Kuzmanic  
Sebastien Laleau  
Garrett Laudenback  
Ian Lim  
Evan Lundstrom  
Justin Lyons  
Tiffany Manes  
Chelsea Martin  
David McAloney  
Kevin McCown  
Craig McPherson  
Eric Mehserle  
Jimmy Moore  
Jonathan Morris  
Melinda Murrill  
Michelle Nancarrow  
Ty Nausid  
Kimberleigh Navradzsky  
Joseph Noll  
Martin O'Hagan  
Alexander Osiadacz  
Steven Ouimet  
Cooper Palfini  
Kyle Pasch  
Robert Pinder  
Lamar Pinder  
Matthew Pinhey  
Robert Proulx  
Lauwen John Punzalan  
Adam Ragus  
Paul Rarang

## Cadets Receive Admirals and Cruise Awards

Julian Rose  
Coleman Rosenberg  
Brian Ross  
Sean Sabeh  
Leo Sarrade  
Joseph Schlosser  
Kevin Schumacher  
Lila Schwarzbach  
Jessica Scott  
Lucas Shuler  
Tyler Steffenhagen  
Matthew Steffy  
Alyse Stewart  
Catherine Strohecker  
Daniel Stuhr  
Christian Suric  
William Tamblin  
John Thurlo  
Ramon Tinio  
Matthew Toman  
Paula Tuziak  
Brandice Van Zyl  
Michael Vander Kam  
Elizabeth Vuong  
George Walker  
Alexander Walker  
Andrew Walton  
Marisa Why  
Ewan Willey  
Nicholas Wulf  
Drew Yarbrough  
Victoria Zimmerman

Cruise Award honors were announced at a cadet convocation in Rizza Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. The awards are based on input from both cadets and faculty members aboard during this past summer's training cruise.

### CRUISE AWARDS

#### *Cruise 1*



**Best Shipmate**  
Julian Rose

#### **Most Helpful Upperclass**

Deck – Julian Rose  
Engine – Ryan Drewry  
Non-License – Joseph Schlosser

#### **Golden Bear Award**

Upperclass Deck  
Taylor McClung

*Upperclass Engine*  
Ryan Drewry

*Underclass Deck*  
Chelsea Martin

*Underclass Engine*  
Mitchell Molchan

#### **Cruise Award**

GSMA  
Ryan Burger  
Samantha Fennell  
Nicholas Marr  
Ann Salazar  
Joseph Schlosser

#### *IBL*

Tosca Bonardi  
Valerie Potts  
Lila Schwarzbach

*Upperclass Deck*  
Alejandro Berrios  
Rolphe Bodie  
Jason Eisemann  
Taylor McClung  
James Moore  
Robert Pinder  
Julian Rose  
Beth Runciman  
Macklin Sandison  
Eric Weber



## Cadets Receive Admirals and Cruise Awards

### *Underclass Deck*

Justin Bell  
Jonathan Carta  
Colby Grobschmit  
Dunixi Guereca  
Tucker Hodges  
James Kaufman  
Maxwell, Miner  
*Upperclass Engine*  
Ryan Drewry  
Adrian Isenhour  
Kent Korwatch  
Coolper Palfini  
Drew Yarbrough

### *Underclass Engine*

Mitchell Molchan  
Axel Moore  
Leowen John Punzalan  
Frank Sands  
Suzanne Swader  
Michael Vander Kam

### ***Cruise 2***



***Best Shipmate***  
Anthony Stuhan

\* - *Texas Maritime Cadet*

### ***Most Helpful***

*Upperclass Deck* – Matthew Lynch\*  
*Engine* – Timothy Groth

### ***Golden Bear Award***

***(For Outstanding Watch Standing  
During Cruise)***

*Upperclass Deck* – Tyler Crawford\*  
*Upperclass Engine* – Natalie Gross  
*Underclass Deck* – Anthony Stuhan  
*Underclass Engine* – Christopher  
Semmler\*

### ***Cruise Award***

***No admonitions at Cruise Conduct Review  
Board; Successfully completed all STCW  
requirements: Never late to any assignment/  
duty/watch; Excelled in their performance of  
duties; demonstrated leadership and proac-  
tive measures commensurate with their level:  
Maintained a good attitude throughout cruise.***

