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# Operation of autonomous and remote controlled vessels

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# The start

- Yara Birkeland
- Agreement in 2018
- Kongsberg Maritime – Yara
- 120 TEU
- 9 NM factory – port
- 6 -> 0 crew (3 now)





KONGSBERG



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Wilhelmsen

### TECHNOLOGY

- Leading in development of autonomy
- Frontrunner in digital development
- Trusted on cyber security

### Management and operation of autonomous and remote-controlled vessels

### OPERATION

- Experienced in vessel operation
- Major logistics operator at sea and on land
- One of the largest maritime network globally

# Management and operation of autonomous vessels

- Concept development
- Front-end engineering
- Cooperation with design companies
- Collaboration with authorities
- Newbuilding Supervision
- Technical Management
- Operation

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**2021**  
Yara Birkeland

- Nr of vessels: 1
- Status: Vessel sailing with cargo
- Type of vessel: Container feeder
- Propulsion system: Battery electric
- Autonomy level: Fully autonomous and sailing unattended from 2024
- Capacity: 104 TEU
- Length: 80 m
- Width: 15 m
- Service speed: 8 knots
- Battery capacity: 7 MWh
- Impact: Replacing 40 000 trucks/year



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**2022**  
ASKO Maritime

- Nr of vessels: 2
- Status: Vessel sailing with cargo
- Type of vessel: BORO
- Propulsion system: Battery electric
- Autonomy level: Fully autonomous and sailing unattended from 2024
- Capacity: 16 trucks
- Length: 57 m
- Width: 12 m
- Service speed: 8 knots
- Battery capacity: 1.8 MWh
- Impact: Replacing 1 million trucks/year



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**2023**  
Reach Remote

- Nr of vessels: 2
- Status: Vessels under construction
- Type of vessel: Offshore service to ROV and fully operation
- Propulsion system: Diesel electric
- Autonomy level: Fully autonomous and unattended from day one
- Length: 24 m
- Benefits: 30 days of operation before need to return to port
- Benefits: Saves a vessel crew of 40-50 crew members
- Benefits: Saves 50% fuel due to vessel size reduction




# Document of compliance (license to operate)

**Sjøfartsdirektoratet**  
Norwegian Maritime Authority

**NIS/NOR**

**Notification of assignment of responsibilities imposed by the ISM-Code**

To: The Norwegian Maritime Authority, Dep. of Ship Registration  
PO Box 73 Nygårdsstangen  
N-5838 BERGEN, NORWAY

Date: 05.04.2024

Please be advised that:  
**Massterly A/S**  
(Manager's name)  
has assumed the responsibility for the Safe Operation and Pollution Prevention aspects and has agreed to take over all duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Safety Management (ISM) Code (IMO Res. A.741(18)) of the following vessel owned by:  
**ASKO Maritime**  
(Owner's name)

Name of vessel Therese	Call sign LGMM	IMO number 9921788
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The manager is responsible for all duties imposed by the ISM Code, including the implementation and maintenance of the ISM Code, on board the above mentioned vessel

Where Management Company other than the above has been registered according to the NIS-Act § 1.2, 1.3, or Maritime Act § 1, 3.section, the owner of the vessel hereby confirms that this manager performs the main part of either the technical or commercial activity

Full details of OWNER  
Registered Owner's IMO Identification Number: 4291006  
Name: ASKO Maritime  
Address: Tollbugata 1, 3187 Horten

Full details of MANAGING COMPANY  
Company IMO Identification Number: 4290997  
Name: Massterly A/S  
Address: Strandveien 20 1366 Lysaker

The document has been recorded:  
Journal no. 3081 Date: 31.12.23 Time: 09:00  
Fee NOK \_\_\_\_\_ duty NOK \_\_\_\_\_  
The Norwegian Ship Register - NOR

*[Signatures and Stamps]*

**Sjøfartsdirektoratet**  
Norwegian Maritime Authority

**Our date:** 23.02.2026  
**Your reference:** Tom Eyste

**Our reference:** 2022/79301-57  
**File no:** 57/030382

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**REACH REMOTE 1 JXMQ - IMO 992191**  
**Letter of Approval for Remote Operation from a Remote Operation Center**

This Letter of Approval is issued by the Norwegian Maritime Authority for the above-mentioned vessel for remote commercial operation from the designated Remote Operation Center in Norway.

The acceptance is based on the completion of an IMO MSC.1/Circ.1455 process, conferred by SOLAS I/5, which has been found satisfactory by this Administration. The assessment confirms that the concept, operational arrangements, associated risk assessments and verification activities related to remote operation have been reviewed and accepted to provide a level of safety that is as least equivalent to that prescribed in applicable IMO instruments and regulations provided by The Norwegian Maritime Authority.

The NMA has also assessed the technical arrangements in accordance with the principles set out in NMA circ. RSV 12/2020, under which it has been verified that the unmanned vessel, when operated from the designated Remote Operation Center (ROC), located at Massterly in Horten Norway, maintains the required level of safety and fulfils the intent of the applicable regulatory requirements of a conventional manned vessel.

