

# Joining Forces to Provide Unmanned Maritime Services



Groton-based ThayerMahan, a provider of autonomous maritime security solutions, announced that it has teamed with iXblue, a global high-tech company specializing in navigation, acoustic positioning and underwater imaging, to provide unmanned maritime and survey services using iXblue's DriX Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) in North America as well as in other parts of the world.

Benefitting from ThayerMahan's far-reaching expertise in maritime domain awareness, and from iXblue's multi-purpose and cost-effective USV, both companies will be able to address a wide range of maritime and survey applications including offshore renewables, oil & gas, hydrographic surveys and ISR, as well as monitoring and tracking operations.

## Unmanned Autonomous Systems

Founded by retired Admiral Mike Connor in 2016 to promote the use of unmanned autonomous systems for the US Navy and other government deep-sea domain awareness programmes and missions, ThayerMahan is excited about this new collaboration with iXblue.

ThayerMahan's CEO, Mike Connor, stated, "We are thrilled to be working with iXblue in a number of areas. Their creativity and design discipline combined to produce a rugged, long-endurance USV that takes ThayerMahan systems to new places. Together, we can expand our service offerings to our customers in government, industry and academia."

Looking forward to this new collaboration, iXblue CEO Fabien Napolitano adds, "We are convinced at iXblue that partnerships are key to the advancement of our industries. Thanks to ThayerMahan's exceptional leadership and deep understanding and experience in the maritime, security and defence domains, combined with our expertise in advanced maritime and naval technologies and strong spirit of innovation, both our companies are now well-positioned to deliver innovative solutions in critical areas such as port and maritime security, as well as environment monitoring and offshore operations."

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