

2025 GPSSC SeaPerch Competition Rules	Stock Class (Captain)	Open Class (Admiral)
VEHICLE BUDGET ¹		
The total cost of modifications to the final vehicle shall be \$25.00 or less.	X	
The cost of modifications to the final vehicle may exceed \$25.00.		X
Proof of budget compliance shall be provided to any judge upon request at any time during the competition.	X	
VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS		
The vehicle's primary structure shall be built using only PVC, CPVC, PEX pipe and fittings.	X	
The vehicle may include parts that are 3D printed or additive manufactured.	X	X
3D printed parts shall be costed out at \$0.05 per gram and count against the vehicle modification budget.	X	
The vehicle shall not be constructed using any parts containing glass.	X	X
The vehicle must fit through an 18" diameter hoop.	X	X
VEHICLE POWER SUPPLY		
The vehicle must be designed for, and utilize, a single 12-volt power source.	X	X
The vehicle may utilize a secondary power source to power non-propulsion auxiliary equipment. The secondary power supply shall not exceed 12 volts.		X
VEHICLE MOTORS AND PROPULSION ²		
The vehicle shall use stock SeaPerch motors (Jameco Electronics 232022) for propulsion. Alternative propulsion motors are not permitted and shall result in disqualification from competition. **	X	X
Alternative motors may be incorporated for non-propulsion use.	X	X
The vehicle shall include no more than 3 propulsors (i.e. motor-propeller assemblies).	X	
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All propulsor motors shall be waterproofed.	X	X
VEHICLE CONTROLLERS		
Vehicle controls shall only utilize simple on/off switches for thruster controls.	X	
Vehicle controls may utilize fixed or variable resistors to reduce voltage.	X	X
Vehicle controls may incorporate microcontrollers such (Arduino, Raspberry Pi, etc.) for propulsor control.		X
Vehicle controls may utilize power conditioning or pulse-width modulation (PWM) controls for propulsor control.		X
Vehicle controls may utilize PWM, microcontrollers, or other devices for non-propulsion control.	X	X
VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS		
The vehicle shall be in the Mission Course configuration when completing compliance. The vehicle may be modified to add or remove weight specifically for the purposes of tuning buoyancy at any time.	X	X
The same vehicle shall be used for both competition pool events (Obstacle and Mission Courses).	X	X
POOL COMPETITION CONDUCT		
No more than two (2) team members shall be allowed on the pool deck during any competition round.	X	X
Nothing other than the vehicle shall be put into the water during a competition round.	X	X
All vehicle movement shall occur under its own power. A team member changing (or correcting) the position of a vehicle by pulling on the control tether shall result in disqualification from competition unless approved for detangling purposes by a Lane Judge.	X	X
Teams may remove their vehicle at any time during a competition round to make balancing and tuning adjustments. The competition clock shall not stop during such adjustments.	X	X
Vehicle failures shall be reported by a team member to the Lead Pool Judge. A re-runs resulting from in-pool malfunctions can only be granted by the Lead Pool Judge.	X	X
Teams competing in the High School Division shall include at least one student in 9 th grade or above.	X	X

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TECHNICAL DESIGN REPORT		
The Technical Design Report shall be a product of the students' own efforts, ideas, and designs. Teachers, mentors, and others may advise students, but shall not create content for the notebook.	X	X
All tables and graphics such as computer-aided design (CAD) or other types of drawings, photos, and sketches must be the work of the students that are part of the SeaPerch team.	X	X
The Technical Design Report consists of seven (7) mandatory sections and two (2) mandatory appendices in the following order: 1. Abstract (1/2 page maximum) -- 2. Task Overview (1/2 page maximum) -- 3. Design Approach (2 page maximum) -- 4. Experimental Results (1 page maximum) -- 5. Reflection & Next Steps (1 page maximum) -- 6. Acknowledgements -- 7. References -- Appendix A: Budget -- Appendix B: Fact Sheet.	X	X
The Technical Design Report may include additional information not specified above as Appendix C. Appendix C is not mandatory.	X	X
The Technical Design Report mandatory sections shall not exceed five (5) pages.	X	X
There is no page limit for Technical Design Report Appendices.	X	X
The Technical Design Report shall be submitted on an 8 ½ " x 11" paper format only, single spaced with margins ≥ 0.8 in. There shall be a footer on every page including team name and page number.	X	X
The Technical Design Report shall be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt font.	X	X
Technical Design Report shall be submitted electronically in PDF format.	X	X
The maximum file size for the PDF file is 16 MB. Files larger than 16 MB will not be accepted.	X	X
PRESENTATION CONDUCT		
SeaPerch presentations shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.	X	X
No more than eight team members shall be allowed to staff the presentation. All team members present shall be required to participate in the presentation and answer at least one question from a judge.	X	X
A maximum of one advisor may be present during the presentation.	X	X
Teams shall facilitate a five (5) minute question-and-answer period following the ten (10) minute presentation.	X	X
Using physical models or other display aids (physical or digital) is permitted and encouraged.	X	X

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Budget Guidelines:

- Donated material shall be assessed at what the cost would be to procure the material.
- Spare parts and tools are not included in this budget.
- Only materials and supplies used on competition vehicles and controllers and are not part of the standard SeaPerch ROV kit or other kit materials provided by the Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge shall be included in the craft budget summary.

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Motors and Propulsion

- Propulsors are defined as anything that directly exerts force against the water causing the ROV to move in any direction.