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### **Bibby Marine wins innovation award at Mersey Maritime Industry Awards 2021**

Bibby Marine are delighted to have won the Innovation Award at the Mersey Maritime Industry Awards 2021 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Competitors included well established companies Brookes Bell and Peel Ports Group. Continued work and research on the WaveMaster Zero C project was the force behind the award win. The project aims to identify the best suited green fuel for the next generation of Service Operation Vessels and medium to large size ships. Innovation Engineer Rob Osborne is leading the project and was elated to collect the award on stage on Friday, with colleagues from the commercial team.

The awards were hosted by TV presenter Louise Minchin and the Innovation Award was sponsored by Royal HaskoningDHV. The event was held at Anfield stadium in the function rooms, where the awards were followed by a dinner and winners afterparty in Liverpool city centre.

The award comes shortly after Bibby Marine's successful bid applications in response to the Department for Transport's Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition (CMDc). Bibby will be involved in two projects; A feasibility study into decarbonisation of SOV newbuild and retrofit, and Project LiNa-Wave: Development of a working model solid-state battery system for maritime applications. Working with partners Expleo, Houlder, LiNa Energy and Lancaster University, the two projects will build on the work achieved in the Zero C study, and further develop the understanding of low and zero carbon systems for both new build and retrofit vessel technologies.

Rob Osborne, lead Innovation Engineer said

"I was absolutely delighted to have won the Innovation Award at the Mersey Maritime Innovation Awards 2021. It reflects the great work that Bibby Marine are doing to tackle one of the greatest threats to humankind, the initiative to be a prime mover into green fuels, and our openness to collaborate with others within our industry and beyond. Thank you so much to everyone who voted for and celebrated with us on the night, this is only the start of our green ambition."

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### **About Bibby Marine**

Bibby Marine own and operate six floating accommodation vessels; namely the Bibby Challenge, Renaissance, Stockholm, Progress, Bergen and Pioneer all designed to provide nearshore floating accommodation services across the globe to a range of clients from construction through to hospitality. Bibby Marine is also the operator of niche marine assets owning and operating two Walk to Work Service Operations Vessels (W2W SOV); namely the Bibby WaveMaster 1 and Bibby WaveMaster Horizon. Bibby is a long-established widely recognised British, family-owned company.

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