Over 500 students on 140 teams from across the United States and Puerto Rico competed at the National SeaPerch Challenge this past weekend at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Students competed in an obstacle challenge, a finesse challenge and a poster presentation to showcase their STEM skills to over 50 volunteers and Navy officials. Students were able to compete in either the stock division or open division with their ROV. In the open division students were allowed to spend unlimited funds to enhance their ROV, while in stock they are limited to $20.

Indiana SeaPerch was represented by eight teams from area schools. Listed below are the teams that advanced to nationals and the awards won, if any.

**Open Division**

Bloomfield Senior High Aquatic Stereotype placed second in the Finesse Challenge and is the National Champion of the Open Division.

**Middle School Stock Division**

The Cyber Squids from University Elementary won the Quality Award from Kelly Cooper at the Office of Naval Research. This award was based upon the team’s ability to showcase improvement in their design as the team progressed through the SeaPerch season.

Taylor Made from Springs Valley Middle School placed second in the finesse challenge and placed third overall in the National Challenge.

Hoosiers by Sea from Newburgh’s St. John the Baptist School in Newburgh placed second in the Obstacle Challenge.

Hoosiers by Land from Newburgh’s St. John the Baptist School in Newburgh participated in the National Challenge.

**High School Stock Division**

Ye Olde SeaPerch team from Bloomington South placed third in the Finesse Challenge.

The SeaHawks from Springs Valley High School participated in the National Challenge.

The Tiger Sharks from Reitz Memorial High School participated in the National Challenge.