



Invitation to the first AutoDrone competition for autonomous maritime vessels

Dear colleagues and enthusiasts,

The maritime universities in Norway are pleased to invite you to the first AutoDrone2020 competition for autonomous surface vessels. We are thrilled to host the competition in the test arena for autonomous ships 4th-5th of June in Horten, Norway. The competition is open for teams from universities, colleges, high schools, businesses as well as private enthusiasts.

The AutoDrone competition

The initiative for this competition started through the Markom2020 program to strengthen the maritime higher education in Norway and as a response to the increasing interest for autonomous operation of surface ships. New technology for smarter ships and new ways of solving sea-based transport more efficiently and cleaner represents challenges and opportunities for the maritime sector. The AutoDrone competition will act as an incubator for developing, testing and benchmarking new innovations in the maritime domain.

The venue

AutoDrone2020 competition venue is in Horten inner harbor located on the western shore of the Oslo-fjord, about 100km south of Oslo. The town has a long tradition of both shipbuilding, development of maritime technology and engineering and maritime higher education. More information, the competition rules and registration is available on the www.autodrone.no website.

We recommend that you arrive June 3 to be ready for the first day of completion June 4.

We look forward to seeing you at the first AutoDrone competition.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the AutoDrone arrangement committee

