



# Newsletter

**The 2026 Nautical Skills Competition  
Master Mariners of Canada (MMC)  
NL Division**



The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) <https://nsc.mastermariners.ca/> was hosted by the Master Mariners of Canada (MMC), NL Division <https://www.mastermariners.ca/divisions/newfoundland-and-labrador/> in collaboration with the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland (MI). The event ran from 1700 to 2030 on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and continued on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 0800 to 1700 at MI's Ridge Road campus in St. John's, NL. A reception was held at 1830 in the MI student lounge followed by a Gala Awards Dinner at 1930 in the cafeteria.

Using six state-of-the-art marine simulators, five from the MI and one from local company Virtual Marine, the competition included ten challenging exercises (six simulation-based and four non-simulation-based) designed to test the knowledge and ability Marine Institute Nautical Science and Marine Engineering students. The marine engineering cadets join their nautical counterparts in all 10 exercises, bringing together their unique engine room and bridge experiences. Members of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering (CIMarE) provided assistance with the judging of the engineering exercises. The competition aimed to promote the maritime sector, encourage team building and professionalism, and foster a safety culture.

The NSC started in 2012, as a way for the Master Mariners of Canada (NL Division) to mentor and reach out to the younger generation of upcoming seafarers. It has become a flagship event in the Division's annual calendar. It has also become a way to engage the maritime industry, locally, nationally, and internationally through sponsorship and participation. Industry support helps facilitate the event and enables the MMC to promote leadership, strong work ethic, diversity, and inclusion with any new person entering the nautical field.

Forty Nautical Science and nineteen Marine Engineering students demonstrated their skills in dynamic positioning, emergency management, engine room machine shop, engine room simulation, marine electric motor installation, marine emergency duties, offshore operations, ship handling/ navigation, seamanship and

search & rescue to veteran master mariners and marine engineers from the Newfoundland and Labrador region. Twenty-three Canadian maritime companies supported the competition, providing opportunities for cadets to interact with the region's most experienced mariners. Sixteen high school students, from across Newfoundland and Labrador, also participated in the event, contributing to the Master Mariners of Canada's mandate <https://www.mastermariners.ca/> to promote the marine profession to younger generations.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the NSC are presented with a plaque named in honour of Captain Jim Thorpe (R. James Thorpe), who was a member of the Master Mariners of Canada (NL Division) and a valuable mentor to the Marine Institute's Nautical Science cadets. Captain Thorpe's passion for student success was palpable as he proved to be a valuable source of information for the cadet technical reports. He was often found volunteering at the school, sharing memories of his own cadet and sailing experiences with the students. The plaque honours the memory of this lifelong respected and professional mariner.



Captain Jim Thorpe

Captain Jim Thorpe was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a son of a sailing family, all of whom were active in the Housatonic Boat Club, the oldest yacht club in the state of Connecticut. An avid yachtsman, he attended Maine Maritime Academy, where he was involved with sailing and club activities. Jim sailed the world with American Export Isbrandtsen Lines as Deck Officer and Navigation Officer, obtaining a USCG license of Master, any gross tons. He also held a distinction of having served on the NS *Savannah*, the first, and one of the few ever built, commercial nuclear-powered ships.

Jim retired to Newfoundland with his family. He collaborated with the Master Mariners of Canada, among other projects. Jim was a mariner of the old school, a community builder, and a loving family man with an active circle of friends. His legacy remains an inspiration to young and seasoned mariners alike. Captain Thorpe passed away in January 2009 in St. John's, NL.

At the first Nautical Skills Competition held in 2012, his wife Dawna Vivian and his son Lydon Thorpe presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award in his honour.

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# NAUTICAL SKILLS COMPETITION

## 2026



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This year, the NSC had twenty-three sponsors that contributed \$59,600 in support of the event.

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**The Company of Master Mariners of Canada, NL Division, would like to thank the sponsors for the support they have provided for the Nautical Skills Competition. Without your financial support, the competition would not be possible. Once again THANK YOU, to all the sponsors.**

## The Venue



**2026 Group Photo, including Students, Judges and Volunteers.**

**THANK YOU, to the Marine Institute.** For once again hosting the competition.

# The Teams

## Team 1 – Feelin’ Knotty

Joseph Attih	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Elijah Gibson	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jaxson Mclaughlin	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Hadyn Walker	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Jeffrey King	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Noah Robinson	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science
Adrian Sparkes	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science

## Team 2 – The Docking Dead

Alex Mohr	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Melissa Ricketts	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Sophia Ryan	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Hunter Spence	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Carter McGrath	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Logan Ryland	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Matthew Gibbons	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jordan Mercer	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science

## Team 3 – Ta-Keel-A

Luke Adams	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Brayden Bartlett	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Arleigh Joyce	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Mary Snider	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Addison Isnor Altass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Colby Howlett	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Jack Moulton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Brady Synard	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science
Hayden Landa	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science

## Team 4 – Union of Simple Sailors

Jaden Churchill	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Ethan Somerton	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Nathan Sooley	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Nate Watson	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Katelyn Young	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jack Griffith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Michael Noble	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Emma Penney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Caleb Connors	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jeremy Labadie	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Marine Engineering

## **Team 5 – Well Secured, Questionably Executed**

Brayden Hodder	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Cody Hounsell	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Matthew Howlett	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Kristin Lahey	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Nicolas Turpin	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Madison Doyle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Yassin Labib	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Tavish Mason	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Ryan Pike	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science

