Maryland lieutenant governor visits the submarine races at Carderock

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Maryland Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford spent a good amount of time talking to students from the Maryland area during his visit to the 15th International Human-Powered Submarine Races in West Bethesda, Maryland, on June 26. Although he has been to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division before, this was his first time seeing the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) event.

Students from both Frederick County Career and Technology Center, a high school in Frederick, Maryland, and Kids into Discovering Science, an educational organization from Accokeek, Maryland, talked extensively with Rutherford about their submarines and what it took to make them.

“I had a wonderful time at the International Submarine Races this morning,” Rutherford posted on Facebook page after his visit. “This biennial design competition provides young men and women with the opportunity to design, build and race human-powered underwater vehicles, and requires an impressive amount of STEM knowledge and skill. Congratulations to all the young men and women who participated in today’s event.”

While at Carderock, Rutherford observed the races and visited with the men and women that make the event happen. Capt. Cedric McNeal, Carderock’s commanding officer, and Charlie Behrle, president of the Foundation for Underwater Research and Education, gave the lieutenant governor a tour of the David Taylor Model Basin where the races were taking place and introduced him to the 21 teams from across the country and around the world.

Photos from Rutherford’s visit are posted on his Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/BoydKRutherford/. More photos of Rutherford, as well as photos and videos from ISR overall can be found on Carderock’s Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/CarderockDivision/.