

**Ballard Maritime Academy Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2010**

I. State of the Maritime Industry – We discussed the passing of Spenser Millard, a former BMA student killed in a car accident over Easter weekend, and his grandfather, Warren Aakervik, and all they have done for the maritime industry. It was also mentioned that the Pollock fishing season was running long, one reason being the abundance of ice in the Bering Sea this year. Also in the news was a Chinese ship which had run aground on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and the damage it caused.

II. The budget was reviewed, and currently we have in the school account \$8,677, and in the Alliance for Education account \$11,932. It was recommended that we find more auction items for this year's fund raising dinner.

III. Sailboat- The sailboat Snapdragon has been listed on the district's website for "fixed assets" and should be sold in a month or so.

IV. BMA Activities – There is a lot going on the last couple months of school this year. On the science side, the Citizen Science students have another day on the beach recording observations. The oceanography class will be traveling to UW to view the fish collection. Also upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. from 15 – 20 May. Greg Feise and Megan Vogel will be chaperoning a group of six students (two from each grade) on a tour of the capitol, Baltimore, Annapolis and visiting Senator Patty Murray and some of our supporters from NOAA. Also

coming up in May is the Maritime Career Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Feise and Mr. Foster will lead a group of sophomores to the Maritime Event Center to meet with various representatives from local maritime businesses, schools, and government agencies. They will also have the opportunity to tour the USCGC Henry Blake, a modern buoy tender, as well as ships from the Seattle Maritime Academy, Divers Institute, King County environmental, Port of Seattle, and Seattle Police harbor patrol unit. That weekend is also the Seattle Maritime Festival, the academy will have a booth at the Maritime Youth and Family Education Fair, as well as competing in the World Invitational Survival Suit Championships. Also coming up this month is the Syttende Mai parade, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. We will be joining with the Scandinavian Club at BHS for our "float" this year. Hopefully next year we will have a group of students interested in creating something special for the parade. Finally, on the weekend of May 21-23, students from all three classes will be going aboard the Schooner Zodiac in the San Juans. Junior and senior students will be teaching a lesson while aboard the ship, ranging from navigation, to San Juan Islands history, to survival at sea.

V. Internships -Megan Vogel reported that they had a few summer internship opportunities, but not much interest from students.

VI. The OUPV class has finished two of their three modules, Navigation and Deck. They will be starting their final unit, rules of the road this week.

VII. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the Ballard Seafood Fest this year. It is being held the weekend of July 10 -11.

VIII. Recruiting - We currently have 23 freshmen signed up for next year's class. This is a good size class, but we would like to have a few more signed up.

IX. Cal Maritime – We have ten students signed up to go to Cal Maritime to complete their STCW training in August. They will take the first two modules of the training, CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, at NPFVOA during the summer, then complete the rest of the program at Cal Maritime with students from Banning High School in Los Angeles. While in the Bay Area, students will have the opportunity to ride aboard the Liberty ship Jeremiah O'Brien on an "ecology" tour of the San Francisco harbor.

X. Annual Dinner – Plans are shaping up for this year's annual fundraising dinner, to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> this year. We are still looking for more auction items.

XI. New business – it was suggested that BMA sponsor a "group" facebook page to announce scholarships and news.