## **Team 6 – Pier Pressured**

Beatrice Espaldon	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Brittany Jones	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jaxson Keating	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Samuel Peddle	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Samuel Vallieres	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Jesse Richards	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Mohammed Shekho	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Marine Engineering

## **Team 7 – Bilge Rats and Deck Monkeys**

Ti Blundon	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Sam Joyce	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Heidi Newbury	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Nautical Science
Vasudevan Sambasivam	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Benjamin Warren	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Marine Engineering
David March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Ethan Rose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Nautical Science
Sean Bekkers	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Marine Engineering
Pacey Griffin	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Year Nautical Science

# High School Students

Marine Engineering (MENG)

Nautical Science (NASC)

Jacob Barkhouse	Forest Heights Community School	MENG
Logan Butler	Ascension Collegiate	NASC
Sadie Chapman	Nackawic High School	NASC
Nathan Chynn	St. James Regional High	NASC
Thomas Clenche	Random Island Academy	MENG
Mackenzie Hopkins	Baccalieu Collegiate	NASC
Cole Jacobs	Holy Spirit High	NASC
Riley Keeping	O'Donel High School	NASC
Cole Kelly	Mobile Central High	MENG
Zakhar Lazaryev	Gonzaga High School	NASC
Lukas Leyte	Fogo Island Central Academy	MENG
Daniel McGrath	White Hills Academy	MENG
Drew Parsons	Queen Elizabeth Regional High	MENG
Evan Simmonds	Queen Elizabeth Regional High	NASC
Jacob Tilley	Random Island Academy	MENG
Ayden Way	Holy Spirit High	MENG

# The Volunteers

Dynamic Positioning	
Captain Glenn Fiander	Exercise Lead Member MMC
Captain Eric Alyward	Judge Member MMC
Captain Jeff Murrin	Judge Member MMC
Captain Steven Walsh	Judge Member MMC
Emergency Management	
Captain Victor March	Exercise Lead
Captain Troy Nolan	Exercise Lead Member MMC
Captain Ray Dalton	Judge Member MMC
Captain Adam Regular	Judge Member MMC
Engine Room Machine Shop	
Paul Bishop (Marine Engineer)	Exercise Lead Marine Institute
Don Hartery (Marine Engineer)	Judge Member CIMarE
Paul Raymond (Marine Engineer)	Judge

<b>Engine Room Simulator</b>	
Crystal Hanlon (Marine Engineer)	Exercise Lead Marine Institute
Nadine LeBlanc (Marine Engineer)	Exercise Lead Marine Institute
Joe Earles (Marine Engineer)	Judge Member CIMarE
Mia Hicks (Marine Engineer)	Judge Member CIMarE
<b>Marine Electric Motor Installation</b>	
Brian Kelly	Exercise Lead Marine Institute
Bill Peng	Judge Member CIMarE
Leo Quigley	Judge Member CIMarE
<b>Offshore Operations</b>	
Captain Eben March	Exercise Lead Member MMC
Captain James Careen	Judge Marine Institute
Regan Clements	Judge Associate Member MMC
Brandon O'Brien	Judge Associate Member MMC
<b>Seamanship</b>	
Captain Kent Waddleton	Exercise Lead Member MMC
Captain John Ennis	Exercise Lead Member MMC
Captain Philip Bulman	Judge Member MMC
Captain Sean Quinlan	Judge Member MMC
Captain Chris Whelan	Judge Member MMC
<b>Search and Rescue</b>	
Captain Dawn Patten	Exercise Lead Virtual Marine
Dan Fournier	Judge Algoma Central Corporation
Captain Fabian Lambert	Judge Member MMC
Alex Phillips	Virtual Marine

<b>Shiphandling/Navigation</b>	
Captain Chris Hearn	Exercise Lead    Member MMC
Captain Drew McNeil	Judge    Member MMC
Captain Fabian Mulrooney	Judge    Member MMC
Captain Ian Scanlan	Judge    Atlantic Pilot Association
<b>NSC Volunteers</b>	
Maria Halfyard	NSC Coordinator    Honorary Member MMC
Jennifer Howell	NSC Coordinator    Associate Member MMC
Captain Kristopher Drodge	Member MMC
Elizabeth Clouter	Marine Institute    Honorary Member MMC
Dr. Paul Brett	Marine Institute
Dr. Angie Clarke	Marine Institute
Bernie Brockerville	Marine Institute
Shelby Fudge	Marine Institute
Paula Fulford	Marine Institute
Cara Hodder	Marine Institute
Jeanine Janes	Marine Institute
Mackenzie Luff	Marine Institute
Laurel Martin	Marine Institute
Kate McLeod	Marine Institute
Sophie Newman	Marine Institute
Chelsey Oldford	Marine Institute
Krista Sweetland	Marine Institute
Kimberly Thornhill	Marine Institute
Stacey Walsh	Marine Institute

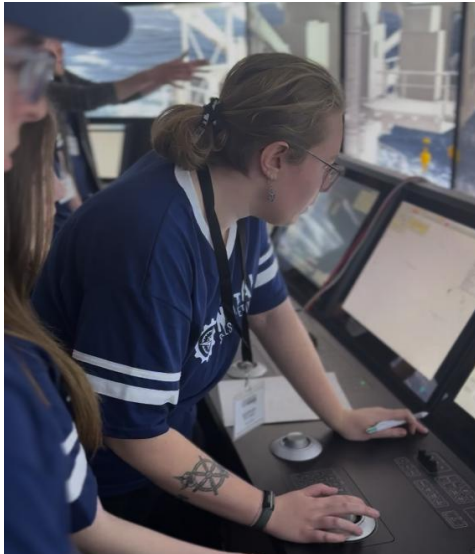
**THANK YOU, to all the volunteers.** Without your dedication and hard work, the competition would not be possible.

