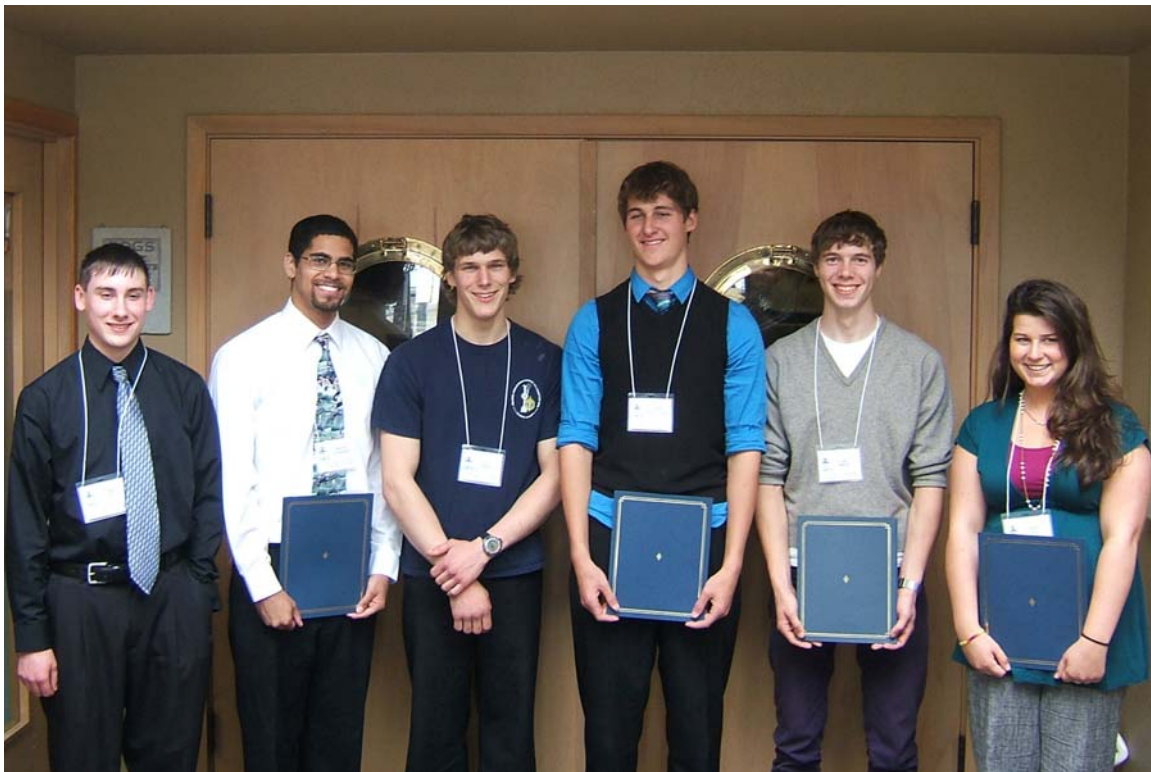




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2010 Norm Manly YMTA Maritime Educational Scholarships and Pacific Maritime Magazine Scholarship Awarded to Six Students.

The sixth annual Norm Manly Youth Maritime Training Association (YMTA) Maritime Educational Scholarship competition was held on Saturday, April 17, 2009 at Compass Course Maritime Training. YMTA is very proud to announce the six Washington State High School seniors awarded the 2010 YMTA and the Pacific Maritime Magazine Scholarships.



Caption for the picture, "Recipients of the 2010 Norm Manly YMTA Maritime Educational Scholarship are (left to right): Clint Fretz from South Kitsap High School (\$500); Darrick Dickerson from Ocean Research College Academy at Everett Community College (\$5,000 sponsored by Council of American Master Mariners); Eric Johnson from Mercer Island High School and a Sea Scout (\$1,000 sponsored by Viking Bank); Jaysen Nieidermeyer from Ballard Maritime Academy (\$3,000 sponsored by Foss Maritime Co.); Levi White from Bellevue College Running Start and a Sea Scout (\$500 sponsored by John and Anita Crawford, and \$500 Pacific Maritime Magazine Scholarship); and Joanna Corey from Ballard Maritime Academy (\$1,000 sponsored by Compass Courses Maritime Training)."

