

Moorings Seminar Series: Moorings & Cables 2026

Tuesday 6 October 2026

Global Underwater Hub, Westhill



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industry development
body for the UK's
underwater sectors.

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Join **Global Underwater Hub** on **Tuesday 6 October 2026** for a new series of focused moorings seminars, bringing industry together to explore the key challenges and opportunities shaping the sector.

Open Discussions & Roundtables

This is not a traditional seminar or conference. Designed as an interactive working session, the event provides a platform for open discussion, knowledge sharing, and meaningful engagement with peers from across the industry.

Bringing together developers, contractors, and the wider supply chain, the **Moorings & Cables Seminar** will focus on the technical and commercial challenges currently facing the sector, encouraging collaboration and the exchange of practical insights.

The day will begin with a series of short, industry-led perspectives before moving into facilitated roundtable discussions and workshop sessions. The emphasis is on participation rather than presentations, ensuring delegates have ample opportunity to contribute, debate key topics, and learn from the experiences of others.

Session topics will include:

Session 1

DOF will be discussing the benefits and challenges of the T&I scope including both Moorings and Cables. The conversation will include vessel selection and availability, installation weather windows and scheduling, as well as installation methodologies to maximise the benefits of mooring and cable installation formats

MDL will lead the discussion on delivering cable and mooring systems through a single logistics chain. Including managing multiple interfaces between ports, quayside operations, transport, storage, installation assets and offshore execution. As well as handling large-diameter fibre rope and dynamic power cables from the same vessel

Session 2

Encomara will highlight the many challenging interfaces between mooring and cable hull connections. How they affect each other and how connection methodologies can be optimised. This will related back to how the oil & gas sector managed, or mismanaged, mooring and riser connections

Apollo will lead an O&M based discussion on Mooring and Cable sparing strategies for 100MW and Gigawatt scale arrays. This will highlight Emergency response strategies and risks in the case of multiple mooring line failure, including design and budgeting for cable repair.

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Moderator



Matthew Heyman

Strategic Project Development Manager
Global Underwater Hub

Matthew's role with GUH as Strategic Project Development Manager is primarily tasked with the development of GUH strategic focus areas, taking a lead role in programme management to develop strategic relationships and projects with existing and potential service users – both members and partners – from across the respective underwater industry sectors. These extend to large corporations, Ses, OEMs, start-up companies, trade, industry and academic partners. A significant focus is on floating technologies including mooring, anchoring, connection-systems design, installation and testing and applications of these in multiple sectors. Matthew draws on significant industry experience gained in moorings and anchors, which focused on floating assets in both oil and gas and renewables.

In addition, Matthew works closely with our membership and wider supply chain, building on an extensive global career in business development spanning 30+ years in the maritime and offshore sectors and with experience in safety, training and crew management with leading companies like Maersk, Stena and Wilhelmsen.

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Supporting partners



DOF Subsea Seminar Sponsor

DOF is a leading provider of integrated offshore and subsea services, supporting the energy sector with specialised vessels, engineering expertise, and offshore project delivery worldwide. The company delivers end-to-end moorings and cables solutions, including site assessment, engineering, installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair.

With extensive experience in offshore oil & gas and floating wind developments, DOF provides specialist capabilities in mooring systems, anchoring solutions, dynamic cable installation, SURF operations, and marine construction projects. Its integrated approach helps clients reduce risk, improve efficiency, and maximise project performance throughout the asset lifecycle.

Bharath Kumar is Global Technology Manager – Renewables at DOF and a Chartered Engineer specialising in mooring systems. He has extensive experience in planning and delivering floating wind projects, including design, transportation, and installation. Bharath focuses on ensuring safe, efficient, and cost-effective offshore operations while developing practical engineering solutions for complex challenges. Passionate about advancing floating wind technology, he supports innovation and technical excellence in DOF's global renewable energy initiatives.

