



Gobbler Boats

Gobbler Boats Ltd was founded by Paul Jauncey in response to an urgent worldwide need for a water based, versatile oil spill recovery solution. Utilising the teams many years' experience with nautical craft, they designed and developed a world beating system providing a highly efficient, cost effective answer to oil pollution.

Research into the oil recovery sector revealed many major shortfalls in the systems currently being used. Paul and the team realised there was an urgent need for a fresh approach to the problem, and an opportunity. This led to the patented Gobbler vessel and product range, developed in association with Lloyds Register. The system, called the Gobbler

28 OSRV, is a ground breaking and effective alternative to booms and chemical dispersives traditionally used to deal with spills.

During development, Paul met with Trevor Thorogood, a Broker with the



Environmental Innovation Network (EiNet). They worked together to identify where support was needed and then engaged the University of Portsmouth to deliver niche technical and business assistance.



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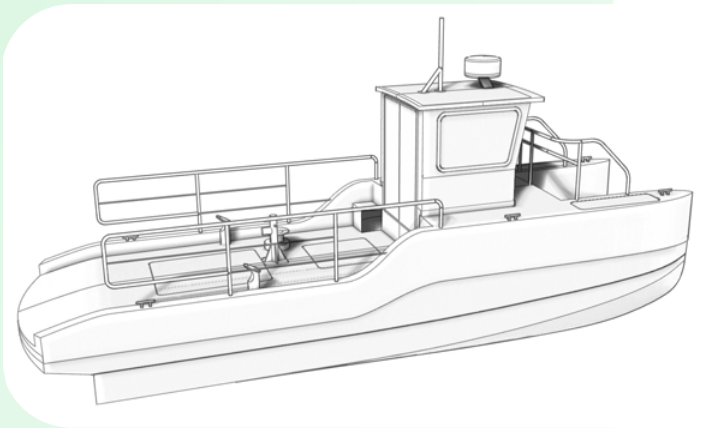
Centre in Southampton, linking Gobbler with the sectors interested in oil spill and clean-up work, leading to opportunities for further sales.

The result of working with the EiNet has enabled Gobbler has succeed in the final phases of development and launching its

The EiNet also commissioned experts at the University of Southampton to provide input on Gobbler's development of their own innovative oil skimmer product to complement their newest vessel.

Further support from the EiNet helped Gobbler in its winning application for a £100,000 grant from Future Solent, an organisation set up to help the green economy in the Solent region by providing green businesses with grants, loans and other useful business support.

Using its network, the EiNet put Paul in touch with the National Oceanography



newest oil clean up vessel. The partnership helped save two direct jobs and via its boat building supply chain, created work for two more people building the vessels.

The EiNet is an ERDF programme helping small and medium sized enterprises in the low carbon and environmental services sector (LCEGS) to gain access to University research and business support.



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