



Heather Stone Sixth Season Head Softball Coach W. Connecticut St. '94

Stone is entering her sixth season as the head coach of USMMA's softball program. The winningest coach in the team's 11-year history, she has compiled a record of 93-97-1. She led the team to back-to-back Skyline Conference Tournament titles and its only two NCAA Championship berths in 2003 and '04. Stone's softball teams have won 23-plus games for the last two seasons, including a program-record 28 wins in 2004. A two-time Skyline Conference Coach of the Year, she was also named the 2004 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Coach of the Year. In 2005, USMMA bestowed its first Power of Inspiration Coaching Award on the New Hampshire native.

Heather Stone finished her second season as head coach for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy volleyball team. During her brief tenure, the Mariners twice finished runners-up to the Skyline Conference Championship and totaled a combined record of 33-25.

Prior to arriving at USMMA, the 1994 Western Connecticut State graduate was the assistant softball coach for three seasons at BYU-Hawaii. She also served as an assistant coach for three seasons at Christopher Newport, and for one season at her alma mater. A member of the WCSU Athletic Hall of Fame, Stone held numerous offensive records upon graduation. She still holds the Colonials' career game-winning RBI record (10).

Stone resides Westbury, NY with her two-year old daughter, MacQuarrie.



John Licata Second Season Assistant Softball Coach Adelphi '01

John Licata begins his second season as a member of the softball coaching staff. Additionally, he also serves as the Mariners' facilities and equipment manager as well as events coordinator.

In 2002-2003, Licata interned in the Stadium Operations department at the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority in East Rutherford, NJ. Working exclusively at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands, he assisted the Director of Operations in ensuring the smooth integration of facility operations and event production.

Before working in East Rutherford, Licata interned in the Business Operations department of the New York Jets, where he structured and launched an interactive theme park, Jets Fest.

Licata received a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in Sports Management at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y. Licata played baseball for Adelphi, and was named to the 1999 NCAA Northeast Regional All-Tournament Team.

He resides in Wantagh, N.Y., with his wife, Theresa.

SINGLE SEASON TEAM RECORDS

Games Played:.....	45.....2004	Doubles:.....	54.....2004
Wins:.....	28.....2004	Stolen Bases:.....	116....1999
Consecutive Wins:.....	12.....2004	Runs:.....	253....2004
Batting Average:.....	.375...1994	Base on Balls:.....	141...2004
At Bats:.....	1148...2004	Slugging %:.....	.518...1994
Hits:.....	367...2004	Fielding %:.....	.921...2005
Sacs:.....	54.....2005	Put-Outs:.....	838...2004
RBI's:.....	209...2004	Assists:.....	351...2004
Homeruns:.....	13.....2005	Fewest Errors:.....	8.....2005
Triples:.....	20.....2002	Double Plays:.....	8.....2001

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

APPEARANCES		SAVES	
Season:	30....Cookson (02)	Season:	3.....Marino (05)
	30....Short (04)	Game:	12.....Short (05)
Career:	103.....Short (05)	Career:	4.....Short (05)
COMPLETE GAMES		STRIKEOUTS	
Season:	29....Bechtel (99)	Season:	135...Marino (05)
Career:	69....Bechtel (96-'99)	Career:	364...Short (05)
SHUT OUTS		ERA	
Season:	4.....Cookson (04)	Season:	1.87...Cookson (04)
Career:	10....Cookson (05)	Career:	2.79...Cookson (05)
WINS		NO HITTERS	
Season:	17....Short (04)	Season:	1.....Several Times
Career:	43....Short (05)	Career:	5.....Short (05)
LOSSES		INNINGS PITCHED	
Season:	20....Short (01)	Season:	163.0...Cookson (02)
Career:	42....Bechtel (96-'99)	Career:	496.2...Short (05)

