

ASV Global Surpasses 1,000 Days of Unmanned Surface Vehicle Operations



ASV Global has reached the landmark of 1,000 days of unmanned operations. The milestone was reached during the Unmanned Warrior 2016 event which saw more than 50 unmanned vehicles operating in a variety of themed activities. The 1,000 days of unmanned operations cover a wide variety of applications that have been carried out by ASV Global platforms over the past six years. These applications include hydrography, oceanography, subsea positioning, mine countermeasures, ISTAR and naval gunnery training.

The event enabled the Royal Navy to see first-hand how these types of systems and sensors could integrate into current and future operations. A number of ASV Global developed vehicles and systems participated in the event including converted vessels

such as BAE Systems' Pacific 950 and Pacific 24 RIBs and Dstl's Maritime Autonomy Surface Testbed (MAST) based on the innovative 'Bladerunner' hull shape. The event also showcased vehicles designed and built by ASV Global including the commercial vehicle C-Worker 5 and Thales' mine countermeasures demonstrator platform 'Halcyon'.

The figure only accounts for the amount of time that ASV Global has spent operating its own vehicles, and does not include the number of successful unmanned operations undertaken by its customers in countries such as South Korea, Japan and Singapore.