



### **PROJECT DETAILS**

Start	September 2024
End	Ongoing

Southern North Sea



Location

Delivery of the lead logistics scope for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm, part of one of the largest wind farm developments in the world.



Development of a customised, multi-location logistics strategy (including innovation in helicopter accessibility) to optimise the efficiency of operations.

# III RESULTS

The project has kicked off with success, resulting in cost savings of up to 60% per shared cargo voyage, significant CO2 savings, and streamlined operations for the client.



This case study provides a reflection of progress on the scope of work Peterson Energy Logistics is carrying out for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm project in the Southern North Sea on behalf of its client GE Vernova.

Peterson Energy Logistics and GE Vernova continue their partnership on an offshore wind project in the Southern North Sea. This case study outlines the progress driven by a collaborative approach and Peterson's integrated, turnkey logistics – covering marine, aviation, warehousing, road, and customs.

# IMPLEMENTATION & ADJUSTMENTS

At the outset of the project, Peterson developed a customised, multilocation logistics strategy tailored to optimise operations between the UK and mainland Europe. Notable highlights include:

- UK-NL supply chain: Using logistics hubs in Den Helder and Lowestoft, Peterson linked UK and Dutch operations for smoother coordination, reduced lead times and access to regional suppliers and talent.
- Multi-base flight routes:
   Flights geographically spread from Den Helder, Norwich and Humberside improved crew mobilisation, cut travel time and reduced delays during peak activity.
- Workforce continuity:

  A focused retention strategy
  to support project stability,
  kept key subcontractors in
  place, maintaining operational
  momentum with experienced
  personnel.
- Adaptable procurement:
   Peterson's agile procurement
   system enabled fast sourcing and
   delivery during tight operational
   windows, supporting uninterrupted

- offshore progress.
- Emergency preparedness: An initial short-term Emergency
   Response Rescue Vessel
   (ERRV) contract was expanded to a 13-month agreement, providing consistent emergency coverage and enhancing offshore safety.
- Helicopter capacity challenges:
  - Availability
    To tackle availability issues,
    Peterson secured backup
    agreements, ensuring reliable
    offshore crew rotations even in
    high-demand periods.
  - Wind restrictions
    In areas with site-specific wind limits (e.g., 20-knot thresholds), Peterson is working with aviation partners on detailed evaluations, including simulations and risk modelling, to develop safe, location-specific procedures.

## **MEASURED IMPACT**

As the partnership progresses, measurable outcomes underscore the effectiveness of Peterson's approach:

• **Cost savings:** Shared cargo via the SNS Pool cut logistics costs by

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- Efficiency: Simplified coordination reduced admin and freed up internal teams for core tasks.

# **Built-in safety**

Peterson puts safety at the heart of offshore logistics:

• ERRV coverage extended from 15 days to 13 months

- Backup helicopter capacity secured for peak periods
- Safety-first mindset embedded in all planning and operations

**Result:** Fewer disruptions, faster response, and a safer offshore environment.

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS & LEARNINGS**

Over the past year, Peterson has made critical adjustments to ensure continued success:

- **Proactive problem-solving:**Rapid response to ERRV,
  helicopter, and weather-related
  challenges.
- Seamless integration: One

provider for marine, aviation, warehousing, road, and workforce logistics.

- **Consistent talent:** Reliable field staff with deep offshore expertise.
- **Sustainability impact:**Reduced emissions and greater logistical efficiency.

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Peterson will continue evolving its offshore wind offering with a focus on resilience, innovation and sustainability. Key priorities include:

- Enhancing **helicopter access** in challenging weather.
- **Shared-logistics:** Expanding the SNS Pool model.
- Maximising integrated logistics: Further innovation in backup systems and scheduling.
- Leading cross-border port collaborations to strengthen international energy logistics.

As our partnership with GE Vernova grows, we stay focused on innovation, excellence, and sustainability to drive the offshore wind farm's success.



# LOGISTICS ACROSS BORDERS: UK & NL CORRIDOR

Peterson created a seamless cross-border coordination between Den Helder and Lowestoft has:

- Boosted scheduling flexibility
- Minimized delivery delays
- Tapped into skilled labor and supplier networks
- Increased resilience

**Result:** A responsive, costefficient logistics model proving the value of UK-Dutch integration in offshore wind.

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Our partnership with GE Vernova exemplifies how integrated logistics and proactive innovation drive real impact in offshore energy projects.

By addressing challenges like helicopter access and optimising shared cargo strategies, Peterson is not just delivering solutions—we're shaping the future of offshore logistics.

Steef Ritzema, Managing Director at Peterson Energy Logistics







