

TS Kennedy Blog

Summer 2020

Thursday 2 July 2020

The TS Kennedy shown departing Mobile, Alabama on a mini training cruise that includes Cadets from, Maine Maritime Academy, Great Lakes Maritime Academy, California Maritime Academy and Kings Point. The Vessel will dock at Massachusetts Maritime Academy on or about July 22 and we expect the Cadets to be released the following day. Due to the limited number of Cadets embarked we expect this will be an exceptional learning experience with lots of hands on training from the crew and the three embarked Academy Instructors.

MARAD has contracted with Keystone Shipping Company to provide a professional crew for this exercise, I can say without exception, the crew is delighted to be here and welcomes the opportunity to participate in this project----Capt. Cal Chapman

1400LT Kennedy Last Line Mobile. Cadets have acclimated to sea watches since 30 June and assist in all evolutions of getting underway on the bridge, engine room, and deck. 34 Crew on board, 44 Cadets and 3 Faculty depart for Mobile Anchorage. All crew and cadets received negative COVID results on Wednesday 1 July.

1800LT let go port anchor Mobile Anchorage. Cadets maintain engineering and deck sea watches.





Friday July 3rd 2020

0200 Ship advances clocks to ZD +5 EST

0800 Faculty and Senior officer meeting. 0830 Commence Heaving Port Anchor with Cadet Detail.

0848 Anchor aweigh. Vessel proceeding towards Tampa anchorage for training and drills ETA

0900 July 4th. Cadets resume daily training/Maintenance including lifeboat inspections, COVID Sanitary, deck washdown, and drills.

1530 Fire and Boat drill. Cadets assemble at boat stations and review duties. Cadets assemble at Emergency Gear Locker 2 and 3 and assign fire fighting response duties. Review abandonment procedures. Review launching of davit launched liferafts.



Saturday July 4th 2020

0800 LT Faculty and Senior officer meeting. 0900 Arrival.

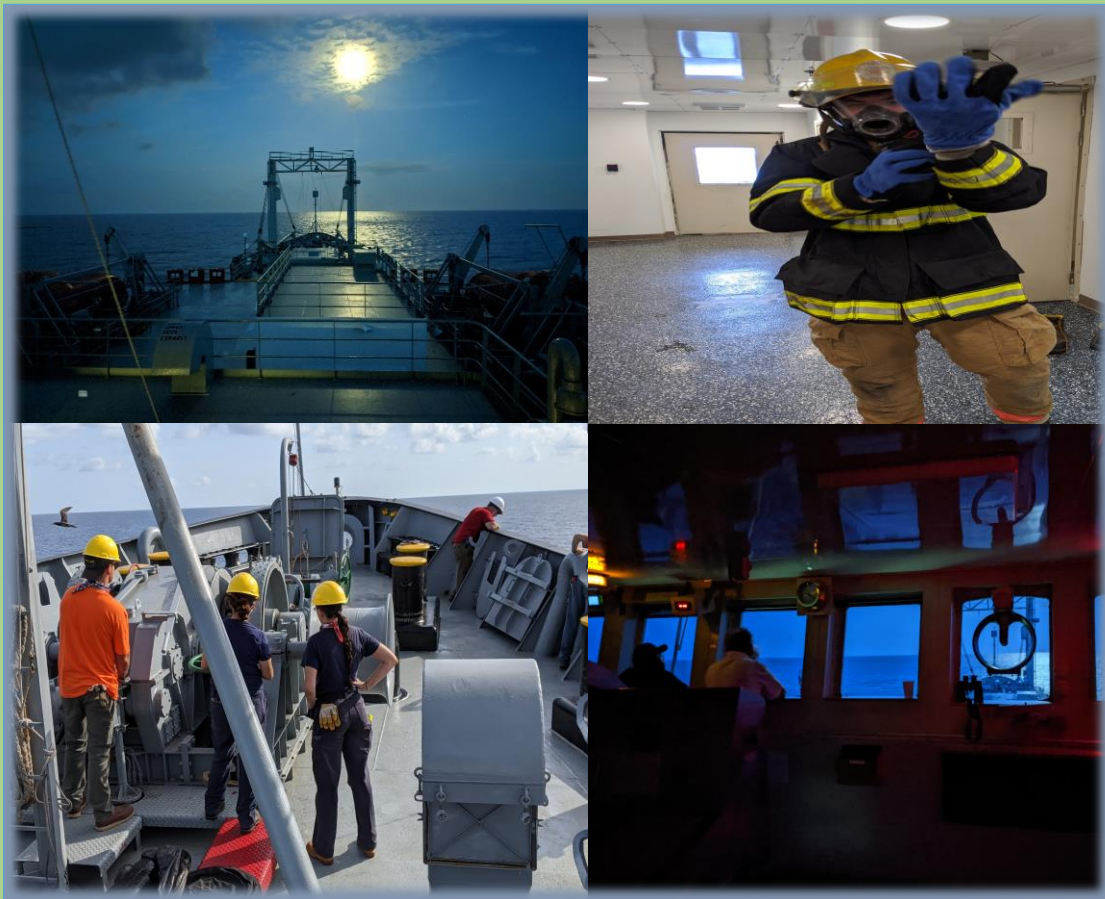
0900 LT Arrival to TS Kennedy's first anchorage, located off Tampa, Florida. Cadets are gaining experience and beginning to get more comfortable with anchoring procedures.

