

Global Underwater Hub

Marine Energy 2025

Thursday, 02 October

Global Underwater Hub, Westhill



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Global Underwater Hub
is the leading trade and
industry development
body for the UK's
underwater sectors.

Owned and governed by industry, Global Underwater Hub represents, promotes and supports all sectors of the underwater industry. As the UK's underwater industry organisation, we support our member companies by enabling access to market opportunities, expertise, contacts and specialist support to accelerate market growth and build value.

Discover more at www.globalunderwaterhub.com.



The Marine Energy Council is the voice of the UK's tidal stream and wave energy industries.

The Marine Energy Council represents technology and project developers, consultants, test-centres and sites, academics, associations, manufacturers, and small and medium sized enterprises. Its vision is for ocean energy to play a key role in a secure, cost-effective, and fair transition to net zero, enabling investment, exporting great British innovation, and levelling up with employment opportunities across the UK.

Learn more at www.marineenergycouncil.co.uk.

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Event overview

Global Underwater Hub and the UK Marine Energy Council have partnered together to host this one-day event that will explore the latest developments in wave and tidal energy, an area of great opportunity for the United Kingdom.

As an island nation, there is a huge opportunity for the United Kingdom to harness the power of the seas and waters that surround it to generate clean, green renewable energy. The European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in the Orkney Islands has provided a platform for the testing and development of wave and tidal devices for over 20 years, while other test and demonstrator facilities are located around the UK.

The UK has over 30GW of marine energy potential and has the capability to lead the world in developing, deploying and exporting marine energy technologies.

There is currently 10MW of tidal stream capacity deployed and an additional 120MW to be deployed by 2028, thanks to three consecutive ringfences in the UK's renewable auctions. Wave energy is the world's largest untapped energy resource, with a generating potential that is ten-times greater than Europe's annual electricity consumption.

The event will form parts, with the morning offering attendees firsthand insight into new technologies, industry trends and an overview of the market opportunity. Speakers will discuss what these projects and their companies need from the supply chain, government and financial companies to ensure the wave and tidal sectors can thrive as part of the energy mix as the UK looks to decarbonise its energy system.

During the afternoon attendees will participate in a stakeholder engagement session that is being hosted as part of the Marine Energy Taskforce (MET). This 12-month initiative was launched in June and will develop a roadmap, accompanied by a series of recommendations for the UK Government.

The session is designed to gather the thoughts and opinions of attendees around the four themes that are key to supporting the development of marine energy sector – site development, financing, innovation and supply chain growth. The MET will seek to set out how UK content can be embedded in projects deployed here and around the world.

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Conference programme

08:30	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome from Neil Gordon, Chief Executive, Global Underwater Hub
09:10 – 09:25	Market overview: Lewis Scorgie, Market Intelligence Analyst, GUH
09:25 – 09:40	Sue Bartlett-Reed, Executive Director, UK Marine Energy Council
09:40 – 10:10	Fraser Johnson, Director of Operations, Meygen
10:10 – 10:40	Eileen Linklater, Corporate Affairs Director, European Marine Energy Centre
10:40 – 11:00	Networking break
11:00 – 11:30	Ian Crossland, Commercial Director, Mocean Energy
11:30 – 12:00	Tom Hutchinson, Director of Products and Services, Proteus
12:05 – 12:30	Oliver Wragg, Development Director, Orbital Marine Power
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	Stakeholder Engagement Workshop
14:45 – 15:00	Closing comments

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Workshop session

In June, UK Government Energy Minister Michael Shanks MP launched the Marine Energy Taskforce (MET), a 12-month initiative tasked with developing a roadmap to realise the UK's marine energy potential. It brings together representatives of different government agencies, industry organisations and companies working in the wave and tidal sector.

The UK Marine Energy Council is chair of the MET, also acting as its secretariat. Over the course of year, the MET will explore what actions are required to realise the UK's wave and tidal energy potential in a manner that maintains high levels of UK content. An April 2025 report from the University of Edinburgh highlighted that the UK could add up to £50billion to its economy and create over 90,000 jobs by leading the global marine energy market.

The MET will focus on four themes that are key to supporting marine energy sector development in the UK, namely: site development, financing, innovation and supply chain growth.

The afternoon workshop aims to foster discussion around these areas, but also offers an open platform for delegates to contribute thoughts and suggestions more widely in relation to growing the UK marine energy sector.

Speaker biographies



Neil Gordon

Chief Executive

Global Underwater Hub

Neil is the Chief Executive of Global Underwater Hub, a pivotal organisation spearheading the profound transformation within the UK energy sector. With over three decades of managerial expertise in directorial and business development capacities within the subsea domain, Neil is a seasoned and esteemed leader in the industry.

Having assumed the role of CEO at Subsea UK in 2011, he has been instrumental in shaping dialogues with industry stakeholders, governmental officials, and departments concerning the future trajectory of the subsea sector. His leadership has been pivotal in steering the evolution of the UK subsea industry into a standalone sector, diversifying across various sectors, including oil and gas, offshore wind, marine renewables, defence, ocean science, subsea mining, and aquaculture.

