

**North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wisconsin Maritime Museum | Manitowoc, WI
June 12, 2024 | 8:30 AM**

ATTENDEES: Jerry Clusen-Navy League, Kevin Cullen-WI Maritime Museum, Josh Delforge-Cruisers Yachts, Jim Draeger-NWTC, Ann Franz-NCMMA, Nick Gardner-FMG, Mark Hawkins-Hands On Deck, Brittany Mallien-Burger Boat Company, Chris Nielsen-FMG, Rich Olson-Burger Boat Company, Kate Owens-BAWDB, Jennifer Shaw-UWGB, Andrea Stromeyer-DCMM

Topic 1: Recap SeaPerch national competition

Both teams that took 1st and 2nd attended the international competition. The Washington Island school placed 19th place overall and Aldo Leopold school placed 27th overall in a field of 71 teams. Both teams' best performance was in the Mission challenge placing 5th (Washington Island) and 10th (Aldo Leopold).

Andrea shared a low cost activity that helps schools/students get excited about SeaPerch. She worked with a company that created a paper version of the SeaPerch robot. It has the electronic components that students can wire to make lights go on and propeller move. We will continue to discuss how this could be utilized with more schools.

Topic 2: Plan Associate member event in September

The next Associate Member breakfast will take place on September 10th at Cruisers Yachts in Pulaski from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The marine builders will fill out an interest form in July to assist Associate members of the needs of the builders. Associate members will be notified in August and asked for a full page ad that will be a supplier directory that will be given to the NCMMA members.

Topic 3: Upcoming events and programming for NEWMA

June 18: NEWMA Lunch & Learn - DVR

June 19: Pizza – Beer – Cheese Tours & Dialogue Tech ed Teacher event

June 26: NEWMA AI first class

July 9: 2025 All Star nominations are due

October 30: Manufacturing First

Members discussed hosting plant tours for October is Manufacturing month. Marine builders are asked to send dates they would be available to host a tour in October. Ann will work with the schools.

Topic 4: Wisconsin Maritime Museum programming and tour

Kevin shared that the Cobia sub will be going in dry dock at Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding. The museum is in the process of renovating a car dealership to showcase over 11,000 artifacts along with being able to restore historic vessels. Subfest will be held on July 4 – 7, 2024. He also reminded everyone that the sub can be rented to stay overnight on it.

Topic 5: Next steps and set meeting agenda

The next NCMMA meeting will be held on August 14 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.