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Exail wins five DriX orders across U.S. offshore and institutional markets

Lincoln, Rhode Island – Nov. 18, 2026 – Exail, a global leader in maritime autonomy, robotics and navigation systems, today announced five new orders for its DriX Uncrewed Surface Vehicles (USVs) from U.S. customers across commercial offshore and institutional sectors.

The awards include two DriX O-16 and one DriX H-9 for a U.S. offshore operator, and two DriX H-9 vessels for separate institutional customers. They build on strong momentum for Exail's maritime autonomy business in the United States. Together, these five systems represent a major expansion of Exail's DriX fleet in the country and reflect growing demand for autonomous platforms that can deliver greater endurance, reduce people at sea and operate reliably in demanding environments.

Two platforms suited for different missions

- **DriX O-16 :** Long-range, high-endurance operations, deep-water survey, infrastructure monitoring, and continuous ocean data collection.
- **DriX H-9 :** Agile, modular, and rapidly deployable for hydrography, ocean science, and maritime surveillance.

"American customers want technology that's proven and ready to work," said Marine Slingue, President of Exail in the U.S. "With more than 1.5 million nautical miles logged, DriX is just that, and these five orders show the growing confidence in what it can deliver. DriX combines the endurance of a long-range vessel with the flexibility of an autonomous platform. It goes farther, stays longer, and carries the equipment the mission demands."

Supported in the US

Exail operates a dedicated DriX maintenance and training hub in New Hampshire, which has supported U.S. DriX customers since 2023, providing local expertise, trained crews and responsive service throughout the life of the vessel.

About DriX

- A family of autonomous surface vessels (H-8, H-9, O-16) for maritime surveying, environmental monitoring, maritime surveillance and support for underwater operations.
- Designed for demanding conditions, with survivability proven in Sea State 7
- Deployment from ship or shore depending on the model
- An open architecture supports the integration of a range of sensors and payloads.
- More than 1.5 million nautical miles and 300,000 operating hours logged in real-world operations.
- Autonomous navigation powered by Exail Inertial Navigation Systems
- More than 45 DriX vessels sold worldwide.

About Exail

Exail is a leading high-tech industrial company specializing in cutting-edge robotics, maritime, navigation, aerospace and photonics technologies. With a strong entrepreneurial culture, Exail delivers unrivaled performance, reliability and safety to its civil and defense clients operating in severe environments. From the deep sea to outer space, Exail expands their capabilities with a full range of robust in-house manufactured components, products, and systems.
Employing a workforce of 2000+ people worldwide, the company benefits from a global footprint and conducts its business in over 80 countries. Exail was formed by ECA Group and iXblue joining forces in 2022. It is a subsidiary of Exail Technologies, a family-owned company specialized in high-technology.
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