The letter of acceptance issued by the Norwegian Maritime Authority is also based on a statement from a third party, in this project DNV, confirming that the connectivity and technical systems of particular criticality are assessed and found compliant within the agreed scope of verification and validation.

The NMA sets, as a basis and prerequisite for this novel approval, that if any alterations to the assumptions established for the project occur, the company shall assess and implement any necessary amendments and modifications to ensure the continued safe operation of the vessel in light of new and emerging challenges.

All operational conditions, limitations, and requirements related to the remote operation of the vessel are specified in the vessel's trading certificate.

The ROC shall hold an approved ISM certificate, trading certificate and manning certificate posted in ROC. This letter shall be posted in the ROC.

Yours faithfully

Nils Haktor Bua  
seksjonssjef

Øyvind Vik  
Seniorsurveyor

This document has been electronically approved and signed.

**NIS/NOR**

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Norge

**Godkjenningsbevis for sikkerhetsstyring**

elsene i den Internasjonale konvensjon om sikkerhet for menneskeliv til sjøs 1974, med  
nber 2014 nr. 1191 om sikkerhetsstyringssystem for norske skip og flyttbare innretninger

på vegne av regjeringen i Norge  
av  
**Sjøfartsdirektoratet**

**MASSTERLY AS**

Strandveien 20 1366 LYSAKER Norge

ikasjonsnr.: 4290997

tsstyringssystemet til redieret er revidert og at det oppfyller kravene i punkt 1.2.3 i den  
tsstyring for drift av skip og hindring av forurensning (ISM koden) for den type skip<sup>1)</sup> som

Annet lasteskip

# Yara and Asko operations

What have we learned after 4 years?

# Remote Operations Centre



- Hardware too early?
  - Functionality
  - Operability
  - Authorities
- Initial belief in «one size fits all»
- Underestimated need for supporting software





- Unnecessary complexity
- Communication with (and within) authorities
- Early involvement of authorities
- Possible to engage surveyors?
- «surprisingly» little issues

# ASKO Marit and Therese



- Focus on simplification
- Unexpected errors
- Importance of a system integrator
- Understanding of the end product
- Communication with (and within) authorities
- 99% production (within weather window) in 2025

