

News

Have you met our robust offshore Komara Sea Skimmer?



The Komara Sea Skimmer is our most robust high capacity skimmer, suited to offshore as well as coastal usage.

Built for durability and long life, the skimmer is made from marine grade aluminium, protected by designed rugged corner buoyancy fenders which allow the free movement of oil unhindered into the oleophilic disc banks. For an efficient recovery operation.

These skimmers are favourites with responders and they have proven to be extremely reliable when recovering oil in a spill. With an assembled on board superior capability discharge pump, contained hydraulic hoses and single point lifting makes it an easy piece of equipment to use. With markets being buoyant, interest in these high performance skimmers has increased.



The skimmers have a reputation for reliability and effectiveness. In a recent oil spill it came to the rescue and outperformed other manufacturers skimmers. Oil was removed from the water very effectively and our skimmer, although it hadn't been used regularly, started first time and worked perfectly. Oil spill equipment needs to work first time every time and this skimmer does not disappoint.

Quality and reliability is at the heart of everything we do. We offer a fantastic product range of proven technology, however we still strive for improvement and have a continual development program focused on product improvement including sustainability.

Investing in sustainability ... solar panels installed



We have been working hard to make positive differences with the impact on our environment. We have now taken a big step forward and installed a solar panel system to generate our own electricity. We will still be using electricity from the national grid as solar energy is still not as efficient with shorter daylight hours in the winter compared to sunnier months with longer daylight hours, but there will be times when we export electricity to the national grid too.

This is a big investment for the business, however solar systems offer a much better payback now than a few years ago in part due to higher energy prices, but also increased efficiency in the systems.

Now that the system is installed, we will continue to focus on how we will still continue to reduce our in-house electricity consumption. We have been upgrading lighting systems and plant and machinery however there is more we can do and have agreed to partner with another local manufacturer to share ideas and encourage best practice.

Paravane Mini



Paravane Mini is the latest addition to our Paravane range, an environmentally friendly solution using the power of water to deploy a boom, rather than a tow boat. Paravane Mini is designed to be hand carried to a location and can be quickly assembled for use, so perfect for areas which are difficult to access. Afterwards, it can be de-assembled, making it easy to transport and store. Live trials are key to a successful product and our technical team enjoyed a successful day in river trials.

Our Technical Director Neil Plater commented “Paravane has been designed with ease of use in mind and it performs really well. It is often the easiest, quickest and safest way to deploy boom across a river”

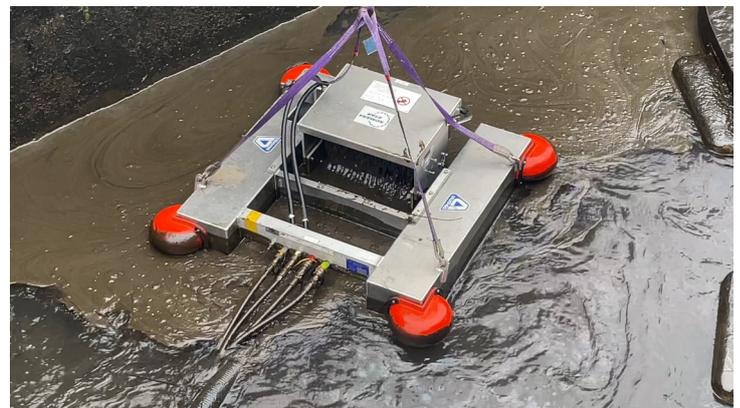
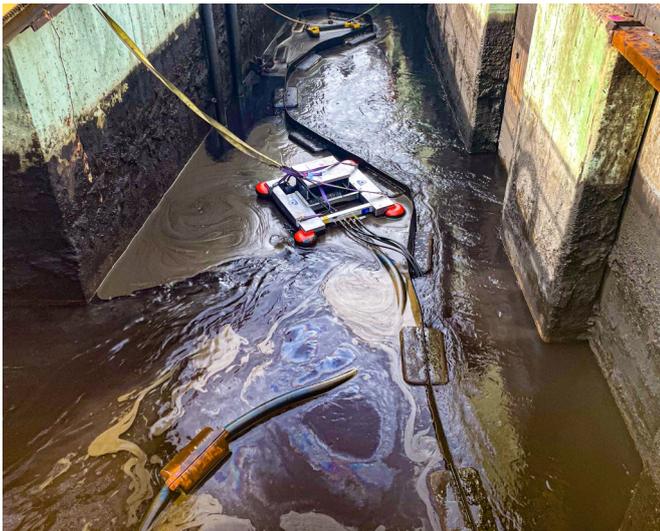
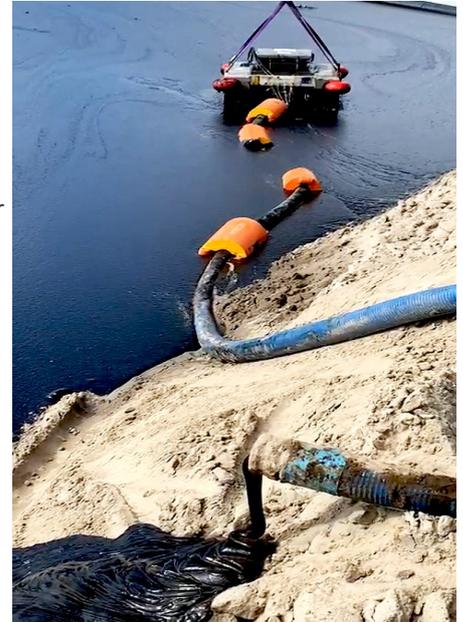