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Conference Programme

10:30 – 10:55	Registration, refreshments and networking
10:55 – 11:00	Welcome – Global Underwater Hub
11:00 – 11:30	Session 1 – Discussion supported by DOF Subsea
11:30 – 12:00	Session 1 – Discussion supported by MDL
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch and networking
13:00 – 13:30	Session 2 – Discussion supported by Encomara
13:30 – 14:00	Session 2 – Discussion supported by Apollo Engineers
14:00 – 14:10	Session 2 – Squid project update by Encomara
14:10 – 14:15	Closing remarks – Global Underwater Hub
14:15	Refreshment and networking
14:15 – 16:00	1:1 Curated networking sessions with our speakers: - Apollo Engineer - DOF Subsea - Encomara - MDL
16:00	Event closes

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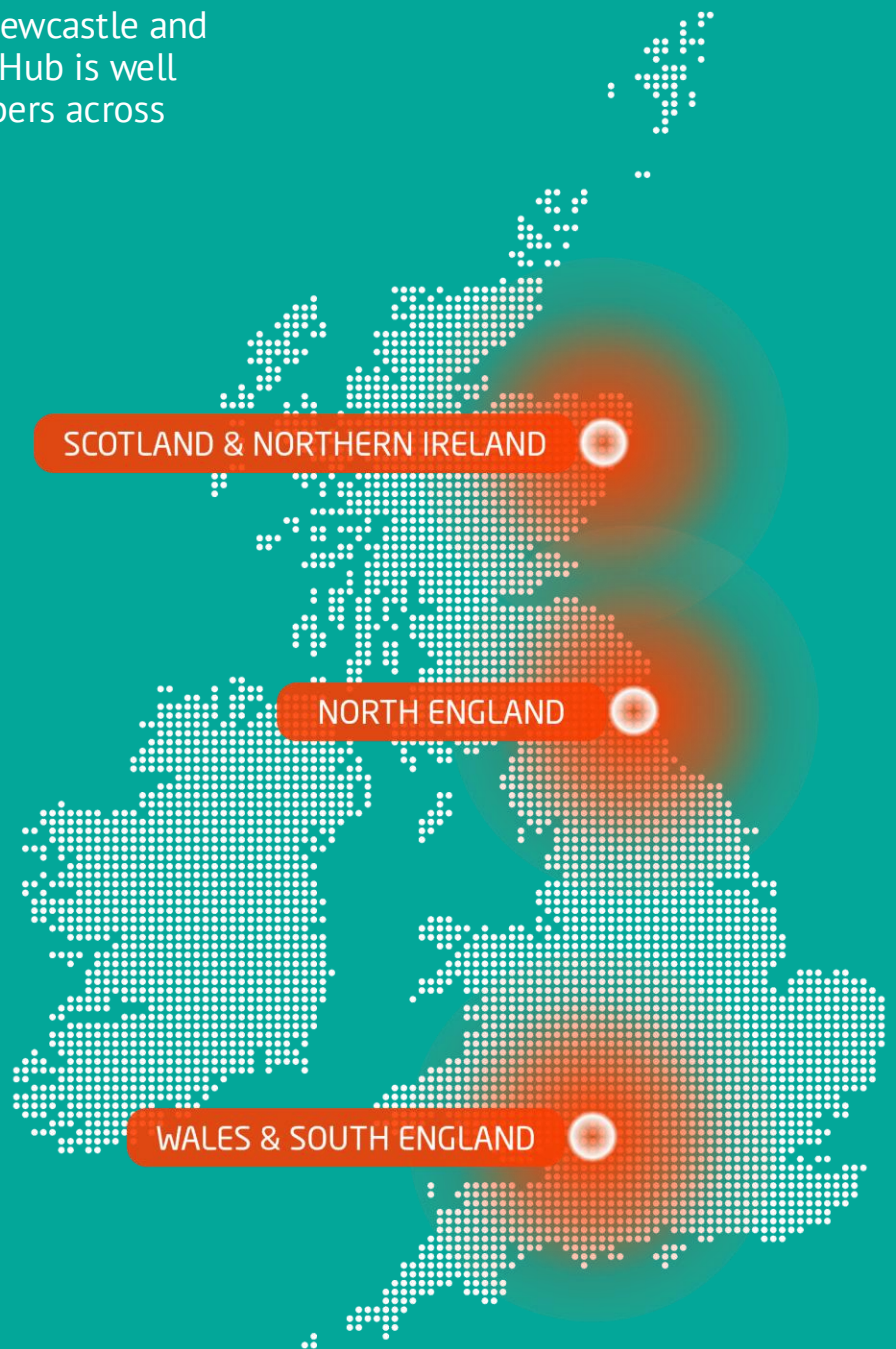
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With offices in Aberdeen, Newcastle and Bristol, Global Underwater Hub is well placed to support its members across the United Kingdom.



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