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ECO-FRIENDLY NOVEC 1230 USED ON GOBBLER OFFSHORE 290 OSRV

Gobbler Boats is committed to protecting the environment. Its new Gobbler Offshore 290 Oil Spill Recovery Vessel (OSRV) not only excels at remediation, but harnesses the latest in environmentally sound fire suppression technology. The boat comes standard with a Sea-Fire pre-engineered system and 3M's innovative Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid.

"Sea-Fire is a well-known and respected brand in the marine marketplace," said Simon Jauncey, Gobbler Boats' technical manager. "Its products are well-engineered, produced in ISO9001 approved facilities and are technologically on the leading edge."

"We chose Novec 1230 because it's in line with Gobbler Boats' ethos of protecting the environment," continued Jauncey. 3M's next-generation fire suppression fluid is a replacement for Halon. Electrically non-conductive and non-corrosive, expensive machinery and electronics aren't damaged during discharge. With a low toxicity value, it also offers the highest margin of safety for workers within occupied spaces. Environmentally clean, it has a global warming potential of 1—the same as CO₂—and will not deplete the ozone.

What makes the 8.8m Gobbler Offshore 290 unique is that it doesn't store recovered oil, instead it tows 13,000 L detachable bladders behind the vessel. This allows the boat to operate almost non-stop and collect up

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to 6,400 bbls of 98% water-free reusable oil per day. It will operate in less than 0.5m of water, making it ideal for shoreline work, but carries a Lloyds G3 certification for offshore coverage to 60 nm. With an 2.6m beam, it's easily trailerable, or stowed on a ship or platform. The boat was awarded the Seawork 2015 Spirit of Innovation trophy and was a category winner for Vessel Design & Construction. The company's website is www.gobblerboats.com.

Sea-Fire is dedicated to protecting people and property at sea. The company manufactures a wide range of state-of-the-art marine fire suppression systems for commercial and recreational vessels.

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Editor's note: To learn more about Sea-Fire engineered and pre-engineered fire suppression systems, including NOVEC 1230, visit the company at METSTRADE 2015, 17-19 November, stand 2.208 or the International WorkBoat Show, December 1-3, New Orleans, Louisiana, booth 1944.