

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

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Student: Sam Hutchison

OCVTS Program: Marine Trades

Instructor: Rob Berenwick

Employer: West Creek Outboard, West Creek, NJ

Website: westcreekoutboard.com

Class of: 2016

Center: Toms River

In Sam's own words...Being in the Marine Trades program at OCVTS, I learned most of the basics of working on outboard motors. They helped me get the job at West Creek Outboard. Students at the vocational school have the opportunity to compete in the SkillsUSA competitions. One of the highlights for me was winning 2nd Place in the SkillsUSA State Championship. To me, Mr. Berenwick is a very good teacher, mentor and now friend.

Mr. Berenwick, instructor of the Marine Trades program for twenty-one years and Teacher Advisor for SkillsUSA at OCVTS, speaks highly of Sam. Sam graduated this year as an OCVTS honor roll student in all subject areas. He was the Marine Trades Student of the Month. As a student, Sam always strived to move forward and to be challenged. He has been working at West Creek Outboard for over a year. His employer would like to send him to factory training/school in the fall to become a certified Mercury Outboard Technician. Since day one, Sam made it very clear his goal was to enter the trade and become a certified marine technician. At this point, I can say, Sam has done just that. Congratulations!

Located in the southern part of Ocean County, West Creek Outboard is a family-owned and operated business since 1969. It is a certified Premier Mercury Dealer. Mark, the owner of the West Creek Outboard, commented. "Having Sam at the shop with us is a super plus! If there is anybody who would be the perfect example of a young man that works hard, has a great personality, and is very honest...it would be Sam Hutchison. If every young man in this world had the drive and determination and all around nice guy approach to life like Sam, this world would be a better place!" This is a mutual admiration society because Sam really enjoys working at West Creek Outboard!

