

**North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance**  
**Steering Committee Meeting | via Microsoft Teams**  
**January 3, 2024 | 8:30 AM**

**ATTENDEES:** Jerry Clusen-Navy League, Kevin Cullen-WI Maritime Museum, Josh Delforge-Cruisers Yachts, Ann Franz-NCMMA, Cathy Green-WI Maritime Museum, Mark Hanley-Pieper Automation, Ryan Lindeman-Crescent Electric, Chris Nielsen-FMG, Laura Nolan-UWGB, Kate Owens-BAWDB, Jeff Poch-NWTC, Dennis Rockhill-Einstein Project, Nicole Virant-UWGB, Debbie Thompson-NWTC

**RECAP: 2023 NCMMA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**

- April 1 - SeaPerch Robotics Competition, with 20 teams, was held at Ashwaubenon Community Pool.
- September 26 – The Associate Member Breakfast was held at Fincantieri Marinette Marine with 30 associate member attendees.
- October 19 – Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School students toured Cruisers Yachts.
- Collaborated regarding grants/opportunities with the Department of Defense and other entities.

**SEAPERCH REGIONAL COMPETITION - DENNIS ROCKHILL**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024 | 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM | at Ashwaubenon Community Pool**

15 schools are registered, with a few of them having multiple teams. Schools with multiple teams will be asked to downsize to two teams for the NCMMA's competition. **A practice is scheduled for February 3 at Edison Middle School, offering teams the opportunity to practice and/or compete amongst themselves.** Team leaders are welcome to view the challenge courses or borrow them for practice purposes.

**Score Sheets** – Dennis will update the score sheets and send them to Ann by Monday, 2/12/2024.

**Volunteers** - Approximately ten volunteers are needed to judge the presentations or time the challenges on 2/17/2024, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Several past volunteers are unavailable. Jerry is working on getting a few Navy recruiters in the water and/or to talk to attendees. If volunteers are still needed, Dennis shared that each team could be asked to provide one volunteer.

**Inclement Weather** – Should the event need to be rescheduled; coaches will be notified by Friday, 2/16/2024. Edison Middle School could possibly be used as an alternate competition location.

**Swag** – Members planning to supply swag items are asked to bring them to the event or get them to Ann by Monday or Tuesday, 2/12 or 13/2024. Items like museum passes need to be donated in quantities of six tickets per team. Nate Millsap, of Fincantieri Marinette Marine, will again coordinate/provide snacks.

**PLAN 2024 NCMMA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES**

- SeaPerch Competition – February 17, 2024
- Meredith Jaeger, of NWTC, will be asked to provide a grants update at the next meeting on 4/10/2024.
- An NCMMA regularly scheduled meeting will be held at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum.
- Fall 2024 Associate Member Meeting – Tentatively at Cruisers Yachts in Pulaski, WI
- Members were asked to continue to consider any other potential 2024 activities.

**Fall 2024 Associate Member Meeting** – A mid-September date will be finalized at the next meeting on 4/10/2024. Josh presented a draft of the survey questions he created. Boat builders will be asked to complete the survey a month prior to the fall event. The results would then be sent to the associate members (suppliers) so they know what the individual boat builders are seeking. Suppliers would then have a better understanding of who and what

they should bring to the meeting. Members will have another opportunity to edit the survey before it is sent to the boat builders.

Draft survey questions for the boat builders include the following.

1. *Company name*
2. *How do you rate your current suppliers / partners for the following products / services?*
3. *Over the next 12 months, does your company anticipate any of the following changes to staff levels?*
4. *Over the next 12 months, does your company have any of the following initiatives planned?*
5. *Does your company have any plans for new training initiatives?*
6. *Within your purchasing department, are there any current or upcoming needs?*
7. *Does your company have any upcoming facility projects?*
8. *Does your company have any plans for process improvement projects?*

#### **NEWMA UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMMING**

- January 16 – Safety Task Force Meeting at the Startup Hub located on NWTC’s Green Bay Campus, 8:30 a.m.
- January 16 – Second cohort of the Generative AI class begins.
- February 17 – SeaPerch Competition at Ashwaubenon Community Pool
- March 6 – Quarterly Full Membership Meeting – Virtual

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next NCMMA MS Teams meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, 8:30 a.m.