1450 LT Anchoring training evolutions were completed, after switching to the final anchorage for the day.

Cadets are continuing to build their skills in watch standing, anchoring, equipment testing, safety equipment, LSA and drills.

Many of our cadets have been completing celestial navigation tasks such as star fixes and azimuths of the sun. The weather has been great for observations!

Engine cadets received valuable training on maneuvering.

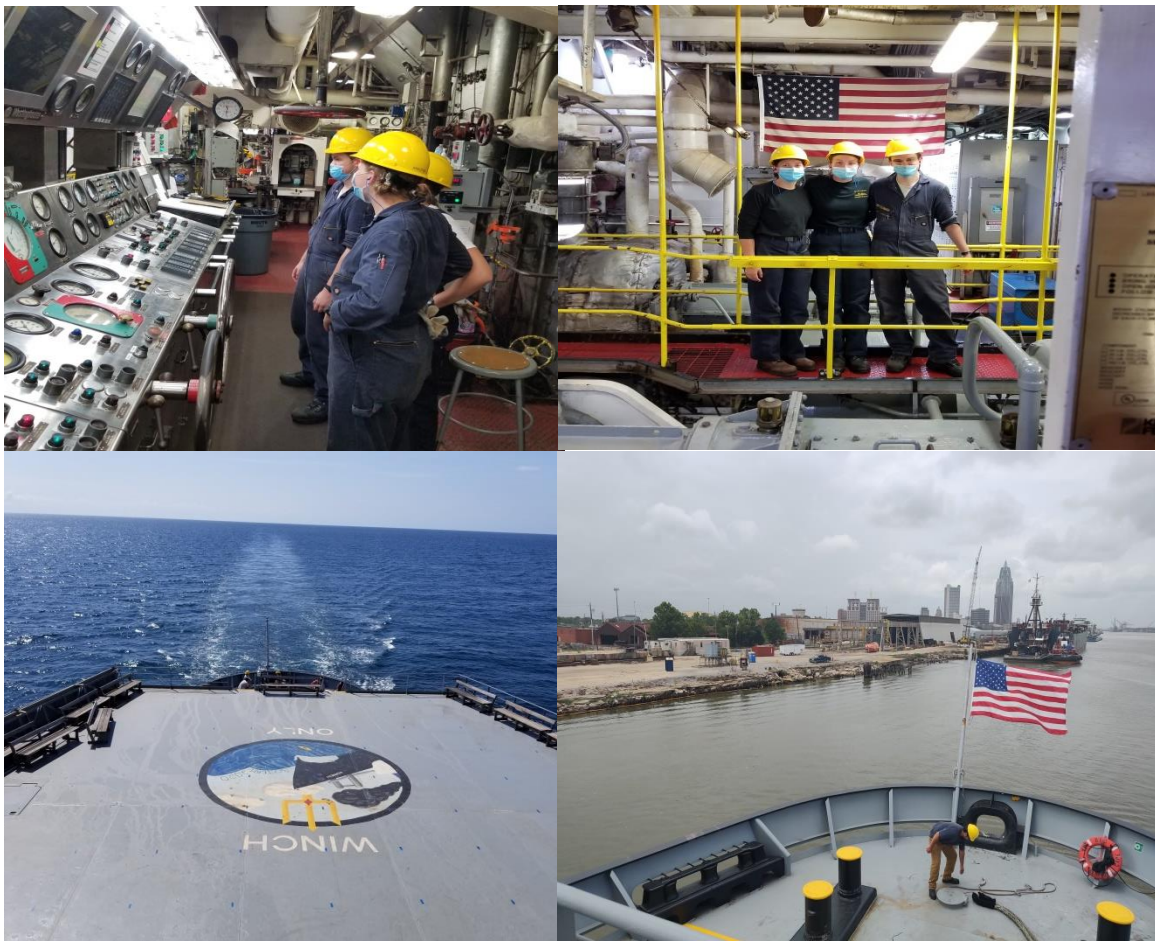


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Sunday July 5th 2020

0800 LT Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

0900 LT Heave Anchor Tampa to commence anchoring exercises. More cadets were given the opportunity to lead the anchoring detail. After multiple drops and heaves, the vessel proceeded North West to give the cadets some real hands on practice in coastal nav, engine room maneuvering, creating a compass deviation card and, ship handling exercises with cadets conning the vessel.



1600 Training evolutions were completed, after switching to the final anchorage for the day. Cadets continue to assist the crew with Lifesaving equipment inspection and maintenance, daily sanitary, and watch standing duties.

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Monday July 6th 2020

0800 LT Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

0914 LT Heave Anchor Tampa bound for Port Canaveral, ETA currently 8 July 1400LT. More cadets were given the opportunity to lead the anchoring detail. After anchor aweigh, vessel proceeded due west paralleling the Tampa Safety fairway for about 20 miles then turned south for Dry Tortugas



then sailing along the keys to Port Canaveral. Weather looks good in the three day forecast with east winds 5-10 Kts. Seas 1-2 feet with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Deck Cadet training including more swinging of the ship to create deviation tables, shooting sun lines and LAN, and executing Williamson turns. Engine cadets shifted groups from watch keeping to maintenance, received more hands on training in maneuvering, and starting generators.



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Wednesday July 8th 2020

0800 LT Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

1312 L28D 18.4'N Long 080D 26.3'W Arrival Port Canaveral . Vessel anchors off Port Canaveral Tower bearing [297@4.2nm](#). Cadets gain more experience in Pre-Arrival checklists, maneuvering, and anchoring evolutions. Vessel plans to continue voyage heaving anchor around 1000LT on July