Neil's early career was marked by diverse experiences in managing and expanding operations across India, the Middle East, and Brazil. As a former commercial diver, he ascended to the position of General Manager at the National Hyperbaric Centre, where he cultivated business streams encompassing diving research and trials, hyperbaric testing, and saturation diving operations.

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Lewis Scorgie

Market Intelligence Analyst

Global Underwater Hub

Lewis joined Global Underwater Hub after graduating with an MSc in Management from Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. Since then, he has engaged in key research and analysis projects, including insightful industry-wide business surveys, supply chain mapping and producing targeted intelligence reports highlighting the market opportunities across all underwater sectors.

Lewis is skilled at obtaining, interpreting and analysing data across all facets of the underwater sectors to allow members and GUH to realise the value offered by industry.

A key part of Lewis's role involves the daily management of Global Underwater Hub's Market Intelligence Platform. This comprehensive, interactive online system offers GUH members exclusive access to sought-after strategic industry information on projects across the underwater industry, both in the UK and overseas.

Speaker biographies



Sue Bartlett-Reed

Executive Director and Chair
Marine Energy Council

Sue has 24 years in the wind, wave and tidal sectors. Roles include technology development, operations management, project delivery, policy advocacy, financing and global markets.

She chairs the UK Marine Energy Council, is a Director of Global Underwater Hub and Marine Energy Wales, Commissioner for the Severn Estuary Energy Group and Non-Executive Director of Marine Power Systems. The recipient of the 2018 Society for Underwater Technology's Award 'Outstanding Contributions to Marine Energy' and awarded Ocean Energy Europe's Vi Maris 2019 award, Sue has a key role in the marine energy sector internationally. A marine energy advocate, Sue brings her extensive experience to the marine energy sector.

Speaker biographies



Fraser Johnson

Director of Operations & Assets
Meygen

Fraser Johnson is the Operations & Asset Manager for the MeyGen tidal energy project in Scotland. In his role, he ensures the continuous, reliable performance of the turbines under the challenging subsea conditions of Pentland Firth.



Fraser has overseen a significant operational milestone: one turbine exceeded six years of uninterrupted operation without maintenance – marking a new benchmark in tidal energy reliability. He is a vocal advocate for modernising regulatory frameworks to support the growth of tidal stream energy, aligning environmental stewardship with renewable energy expansion.

Speaker biographies



Eileen Linklater

Corporate Affairs Director

EMEC European Marine Energy Centre

After studying law Eileen worked in local government policy, until her enthusiasm for sustainable community development led her to join EMEC in August 2009.

In her time at EMEC, she has worked with a huge range of technology companies large and small worldwide. As Corporate Affairs Director, the market intelligence gained from this breadth of experience directly feeds her role. This includes stakeholder engagement and industry lobbying activities, as the Centre has become a global focal point for low carbon innovation, involved in R&D projects with a total value of £538m.



Speaker biographies



Ian Crossland

Commercial Director

Mocean Energy

Ian is an accomplished business leader with more than 25 years of experience leading technology development and commercialisation in the oil and gas sector. Most recently, he has moved into renewables with Mocean Energy, contributing to the global energy transition.



For the past 15 years, Ian has focused on scaling SMEs and technology companies, driving the development and deployment of disruptive solutions to both conservative and forward-thinking end users. Earlier in his career, he worked for Schlumberger, holding key management roles and working across well-site operations, R&D and international assignments.

Speaker biographies



Tom Hutchinson

Director of Products & Services
Proteus

Tom is a seasoned leader with over 30 years of experience in organisational transformation, digitisation, and customer success. As Director of Products and Services at Proteus Marine Renewables, Tom focuses on enhancing operational effectiveness and preparing the company for growth in the evolving Tidal Generation Market.



Throughout his career, Tom has driven the implementation of digital solutions for multinational organisations, earning a reputation for accelerating time to value through innovation and transformation. His expertise has been key in streamlining operations and maximising outcomes in complex environments. Tom holds a BaSC in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

Speaker biographies



Oliver Wragg

Development Director
Orbital Marine Power

Oliver Wragg is Development Director at Orbital Marine Power, bringing over 18 years of experience in clean energy and science. He has been instrumental in securing more than £195 million in funding to accelerate the development of pioneering technologies that drive the clean energy transition.

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A recognised leader in the ocean energy sector, Oliver also serves on the boards of the UK Marine Energy Council and the European trade body Ocean Energy Europe.

Future events from Global Underwater Hub

Global Underwater Hub organises a series of events throughout the year, bringing together businesses to discuss key industry topics. Full event information, including booking details and calls for abstracts can be found on our website at www.globalunderwaterhub.com, where you can also sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Unexploded Ordnance: Mitigation in the Marine Environment

Tuesday, 07 October | [Blyth](#)

This brand new conference is focused on the critical area of unexploded ordnance in the marine environment. It will explore current practices to raise awareness and identify improvement areas for data collection, knowledge sharing mechanisms and the prioritisation of environmentally sustainable methods of disposal.