### *Upperclass Deck*

Melanie Britton\*  
William Clasen\*  
Tyler Crawford\*  
Austin Hanbury\*  
Michael Hess  
Kai Jure  
Vanessa Murphy\*  
Kathryn Perry\*  
Samuel Pettigrew\*  
Frank Sands  
Edward Vanderbrook\*  
Andrew Warren

### *Underclass Deck*

Joao Antunes (U-Mass)  
Alexandrew Boudreaux\*  
Robert Darnell\*  
Aaron Getty (U-Mass)  
Drew Kerlee  
Andrea Rodriguez\*  
Matthew Scalera\*  
Anthony Stuhan  
Bradford Westlund  
Victoria Zimmerman

### *Upperclass Engine*

Jonathan Bell\*  
Ada Catino  
Natalie Gross  
Timothy Groth  
*Underclass Engine*  
Mohammad Alkandari (Maine)  
Rebekah Grossman  
Stephen Lang  
Ian Lawson  
Ady Lo  
Cassandra Sattler\*  
Christopher Semmler\*

## Newly Created Distinguished Cadet Awards Given

A discussion among the Executive Staffs of the Corps of Cadets and the Associated Students of Cal Maritime (ASCMA) has led to the creation of a new student award—The Distinguished Cadet Citation — and the first recipients of the award have now been named.

The Corps' Cadet Commanding Officer Joseph Schlosser originally proposed the creation of the award as a means of honoring cadets who have displayed distinguished service and made significant contributions to Cal Maritime and to their fellow cadets. Recommendations submitted by Divisional and Company Officers, ASCMA Officers and Resident Assistants are sent to an Award Review Board including representatives of the Corps Commanding and Executive Officers, ASCMA and the Office of Residence Life.

Selected for the initial honors were Cadets William Akers and James Moore.

Akers (See also Page 17 of this issue of *CURRENTS*) was cited for his continuing integrity and particularly for his contributions to the recent *Day on the Bay* Homecoming cruise. His work included assisting the Corps Executive Officer and Commandant in the oversight and management of

all 4th-year cadets aboard during the day — including self-motivation, attention to detail and leadership by example.



Cadet William Akers '11



Cadet James Moore '10

Cadet James Moore was chosen for his work in assuring cadet morale and seeing to the recreational needs of cadets during this year's training voyage. With the conversion of some former lounge areas on the ship to berthing spaces, lounge resources aboard the Training Ship *Golden Bear* were affected. Moore pitched in to coordinate installation of a large-screen TV and computer gaming systems in the student mess areas (paid for with ASCMA funding) and helped coordinate recreational events and activities throughout the cruise, including the always-popular *Sinbad Games* competitions. (A video of a past *Sinbad Games* competition can be found on the campus web at <http://www.csum.edu/News/Videos/Sinbad%20Games.mov>)

This work, said Moore's citation, contributed positively to student morale during the summer voyage.

Schlosser said it is hoped these awards, to be given each semester, will be a positive way to recognize and outstanding student initiative and leadership. Recipients of the award get a framed certificate and a Distinguished Cadet Citation Ribbon.

## Dr. Richard King Lectures on Lobsters



Dr. King's Peachman Auditorium lecture was coordinated by Cal Maritime faculty members Dr. Timothy Lynch and Dr. Julie Chisholm

Dr. Richard King, Mystic Seaport writer, lecturer, illustrator and sailor, visited Cal Maritime October 28th for a packed-hall lecture on North American lobsters. King's talk used the daily life of a New England lobsterman operating on the waters off Connecticut's shoreline to frame his talk on the history of lobster fishing, the tools of the modern industry, its economics and challenges.

## Cadets Attend Maritime Security Conference '09

A contingent of 10 Cal Maritime cadets traveled to Long Beach, CA October 20th and 21st for the 2009 Maritime Security (MARSEC) Expo. The event has become a magnet for business, industry and educators involved in maritime safety and security. The event enabled cadets to explore potential career opportunities after graduation, and to talk with people working in prospective organizations and industries and learn more about job possibilities and the skills required.

Cadet Jordan Fachko (GSMA '10) served as Corps Officer in Charge for the Cal Maritime contingent. He said, "Representatives from all facets of the maritime sector were at the Expo and more than willing to share their knowledge with us. Government and military organizations, private security firms and salespeople with the latest pertinent technologies filled the Expo area and participated in various speeches and forums. Not surprisingly, probably the hottest topic there was maritime piracy."



Cadets Jenny Baker '12 and Jordan Fachko '10 with Capt. Tom Cullen of the U.S. Coast Guard at the MarSec '09 Conference.