9th and turn south along the Florida coast for coastal navigation, celestial, and watch standing and COLREGS training.

After approximately 24 hours steaming South and North along the Florida coast the vessel will proceed offshore Charleston and execute MARAD required speed runs and engineering tests.

Weather continues to be pleasant with light southwesterly winds and slight seas.



Morale seems high (especially as the vessel is back in cell phone range) as cadets continue to integrate well with the ships crew and gain valuable hands on experience due to the smaller cadet contingency and higher faculty/crew/cadet ratios.

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Thursday July 9th 2020

0800 LT Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

0930 Enclosed Space Entry training conducted by CM McGourthy with Cadets and faculty

1030 More Lifeboat lowering training with 2M Gardiner

1106 Anchor Aweigh Port Canaveral with cadets training in pre-departure checklist, heaving anchor, and real time coastal navigation.

1130 Departure Port Canaveral L28D 19.8°N Long 080D 31.1°W. Vessel proceeds South for coastal
nav



training. At 0200LT July 10 vessel will change course and proceed towards Charleston area.

Winds SW Force 4 with 4 foot seas.



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Saturday July 11th 2020 ZD+4

0800 Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

0900 Enclosed Space Entry training conducted by Faculty Stephan Tarrant with Cadets

1200 Noon Position L 31-53.3N Long 075-48.5W approx. 150 nm east of Charleston, SC . Cadets continue MOB training on bridge executing Williamson turns and continue with Enclosed Space Entry training.

1530 Fire and Boat Drill. Cadets lead Fire Teams 2 and 3 and simulate a fire in the aft house 02

Level



laundry space.



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Tuesday July 14th 2020 ZD+4

0800 Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

1030 Stability Lecture by CM McGourthy Classroom 62

1200 Noon Position L 32-41.8N Long 079-41.7 W approx. 50 nm east of Charleston,SC .

1300 Resume Pilot boarding training and water tight door training.

1430 2 nm west of Charleston Pilot Station A vessel on Dead slow bell for opportunity for cadets to

get
cell



phone coverage.