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER RECORDS

GAMES PLAYED		BATTING AVERAGE	
Season:	45.....Carey (04)	Season:	.533...Jeffries (03)
Career:	156....Hagner (05)	Career:	.440...Jeffries (01-04)
HITS		TRIPLES	
Game:	5.....Three Times	Game:	2.....Several Times
Season:	55.....Hagner (04)	Season:	10.....Jeffries (01)
Career:	194....Hagner (05)	Career:	26.....Jeffries (01-04)
RUNS		HOME RUNS	
Game:	7.....Travis (94)	Game:	2.....Jeffries (04)
Season:	41.....Carey (05)	Season:	7.....Jeffries (02)
Career:	124....Jeffries (01-04)	Career:	16.....Jeffries (01-04)
RBI		SLUGGING PERCENTAGE	
Game:	10.....Jeffries (04)	Game:	3.00...Jeffries (04)
Season:	44....Hagner (03)	Season:	.911...Jeffries (03)
Career:	142....Hagner (05)	Career:	.774...Jeffries (01-04)
DOUBLES		STOLEN BASES	
Game:	3.....Jeffries (04)/Hagner (05)	Game:	2.....Several Times
Season:	16....Hagner (04)	Season:	32.....Glanding (00)
Career:	42.....Jeffries (01-04)	Career:	56.....Martins (01-04)
	42....Hagner (05)		

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The United States Merchant Marine Academy was dedicated on September 30, 1943, at the former Walter P. Chrysler estate in Kings Point, NY. World War II required the Academy to forgo normal operation and increase enrollment from 1,000 to 2,700 meeting the emergency personnel needs of the Merchant Marine. During World War II, 210 Midshipmen and graduates gave their lives in service to their country, and many other midshipmen and graduates survived the war at sea. Seven Midshipmen and one graduate were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Merchant Marine, the nation's highest decoration for notable gallantry and devotion to duty. In the closing days of World War II, plans were formulated to establish a four-year, college-level program to meet the peacetime needs of the Merchant Marine.

The Academy's national value was once again recognized as it accelerated graduating classes during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and for its involvement in such programs as training officers of the first U. S. nuclear-powered merchant ship, the *Savannah*.

Admission requirements were amended in 1974, and the Academy became the first federal service school to enroll women students. During the Persian Gulf conflict in early 1991, and for many months prior to the war, both Academy graduates and Midshipmen played key roles in the massive seafit of military supplies to the Middle East.

Kings Point, which is one of the five federal academies, has grown in stature and has become one of the world's foremost institutions in the field of maritime education. Midshipmen select their major course of study from among six major programs: Marine Transportation, Marine Operations and Technology, Marine Engineering, Marine Engineering Systems, Shipyard and Marine Engineering Management, and Logistics and Intermodal Transportation. Upon graduation, Midshipmen will receive a degree in their chosen major, a Coast Guard License to sail in the above capacities, and a commission as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

An integral part of the Academy curriculum is the training Midshipmen receive at sea. During their four years, Midshipmen spend approximately half of their sophomore and junior years aboard merchant vessels, sailing the trade routes of the world. This experience allows Midshipmen to explore the maritime field and travel the world.

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U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY 2005 SOFTBALL



KINGS POINT MARINERS

2006 SEASON OUTLOOK

With the goal of returning to Skyline conference prominence, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Softball Mariners, who placed second in last season's Skyline Conference standings, are looking to replace seven seniors (five starters) from last season and continue building their program with the leadership of their 12 returning players and three rookies.



The team will commence their 2006 campaign in sunny Kissamee, FL, playing 12 games in six days. In Florida, they will compete against two previous National Champions and eight top-25 teams in Division III.

In non-conference play the Mariners face off against nationally ranked Ramapo on April 6 and arch rival Coast Guard on April 2 in home double headers. The Mariners will also be traveling to Salem, VA, where the previous home to the NCAA tournament, to take part in the Ferrum Tournament on March 18. In the tourney, the Mariners will face Southern Virginia, Roanoke and Shenandoah. Other teams included in the competition are Ohio Valley, Frostburg and Emory & Henry.

