

## **Optimarin announced as Norwegian Technology Awards finalist**

Optimarin is delighted to confirm that we've been nominated as a finalist for the first ever Maritime prize at this year's Norwegian Technology Awards.

The awards, taking place on 28 November in Oslo, are run by popular magazine Teknisk Ukeblad and are widely acknowledged as the country's most prestigious technology awards initiative. This is the first time the publication has focused on the maritime sector, with the prize conceived to celebrate the year's most important breakthrough that meets industry, technological and/or business challenges.

### **Leading the way**

"We're delighted that our simple, reliable and market proven technology has been recognized in this way," comments Optimarin CEO Tore Andersen. "Untreated ballast water is a major environmental threat and, with the ratification of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention, shipowners must address it.

"Recognition of this nature, combined with our increasing flow of orders, demonstrates that our system is leading the market and establishing a strong position as 'the natural choice' for shipowners worldwide. The fact that we're the only BWT supplier to make the final shortlist speaks for itself. Fingers crossed for the 28<sup>th</sup>!"

### **Delivering peace of mind**

The awards jury were impressed by Optimarin's UV-based technology and long-standing expertise within the BWT niche. However, the deciding factor in reaching the final was our success as the first ever supplier to satisfy the United States Coast Guard's (USCG) stringent regulations and achieve full system approval.

"USCG approval has provided a platform to take this business to the next level," Andersen confirms. "It means we provide complete global compliance for our customers, allowing them to sail and trade in any waters, anywhere. The peace of mind this, in conjunction with the system's proven nature, delivers cannot be overstated. It's accelerated our development and made 2017 and 2018 our best years ever."

### **Tough competition**

Alongside Optimarin, four other Norwegian based technology leaders are fighting it out for the award. They are: Rolls Royce Marine AS for the Autocrossing project; Corvus AS with the Corvus Energy Storage System; The Fjords and Brødrene Aa AS with their all-electric passenger ship Future of the Fjords; and finally Connect LNG AS for its breakthrough Universal Transfer System.

The prize will be awarded at Oslo's Militære Samfund. Wish us luck!

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