## Bringing San Francisco Maritime History Alive



Dr. Timothy Lynch (white shirt at the mast) and his Bay Area Maritime History class visited the historic ship *Balclutha* on their tour of the San Francisco waterfront.

On Oct. 17th, students enrolled in Dr. Timothy Lynch's *Bay Area Maritime History* class got a chance to experience the maritime history where it happened instead of in a staid lecture hall. For Lynch, an acknowledged expert in West Coast maritime history, the city tour was a chance to show how and why San Francisco is the important maritime mecca that it is. The ferry ride from Vallejo (paid for by an Instructionally Related Activities grant), included a Lynch lecture about the lumber and grain trades.

The group visited historic sites including Harry Bridges plaza, the Rincon Building (with murals by WPA artist Anton Refregier), the site of the ILWU 1934 Bloody Thursday strike, the Audiffred Building, and various structures along the Embarcadero, up Market Street, and in the Financial District. These included the Matson and Southern Pacific Buildings, the Shell Oil and PG&E offices, the Transamerica Pyramid, and the Merchants Exchange. A discussion of bay filling, the Gold Rush, and Levi's Plaza concluded the first half of the trip. Students received a private tour of the historic ships berthed at Hyde Street Pier (with special thanks to the National Park Service and Ranger Chris Edwards for the comped visit and personal attention). Students were able to board the *Balclutha*, *C.A. Thayer*, *Eureka* and *Hercules*, while seeing many of the themes and images that previously had been limited to lectures. Cadets often cite the tour as among the highlights of the course (alumni interviews during Homecoming being the other) and will hopefully be a feature of HIS 360 for years to come.

## Cal Maritime Family Ties....

As noted in the Homecoming coverage, Cal Maritime is seeking out alumni with "generational" ties — those with relatives who attended the Academy. Mike Jessner '03 (L) and his father Edward Olson '48) were on hand for the All Classes Dinner at Mayo Hall on Saturday, Oct. 10th. If you or someone you know is a "generational alum," pass along the names and info to Silvia Regalado, [sregalado@csum.edu](mailto:sregalado@csum.edu) or 707-654-1299.



## Cadets Attend 2009 IAMU Meeting in Russia



Student travel to the 2009 IAMU Convocation was paid for through a combination of IAMU support, an Instructional Related Activity Grant and the students' personal fund contributions.

Four Cal Maritime cadets journeyed to St. Petersburg, Russia this fall to be part of the 10th Annual General Assembly of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU). In front of the famed Hermitage Museum are (L-R) Eric Weber (MT '10), Olivia Ortega (IBL '10), Jordan Fachko (GSMA '10) and Zach Lowe (GSMA '10).

Cadet Olivia Ortega reports: " Each student wrote a paper on a maritime industry topic and gave a presentation. Mine was on ballast water and vessel fouling. I loved being able to get different opinions and discuss these topics with fellow maritime cadets. The student conference was held at the Admiral Makarov State Maritime Academy. Cadets there welcomed us generously and gave us tours of the city and a chance to see firsthand what an average day in the life of a Russian maritime cadet was like from the buildings they study in to the simulators they utilize. St. Petersburg itself had magnificent architecture, and the composition of the city was truly stunning."

"Cadets from Japan, South Korea, Turkey, Ukraine, Poland, Denmark and most of the American academies were in attendance," Fachko added. "It was a good chance for us to compare academy life, academic programs and licensing requirements"

## Students at National Propeller Club Meeting in Seattle



(L) Bobby Hart and Tosca Bonardi atop a cargo crane during their tour of the Port of Tacoma. And on the right, cadets Hart, Marcus Long, Bonardi and Nicolas Marr at the Port of Seattle with the *Royal Argosy* in the background.



*Members of the Cal Maritime Student Propeller Club attended the National Propeller Club's annual convention for the first time. The 83<sup>rd</sup> Conference was held in Seattle from October 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Attending were Club President Tosca Bonardi, Bobby Hart, Club Vice President, Nicolas Marr and Marcus Lang. Cadet Bonardi filed this report:*

"Highlights of the event included a breakout session, enabling students to network with about 30 maritime professionals to learn about everything from career advice to job descriptions. One-on-one time with the professionals was especially helpful. I talked with Susan Becklund, Director of Operational Services at the Port of Tacoma and she invited us to visit the Port of Tacoma the following

afternoon. Bobby Hart and I were able to accept, and folks bent over backwards to help us arrange transportation to Tacoma. We drove with the President of ILWU-Local 22, one of the organizations that sponsored a CMA cadet! That led to a tour of a gantry crane AND a chance to operate it, plus a full tour of the port. We also met CMA alum Lou Paulsen '83, who is Chief Sustainability Officer for the port. It was a truly educational experience for both of us.

