American Welding Society®
TIDEWATER SECTION

District 4
Hampton, VA 23670
Tidewater Section Web Page: https://sections.aws.org/tidewater/

Technical Meeting:

Thursday, November 12, 2026

"Hypertherm Plasma Cutting Demo"

If you want try the plasma cutter! You will need to wear long pants and boots, along with bringing your own PPE; including gloves, welding shield and jacket.

Meeting will be held at
VPCC Work Force Development Center
600 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA 23666

Food served at 5:30 PM / Meeting starts at 6:00 PM
(Food and Drink will be provided)
If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling ARC3 @ (757) 728-9353

Future Technical Meetings:

December / 2026 - No Meeting
January 14, 2027 - Tour of Shipbuilding COBOT Alliance in Norfolk, VA
February 11, 2027 - NDT/Student Night with MISTRAS in Midlothian, VA

CWIs are responsible to keep track of their Personal Development Hours (PDH). A form for tracking PDHs is available at the sign-in table and can be used to track PDHs at Tidewater Section meetings and other technical society meetings. The Tidewater Section does not keep attendance records and cannot verify that an individual attended a specific meeting.

Chairman's Corner:

Greetings Welding Community,

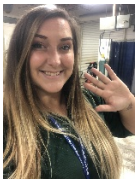
This past month, we had a wonderful hands-on demonstration of the Miller Electric OptX 2kW Handheld Laser Welder and got to see the laser trailer in action. Attendees got to suit up and try out the laser welder on aluminum coupons. The laser cleaned and prepped the surface, then ran beautiful beads with little to no practice. Patricia Stephens answered many questions about penetration depth, procedure writing, perfecting the automatic settings, and past laser difficulties with porosity on aluminum. Thank you to everyone who came out!

In November, we will continue our hands-on technical meetings with a Hypertherm Powermax 85 SYNC. This tool is designed for cutting, gouging, flush cutting, and marking. Attendees who would like to use the equipment should be sure to bring their own PPE, including gloves, welding shield, and jacket. Also, be sure to wear pants and boots. We are looking forward to seeing this equipment in action and trying out its various plasma options.

In December, we will take a break from meetings to enjoy the holidays with family, but be on the lookout for our January Bulletin and join us for a tour of the Shipbuilding CoBot Alliance (SCA) Mid-Atlantic training center located inside Tabet Manufacturing Co.

We are looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,
Pierrette Swan
Tidewater Section Chairman



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Looking for Section Officers or Committee Chairs???

Looking for a recap of previous meetings???

Looking for Welding Education Information in the area???

Looking for information on Scholarships???

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