With five starters and seven seniors graduated from last year's second place Mariners, Stone looks forward to being the underdogs in the conference.

In Skyline play, the Mariners will face off against the Manhattanville Valiants, the 2005 Skyline Conference winners, in a double header in Purchase, NY, on April 1. The Valiants went 16-0 last season and defeated the Mariners 3-2 in the first round of the Skyline Conference Tournament.

Saint Joseph's and Centenary could also prove to be tough competition for the Mariners. The Mariners play both Saint Joseph's and Centenary away for double header games on April 8 and April 22 respectively.

Key returning players and experienced starters for the Mariners this season include, juniors Andrea Carey, Melissa Langston, Lindsey Frasier, senior Jeanne Ferrer and sophomores Marjorie Marino and Brittany Thornhill.

Carey, from Georgetown, DE (Cape Henlopen), captain and starting shortstop for the Mariners, led the team in batting last season with a .402 average, scoring a team high of 41 runs, and 30 RBIs with a .618 slugging percentage. A seasoned veteran, Carey started 37 of the 39 games last spring, earning her All-Skyline Conference and Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III All Region honors.

Alexandria, VA, native, Marino follows Carey as the second leading hitter with a .343 average last season. Marino, a standout as both a pitcher and infielder, shared Skyline Rookie of the Year honors with Centenary College's Jessa Jones. She batted .343 with 15 runs scored and 19 runs batted in. As a pitcher, she went 11-8 and ranked second in the conference with a 1.88 ERA. Marino also ranked second in the conference with 135 strikeouts in just 119.1 innings pitched, breaking the Academy's strikeout record previously held by Jill Cookson at 114 in 2004.

Langston, Frasier, Ferrer and Thornhill will play equally important senior roles on this year's team as well. Langston, an outfielder from Houston, TX will probably start at third base for the Mariners, but will also see time as catcher. Last season, Langston etched a .310 percent and a .464 slugging percentage with 23 RBIs, third in the team behind Carey and graduated senior Liz Hagner.

Frasier, a probable starter in left field, started 15 of 31 games played. In 33 at bats she scored 9 runs and sent in 5 RBIs. Ferrer, the Mariners' starting second baseman and 2005 co-captain, started 24 of 35 games played last season, hitting in 11 RBIs. Thornhill will start in centerfield for the Mariners, after a 2005 season of a .313 batting average. She also will be in the pitching rotation, following a 1-1 season on the mound last year and 1.70 ERA in 12.1 innings.

Rounding out the probable starting Mariners will be: Heather Lampert, Karen Taylor and Allyson Christensen at first base, and Sara Devlin sharing with Ferrer at second base. The right field spot is still up for grabs between Kaitlin Obrien, Coral Ledford, Kimberly Sercel, (co-captain) and Laura Fong.

New faces at Kings Point Park are freshmen Jen Swanson and Karen Taylor. Taylor, a 5'9" pitcher from Amarillo, TX will add to the mound's depth chart. With good hands and good bat control, Swanson, a 5'4" third baseman/catcher, comes to the Mariners from Sabino High School in Tucson, AZ.

Brittany Thornhill



Jeanne Ferrer



Lindsey Frasier



Melissa Langston



5 ANDREA CAREY
Georgetown, GE/Cape Henlopen
Junior
short stop
2005 HIGHLIGHTS
41 runs, 30 RBIs
0.681 slugging percentage

#18 MARJORIE MARINO
Alexandria, VA/Hayfield
Sophomore
Pitcher/IF
2005 HIGHLIGHTS
Skyline Co-Rookie of the Year
1.88 ERA, 135 strikeouts, 119 IP
15 runs, 19 RBIs