"People were thrilled that our Club was making a comeback and to see cadets in uniform and so professional about their future careers. We received many thanks for attending the event. Several organizations said they want to sponsor cadets for next year's convention in Tampa, FL.

"One of the best parts about these events is how willing people are to support and help cadets — especially Cal Maritime grads who have been in our shoes. They know how beneficial their time is to us. As one example, Monika Wegener, the Regional Northwest Vice President of the U.S. Propeller Club, helped our club tremendously by scouting out funding support. She found four different organizations to help sponsor each of us and our travels to the convention. They included the Propeller Clubs of Los Angeles-Long Beach, San Francisco, and San Diego, and ILWU - Local 22 Workers Union in Seattle. Without her help and theirs, we might not have been able to attend."

## Women Cadets at *Women on the Water* Conference

Cal Maritime senior cadets attending this year's Third Annual Women on the Water Conference at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, ME included (front) Shireen Blau, ME and (L-R) Kortney Bolton, IBL, Alesi Alapa, MET, and Natalie Gross, MET



"The third annual Women on the Water conference, Oct. 15-17 (the second was held at Cal Maritime) was a unique experience that we were fortunate to participate in.," reports Shireen Blau.

"The Federal Maritime Administration (MARAD) held the conference at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, ME. Both cadets and alumni from every maritime academy in the US attended. WE flew in

to Portland, ME and then drove over three hours to reach Castine.

The conference was inspiring and empowering for any woman who desires to work within the maritime profession. Alumni Deborah Dempsey, who was Maine Maritime Academy's first female cadet, as well as the first woman to graduate from any maritime academy, was in attendance at this year's event.

. There was helpful advice and information on current events and policies, and of course many sea stories. In addition to all of the information obtained, a close network was created between all of the women who attended. All of the cadets were encouraged to find a mentor, — a woman who was one of the first—whom they could turn to for help on those rough days.

## Assessing Needs of the Vallejo Community

The California Maritime Academy is working with community leaders and interested citizens of Vallejo to help assess community needs as a result of the current economic downturn. A pair of community town-hall forums this fall are designed to gather baseline data of both needs and resources in the areas of food security, mental and physical health, education, housing and shelter and fiscal literacy.

That information will be used to apply for a multi-year Learn and Serve America Grant to benefit social service agencies, explains Vivienne McClendon, director of Cal Maritime's Center for Engagement, Teaching and Learning. "Cal Maritime cadets are taking part in the forums as part of our campus leadership goals of community outreach, involvement and service. We hope these initial forums and information gathering will lead to an expanded program which will provide additional opportunities for our students to get involved in the local community," she added.

Proposals from CSU campuses are due by mid-December and grants for up to three years of additional work will be awarded



Among the participants at the first community forum were (L-R Front) cadets Walter Shabalin, Sterling Daniels, Alyssa Jenness, Gina Brizzi, and Philomena Sulzen. (Back) Justin Lyons, Jonas Bruno, Vivienne McClendon, Director of the Cal Maritime Center for Engagement, Teaching and Learning, and Samuel Murray, Vice President of Mare Island's Global Center for Success.

in January. McClendon said activities under the expanded grant can include such items as service-learning courses, community service, technological innovation, and community-based participatory research.

The first of the two initial information-gathering forums was held on Mare Island on October 14th. The second is set for Thursday, Nov. 12th at the Norman King Community Center, 545 Magazine Street, Vallejo. It is designed to receive more input from the general public and to collate that with findings of community

surveys and the first meeting.. From there, project organizers including Cal Maritime, will develop specific action plans — projects that can benefit from small funding infusions and coordinated efforts between Cal Maritime students and Vallejo-area service providers.

Other Vallejo-area groups participating in the initial session, in addition to Cal Maritime, included Catholic Social Services, Fighting Back Partnership, Red Cross, United Way, the Christian Health Center, and the Solano Community Foundation.



