

Jason Young
NMEA Secretary

Jason Young began his career working as a Bench Technician and eventually Service Manager for Sea-Trac Offshore in New Orleans, LA. It was under the tutelage of the owner, Mr. Bert St. Romain, that he received his FCC license and eventually CMET as well as getting hands-on experience managing every aspect of a modern Marine Electronics dealership.

In 2009 Jason's wife, active duty U.S. Coast Guard, was transferred to New Jersey where he joined the very talented team at Atlantic Marine Electronics (AME)/Viking Yachts in New Gretna, NJ. As the Service Foreman for the entire fleet of both new production builds and customer owned Vikings, Jason learned the importance of customer service as well as a commitment to excellence.

In 2012 Mr. Young accepted a position at CWR Electronics, the largest marine electronics distributor in the country. As the Outside Sales Director he worked directly with hundreds of vendors from all over the world to develop sales and support strategies from a Marine Electronics Dealer's perspective. While also acting as the Brand Manager for some of the top vendors in the industry including Garmin, Furuno, Icom, Standard Horizon as well as Key Account Manager to some of the country's largest dealers. He also implemented and managed the Outside Sales department which, for the first time in CWR's history, put a team of outside sales representatives in the field, visiting and offering support to Marine Electronics dealers all over the country. It was also during this time Jason created and managed the CWR Dealer Training & Expo, a week long training and exhibition event bringing hundreds of vendors and dealers from around the world together for hands on product and sales training.

In 2017 Jason was recruited by Vesper Marine, the global leader in AIS technology, based out of Auckland, New Zealand. Jason accepted the role of VP of Sales, overseeing all business operations for North America and managing a team of over 10 international sales representatives. Over the last 3 years he has expanded Vesper Marine distribution and achieved record growth every year while cultivating close partnerships with NMEA dealers specifically. Behind the scenes, he has directly assisted in the development of some truly revolutionary technology and played a major role in bringing new products to market. Jason Young was elected to the NMEA Board of Directors in 2017. In 2019, Jason created the NMEA Young Professionals Group (YPG) to attract and retain the next generation of thought leaders while promoting diversity, inclusion, and encouraging personal and professional growth in the marine electronics industry. The NMEA YPG is going strong and growing even through the pandemic. Jason assembled an extremely dedicated and passionate group of young industry professionals to help manage the group and they continue to work on exciting initiatives and events for the future. After the previous NMEA Secretary was elected to be the Vice Chairperson of the board, Jason volunteered and was subsequently elected by the Board of Directors to fulfill the remaining Secretary term.

Jason has faithfully executed the role of NMEA Secretary since January 2020.