**A special THANK YOU, to our two event coordinators, Maria Halfyard and Jennifer Howell.** Without you organizing all the elements and keeping everything (and everyone) on track, the competition would not have been the great success that it was.

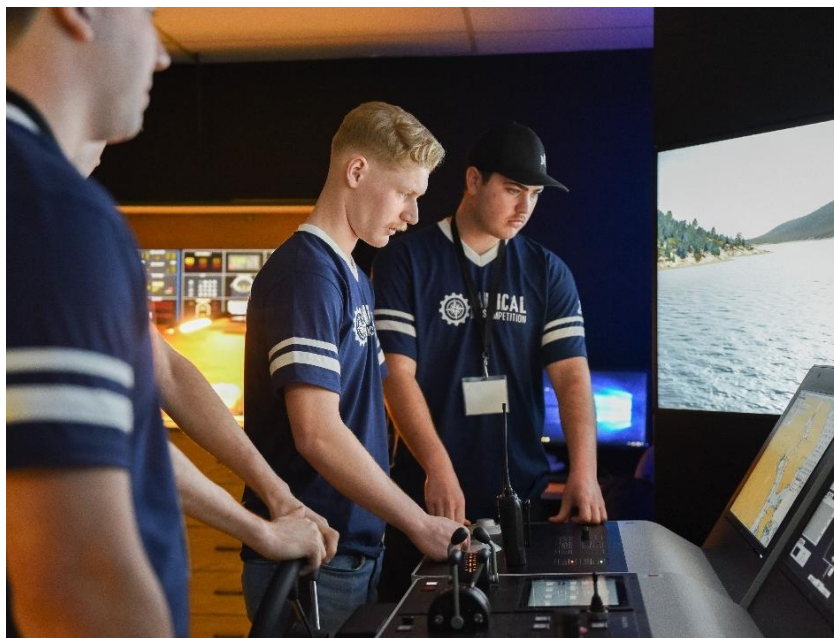
The 2026 NSC video is posted on the Newfoundland Division section of the MMC website. <https://nsc.mastermariners.ca/media/>

# The Competition

**Dynamic Positioning (DP).** The exercise utilized a DP equipped cable lay vessel. At exercise start, the vessel was in the process of laying a power cable towards an offshore platform. Using DP control, participants continued with the cable lay operation. Following a prescribed route and finally positioning the vessel alongside the platform.



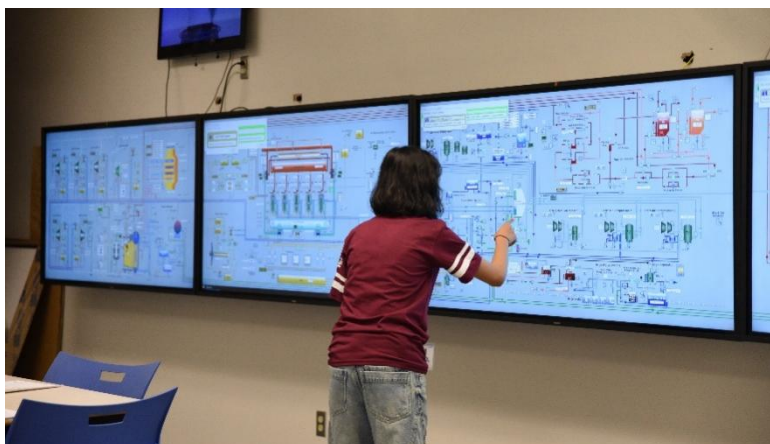
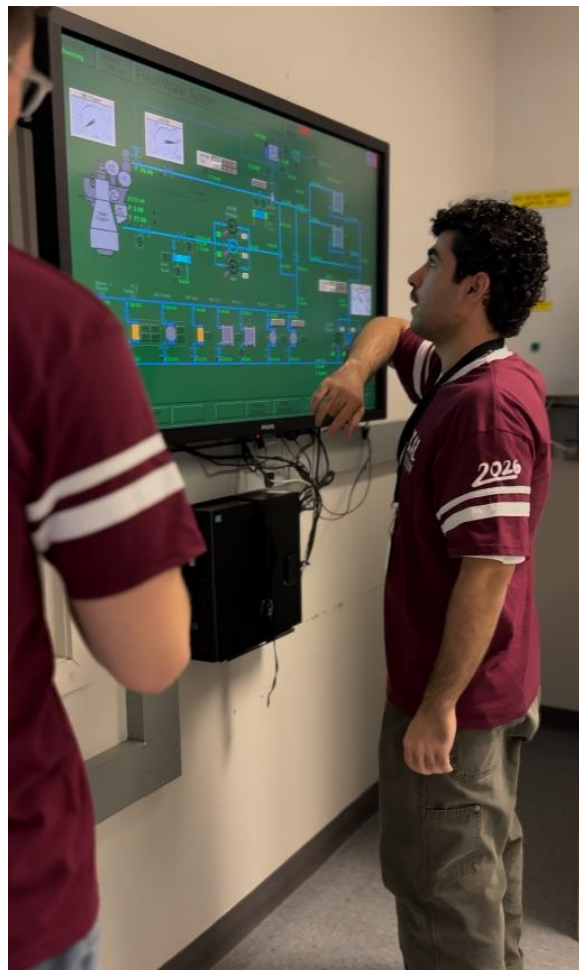
**Emergency Management.** Participants were given a situation where they were onboard a fully loaded tanker on a coastal passage. The vessel experienced steering gear and other failures enroute. The students were tasked in identifying the malfunctions and taking measures to keep the vessel safe, keeping in mind the priorities of Safety of Life, Environment, and the Ship and Cargo and other vessel traffic in the area.