1800 Vessel increases to 60RPM to Charleston offshore training box.



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Thursday July 16th 2020 ZD+4

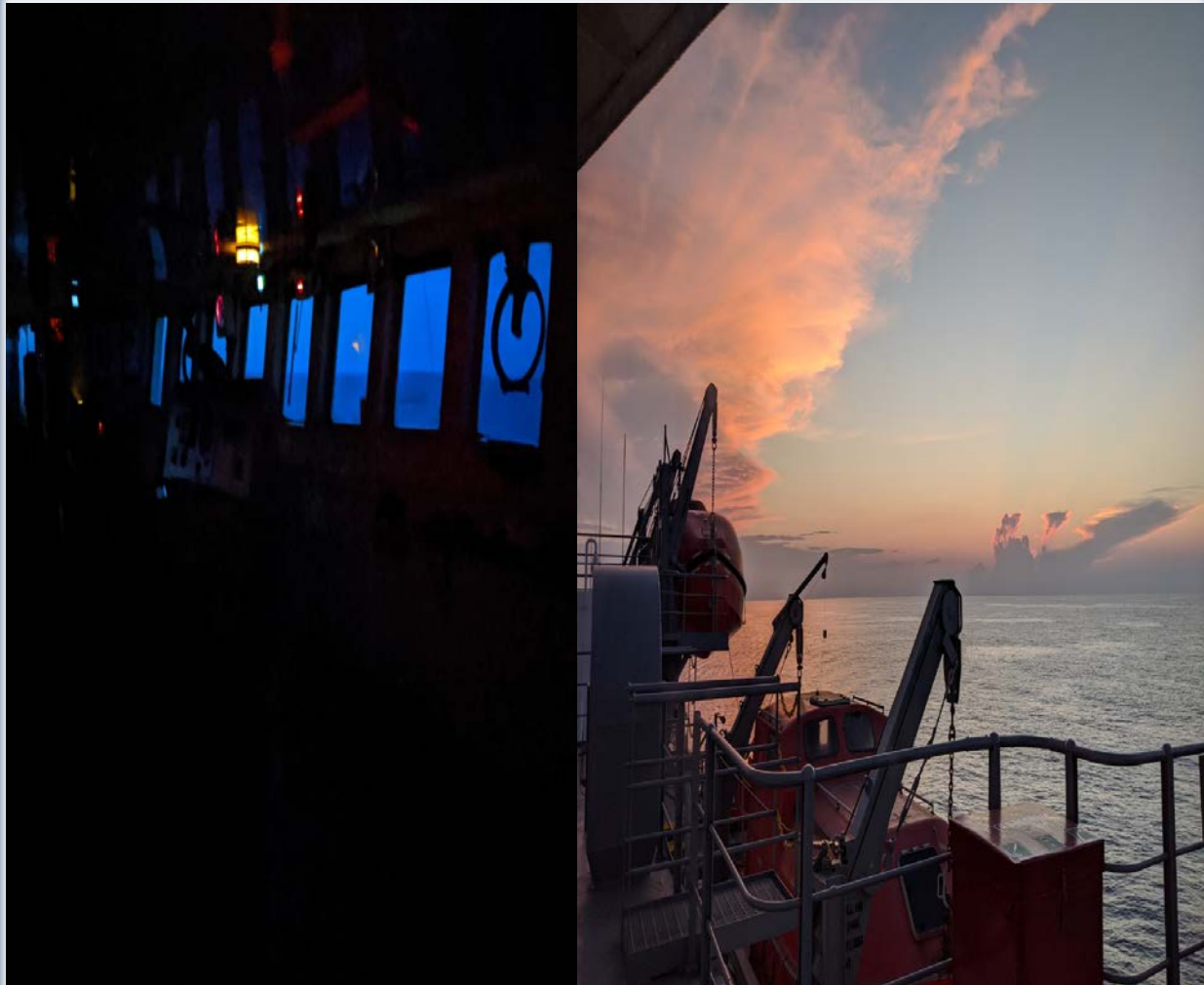
0800 Faculty and Senior officer meeting.

1000 WTD and Pilot boarding operations lecture by Kevin Calnan.

1200 Noon Position L 39-25.9N Long 073-34.6 W bound for New York . ETA Pilot Station Ambrose 1000 7/18/2020. Wind NNW at force 4.

1300 Ship stability lecture by CM McGourthy





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Monday July 20th 2020 ZD+4

Hells Gate Transit

0536/20 Anchor away! We are underway and Big Apple bound—both the crew and cadets are very excited to get a unique view of **NEW YORK CITY**. Next stop: **Hells Gate** to Long Island Sound. Vessel schedule to arrive Cape Cod Bay anchorage at around 1800 on the 21st. Then home to MMA around 1200 on the 22nd.





