

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

1:30 to 3:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus – BA133 Boardroom

Type of Meeting:	Steering Committee Meeting
Note Taker:	Debbie Thompson
Attendees:	<b>Bryan Billic</b> -Seakeeper, <b>Jerry Clusen</b> -NLUS, <b>Josh Delforge</b> -Marquis, <b>Mark Hawkins</b> -Hands On Deck, <b>Tim Johnson</b> -NMEC, <b>Nick Pappas</b> -JA Moody, <b>Jason Ray</b> -KCS Int'l-Cruisers, <b>Bethany Skorik</b> -MMC, <b>Dave Young</b> -Bay Shipbuilding, <b>Ann Franz</b> -NCMMA, <b>Debbie Thompson</b> -NCMMA

## AGENDA TOPICS

## PRESENTER

### NATIONAL MARITIME EDUCATION COUNCIL (NMEC)

Tim Johnson

Tim Johnson, executive director, shared NMEC's workforce development for the maritime industry and their efforts to develop standardized curricula and assessments. This includes nationally recognized portable credentials for the maritime industry and their new business model. **See the attached flyer and visit [NMEC's website](#) to learn more.**

Members expressed interest in the program and would also like to potentially promote it in the local high schools. It is thought that this program can complement what is already offered through NWTC.

### NEXT STEPS

- Confirm Joe Draves will be attending the May 11 meeting at MMC.
- Consider two different curriculums and discuss the transcribed credit at the 5/11 meeting.
- Host meetings with NWTC, high schools and companies to determine what it is the NCMMA wants to pitch. The North Coast Training Center is a great venue for kids to learn about maritime.
- Invite high school superintendents and principals to a meeting for collaboration.

## MEMBER UPDATES

- Marquis has been busy with a new Carver and other projects, including a client project. Contracting is still a major part of their business.
- Seakeeper just finished the Cantius 60, with more projects in the works. They are releasing new gyros in the coming year and have plans to release a Seakeeper 2.
- MMC has seven ships under construction, with the LCS going out on sea trials next week. Employment is up to 1,650 employees and 400 subcontractors/suppliers. They are working with Ace Marine, Oshkosh Defense, and the U.S. Army on a landing craft. Negotiations with the Saudis has also been taking place, in addition to other projects.
- Bay Shipbuilding is finishing a final ATV for one of their clients, in addition to building more. Their pipeline has been full. They are just coming off of winter fleet and are in negotiations to purchase former Palmer Johnson facilities.
- Regionally, NCMMA's winning SeaPerch team is preparing for the national competition. The competition is being held on May 20-21, 2016 at LSU in Baton Rouge. Nate Millsap is working with the team's sponsor, Proto Inc., in regard to their fundraising to offset travel costs.
- The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is hosting a new 2016 ROV summer camp for students. Jerry Clusen will confirm the participating age groups. This new piloted program gives student teams the opportunity to become designers and ROV pilots. They will also learn more about the Great Lakes. This camp is meant to be a continuation of SeaPerch, not a replication. **Please consider helping sponsor this camp that will help inspire tomorrow's scientists, engineers and tech-savvy citizens. See the attached sheet for more information.**
- Business is cyclical for JA Moody. They are looking to expand and move into the northwest. Employees are needed that have their required technical background.
- Cruisers has been staying busy and have had good sales. They currently have a new project in the works.
- Mark Hawkins Photography provided the complimentary photo coverage of the 2016 regional SeaPerch competition. In addition, Mark is involved with a program called "Hands on Deck" that empowers the youth and

skilled adults of Green Bay to engage one another for the purpose of building relationships, confidence, and boats. This national program began in 1992 and is a Building to Teach program, with an emphasis on math skills, science, and hand/eye coordination. Mark is looking for volunteers to assist in the building of two wood strip boats within a couple of schools in fall 2016. He would also like to provide a symposium and have the program be part of the Tall Ship Festival. **For more information, Mark can be contacted at [mhp@me.com](mailto:mhp@me.com) or (920) 405-0290.**

#### TALL SHIP FESTIVAL

The North Coast Shipyard will be planned at the May 11 NCMMA meeting. Members will be able to walk through MMC's shipyard and envision what they want to do for their Tall Ship Festival space.

Ann reported that PMI will be donating 27 Tall Ship Festival tickets to the winning regional SeaPerch participants, in addition to donating 27 tickets for the NCMMA boat builders.

#### NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Ann will get the sizing for the North Coast Tall Ship Festival space.
- ✓ Josh will draw the space to scale based on the sizing.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance will be on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Marinette Marine Corporation.** Agenda items include; 1) Tall Ship Festival: Develop the North Coast Shipyard, 2) Hiring Needs & Promotion of Marine Related Degree Fields: NMEC - Consider two different curriculums and discuss the transcribed credit.

- ✓ Ann will be reserving space for the Associate Member Vendor Expo.