



Student Design Competition and Mark Groden, Student Steering Committee Chair Featured on the local Providence Morning Rhode Show

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) would like to congratulate Mark Groden, Student Steering Committee (SSC) Chair, who will be appearing on the local Providence morning program, The Rhode Show on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Mr. Groden, a Graduate Student at the University of Michigan will explain the logistics, as well as create a sample “vessel” as part of the Student Design Competition, one of the many events held during the 2012 SNAME Annual Meeting & Expo and Student Program. The meeting starts on Monday, October 22 and will end with the 4th Annual SNAME Cup and Student Summit & Social on Saturday, October 27, 2012. More information can be found online at www.sname.org/2012AnnualMeeting.



The Student Program, sponsored by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), was started four years ago in an effort to provide Student attendees with programs specifically designed for Students and to encourage both Student members and non-members alike, the opportunity to network with one another and the larger SNAME membership. The 2012 Student Design Competition, sponsored by Netsco, allows students from different schools all over the world and of different skill sets to come together and work in teams to conquer the tasks placed before them. Students' skill sets will be put to the test when they are given a chance to create a vessel to fulfill the challenge given to all teams. Previous years have required students to observe and carry out the basic fundamentals in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. These include but are not limited to topics such as: Loading; Ballasting; Displacement changes; Efficiency;

Unfavorable conditions; Maneuverability; and Team Work. This year students will work together to solve one of the year's biggest controversies in the Marine Industry.

Facing the threat of declining student membership and participation, SNAME realized that students are the essential resource with regard to meeting the Society's goal of developing future industry leaders. In 2000, SNAME created the Student Steering Committee in an effort to recognize students, identify their contributions and encourage their continued participation within the organization. Recently, the Society acknowledged the need for the “student voice” to be heard, and responded by changing the SNAME bylaws to endorse student representation on policy making committees.

Mark Groden has served as the SSC Chairman since he was elected in November 2011 at the Student Congress & Elections. In addition to managing his own academic studies, Mark oversees the SSC, which consists of seven Student positions, two of which are appointed and the Student leadership from all 32 SNAME Student Sections from universities across the United States, Canada and abroad, including Greece and Egypt. Mr. Groden will demonstrate the stages of building the “perfect vessel,” that is designed to meet all guidelines. Mr. Groden's segment can be seen live on the morning of Wednesday, October 24.

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