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## **Netsco Awards Prizes in WMTC Student Design Competition**

(CLEVELAND, *Ohio*) – Netsco announced the winners of the 2015 Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) Student Design Competition held recently during the 2015 World Maritime Technical Convention (WMTC) in Providence, RI. The Cleveland- and Tampa-based Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering firm led the professional support for the competition by providing guidance, sponsorship, and prizes.

Each of the fifteen teams assembled represented a cross-section of the schools in attendance and consisted of between seven and ten students. The students were tasked with designing a ship that was optimized for both speed and cargo capacity. With only one and one-half hours to design and construct working models, the teams then competed over a series of two runs and were scored based upon a pre-determined formula. During the final round of competition, the forepeak of each model was damaged and the space flooded.

In all, a record-breaking 250+ students from over a dozen domestic and international educational institutions attended the WMTC.

Student members of the first place team were Mackenzie Yoas from the University of Michigan; Dylan Przelanski, Cody Stansky, and Oleg Golubev from the Webb Institute; Kasun Atnakorala from the United States Coast Guard Academy; Nora McMahan from the State University of New York Maritime College; Hazel Baev from the California Maritime Academy; Debanjan Saha from the University of British Columbia; and Colin Morrison from the Memorial University of Newfoundland.



SNAME's Student Design Competition 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners pictured with their winning ship design.

“We were excited to see such a large student turnout this year. Including damage stability added a new design challenge to the competition that tested the creativity and resourcefulness of the students,” said Richard Mueller, Netsco President and CEO. “It was a fun and exciting competition, and all of the students are to be congratulated for their efforts and sportsmanship.”

To see some of the competition highlights, see the video montage at <https://youtu.be/PsD0KUeJBF4>.

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