



## SNAME President Comstock Declares 2012 Annual Meeting & Expo an “Exceptional Experience”

Edward N. Comstock, President of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, commented today on the 2012 SNAME Annual Meeting & Expo and Ship Production Symposium held on October 24 - 26 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI.

"The SNAME Annual Meeting was an exceptional experience for all who attended. Every year, we raise the bar for our technical program and networking activities and the feedback I received from attendees tells me that we met the challenge and then some. This year's technical content exceeded my expectations and provided a rewarding experience for all who attended. I am pleased to say that we captured all of the presentations with video over PowerPoint and we are anxious to make the content available to everyone. I want to thank the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, the Headquarters staff, and the many SNAME volunteers who organized the technical content, student program, and social events; the generous meeting sponsors; and exhibitors at the sold-out Expo. I would especially like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and contributed to the camaraderie and networking that makes this SNAME meeting a must-attend event each year."

This was SNAME's second year at the Rhode Island Convention Center, the Atlantic venue for SNAME's largest annual meeting. Attendance exceeded prior year levels with 1,100 SNAME members and non-members, including more than 210 students!

Highlights of the event included:

- 40 plus hours of exceptional peer reviewed papers, special panel discussions, and cutting edge T&R sessions.
- Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) fall meeting.
- Student program featuring a design competition; student papers track; job, scholarship, and graduate school fair; student congress and elections; and student summit.
- Prestigious medals and awards including presentations of the following:
  - David W. Taylor Medal to Kirsi K. Tikka,
  - Vice Admiral "Jerry" Land Medal to Frederick J. Harris,
  - Davison Medal to Arthur M. Reed,
  - William M. Kennedy Award to Richard E. Self.
- Banquet keynote address by Richard T. du Moulin, President, Intrepid Shipping.
- 4th Annual SNAME Cup Sailing Regatta and 5th Annual Golf Tournament whose proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

President Comstock further noted that:

"Next year we are back in Bellevue, Washington on our three year / three coast rotation. You can be assured that the Annual Meeting and Symposia Committee will pull out all of the stops to provide attendees with an enriching and enjoyable meeting. I hope to see our Pacific contingent turn out in force as we continue to up our game on the quality and timeliness of our technical program and enhancement of our networking opportunities."

The 2013 Annual Meeting and Expo will be on November 6-8, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Bellevue, WA. For more information on these developments, please check the SNAME website at [www.sname.org](http://www.sname.org) or contact Alana Anderson, Director of Events at [alana@sname.org](mailto:alana@sname.org) or Rob Howard for Expo details at [howard@marinelink.com](mailto:howard@marinelink.com).

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