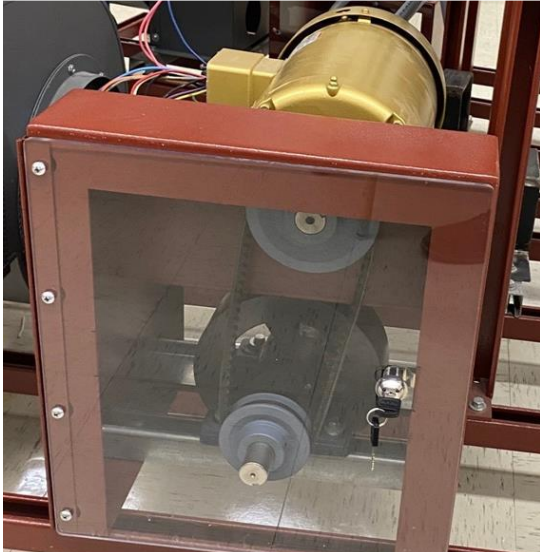
**Engine Room Machine Shop.** Participants were presented with a disassembled valve. Using the tools and materials provided, they were required to re-assemble the valve. The aim was to have the valve operational, after assembly. The re-assembled valve was pressure tested, to ensure correct assembly.



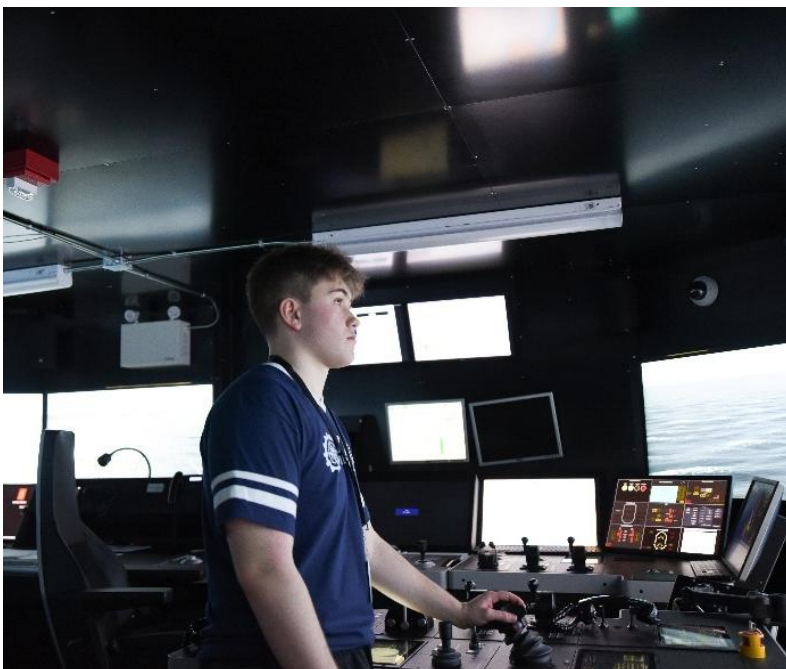
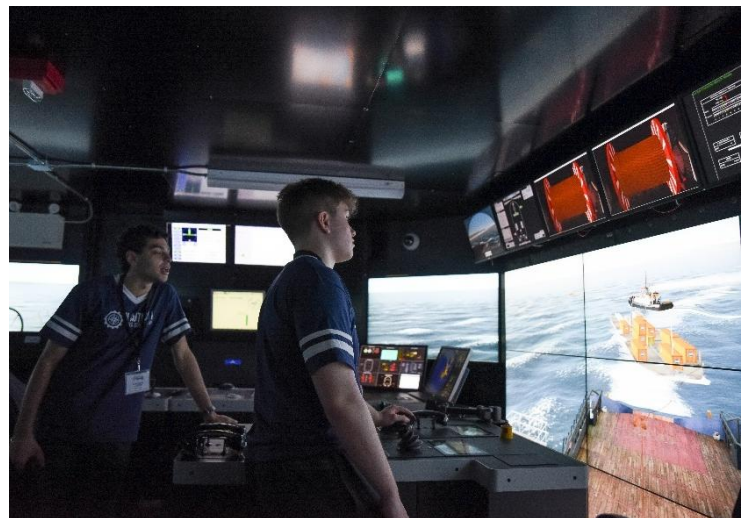
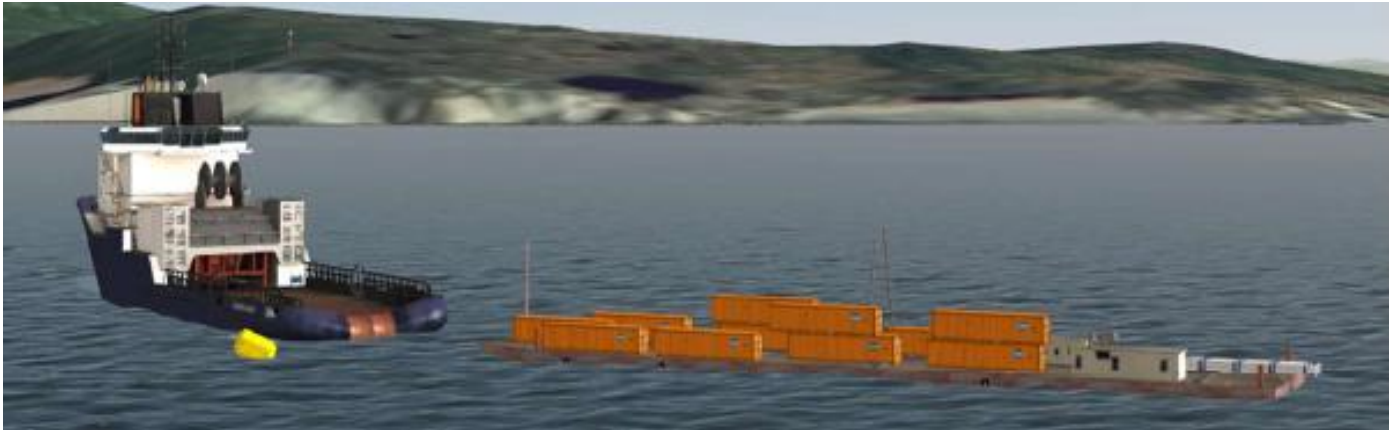
**Engine Room Simulator.** Participants had to stand a watch in the engine room of a VLCC tanker fitted with a slow speed MAN B&W engine. They were responsible for following standing orders, ensuring adequate power supply for operational requirements, ensuring steering remained operational, ensuring CPP remained operational, ensuring the main engine was running within normal parameters, communicating with the bridge (as required), respond to alarms (as needed) and respond to operational requests (as required).



