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A Home Run For NMRA Baseball Night At S.T.E.P.



More than 80 NMRA members, distributors & manufacturer partners and NMDA staff enjoyed the inaugural NMRA Baseball Night at S.T.E.P. 2026 on "Wiener Wednesday" (July 22) at Impact Field, the home of the independent minor league Chicago Dogs in Rosemont, IL, a short distance from the venue for NMDA's annual conference. The event was launched to create an opportunity for NMRA members and supply chain partners participating in S.T.E.P. to network in a relaxed setting.

2 Students Receive NMRA \$2,000 Marine Trades Education Scholarships



NMRA has awarded 2 scholarships of \$2,000 each to students pursuing education in the marine trades beginning this fall.

The 2026 recipients of \$2,000 NMRA scholarships are: Sawyer Couturier, attending the Marine Trades Institute (formerly the Great Lakes Boat Building School) and Liam McEvoy, attending the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

Thank You! To the following NMRA members for their generous support of the 2026 NMRA scholarship program. **Atlantic Marketing, ComMar Sales, E&P Marine, Forespar, Great Lakes Marine Marketing, Gulf Atlantic Marketing, Haimes Coleman Group, Schmitt & Ongaro, S.M. Osgood, TCM Sales, Waters & David, West Coast Sales, William F. Miller.**

July 31 Deadline For 2026 Mel Barr and Old Pro Awards Nominations

Email your nominations to info@nmraonline.org.

The NMRA Mel Barr Award is presented annually at the IBEX Industry Breakfast to an individual who has contributed to improving our industry through his/her involvement. The Old Pro Award is presented annually at NMRA Rep Night At IBEX to a rep who has contributed to the reputation of our association and to the entire marine representative profession as a whole.

Welcome New Affiliate Member Sea-Dog Marine

Supplier of deck hardware, cabinet hardware, electrical, lighting, cordage, bimini fittings. Currently represented by NMRA Rep Group Members West Coast Sales (Western USA & Canada), Haimes Coleman (SE USA, including Atlantic Coast up through Virginia, Gulf Coast and east through MO) and Atlantic Marketing (NE USA and Eastern Canada). Contact Scott McEniry, scottm@sea-dog.com, www.sea-dog.com.

Member News & Notes

Affiliate Member **Engineered Marine Products** announced the launch of 250 new items at the 2026 NMDA S.T.E.P. Purchasing Conference. The new product launch includes expanded coverage across every major category of EMP's product line, including propellers, and supports the company's mission to deliver dependable parts, strong availability and outstanding value to the marine aftermarket. More info: Jim Self, (217) 556-3495, jself@empmfg.com.

Affiliate Member **GLYDUS** has introduced Smart Steering, a direct hydraulic replacement for cable steering, into the North American market. It's designed for outboards up to 90 HP. Smart Steering fits in the same way as a mechanical cable, with no console modifications, at a price point close to cable steering. It gives boats in the smaller outboard segment, which have traditionally been limited to cable steering, the feel and performance of hydraulic steering without the cost and complexity that has historically come with it. More info: care@glydus.com or www.glydus.com.

Rep Group Member **Haimes Coleman Group** has recently added 2 members to its team. Brandon Veliky has joined the HCG Florida sales team. He brings extensive marine industry experience spanning boat sales, dealership operations, territory management, dealer development, marine service support, customer relationship management and business development. Nicole Squartino comes aboard as Marketing Navigator – HCG Sales and Marketing. She'll help modernize and strengthen marketing operations across the company and its manufacturer partners.

Affiliate Member **Repfabric** has launched a Business Card Scanner that turns a photo into a fully populated contact record in seconds. No manual entry, no typos, and no lost cards at the bottom of your bag. More info: contact Carroll at 888-297-2750 ext. 709 or email carroll.boysen@repfabric.com.

Affiliate Member **Bennett Marine** was tapped by the South Florida Manufacturers Association as a finalist for Manufacturer of the Year. The company was also named runner-up in the Breakthrough category.