

**North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance
Steering Committee Meeting | via MS Teams
January 7, 2025 | 9:30 AM**

ATTENDEES: Jerry Clusen-Navy League, Kevin Cullen-WI Maritime Museum, Josh Delforge-Cruisers Yachts, Ann Franz-NCMMA, Mark Hanley-Pieper Automation, Chris Nielsen-FMG, Rich Olson-Burger Boat, Dennis Rockhill-Einstein Project, Debbie Thompson-NCMMA

RECAP: 2024 NCMMA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- February 17 – The NCMMA’s regional Seaperch competition was held at Ashwaubenon Community Pool. The top two winning teams participated at the national SeaPerch competition.
- January 12 – Members toured the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc.
- September 10 – The associate member breakfast was held at Cruisers Yachts, Pulaski.

PLAN: 2025 NCMMA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- March 1 – The NCMMA’s regional Seaperch competition will be held at Ashwaubenon Community Pool.
- September – A member marine builder will host the associate member breakfast. A date and location will be determined this spring.
- Efforts are underway to have more students and educators tour boat builder facilities. Members would like to have students and educators tour any of the sites in late spring. Educators could unite to tour a facility in June. Cruisers Yachts, Burger Boat, and FMG reps are open to hosting tours.

SEAPERCH COMPETITION PLANNING – MARCH 1, 2025 – ASHWAUBENON COMMUNITY POOL

SeaPerch is progressing as planned. Teams are preparing and Dennis has been collaborating with the coaches. Mark Hawkins volunteered to build the mission courses, while FMG agreed to finance their build.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 is reserved at Edison Middle School (Green Bay) as an optional SeaPerch practice for all participating teams. Prescheduled times will be available, per course/team, to practice the mission and obstacle challenges.

Nate Millsap, FMG, will again sponsor snacks and beverages at the regional competition. Ann shared she has enough medals. The Navy League Stem Institute grant was approved and will again provide \$1000 prize money for the first place team to attend the national competition. NEWMA will also continue the \$500 grant for the second place winning team. Marine builders can provide swag, enough for eight bags. *2025 All Stars* magazines will be distributed at the event. 2025’s cover features a Burger Boat Company employee.

Volunteers are needed the morning (8:00 a.m. to noon) of the competition. Contact Ann by February 1 to confirm participation. Jerry Clusen stated that Navy reps will be available to go in the pool to facilitate the underwater challenges.

Ann shared that Mark Hawkins, Hands on Deck, expanded his reach by 200+ students virtually. It is felt that this expansion will help grow SeaPerch participation.

WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUM UPDATE – KEVIN CULLEN

- The Museum has a number of forthcoming exhibits. Opening soon will be an exhibit featuring local fishing families, foodways, and photography.
- They are recruiting for a development and advancement director, in addition to an education position.
- Fundraising is being done to help bring the USS Cobia to dry dock at Fincantieri’s Shipyard in Sturgeon Bay. The vessel will undergo a comprehensive inspection and essential preventative maintenance, returning mid-October.

- The Maritime Heritage Center has grants in the pipeline for a half-acre greenspace development.
- More to come...

NEWMA UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

- January 23 - Data Analytics Online Training Begins
- January 29 & 30 - Mind Trekkers at NWTC's Green Bay Campus
- February 1 - Green Bay Transit bus ads begin.
- February 11 - NEWMA Lunch & Learn: Help & Hope Together - Immigrant Worker Program
- March 6 - NEWMA Quarterly Membership Meeting – at Farm WI Discovery Center, Manitowoc – 8:30 AM

NEXT MEETING

The next NCMMA meeting will be via MS Teams on February 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m.