## Paige Johnston Earns Sailing Scholar/Athlete Honors



Johnston with teammate Jessica Schember, '12 during Team Race PCC at St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco

The Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) has recognized CMA's Paige Johnston ('09) as one of 20 outstanding scholar athletes for their 2009 ICSA All Academic Sailing Team. The honor acknowledges outstanding performance on the water and in the classroom. Students were nominated by their respective schools for performance in the 2008-2009 academic year.

Selected Team members maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0 and were a key starter or reserve member of their school's sailing team.

Johnston maintained a 3.75 GPA, won the 2008 Single-handed Pacific Coast Championship, led the Offshore Sailing team in the Kennedy Cup and Harbor Cup regattas, placed 4th at the Team Race Pacific Coast Championship, and qualified for the Semi-Final national championship. He graduated this past spring and currently works for the Military Sealift Command.

## Goalie Will Akers Cited for Soccer Defensive Skills

Cal Maritime senior Will Akers was selected as the California Pacific Conference Men's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week for the dates of October 12th through 19th, 2009.

The Truckee, CA native made nineteen saves for the Keelhaulers in a tough 2-1 loss to Pacific Union College in Angwin on Sunday the 18th. Akers is the #1 goalie in the NAIA in terms of saves per game at 14 per game.



## J-22s Get Tune-up For Races and Club Sailing



Cadet Nevin Garcia '12 at the bow of one of the campus J22s

Cal Maritime's four J-22 sailboats got a tune-up including new standing rigging in preparation for the US SAILING Area G Match Race quarterfinals. The boats were part of the fleet for the Sloop Pacific Coast College Sailing Championship that Cal Maritime hosted Oct 3-4. The event went well and it's hoped Cal Maritime's bid to host the College Sailing Sloop Nationals in 2012 will be accepted at the annual meeting in January. Next fleet event — the Paradise Cove Match Race December 5-6. Cal Maritime will compete against other Bay Area Match Racers and teams from San Diego and Newport Beach.

Cal Maritime's Sailing Club did well at the Great Pumpkin Regatta. Four teams of students, alumni and faculty competed in the seven-boat J-22 fleet for three races Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by Richmond Yacht Club. The family boat of Hugh Vanderspek, '84, Brian Vanderspek, '10 and Kyle Vanderspek did the best of the CMA boats tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sunny skies and winds varying from five to 20 knots.

## New Athletic Coaches Named for Water Polo and Soccer

Cal Maritime's Athletic Department has two new coaches on board this fall. Andrew Bozanich (R) heads up the men's Water Polo team. He's played on and/or coached teams in Benicia, at his alma mater of Loyola Marymount and for the Vallejo Recreation District. Peter Christodoulou (Center) is coach for the Soccer team. He's a 1987 Cal Maritime Marine Engineering program graduate. He began playing soccer in Liverpool, England where he grew up, and has coached teams for the Walnut Creek Soccer Club. (Photos Jeff Ward)



## New Renewable Energy Unit Focuses on Wind Power

Mechanical Engineering professor Tom Nordenholz and Technician Randy Thomas have been working this summer and fall on the installation of a small 300-watt wind turbine atop the Power Engineering lab.

With its four-foot diameter blades, the unit is a small-scale cousin to the large modern wind generators one sees more and more often on California hilltops – systems capable of generating up to 10,000 times the power output of the new campus unit. The electrical output of the campus turbine will be fed into a resistive load bank - still under construction - where the load conditions can be controlled and the output measured. Once completed, students and faculty will be able to study the performance of the turbine under different wind and load conditions.

“This is the first stage in a long-term project to incorporate renewable energy into the Power Laboratory, campus engineering curricula, and the research activities of the faculty,” Nordenholz said. “This may include solar photo-voltaic and thermal energy, wave, tidal, and water current energy, biomass combustion, fuel cells, and more. This campus is ideally located in many ways as a teaching and research facility, given the winds and currents of the Carquinez Strait on our front doorstep and the potential for solar photo-voltaics.



## Farewell to BK



For members of the campus family who spent any time around the boathouse, BK (short for Boathouse Kitty) was a fixture. Nobody knows exactly when she arrived on campus but she had been adopted by Boathouse staff at least a decade ago. Sadly, reports Maritime Operations Administrative Coordinator Lisa Power, advancing age and illness required that she be put to sleep on October 16th.

