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NETSCO Awards Prizes in SNAME Student Design Competition

(CLEVELAND, *Ohio*) – NETSCO announced the winners of the 2009 SNAME Student Design Competition which was held during the 2009 SNAME Annual Meeting and Expo recently in Providence, Rhode Island. The Cleveland-based naval architecture and marine engineering firm led the professional support for the competition by providing judges as well as the first, second and third place prizes.

In all more than 170 students from more than 25 institutions participated. The students were divided into eleven teams with approximately twelve students per team. The competition's challenge was: damaged stability.

The students had two hours to construct models which were then be tested in a pool on the Expo floor. Judges representing NETSCO and the SNAME Executive Council determined the winners.

Student members of the first place team were: representing the Maine Maritime Academy Andrew Blackman and Mitch Kuflik; from Memorial University Kevin Sirski; from the United States Merchant Marine Academy Matthew Poloniak; representing the University of Michigan Caicho Weng and Kate Whelan; from the University of New Orleans Santiago Mosquera and Sean Quigley; from Virginia Tech Matthew Myers and Chris Ritter; and from the Webb Institute Esteban L. Castro and Tom Tindale.

“This year’s competition demonstrated the resourcefulness and creativity of the students,” said Stephen Konzel, NETSCO vice president and general manager. “We feel that all the teams did outstanding work and they were all deserving of recognition.”

He added, “We were proud to have supported the SNAME Student Design Competition.”

Formed in 1984, NETSCO is a marine engineering, naval architecture and design firm with offices in Cleveland, Ohio and Tampa, Florida. NETSCO furnishes engineering, design, consulting services and specialty products to the maritime industry. NETSCO can design vessels of all types including large and small ships, tugs and barges. As part of its services, NETSCO provides complete packages of contract plans and specifications. The firm specializes in bulk material self-unloading vessels, including vessels that handle cement, taconite, limestone, coal, salt, phosphate and many other bulk commodities. For more information about NETSCO and its full complement of services, go to: www.netsco.us

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001-Students inspecting their vessel to confirm design draft marks.



009-NETSCO judge Jon Leivo inflicts "hull damage" on a design team's vessel.



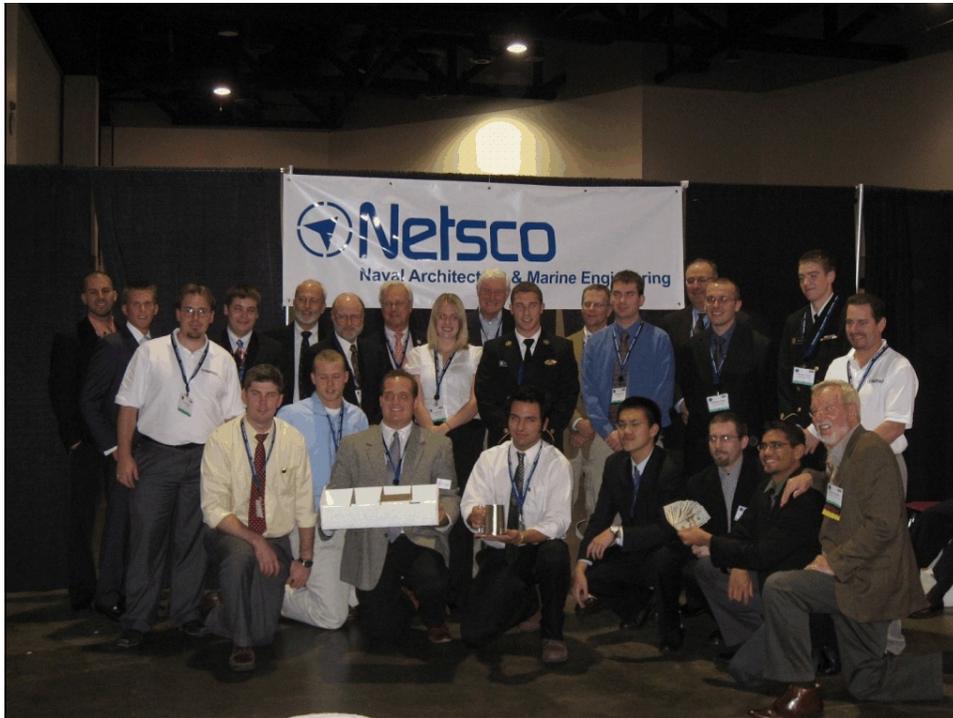
017- Students adding chain-link “cargo” to their vessel.



018 - Students adding more chain-link “cargo” after the second hull breach by the judges.



005-Students wait for their vessel to stabilize after having the hull breached by the judges and adding chain-link “cargo.”



030 – Students from the winning design team posed with the competition judges to celebrate their win.