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Ocean Institute Names New Director of Maritime Programs

DANA POINT, CA, June 18, 2007 – The Ocean Institute is pleased to welcome **Brent Rudmann** as its new Director of Maritime Programs. In this role, he will oversee all children’s programs on the Institute’s two tall ships, the *Pilgrim* and *Spirit of Dana Point*, as well as work with the ships’ volunteers and oversee ship maintenance.

Rudmann has worked previously for the Institute, but was more recently employed as a maritime heritage program educator in Norfolk, Virginia, and as manager of the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes, Delaware. He is currently a resident of Anaheim.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean preservation through education, setting the standard for educational excellence and serving as a leading resource for universities, museums, teachers and all others seeking to increase their knowledge of the ocean. The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on weekends, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children (ages 4-12), Ocean Institute members free. Unique maritime and ocean-themed items are available in the Chambers Gallery everyday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Institute address: 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Website: www.ocean-institute.org. Phone: (949) 496-2274.

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