

# Technical Design Report Instructions

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2020 SeaPerch Challenge

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## Paper Preparation Overview:

The format of the written paper must adhere to the following guidelines. **Papers that do not meet all of these guidelines will have 10 points deducted from the total score.**

- **5 page limit** (*excluding References, Acknowledgements, and Appendices*)
- 8.5 x 11 in. page size
- Margins  $\geq$  0.8 in.
- Font: Times New Roman 12pt
- Single Spaced
- Footer on every page including team name and page number
- Submitted in pdf format

## Paper Contents:

The written paper consists of seven mandatory Sections and two mandatory Appendices. Additional sections may be included; however, the overall limit of 5 pages applies (excluding References, Acknowledgements, and Appendices). The sections must appear in the order listed below. It is strongly suggested that papers be typed but legible, hand-written submissions will be accepted.

### **1. Abstract (1/2 page)**

The abstract is a short summary of the main points in the paper. The paper should primarily describe your unique SeaPerch design and the engineering design process you completed to result in your final design described in the paper.

### **2. Task Overview (1/2 page)**

In order to design and build a successful ROV, it is imperative to understand the tasks that your team aims to successfully complete. This section should include an overview of the task(s) your SeaPerch will attempt during the SeaPerch Challenge competition. In particular, this section should discuss the characteristics and features of the tasks that affected how you designed your ROV. Avoid directly quoting the course descriptions and instead use your own words to describe what your ROV will do within the obstacle and mission courses.

### **3. Design Approach (2 pages)**

Given the tasks, describe your team's strategy and approach to developing a novel SeaPerch design. Novelty may occur at various levels of the design and build process including specific components, collections of components, or even team approaches to the process. Focus

attention on the creative aspects of your system and how your team conceived of, refined, and implemented these ideas. Describe your experience in making design decisions and how prospective ideas were considered among the team. Include engineering and scientific terms and concepts to demonstrate the team's understanding of the challenges of constructing and operating an underwater ROV.

#### **4. Experimental Results (1 page)**

There is a strong correlation between testing time and competitive performance in the arena. This section should describe various tests accomplished, both in-water and in simulation, as applicable. What were your results in these tests? How did these test impact your team's subsequent design(s)? Include images, charts, and figures as appropriate to demonstrate your results.

#### **5. Reflection & Next Steps (1 page)**

Reflect on this season's experience. What did you learn? Were there aspects of the project that you particularly enjoyed or that challenged you? How do you think that your new knowledge or experience will assist you in future endeavors? Include a discussion of next steps for the team and/or the team's ROV.

#### **6. Acknowledgements (no page limit)**

Participating in the competition involves identifying resources and support beyond the efforts of individual team members. This support can take many forms, such as technical advice, labor, equipment, facilities, and monetary contributions. Acknowledging those who have supported your efforts is important.

#### **7. References (no page limit)**

As with any technical publication, original ideas and content not generated by the paper's authors should be properly cited. While there are many citation styles, the American Psychological Association (APA) style guide should be used. Use in-text citations, where appropriate.

**Appendix A: Budget (required)**

Include all components included in your SeaPerch design. This information will be utilized during compliance checks at the SeaPerch Challenge and should reflect the total materials cost of your ROV. Add as many rows as necessary to complete this budget.

If revisions are made to your SeaPerch between the submission of this budget and your compliance check, please bring an updated budget sheet for review at compliance. Any team registered in a stock class division must have a total cost of equal to or less than \$25. Teams with total costs greater than \$25 will be moved to the Open Class Division.

Component	Vendor	How was component used?	Cost (in USD)
<b>TOTAL COST OF SEAPERCH COMPONENTS</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Appendix B: Fact Sheet (required)**

A foundational purpose of the SeaPerch Challenge is to showcase and engage the broad SeaPerch community. This fact sheet includes information that introduces teams and their SeaPerches to the community. Submitted team fact sheets will be made available during the 2020 SeaPerch Challenge to highlight the various designs included in the competition. Enter your team's respective information in the Fact Sheet template. You must use the Fact Sheet template to collect points for this component. Information includes:

- Team Name and location
- School/Organization represented
- Image of SeaPerch design
- Competition Class (ie. Middle School Stock Class, High School Stock Class, Open Class)
- Overview of SeaPerch Design: Use this section to provide a high-level explanation of your SeaPerch design
- Number of years your team has participated in the SeaPerch program (this should include years that you have been involved in building a SeaPerch and/or competed in a SeaPerch competition)
- Number of times your team has competed at the International SeaPerch Challenge including your anticipated participation at the 2020 Challenge (ie. If this is your 1<sup>st</sup> year, you will put 1 year)
- Complete the statement "Our SeaPerch is unique because..."; highlight what you think makes your design innovative
- Complete the statement "Our biggest takeaway this season is..."; focus on your team's experience and what you learned from working together on your design
- Roster with first names and grades of students on your team (note: please DO NOT include last names)
- Name(s) and organizational affiliation(s) of mentor(s)
- Team photo

A draft layout is provided on the next page for informational purposes only. An editable template will be provided prior to registration opening for the 2020 International SeaPerch Challenge.

***Appendix C: Engineering Notebook (optional)***

Although your team's engineering notebook will not be scored, it may be helpful to include your documentation for supporting details. There are no requirements related to the format or content of an engineering notebook should you choose to include it with your Technical Design Report submission.

For guidance on maintaining an engineering notebook during your design process, please visit:  
[https://www.seaperch.org/engineering\\_process](https://www.seaperch.org/engineering_process).

# TEAM NAME

City, State, Country



SeaPerch Image

COMPETITION CLASS

# Years participating in SeaPerch

# Times at the International SeaPerch Challenge

**Our SeaPerch is unique because:**

(50 words MAX)

**Our biggest takeaway this season is:**

(50 words MAX)

**SeaPerch Design Overview:**

(100 words MAX)

Team Image

**Team Members:**

First Name, Grade #

First Name, Grade #

First Name, Grade #

First Name, Grade #

First Name, Grade #

**Mentor(s)**

Full Name, Organization

Full Name, Organization

Full Name, Organization