



Team Dory takes 14th place at International SeaPerch competition

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Washington Island students took on the world on Saturday at the International SeaPerch Challenge on the campus of the University of Maryland.

Out of 56 in-person teams, Team Dory took 14th overall in the middle school stock class and was first among those competing from Wisconsin. Teams from Florida dominated the competition, claiming six of the top ten spots. Colin Verboomen, Allison Bennett, Magnus Purinton, Julia Pratt, and their robot named after the Finding Nemo character took second place at their regional competition earlier this year, clinching them a spot.

At the international competition. Team Dory finished 31st in engineering design, 12th in the team video, tied for eighth in the pool mission course, and 34th in the pool obstacle course.

It was the first time a Door County school competed in the international competition after the pandemic wiped out Sevastopol's opportunity in 2020.