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The Marine Society of the City of New York

cordially invites you to attend its

236th Annual Dinner

honoring

Mr. James J. Devine

President and CEO

New York Container Terminal, Inc.

to be held

Monday, 24 April 2006

1830 Hours

New York Financial Center Marriott

85 West Street

New York City

2006 Marine Society Honoree



Mr. James J. Devine

President and CEO of New York Container Terminal, Inc.

Jim Devine served the U.S. Army as a U.S. Army Transportation Corp officer for four years from 1969 to 1973. After leaving active service, Jim remained in the U.S. Army Reserve serving an additional 20 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Additionally, Jim has a BS in Marine Biology from the University of Massachusetts and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Upon leaving active duty with the U.S. Army Jim held a variety of progressively responsible positions with Sea Land Service. He entered the container industry as a truck dispatcher working the midnight shift on berth 56 in Elizabeth Terminal. Progressed through a number of supervisory and managerial positions covering such diverse areas as equipment control, credit collections, maintenance and increasingly higher level of general management. As Vice President for Equipment Operations Jim was responsible for the acquisition and management of Sea Land's world wide equipment fleet. Prior to Sea Land's acquisition by Maersk, Mr. Devine was responsible for all operations in the northeast including the running of Sea Land's largest terminal operation, their Elizabeth facility.

In late 1999 Jim became Senior Vice President for operations, CMA CGM America, Inc. the French container line. He was responsible for operations throughout North America including the oversight of all vessel operations, equipment control and intermodal transport. He helped to put in place the infrastructure to accommodate the carrier's aggressive U.S. growth strategy.

In October 2001 Jim became President and CEO of New York Container Terminal (formerly Howland Hook Container Terminal). He is responsible for the operation as well as the modernization and expansion of the 180 acre facility on Staten Island. Over the last three years Mr. Devine has worked closely with both the Port Authority and New York City Economic Development Corporation to expand the berth, revitalize the Staten Island rail connection and introduce new state of the art container handling equipment, including four post panamax Liebherr container cranes. He has put together a team which is driven to create the best possible operating terminal in the harbor and help grow New York's share of containerized volume that is so vital to the state's economy.

Mr. Devine is Co-Chairman for the Nation's Port and a board member of The Noble Museum on Staten Island. Additionally, Jim is the director of Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, NY and on the fund raising committee for the Staten Island University Hospital.

Jim is married for 36 years to his wife, Patricia and together they have 2 children, Adam and Amanda.

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CLAMS, OYSTERS AND COCKTAILS

18.30 hrs ~ Foyer ~ 3rd Floor

DINNER

19.30 hrs ~ 3rd Floor

Dress Optional ~ Dais Guest Formal

Individual Tickets \$225.00 - Tables of Ten Available

Proceeds realized from the 236th Annual Dinner will be used in accordance with the by-laws of the Marine Society of the City of New York to enhance maritime knowledge and add to charity in the maritime community. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please complete enclosed reservation form and return by April 10th,
to assure guest listing in the Dinner Program Booklet.

All checks should be made payable to
The Marine Society of the City of New York
and mailed to:

17 Battery Place, Suite 714
New York, New York 10004

History of the Society

The Marine Society of New York is a charitable and educational organization, the regular membership being composed entirely of seafarers, all of whom must be, or have been Captains or Officers of merchant vessels under the United States flag. It was formed in colonial days, and formally chartered by King George III in 1770 to "...improve maritime knowledge and relieve indigent and distressed shipmasters, their widows and orphans..." Among the early honorary members of the Society was President George Washington.

From that day to this, the Society has endeavored to improve maritime knowledge. It has relieved, insofar as it was able, the needs of over 5,000 distressed shipmasters, their widows and orphans. It has today a number of masters' widows on a monthly allotment basis, many of whom require advice, counsel and assistance for their well-being.

Among the records of the Society, covering a span of more than two centuries, many achievements stand out: a respected member, Captain Robert Richard Randall, in the year 1801, provided the basis for the founding of The Sailor's Snug Harbor on Staten Island. It is the only institution in America accepting old and disabled seamen, and one of the oldest charitable organizations in the country. The President and First Vice-President of the Marine Society are, by office, members of the Board of Trustees of The Sailors' Snug Harbor.

Because the carefully drawn will of Captain Randall made no provision for wives or relatives of seamen, the Society, in 1854, assisted in the foundation of the Mariner's Family Home on Staten Island.

Recognizing the need for education among our merchant seamen, the Society, in 1874, together with other interest groups, prevailed upon the New York State Legislature to pass a law establishing the New York Schoolship. It assisted in procuring the training vessel "Saint Marys" from the Navy Department for such employment. One or more members of the Society served on the Board of the Schoolship until it became part of the New York State University in 1949 as one of their colleges.

In the year 1882, because of lack of funds, the State of New York abandoned the Marine Hospital of Stapleton, Staten Island, expecting the U.S. Government to accept it. The Federal Government also could not fund the hospital, and the Marine Society was called upon to take it over, which it did under a rental arrangement with the U. S Public Health Service. The Society thereafter owned the hospital and maintained it until 1902, when the Federal Government purchased it. From the proceeds, the Society shared equally the sum of \$68,000 with the Mariners Family Home and the Society for the Relief of Destitute Seamen's Children.

By and large, the Marine Society of New York has performed its charitable service through the years quietly and without fanfare, as becomes an organization of seafarers, and it stands today as the watchdog of their interests and those of American Merchant Shipping as a whole.

Aside from a donation on election, there are no yearly dues, and it is believed that all eligible seafarers in good repute should become members.