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SHIPWRECK – Oscoda High School physics and chemistry students view a replica shipwreck at the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary in Alpena.

OHS students visit NOAA marine sanctuary

OSCODA — Oscoda High School physics and chemistry students traveled to Alpena on May 24 to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary.

The students were taken to the marine sanctuary to learn about local shipwrecks, the history of the Great Lakes and the marine technology program offered through Alpena Community College (ACC), said science teacher Timothy Lee.

The morning included a glass bottom boat tour of shipwrecks

in Thunder Bay and the history of the geography and economy of the area.

Afternoon activities included a presentation of the newly developed marine technology program offered through ACC. A history of underwater exploration and current research was discussed, as well as potential career opportunities and advancements in remote-operated vehicles.

"This opportunity would not have been possible without the help of NOAA's Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary staff, ACC volunteers R.C. Laugal and David Cummins, the Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and NOAA's Bay Watershed Education and Training program," said Lee.