# Faculty/Staff Milestones

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**Dr. Lui Hebron**

Lui Hebron (MPM) presented his paper *Chinese Justice System: Rule by Law* at the annual meeting of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held Oct. 22-24 at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Cal Maritime Budget Officer Stephen Mastro is serving as the 2009 President of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers. He recently hosted the group's 21st annual educational conference and National Consortium in Orlando, FL in September and presided over the annual AACPM Business Meeting.

Members of the American Academy are Certified Public Managers who have completed a 300-hour program accredited by the National CPM Consortium. They are professional managers in federal, state, and local government from across the nation who gather to network, share solutions to common challenges, and participate in continuing education. The 2010 Conference will be held in Oklahoma City in October.



**Steve Mastro**  
Budget Officer



**Dr. Cynthia Trevisan**

Cynthia Trevisan of the Science and Math department attended an interdisciplinary workshop in Kyoto, Japan this month as an invited speaker. The workshop, *What is Evolution? – The Bicentennial of Charles Darwin's Birth*, was organized in part by the Yukawa Institute of Theoretical Physics and the University of Kyoto. Trevisan spoke on *The Descent of a Scientific Theory: Evolution of the Quantum Mechanical View of the Interaction of Light and Matter*. The talk reviewed new findings in the field of femtosecond physics and her research work with scientists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory on the interaction of x-ray radiation and greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide and methane. Plans call for a campus brown bag seminar about this work in the spring.

(By the way, your editor had the same question you did since, until now, he has had few occasions to utter a sentence using the word femtosecond. One femtosecond is one quadrillionth of a second. . . . Somewhere between a kazillion and infinity. Obviously, if you want to know how someone studies something that occurs in a quadrillionth of a second, you are going to need to come to the spring lecture and get Cynthia to explain it to you.)

## “Dunk the Prez” Popular Event at Carnival



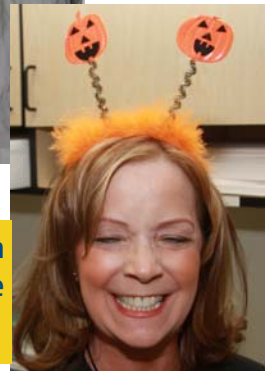
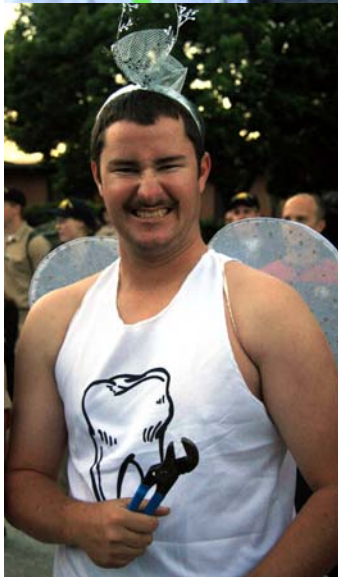
Academy student organizations held a Carnival on the quadrangle Friday, October 9th to showcase their activities and raise money to help support projects and events. One of the most popular was the Dunk Tank with various members of faculty and staff volunteering to sit on the hot seat, while those willing to pay for the privilege tried to hit a small target and dump them into the water. President William Eisenhardt volunteered and quickly discovered his wife Kathryn was not only eagerly selling tickets to the crowd, but had bought a few herself. She came close with her throws, but wasn't able to send her husband flying.

However, Jonas Cosca, son of Associate Food Services Director Mark Cosca came up with a sure-fire way to succeed. After failing three times to hit the trigger, he raced up and used the reliable manual approach. The President, who tried to divert his attackers by lobbing water balloons at them in mid-throw, offered a hat tip as a tribute to Jonas' ingenuity.



