



**OCEANIC CONSULTING CORPORATION PRESENTS MARINE
INSTITUTE NAVAL ARCHITECTURE STUDENT WITH
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

2006 RINA - OCEANIC STUDENT NAVAL ARCHITECT AWARD

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Tanya Herlidan, a Naval Architecture student at Memorial University, is the winner of the Oceanic Student Naval Architect Award for 2006 for her project, the Design of a Great Lakes Icebreaker-Buoy Tender.

Organised by The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) and sponsored by Oceanic Consulting Corporation, the Award is made annually to a student who is studying Naval Architecture or a related subject and is adjudged to have given the best presentation of their final year project. The Award and a cheque for C\$700 were presented to Ms. Herlidan on June 5th by Dr. Dan Walker, President of Oceanic Consulting Corporation along with Dr. Brian Veitch of Memorial University of Newfoundland, on behalf of RINA.

Three finalists presented their projects at Memorial University of Newfoundland's Marine Institute on May 23rd of this year. This is the third year in which an Award has been presented to a student of the Naval Architecture programme at the Marine Institute.

"It is essential that Naval Architects are able to communicate their ideas beyond the drawing board" says RINA's Chief Executive, Trevor Blakeley, "and the RINA - Oceanic Student Naval Architect Award serves to promote and encourage this need."

Lee Hedd, Senior Naval Architect with Oceanic adds that "this opportunity is an important part of the education of Naval Architects as it emphasizes the importance of effective technical communication. The clear presentation of technical information and details can be difficult, particularly for young professionals with limited experience, but it is a crucial part of the development of a successful Naval Architect. The current group of students vying for the award clearly demonstrated that they have developed the necessary strong communication skills as they begin their careers."

Projects were judged on both the written report and the presentation of the project. The judges consider technical content, originality and structure. The presentations are additionally judged for style, structure, explanation of technical content and even audience appreciation.

Oceanic Consulting Corporation

Oceanic is an ocean engineering firm based in St. John's Newfoundland that provides commercial services in marine performance evaluation. Using world-class testing facilities and industry-leading numerical simulation software, the firm analyzes the hydrodynamic behaviour of everything from ship designs to offshore structures and other marine systems, providing clients with a demonstration of real-world performance. Oceanic is the 'commercial front door' to an alliance of marine research facilities in Newfoundland which includes the National Research Council of Canada's Institute for Ocean Technology and Memorial University's Ocean Engineering Research Centre and Marine Institute.

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