

Global Underwater Hub

Subsea Cable Insurance Conference and Workshop 2025

Wednesday, 02 July

Hilton London Canary Wharf, London



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industry development
body for the UK's
underwater sectors.

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Conference programme

08:30	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome from Global Underwater Hub
09:15 – 09:30	Keynote presentation
09:30 – 10:30	Session one – Failure modes
10:30 – 10:50	Networking break
10:50 – 11:50	Session two – Proactive interventions
11:55 – 12:55	Session three – Integrity monitoring and management
13:00 – 13:15	Session four – Developer/owner perspective
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	Workshop
14:45 – 15:00	Networking break
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15:45 – 16:00	Closing comments

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Overview and keynote speaker

Building on the success of previous conferences, the third edition of Global Underwater Hub's popular Subsea Cable Insurance Conference and Workshop is once again centred on the critical area of subsea cable reliability and insurability.

Featuring a morning of presentations and panel discussions, followed by an afternoon workshop that fosters collaboration and discussion, the event aims to continue driving forward debate and discussion on what is an important and potentially costly industry topic.

Keynote presentation

Following a welcome address by Neil Gordon, Chief Executive of Global Underwater Hub, the event's keynote presentation will be delivered by Adam Reed of Allianz Commercial, which provides a wide range of tailored commercial and specialty insurance solutions. This includes for offshore wind and the wider renewables sector. Adam will provide an insurer's perspective on the challenges associated with cable failure, underwriting considerations, the risks involved in new technological approaches and overall market expansion.

Adam Reed



Global Leader - Offshore Renewables & Upstream Energy
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Session one – Failure modes

Analysis to date suggests that failures within the cable system are not limited to one particular area or that a greater number of failures tend to be more frequent in one area of the life cycle than another. In addition, failure reporting tends to classify the cause at a very high level rather than providing granular detail.

This session seeks to understand from a technical perspective the main real causes of failure. It will also touch upon root cause analysis (RCA) and how this should be specified and undertaken.

Neil Gordon (session chair)



Chief Executive

Global Underwater Hub

Laura Watson



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Session two – Proactive interventions

This session seeks to understand various emerging mechanisms in place to allow repairs to be managed and carried out more proactively than waiting until an emergency response is required.

Vessel repair clubs and universal joints and connectors are two such strategies designed to allow faster more efficient repairs. When utilized, these should allow production to return to the wind farm more quickly together with reducing risk from an insurance perspective.



Steve Fernie (session chair)

Strategy & Policy Director

Global Underwater Hub



Andy Ross

Senior Subsea Broker

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Chris Williams

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Session three – Integrity monitoring and management

Integrity management and monitoring of the cable system allows for a greater picture of the cable's health to be developed. This allows for advanced warning of potential failures, meaning planned and remedial action can be carried out as opposed to emergency response for complete failure.

There are a number of options available including physical monitors within the cable system and digital twin technology. When utilised and supported by appropriate guidance these can play a major role in cable reliability and response strategies.



Alex MacPhie (session chair)

Chair of GUH's UK Subsea Cable System Forum

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Workshop

The afternoon workshop aims to foster collaboration and discussion, providing a platform for delegates to contribute to the debate on this important industry topic, sharing knowledge, ideas and experiences.

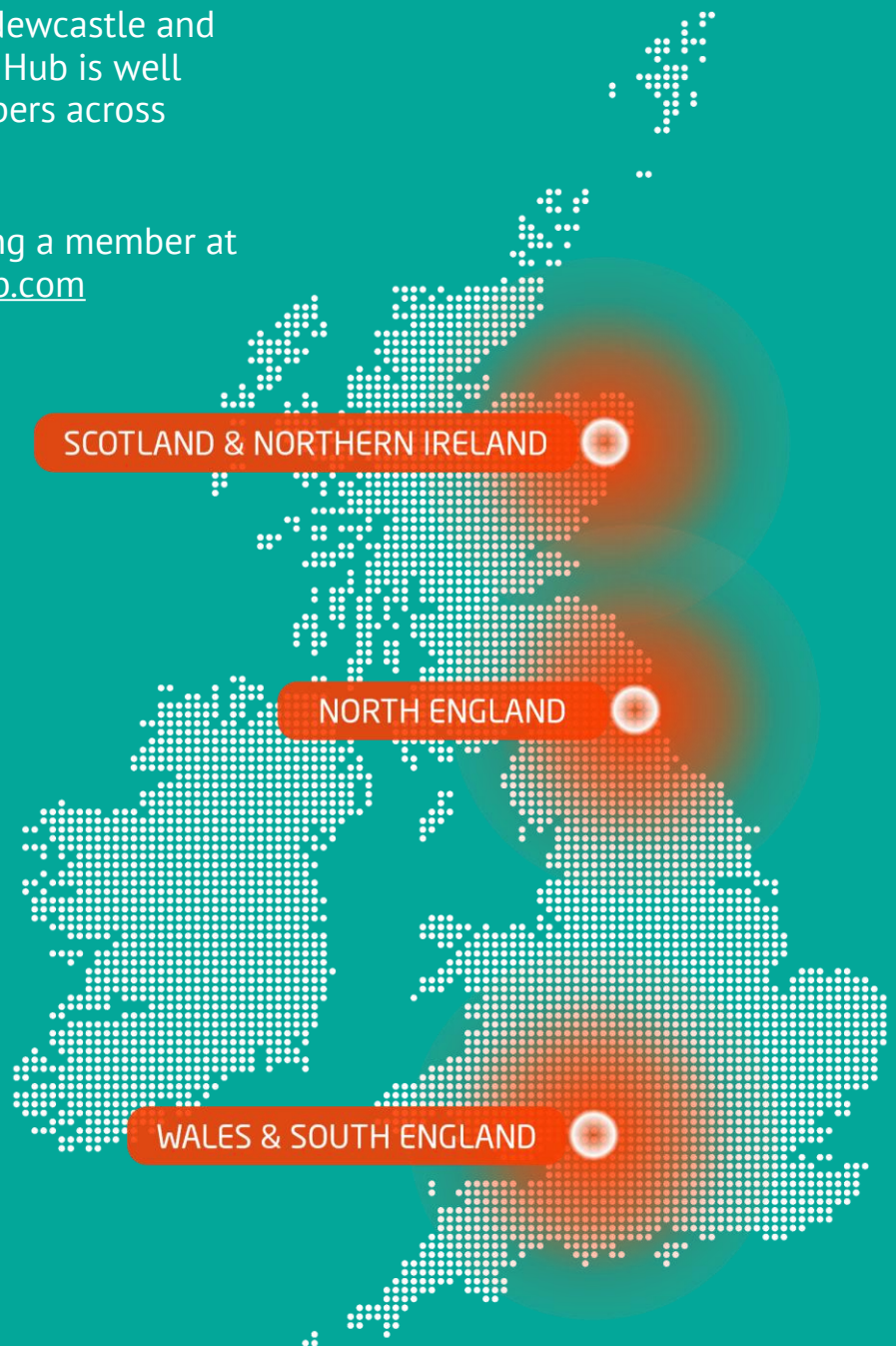
Building on the themes explored during the morning sessions, delegates will discuss how industry can collectively increase the reliability of subsea cables, enhance industry standards, minimise downtime, reduce risk and cost, and improve insurability.

The conference and workshop aims to increase subsea cable reliability and drive technological advancements that will help support the growth of offshore wind and marine renewable energy projects around the world. In addition, the outcomes will contribute to developing industry-wide standards that enhance the quality and reliability of subsea cables.

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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