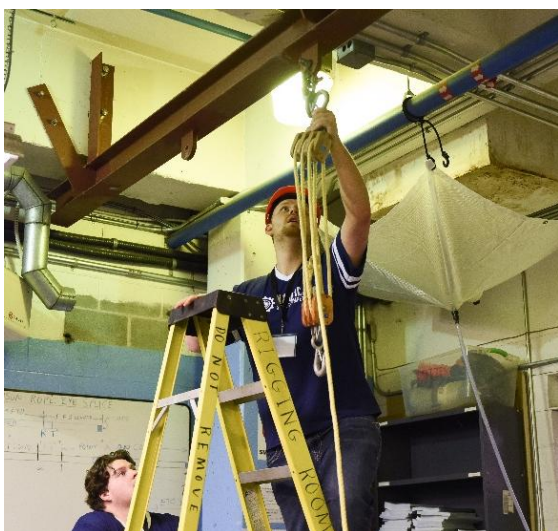
**Marine Electric Motor Installation.** Participants were required to install & electrically connect a motor using the hand tools provided with lockout procedures used for anything electrical. When belt & pulleys were aligned, the motor was started to check operation.



**Offshore Operations/Emergency Towing.** Participants had to maneuver an anchor handling supply vessel, in order to connect a towline to a drifting barge. After connecting the towline, the barge was to be towed into a nearby port.

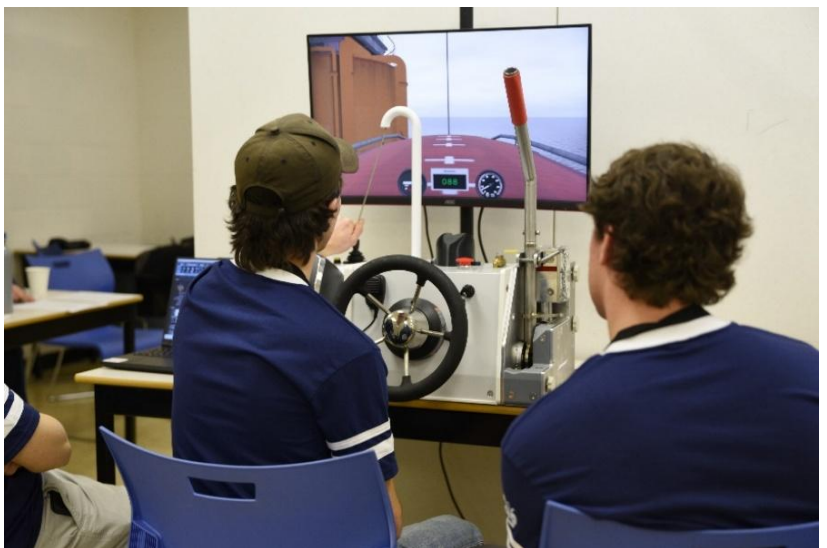
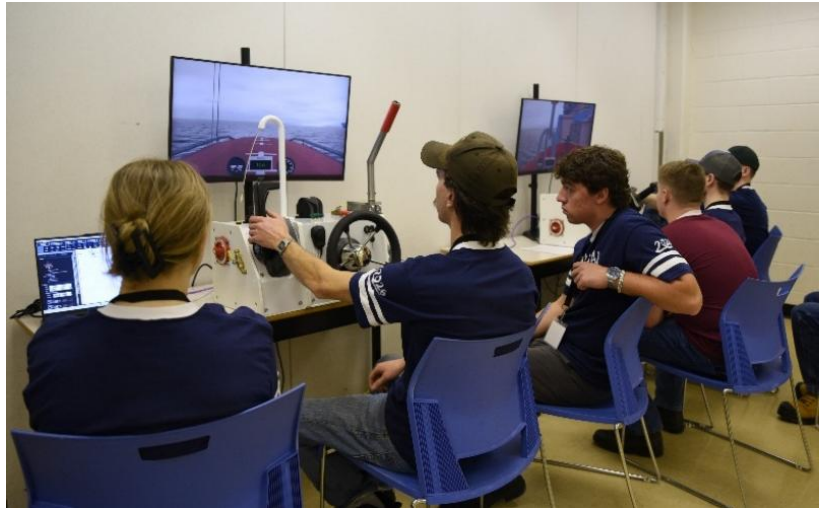