USMMA SOFTBALL ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown/High School
1	Karen Taylor	IF	5-9	FR	R/R	Amarillo, TX/Randall
5	Andrea Carey	IF	5-9	JR	R/R	Georgetown, DE/Cape Henlopen
7	Melissa Langston	IF	5-2	JR	R/R	Houston, TX/Hockaday School
9	Brittany Thornhill	P/O	5-7	SO	R/R	Boston, VA/Rappahannock Cty.
10	Kimberly Sercel	OF	5-7	SR	L/L	Colorado Springs, CO/Air Academy
11	Heather Lampert	IF	5-8	SR	L/L	Rockledge, FL/West Shore
12	Allyson Christensen	IF	5-9	SR	R/R	Salisbury, MD/Salisbury Christian
13	Lindsey Frasier	OF	5-4	JR	R/R	Aguanga, CA/Hamilton School
15	Sara Devlin	IF	5-1	SO	R/R	Lonaconing, MD/Bishop Walsh
16	Jennifer Swanson	IF	5-4	FR	R/R	Tucson, AZ/Sabino
18	Marjorie Marino	P/IF	5-8	SO	SR	Alexandria, VA/Hayfield
19	Coral Ledford	OF	5-3	SO	R/R	Ferndale, WA/Squalicum
22	Kaitlin O'Brien	OF	5-5	SR	R/R	Sandwich, MA/Sandwich
23	Jeanne Ferrer	IF	5-3	SR	R/R	Meraux, LA/Dominican
36/46	Laura Fong	OF	5-6	JR	L/R	Egg Harbor Twp., NJ/Egg Harbor

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SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

Conference:.....Skyline
 2005 Record:.....23-16 (13-3 Skyline)
 Program Overall Record:143-205, 11 years
 NCAA Tournament Appearances:2003, 2004
 Conference Champions:2003, 2004
 School Colors:.....Royal Blue & Gray



2006 Softball Schedule

Mar. 4	Muhlenberg (DH)	Kissamee, FL	8:50 AM
Mar. 5	Ithaca	Kissamee, FL	2:20 PM
Mar. 5	Bethany (WV)	Kissamee, FL	4:10 PM
Mar. 7	Mount Union	Kissamee, FL	2:20 PM
Mar. 7	Baldwin-Wallace	Kissamee, FL	6:00 PM
Mar. 8	Coe	Kissamee, FL	8:50 AM
Mar. 8	Waynesburg	Kissamee, FL	10:40 AM
Mar. 10	Misericordia	Kissamee, FL	2:20 PM
Mar. 10	Wartburg	Kissamee, FL	6:00 PM
Mar. 11	Coast Guard	Kissamee, FL	4:10 PM
Mar. 11	Muskingum	Kissamee, FL	6:00 PM
Mar. 18-19	Ferrum Invitational	Salem, VA	
MAR. 25	MOUNT ST VINCENT (DH) *	KINGS POINT PARK	NOON
Mar. 26	Maritime College (DH) *	Throggs Neck, NY	Noon
Apr. 1	Manhattanville (DH) *	Purchase, N.Y.	Noon
APR. 2	COAST GUARD (DH) #	KINGS POINT PARK	NOON
Apr. 5	Old Westbury (DH) *	Old Westbury, N.Y.	3:30 PM
APR. 6	RAMAPO (DH)	KINGS POINT PARK	3:30 PM
Apr. 8	St. Joseph's, L.I. (DH) *	Patchogue, N.Y.	NOON
APR. 11	MOUNT SAINT MARY (DH) *	KINGS POINT PARK	3:30 PM
APR. 12	FARMINGDALE STATE (DH) *	KINGS POINT PARK	3:30 PM
Apr. 22	Centenary, N.J. (DH) *	Hackettstown, N.J.	NOON
APR. 23	STATEN ISLAND (DH) ^	KINGS POINT PARK	NOON
Apr. 28-30	Skyline Conference Tournament	TBA	

CAPS indicate home contests played at Kings Point Park

* indicate Skyline Conference contests

^ Senior Day & Parents weekend

Superintendent's Trophy Game