Star disc skimmers, ideal for pit cleaning

Our star disc skimmers have proven to be really successful for cleaning up pits. The unique action of the star disc is very effective with medium to ultra heavy oils. The unique edges claw into thick oil and pull it towards the skimmer, minimising water pick up. With 98% oil content in the recovery, the volume of water recovered is minimised which minimises storage requirements.

Oil thickens as temperatures drop. Our star disc skimmers are available with recovery modules that can be inter changed to a brush module. Brush modules will recover lighter oil than a star disc module. Changing from a star disc module in winter months when oil is thicker to a brush module in summer when oil is thinner, can be the perfect solution. This is not only a more cost effective approach than buying two different skimmers for different oil thicknesses, but also a more sustainable approach consuming less materials and less Co2 in the transportation

Star Disc Midi has been particularly well suited to cleaning up pits. It is robust and has a removable pump and recovery module for easy portability.



Looking after our environment Improvements get Platinum award!

We are delighted to have been awarded a platinum standard under the Green Impact scheme. The scheme is operated by students as a national project. The program not only encourages businesses to adopt best practice, but it also encourages students, our next generation to be thinking of sustainability as a way of life. The students also gain work experience from the scheme to help fulfil commitments such as the T Level qualifications.

At Vikoma we widened the level of involvement of our team. Sustainability has become an integral part of everyone's roles as we seek year on year improvement. It's been satisfying to see energy usage reduce as more energy efficient methods of production and lighting are adopted.

With government targets in place, we now look ahead to develop a plan for further improvement and reaching net zero. We have a long way to go, but we'll keep taking small steps until we get there.

Green Impact

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Paul Rayner is appointed Chair of Interspill and new launch at IOSC



Our Sales Director Paul Rayner, has been appointed Chair of Interspill. Interspill is the European Oil spill exhibition which takes place on a tri-annual basis. The board and committee are busy organising the next exhibition for 2025. The industry exhibitions are on a 3 year cycle. We attended Spillcon in Australia in September 23 and are currently making preparations for IOSC which will be held in New Orleans in May 24. We are excited about attending IOSC where we will be exhibiting one of our latest developments. As Chair, Paul will also be presented with the exhibition boomerang, a long standing tradition to handover from one exhibition to the next.

Welcome to Loic Le Floch our new purchasing manager



We are delighted to welcome Loic Le Floch to Vikoma as our purchasing manager. Loic is responsible for buying and logistics functions. Loic is a professional with many years experience gained from several industrial businesses. Loic said “ I’m really happy to be part of a successful longstanding company like Vikoma and looking forward to the challenges and opportunities this role brings. I’ve already met several of our suppliers and look forward to meeting many more over the coming months.”

The Vikoma social committee has been busy



After a couple of successful BBQs in the summer, our social committee organised a fun evening bowling with two teams competing against each other. While we won't win any awards for our efforts, everyone had fun at the Superbowl in Ryde. Vikoma encouraged green methods of travel for everyone and reimbursed sustainable travel on buses and trains, although there was no mileage rate for the walkers! We look forward to seeing what event is organised next.... ideas are welcomed.

Message from the Managing Director, Karen Lucas

The market has been buoyant keeping our factory busy, taking full advantage of the new equipment we've invested in over the past couple of years. The current oil spill in Tobago reminds everyone that the risk of oil spills is still real and having a detrimental impact on the environment. The supply chain worldwide has been challenging, however we've overcome this by adopting a dynamic approach to adapting our designs where necessary. This is a true advantage of having our teams working together in the same factory. Stock levels have also been increased enabling some quick deliveries of skimmers and booms.



We've welcomed a number of customers to our factory which always includes a factory tour and consistently get compliments on our safe and efficient ways of working in our well organised site. We always welcome visitors so please come and see us.