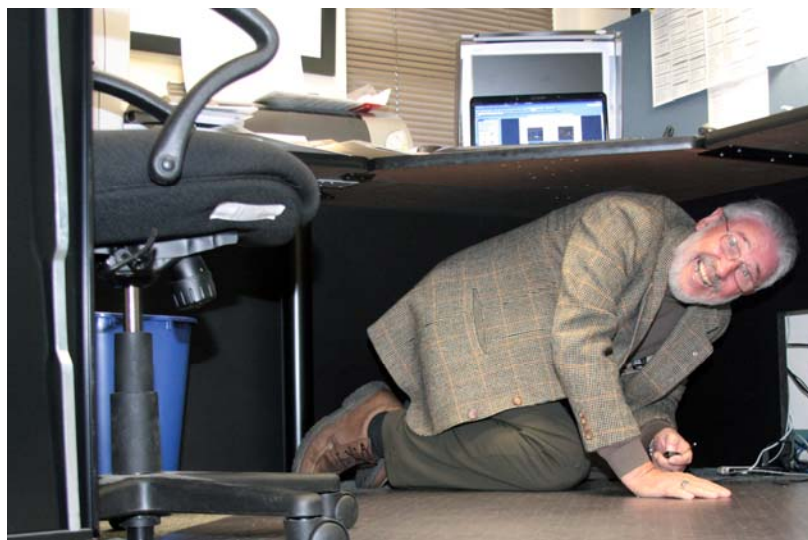
## Uniform of the Day for Halloween

The Friday formation before Halloween is traditionally a time for cadets to exchange standard uniforms for their best costumes. There was an extra incentive this year—top prize winners would get up to a week without having to attend formation. The prize winners were chosen by the cadet leadership team based on applause and cheers from the cadets in support of their favorite costumes. A certain sense of propriety forbids your editor from including the top prize winner, but we provide a sampling of the entries from students and by members of the campus family to give you a sense of the creativity and fun.



Tooth Fairy Bobby Hart (above) captured 2nd place in the student competition. Presidential Aide Susan Bigler and (we think) her boss showing the obvious strains of budget cuts, witch Fran Gutierrez at the switchboard, and Advancement Office Assistant Karen Spall resplendent in pumpkin headgear.

## Duck and Cover—Preparing for “The Big One”



October 15th at 10:15 a.m., CSU employees statewide were urged to practice defensive techniques in the event of a major earthquake. Because your intrepid editor needed to take part, he was unable to get out and get photographs of colleagues complying and so was forced to take this shot of himself cowering under his desk. Such preparedness is no laughing matter however. Anyone who has been in a major quake will tell you that things start falling and flying and the first step is to take appropriate cover to reduce the risk of severe injuries.

## Giving to a Good Cause



Despite heavy rains, over 100 faculty, staff and students volunteered to donate for the semi-annual campus blood drive, held Tuesday, October 13th. Bloodmobile vans parked at the Student Union and the quadrangle and after screenings, collected over 70 units of blood. Cadet Dave Marchesi, FET '13 (center left) was among those who participated.



## Good Riddance

And we mean heavy rains. This whirlpool in the Administration Office parking lot spelled success in clearing a clogged drain for Facilities staffer Richard Cintas. The first heavy rain of the season caused power outages, created a temporary mini-lake in the lot and toppled a large tree on Maritime Academy Drive.

# New Faces/New Hires

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## FOOD SERVICE



**Alfred "Sam" Bagos**  
Executive Chef



**Rod Olazo**  
Food Service Worker



**Kathleen Stewart**  
Food Service Worker

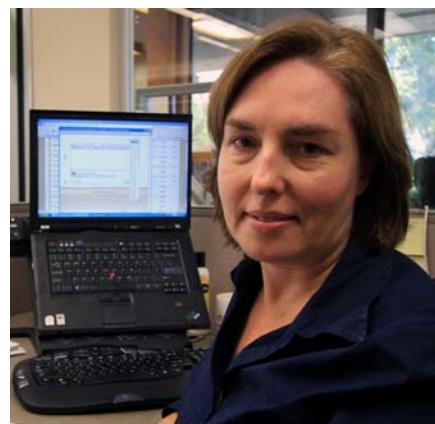


**Howard Buckner**  
Food Service Worker



**Priscilla Przygocki**  
Cook

## LIBRARY



**Michelle Van Hoeck**  
Assistant Librarian



**Hunter DeoCampo**  
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**Eugene Taylor**  
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*Due to the impact of state budget cuts on the California State University system, most Cal Maritime faculty and staff are required to take two unpaid furlough days per month during the current academic year. As a result, some offices may be closed or on short staffs during those days.*

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov. 14	Preview Day for Prospective Students and Families
Nov. 20	Pacific NW Alumni Dinner—Seattle—See Below
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 22-Jan 4	Holiday Break—Campus Closed
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Jan. 11	Start of Instruction Spring Semester
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mar. 20	Mini Cruise
Mar. 27	Annual Fundraiser Gala - Westin St. Francis, San Francisco
Mar. 31	Caesar Chavez Holiday
May 1	Commencement—Class of 2010
May 2	Start of Cruise 1
June 29	Start of Cruise 2

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