# Port Automation

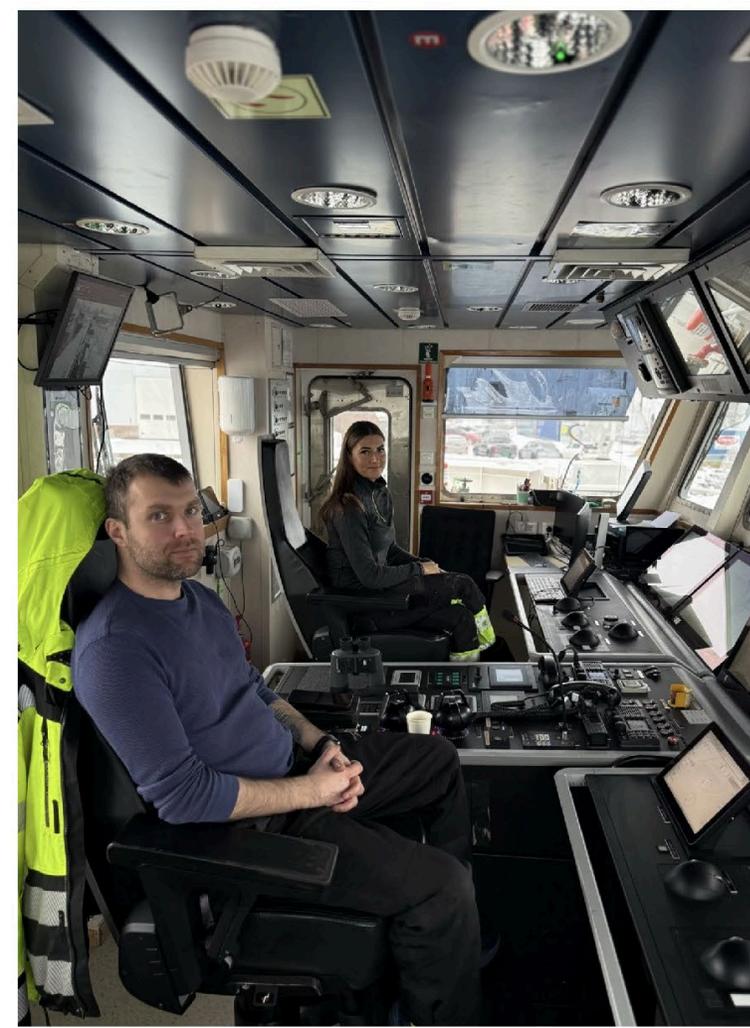
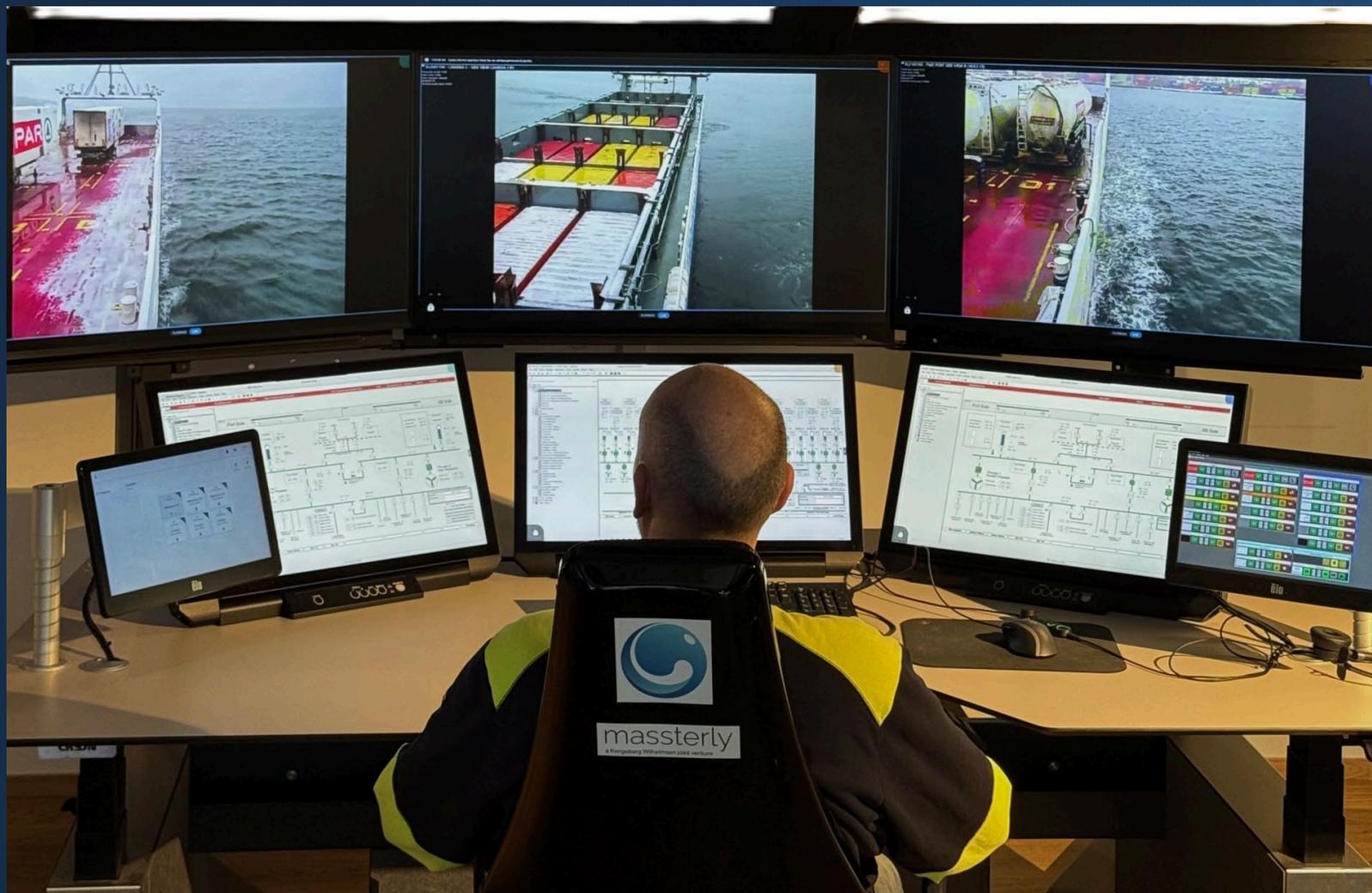


- Holistic view
- Common understanding of purpose
- As important as vessel for productivity

# And now?

Where are we heading in 2026-27

# Chief to Shore



# ROC UX testing



# Situational Awareness Autonomous Navigation



# The SEAMLESS Story



We will follow cat food from production to consumer (cat) in Horten, Norway. Our cat lives in a family house in Horten, where the father (or mother) is captain on the vessel Therese, and he executes his job in the Remote Operation Centre. A container with pet food leaves factory in the Netherlands, the vessel Letitia brings the container on river Rhine to Rotterdam, container further to Moss in Norway on a midsize container vessel, electric truck in Norway and the autonomous vessel Marit to Asko distribution centre, finally to a local grocery store where our Captain buys a package of cat food and serves the cat after coming home from work at the ROC.

We will demonstrate usage of MacGregor’s VCOP (live), MacGregor’s autonomous crane (simulated), “autonomous” vessel (live), ROC operation (live) and ModalNet (live).

Reach Remote 1 operation will be demonstrated (outside SEAMLESS scope), technology developed from Autoship and Seamless.



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# Summary

- Simplification before automisation
- Understanding consequences of design choices
- In-house system knowledge
- Make system integrator responsible
- Follow up on software production and commissioning
- Standardize!
- Involve authorities – from AIP to final survey



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