**Seamanship (5 sections).** Participants encoded and decoded messages using the signal flags of the International Code of Signals. They had to tie a heaving line knot (monkey fist), attach it to a heaving line and throw the heaving line through the center of a life ring. They had to demonstrate various knots (including a timed six-knot challenge), bends, hitches and splices and the proper use of various mooring line stoppers. They had to assemble items for working aloft or over the ship's side, rig various purchases and discuss/demonstrate the use of this equipment. They had to identify various light and shape displays.

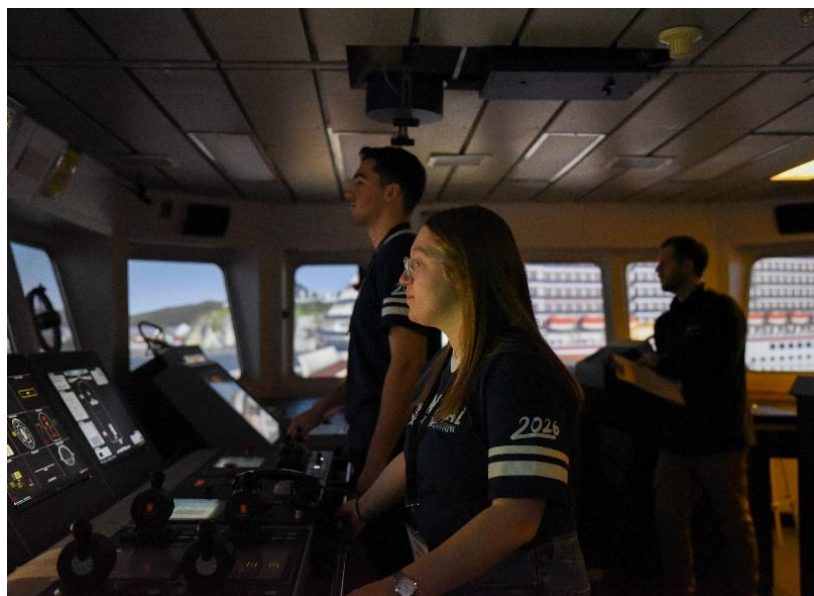
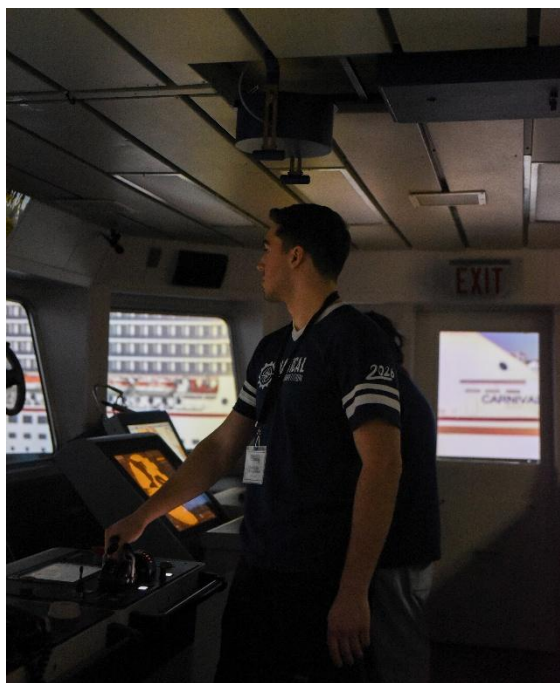


**Search and Rescue.** The participants were required to conduct a coordinated emergency exercise involving a lifeboat, rescue boat and standby vessel. A rig was on fire & personnel had evacuated by a lifeboat. A life raft had been launched & personnel were in the water. Participants had to launch an FRC, check the liferaft, pick up personnel in the water & transfer personnel between lifeboats/standby vessel.

**THANK YOU,  
to Virtual Marine,  
for the use of its  
simulators.**



**Ship Handling/Navigation.** Using a single screw product tanker, with bow thruster, participants had to safely transit Langesund Fjord in Norway. On reaching the port of Brevik, they were required to dock their vessel.



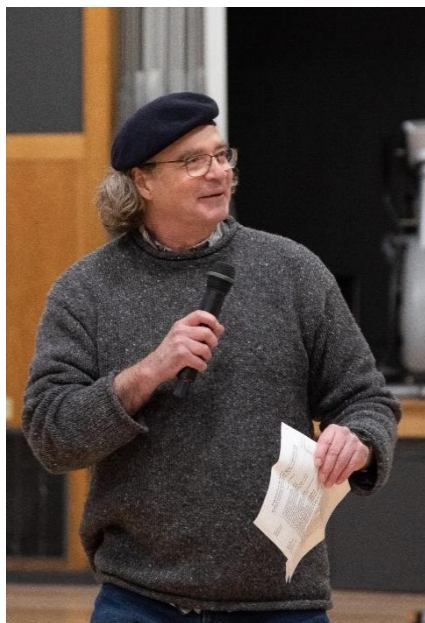
**Marine Emergency Duties (Team Relay).** Held on the Friday evening, in the Marine Institute gymnasium, before the main competition day on Saturday. It was a timed competition where teams competed in pairs. Marks were based on overall time to complete the tasks and proper execution of those tasks. Marks received did not count towards overall team scores for the competition.