Darrick Dickerson is an outstanding student at the Ocean Research College Academy, a Running Start program at Everett Community College's. He is the recipient of our \$5,000 scholarship sponsored by the **Seattle/Pacific Northwest Chapter of Council of American Master Mariners**. He is pursuing his childhood dream to be a marine scientist investigating the ocean's mysteries particular the life history of sharks and rays. Upon graduation from ORCA, he will major in marine biology at University of Hawai'i at Manoa followed by graduate school at California State University Long Beach.

Jaysen Niedermeyer, the recipient of our \$3,000 Scholarship sponsored by **Foss Maritime Co**, is a senior at Ballard Maritime Academy, Ballard High School in Seattle. He has been a leader among his peers and a strong advocate and recruiter for the Ballard Maritime Academy. He is currently an intern at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center where he has been immersed in marine research. He plans to pursue a career in marine biology at a Washington or Alaska university.

Eric Johnson is an honor student from Mercer Island High School and is enrolled in Running Start at Bellevue College. He is the recipient of our \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by **Viking Bank**. Eric is a Sea Scout and a competitive sailor. His love for the ocean and vessel design grew from his sailing experiences. He is interested in naval architecture and marine engineering and plans to attend California Maritime Academy to study marine engineering.

Joanna Corey, a student from the Ballard Maritime Academy, Ballard High School in Seattle, is the recipient of our \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by **Compass Courses Maritime Training**. She has also been a leader among her peers and a strong advocate and recruiter for the Ballard Maritime Academy. She is actively involved in the marine industry through work and BMA. Joanna is planning to attend Western Washington University and to pursue a career in fishery science.

Levi White is from Burlington and enrolled in Anacortes School District and Bellevue College Running Start Program. He is the recipient of our \$500 scholarship sponsored by John and Anita Crawford (retired from Foss Maritime Co) and the \$500 Pacific Maritime Magazine sponsored by **RH Philips Publishing Group**. Levi is a Sea Scout, a competitive sailor and will be pursuing a career in Marine Transportation at California Maritime Academy.

Clint Fretz from South Kitsap High School is the recipient of our second \$500 scholarship. He is an avid boater and fisherman. His goal is to crew aboard tugs in Puget Sound and work his way up to captain. He was introduced to maritime careers by Mike Stork who was his second grade teacher in Gig Harbor and was a good friend of our local maritime industry. He plans to attend Olympic Community College for one year before entering California Maritime Academy where he will major in marine transportation. **Compass Courses Maritime Training** also awarded Clint a scholarship for their STCW Basic Safety Training course.

All six recipients have demonstrated strong leader skills and are model students with a passion for working on boats and on the ocean. Each student gave a ten minute talk in front of a panel of judges from the maritime community, our Scholarship Committee, teachers, family members, and YMTA advisors. Their presentations addressed "Charting a Maritime Career" and provided a window of the pathway to their future maritime careers.

We thank Peter Philips of **Philips Publishing Group** for offering the \$500 Pacific Maritime Magazine Scholarship, **Seattle/Pacific Northwest Chapter of Council of American Master Mariners** for sponsoring our \$5,000 scholarship, **Foss Maritime Co.** for sponsoring our \$3,000 scholarship, **Compass Courses Maritime Training** and **Viking Bank** for sponsoring our two \$1,000 scholarships

and **John and Anita Crawford** for sponsoring one of our \$500 scholarships. We thank John Clary from NOAA, Romen Cross from Foss Maritime Co, Lurilla Lee from Trident Seafoods Corp, and Lyn McClelland from Coast Guard Auxiliary for serving on our Panel of Judges. Scholarship winners will be guests of the YMTA at the June 17, 2008 Seattle Propeller Club Luncheon. YMTA has enjoyed financial support from a broad mix of maritime businesses and members of the public. We thank them for their continued support of our efforts to encourage students to explore the diverse career opportunities that exist through out the maritime industry.

The Youth Maritime Training Association is a non-profit organization chartered under Washington State law in 1996. YMTA was formed by representatives of maritime employers, labor organizations and the education community to serve the youth of Washington State by expanding their awareness of the career opportunities available in the marine trades and professions, and to facilitate training and education opportunities for them. YMTA supports students pursuing a wide-range of marine-related training or education. YMTA is governed by an elected Board of Executive Directors and Advisory Boards with representatives from all sectors of the maritime community (private industry, government agencies, nonprofits, higher education), all serving as volunteers. If you or your company is interested in volunteering or donating in support of YMTA projects please contact Gary Stauffer. Please visit our website, www.ymta.net, to learn more.

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