

ASV Expands into USA



Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASV, headquartered in the UK) plans to break into the North American Unmanned Marine Systems industry. The move follows its success in the European and Asian markets. ASV has appointed Duane Ashton as director of Unmanned Systems Business Development.

Duane Ashton recently transitioned from the U.S. Navy's Unmanned Maritime Systems Programme Office. With over 20 years of U.S. Government management experience involving the acquisition, design, operation and maintenance of complex engineering systems, Duane will bring skills in the development, technical support, and operational analysis of unmanned maritime vehicles.

Duane will work with ASV sister company C&C Technologies, Inc. Together, ASV and C&C are leveraging their respective successes in unmanned systems and global survey operations to forge the move into the US Unmanned Systems market.

ASV currently provides unmanned systems to International defence, oil and gas and science and research industries and has done so over the past three years. In 2014 alone, ASV completed a two phase Marine Target Drone programme with South Korea, built and operated the world's first unmanned oil and gas work boat and completed the commissioning of its long-endurance unmanned marine vehicle for oceanographic research.

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