Umbilicals Conference 2025

Tuesday, 11 November | [Westhill, Aberdeen](#)

Global Underwater Hub and the Umbilical Manufacturers' Federation will bring together a range of stakeholders with an interest in the design, manufacture, installation and operation of subsea umbilicals for the annual Umbilicals Conference.



Underwater Robotics Conference 2025

Thursday, 27 November | [Westhill, Aberdeen](#)

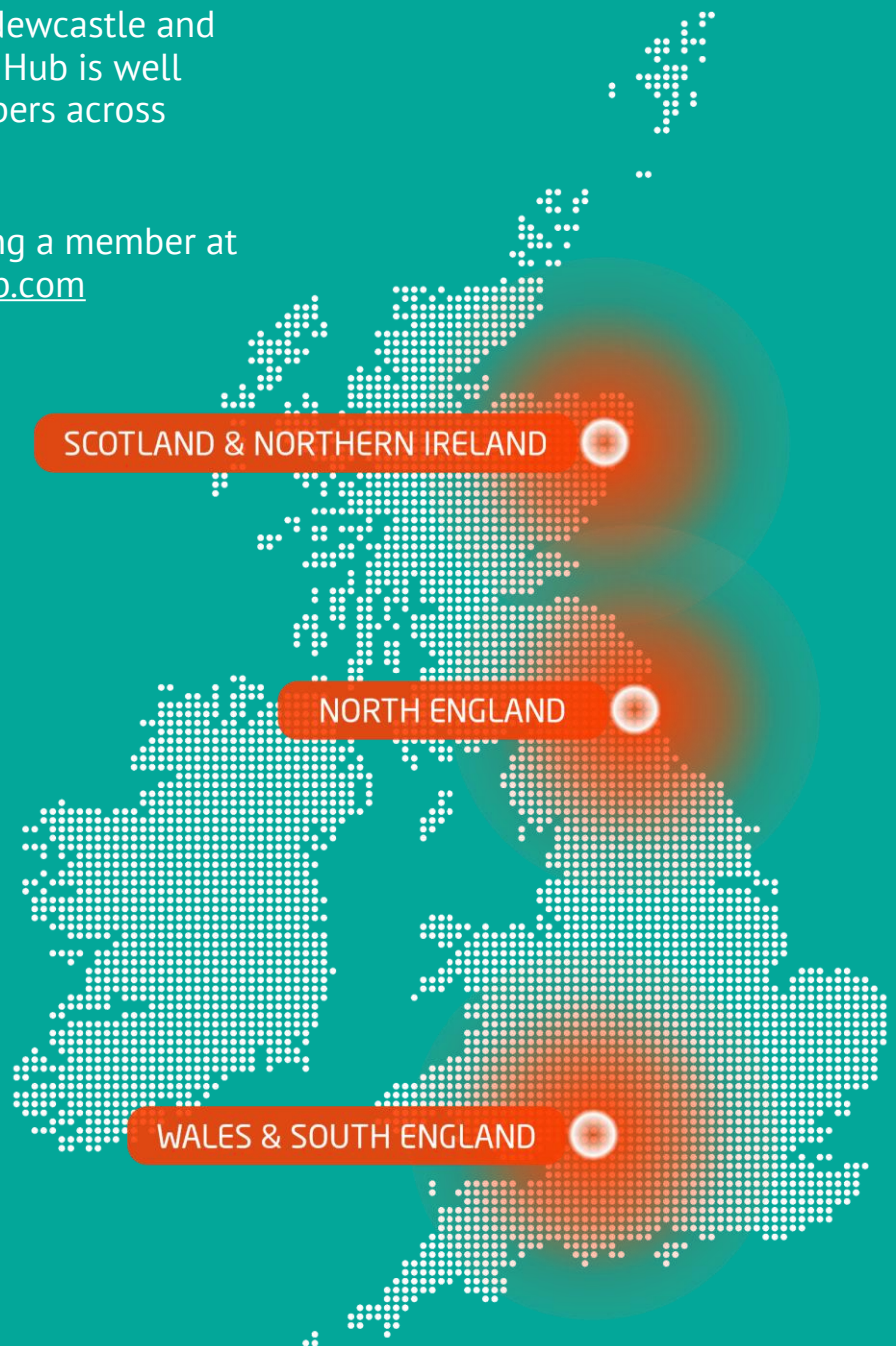
This annual conference has become a central strand of Global Underwater Hub's programme. The one-day event will focus on three key themes: ROV and robotics hardware, peripherals and accessories, and analysis and autonomy.



Led and governed by industry, Global Underwater Hub is helping to transform the UK's underwater industry into one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in the country, accelerating the drive to net-zero and creating high value jobs and exports.

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

Learn more about becoming a member at www.globalunderwaterhub.com



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