Part A: Donning a fire suit/ bunker gear.

Part B: Attach a nozzle to a fire hose /deploy hose.

Part C: Recover rescue manikin to a safe area.

Part D: Don an immersion suit and life jackets. Carry life raft.





The teams ran the exercise in pairs. The high school student guests competed in the exercise. Two teams of 8 competed against each other. They were mentored by 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Year students.

As there were only 7 teams in the competition, an extra was required to make up 4 groups of 2. A group, comprised of Marine Institute managers, volunteered to be the extra team. **THANK YOU, to our volunteer team.**

## The Reception and Gala Dinner

After the competition, a reception was held in the Marine Institute student lounge, and a gala awards dinner was held at the Marine Institute cafeteria. The students had an opportunity to meet representatives from the sponsors (potential future employers) and the sponsors had an opportunity to meet with the students (potential future employees). In addition to the representatives of the sponsors, some special guests were also invited:

MHA Lin Paddock, Baie Verte – Green Bay John Thompkins, Communications Director	Government of NL
Earl Ludlow Chancellor, Memorial University	Memorial University
Dr. Paul Brett Vice-President, Memorial University (Marine Institute)	Marine Institute
Dr. Angie Clarke Associate Vice-President (Marine Institute), Academic and Student Affairs	Marine Institute





**THANK YOU, to the Marine Institute cafeteria staff, for an excellent meal.**

# The Awards

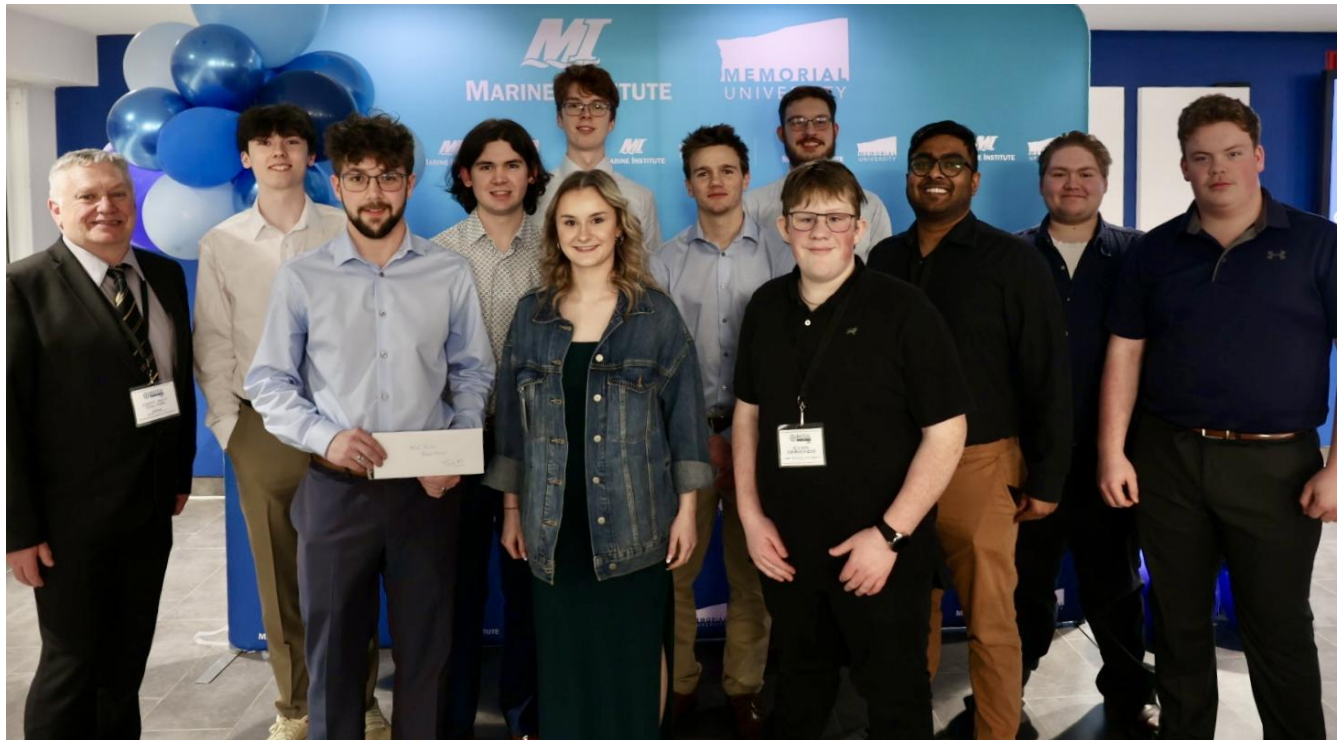


**1<sup>st</sup> Place**, Team 3. Captain Ray Dalton, presenting the team with the Captain Jim Thorpe plaque and a \$1,000 cheque for each team member. Highest combined score, for all ten competition events.





**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**, Team 4. Captain Ray Dalton presenting each team member a \$750 cheque. Second highest combined score, for all ten competition events.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**, Team 7. Captain Ray Dalton presenting each team member a \$500 cheque. Third highest combined score, for all ten competition events.



