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Port of Corpus Christi Welcomes Call of the TS Kennedy and the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Cadets

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – On June 29, 2018, The Port of Corpus Christi will welcome the call of the TS (Training Ship) Kennedy and her crew, the Texas A&M Maritime Academy's cadets. It is the first time in 12 years that the entire academy sailed together on a single vessel. The voyage began in May, embarking from Buzzards Bay MA, and will call at several ports along the U.S. East and Central Coast.

"This is a momentous time in our academy's history," said Texas A&M Galveston's Chief Operating Officer, Col. Michael E. Fossum. "For the first time in over a decade our students and faculty will learn and train as a cohesive unit."

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy is one of six maritime academies in the United States. It is a highly specialized maritime training and education program embedded within Texas A&M University at Galveston. The academy's mission is to provide the maritime industry with highly trained and professional U.S. Coast Guard licensed officers to serve on ocean-going and inland waterways vessels.

"This new generation of mariners joins a legacy that has, and will continue to be, at the forefront of global commerce, innovation, and curiosity," said Russel Cordo, Port of Corpus Christi Harbormaster, "We are happy to welcome the cadets to our Port, and wish them a safe journey."

About Port Corpus Christi

As the leading U.S. Crude Oil export port and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 4th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36 mile, 47 foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." <http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/>

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