

Blackfish Engineering wins prestigious NOW Accelerator Challenge with Innovative Mooring Quick-Connector Concept

BRISTOL, UNITED KINGDOM, June 4, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bristol-based renewable energy engineering firm [Blackfish Engineering](#) has been announced as a winner in the inaugural [Norwegian Offshore Wind](#) (NOW) Accelerator.

The company's groundbreaking quick-connection mooring solution, C-Dart - developed through the Wave Energy Scotland pre-commercial procurement programme - was showcased on the main stage at the prestigious Floating Wind Days event. It impressed industry leaders with its innovative approach to mooring solutions in the floating offshore wind sector.



Blackfish Engineering C-Dart

The NOW Accelerator sought new global solutions for the floating offshore wind industry, focusing on flexibility, scalability, low maintenance, and longevity, a collaboration between

startups and industry partners facilitated via innovation scale-up [Wazoku](#). At the event in Haugesund, Norway on 29 and 30 May, Blackfish Engineering presented its C-Dart mooring quick-connector, a Rapid, Reliable, and Low Risk system designed for asset retrieval and station keeping.

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forward to further developing the C-Dart system and contributing to the advancement of sustainable solutions in the offshore wind sector.”

Narve Hansen, Manager of NOW Accelerator, expressed his enthusiasm for the innovative solutions presented, stating:

“It has been an incredible journey to witness the innovative power of collaboration between our industry partners and startups. The NOW Accelerator is about challenging the status quo and creating groundbreaking solutions that can shape the future of the floating wind sector. Blackfish Engineering's concept exemplifies the kind of forward-thinking and practical solutions we aim to foster.”

Robert Petrovics, Senior Floating Wind Specialist at Corio Generation, one of the challenge champions, commented on the successful completion of the challenge:

“We received a large number of solution proposals for our challenge, and following a comprehensive evaluation process, we concluded that Blackfish Engineering's solution meets our challenge requirements exceptionally well. The ingenuity and potential for deployment in floating wind, as well as other industries, make it stand out.”

The challenge was launched by Norvegen Vind, a consortium formed by Corio Generation and Å Energi, which aims to drive innovation and sustainable solutions in the offshore wind industry. This consortium's support underscores the collaborative effort to advance the floating offshore wind sector.

Blackfish Engineering was recognised alongside other innovative startups, including Stormlinker, Bedrock Ocean, and Ocean Grid, who also won in their respective categories.

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