



MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND

Marine Tech High School Students Attend Career Day Event in Annapolis

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Twenty marine technology students from the AACPS Center for Applied Technology (CAT) South attended a Career Day at the 2025 Annapolis Powerboat Show, hosted by the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM).

The CAT South students toured the boat show armed with questions for various MTAM partners about careers in the recreational marine industry. Burr Yacht Sales, Smith's Marina, Pocket Yacht Company, North Point Yacht Sales, SeaKeeper, Diversified Marine/Bay Shore Marine, BoatUS, the Annapolis School of Seamanship, Bosun's Marine, MAD Soaps, Get Blasted, Yacht Brokers of Annapolis, and Proptalk Magazine were the exhibitors who hosted a question for the students at their booths.

The exercise was a huge success as students had the opportunity to engage with marine professionals in a welcoming environment. According to CAT South student Vincent Line, "My favorite part was the vibe around the boat show, as everyone was really friendly and excited to share their knowledge." Most of the students were also happy to learn that the skills they have been taught at CAT South are already applicable in the industry.

MTAM partners took full advantage of providing meaningful insights about working in the business. Students were surprised to learn how many small businesses comprise the marine trades in Maryland, in addition to the yacht brokers and marinas they expected to see at the show. At the Get Blasted exhibit, company President Ray Mills helped the students understand the importance of eco-friendly products and services.

The Career Day experience ended with the students collecting bags of "swag" donated by MTAM members. According to Emily Decker, workforce development coordinator at MTAM, "The students and partners all agreed that it was a great day to learn about career opportunities within the industry, and it generated a new level of excitement about growing the marine trades workforce."

Founded in 1975, the Marine Trades Association of Maryland serves as the voice of an industry that generates \$4.2 billion annually for Maryland's economy. Dedication to growing recreational boating, creation of a sustainable workforce for the marine trades, and the preservation of Maryland waters are the goals of the membership.

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