



Maritime Careers Communiqué

TS STATE OF MAINE & SOCP Hosts Students

Nearly 440 students, guidance counselors and parents toured the TS STATE of MAINE in June 2004 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico was one of the stops on the training ship's cruise. The Puerto Rican Port Authority's Public Relations Office generated publicity about the ship's arrival and coordinated activities with CAPT Larry Wade, Master of the school ship, and SOCP's Maritime Careers Coordinator Patricia Randall. Students had opportunities to participate in cadet-guided tours aboard the ship and to talk with cadets about their experiences. Many thanks to the cadets of Maine Maritime Academy.

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Students visiting the training ship TS STATE OF MAINE in San Juan.

Summer Bridge Program

The Summer Bridge Program, on the Campus of the California Maritime Academy, was designed to enhance academic skills and to encourage college enrollment of racial minorities and economically disadvantaged high school students in the maritime industry. Mr. Howard D. Jackson, Special Assistant to the president of CAL Maritime also manages the newly-developed Oakland Unified School District's Maritime Academy.



Adopt-A-Ship Program



In the summer of 2003, the Maritime Administration and the Propeller Club of the United States went into a new partnership reaching out to school children in grades 5-8) to teach young America the necessity of maintaining an adequate American Merchant Marine and to assist in the education of our citizens of tomorrow through the Adopt A Ship Program. No individual pupil is permitted to "adopt" a ship, however a classroom under the supervision of a teacher can adopt a ship.

Contacts are made with a ship's Master and if he/she is agreeable to participation, the vessel is registered in the Program. A pairing of the vessel and a classroom takes place and students are able to begin corresponding with the Master.

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Did You Know

- MARAD and Dept. of Navy representatives were panelists at SNAME's Chesapeake Region meeting on the subject of maritime industry Workforce Development.
- MARAD/SOCP Maritime Careers Working Group is a member of the Commonwealth of Virginia National Governor's Association Workforce Policy Academy whose goal is to integrate the maritime industry occupational/skills needs into the education and workforce development systems
- Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Week (ESTEME) is March 2005.
- USTS ENTERPRISE, belonging to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, will host students in New Orleans, Jan. 05.