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2009 Norm Manly YMTA Maritime Educational Scholarship and Fishermen's News Scholarship awarded to five students.

The fifth annual Norm Manly Youth Maritime Training Association (YMTA) Maritime Educational Scholarship competition was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Maritime Event Center. YMTA is very proud to announce the five Washington State High School seniors awarded the 2009 YMTA and the Fishermen's News Scholarships.

Beau Bullard from J. F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Burien is the recipient of our \$5,000 scholarship. Beau, an Eagle Scout, will attend **California Maritime Academy** in Vallejo and major in Marine Engineering Technology. He plans to earn a US Coast Guard license as a Third Assistant Engineer of Unlimited Horsepower, Steam, Motor, and Gas Turbine Vessels. He is interested in a career as a commissioned Naval Officer, serving as an engineer aboard a Military Sealift Ship, or working aboard a commercial vessel as a licensed engineer.

Lauren Grasdahl, the recipient of our \$3,000 Scholarship sponsored by **Foss Maritime Co**, is a senior at Ballard Maritime Academy, Ballard High School in Seattle and will enter **California Maritime Academy** in Marine Transportation. Her goal is to pilot a Washington State ferry or coastal tugboat. She has grown up in the Puget Sound area and enjoys boating, fishing and tide pooling. She has been a leader among her peers and a strong advocate and recruiter for the Ballard Maritime Academy

Hank Todd, also 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**. Hank is also the winner of the \$500 Fishermen's News Scholarship sponsored by **RH Philips Publishing Group**. Hank has fished commercially with his Father off New England, Gulf of Mexico and the Bristol Bay Alaska. Hank's goal is to work his way up to captain of one of Seattle's factory ships fishing in Alaska. He is planning to attend the **Workboat Academy at Pacific Maritime Institute** in the spring of 2010.

Kwesi Phillips from Mead Senior High School in Spokane is the recipient of our second \$1,000 scholarship. Kwesi is very interested in pursuing a career in science particularly marine science. He will spend a semester at the **Class Afloat** Program aboard the Tall Ship *Fryderyk Chopin* where he will take college level courses in marine science. He has been accepted by a number of universities but has not yet made a selection.

Brandon D'Andrea from the Environmental and Marine Science Program at the Puget Sound Skills Center in Burien is the recipient of our \$500 scholarship sponsored in part by John and Anita Crawford (retired from Foss). Brandon plans to pursue a career in marine sciences attending **Highline Community College, Diving Institute of Technology, and University of Hawaii**.

All five 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, parents, 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 Fishermen's News Scholarship, Foss Maritime Co. for sponsoring our \$3,000 scholarship, Compass Courses Maritime Training for sponsoring one of our \$1,000 scholarships and John and Anita Crawford for sponsoring in part our \$500 scholarship. 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. We thank the Seattle maritime community that provided the funds for these awards and 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 Honorary and Advisory Boards with representatives from all sectors of the maritime community (private industry, government agencies, nonprofits, higher education), all serving as volunteers. YMTA has enjoyed financial support from a broad mix of public and private sources. 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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Caption for the picture, Scholarship 09 – 5 Recipients: “Recipients of the 2009 Norm Manly YMTA Maritime Educational Scholarship (left to right), Beau Bullard from J. F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Burien (\$5,000), Kwesi Phillips from Mead Senior High School in Spokane (\$1,000), Hank Todd from Ballard Maritime Academy (\$1,000 sponsored by Compass Courses Maritime Training and the \$500 Fishermen’s News Scholarship), Lauren Grasdahl from Ballard Maritime Academy (\$3,000 sponsored by Foss Maritime Co), Brandon D’Andrea from Puget Sound Skills Center, Marine and Environmental Science Program (\$500 sponsored in part by John and Anita Crawford, retired from Foss).