**Honorable Mention, 4<sup>th</sup> Place (sponsor Marine Institute). Team 2. Presented by Captain Kristopher Drodge.**

- Team that showed strong understanding and performance across most exercises, with commitment, focus, and a positive attitude that lifted the entire competition.



**Leadership Acknowledgement of Excellence (sponsor Fry Family Foundation Student Leadership Initiative). A \$500 award presented to Caleb Connors. Presented by Captain Ahamed Zaki.**

To quote the Fry Family Foundation Student Leadership Initiative, “It has been shown that students who began to understand the complexities of leadership at an early stage in their university education were more likely to step forward to take a leadership approach to their own personal and professional development”. This acknowledgement is a reflection of their belief.

- Effectively communicates with team members and demonstrates strong operational group management.
- Consistently exhibited exceptional and dynamic leadership skills by recognizing and harnessing the strengths of each team member in solving the tasks presented.
- Encourages and maximizes group participation and contributed to effective bridge resource management.
- Demonstrates the development of leadership qualities that can be applied at home, in the classroom, at work and in the community.



**Safety Award (sponsor Algoma Central). Team 3. Presented by Brooke Cameron & Adam Regular.**

- Presented to the team that delivered a clear, relevant, and engaging safety briefing, demonstrating strong knowledge of safety practices.



**Award in Dynamic Positioning (sponsor Atlantic Towing). Team 8. Presented by Mark Weir.**

- Awarded to the team that had the highest mark in manoeuvring a multi purpose DP equipped offshore support vessel, during a cable lay operation.



**Problem Solving Award (sponsor Oceanex). Team 4. Presented by Herman Harris.**

- Awarded to the team that quickly identifies challenges, communicates clearly, and thinks critically under pressure.



**Ship Handling Award (sponsor Canship Uglund). Team 4. Presented by Rick Cave.  
Award of \$200 for each team member.**

- In memory of Captain Brian Bishop, a valued friend and contributor to this competition.
- This award recognizes outstanding ship-handling skill, demonstrated by precise manoeuvring and successful execution under pressure.



**Marine Engineering Excellence Award (sponsor DOF). Team 4. Presented by Herman Harris.**

- Awarded to the team with the highest average score across the three marine engineering exercises. Proving they not only keep the ship running smoothly, but they keep the ship's heart beating.



**Teamwork and Leadership Award (sponsor Canada Steamship Lines). Team 3.**

- Awarded to the team achieved first place across all MED tasks, demonstrating safety, accuracy, and speed (with a time of 5 minutes) while completing the challenges correctly and efficiently.



**Spirit Award (sponsor Marine Atlantic). Team 3. Presented by Captain Ray Dalton.**

- Awarded to a team that brings energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to every challenge.
- They foster strong team camaraderie, maintain a positive attitude under pressure, and make the experience more enjoyable for everyone.



**Tow Master Trophy (sponsor Horizon Maritime). Team 2. Presented by Brittany Sharpe.**

- Awarded to the team that showed precision and teamwork in the emergency towing exercise. proving they can handle a tough tow under pressure without breaking a sweat.



**Emergency Management Award (sponsor RJG Construction). Team 2. Presented by Captain Troy Nolan.**

- Awarded to the team who stayed calm and took charge during emergencies, making sure everything went smoothly when it mattered most.



**Outstanding SAR Performance Award (sponsor Virtual Marine). Team 3. Presented by Captain Kristopher Drodge.**

- Awarded to the team with the highest score in the Search and Rescue exercise, showing exceptional skill and bravery when the call for help goes out.



**Knot Tying Award (sponsor Captain Kristopher Drodge). A copy of “The Ashley Book of Knots” presented to Hunter Spense. Presented by Captain Kristopher Drodge.**

- Awarded to the student with the fastest time (27 seconds) for tying the required knots for the timed six-knot challenge portion of the Seamanship competition.



**Social Media Challenge. (see next page).**

**Social Media Challenge (sponsor Marine Institute). Team 7. Presented by Mackenzie Luff.**

The social media challenge was designed to engage the Master Mariners of Canada, NSC sponsors, and the overall MI/MUN community in the Nautical Skills Competition. Throughout the event, partners and supporters followed the action on social media, while each of the seven NSC teams shared their progress through Instagram posts and stories. Before the competition, each team created a unique name and Instagram account to showcase their completed tasks, with some even designing their own team logos. This year, teams completed 12 tasks focused on both the Nautical Science and Marine Engineering programs.



**Two \$1,000 Tuition Award (sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers). Awarded to (left to right) Ayden Way and Jacob Tilley. Presented by Don Hartery.**



**One \$1,000 Tuition Award (sponsored by Woodward Group of Companies). Tuition voucher presented to Grade 12 student Cole Kelly. Presented by Gary Bishop, Woodward Group.**



**Three \$1,000 Tuition Awards (one sponsored by the Master Mariners of Canada, NL Division and two sponsored by the Master Mariners of Canada, Foundation). Tuition vouchers presented to Grade 12 students (left to right) Logan Butler, Mackenzie Hopkins and Zakhar Lazaryev. Presented by Captain Sean Quinlan.**



**Participation Award for High School Students (sponsor SEA1). Presented by Captain Ray Dalton.**  
- Recognition of the 16 high school students that participated in the competition.



**Marine Institute Alumni, attending the gala dinner.**



**The 14<sup>th</sup> Nautical Skills Competition was a great success. We look forward to the 15<sup>th</sup> Nautical Skills Competition in 2027. See you next year.**