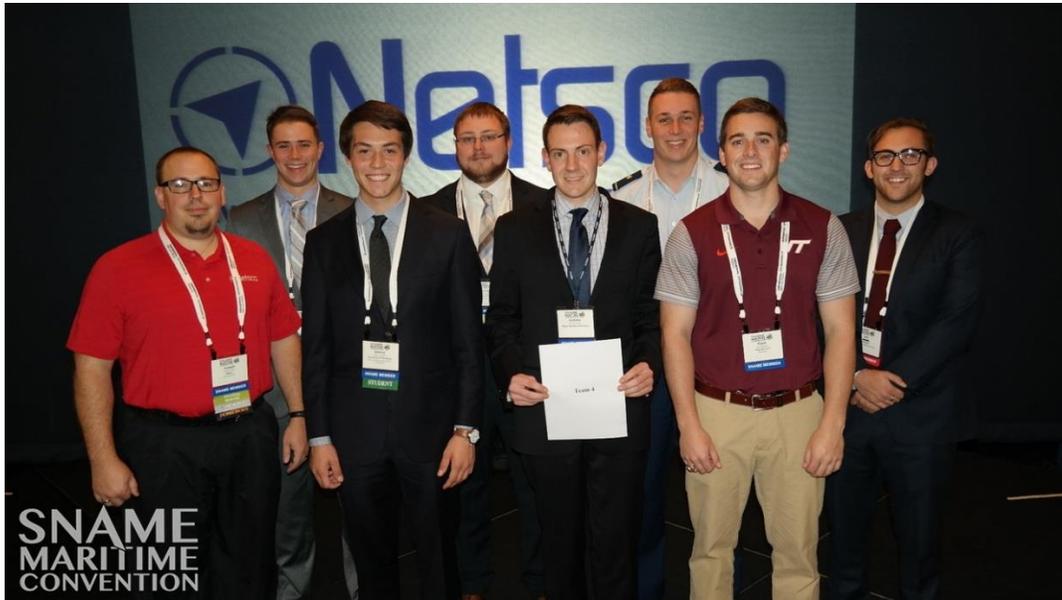


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Netsco Awards Prizes in 2016 SMC Student Design Competition



Pictured: The winning team “It’s Not Fun Until You Bring a Paddle” with Netsco representatives
From left to right: Joe Dolder, Netsco; Brandon Mazur, California Maritime Academy; Quincy Lowman, University of Michigan; Darrell Hall, University of Michigan; Andrew Rogers, Maine Maritime Academy; Elliot VanDeren, United States Coast Guard Academy; Ryan Barnard, Virginia Tech; Jonathan Steirer, Netsco

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Netsco announced the winners of the 2016 Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) Student Design Competition held recently during the 2016 SNAME Maritime Convention in Bellevue, Washington.

The Cleveland and Tampa-based Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering firm led the professional support for the competition by providing guidance, sponsorship, and prizes. Over one hundred students from more than fifteen colleges and universities participated in the competition. Teams were created so that each one represented a broad cross-section of the attending students. Similar to last year, the students were tasked with designing a ship that was optimized for both speed and cargo capacity. However, the 2016 design competition also replaced the wind – the previous means of propulsion – with a DC motor, providing students with the additional task of designing a prop or paddle wheel.

With less than two hours to design and construct working models, the teams built vessels to compete in 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 punctured and the space flooded. Many interesting

designs were devised, and a noted lack of rudders on many of the boats – and therefore directional stability – made for an entertaining competition. In the end, Team 4 (It’s Not Fun Until You Bring a Paddle) proved victorious, followed by Team 10 (10/10 Would Race Again) and Team 1 (Usain Boat) in second and third places, respectively.

“We were excited to see another year with a large number of students participating. Adding a new means of propulsion introduced a new dynamic to the competition and allowed students to produce new, very interesting designs,” 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 [here](#).

Formed in 1984, Netsco is a Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture design firm with offices in Cleveland, Ohio and Tampa, Florida. Netsco provides engineering, design, and consulting services, along with specialty products to the maritime industry. Netsco designs vessels of all types including large and small ships, tugs, and barges, and can provide complete contract plans and specifications packages, as well as Project Management services. The firm specializes in bulk material handling, self-unloading vessels, and cargoes such as cement, taconite, limestone, coal, salt, phosphate, petroleum products, chemicals, and refrigerated cargoes, among others.

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