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Who were William Froude and Michael Faraday?

ESVAGT's two SOVs have been named after two of English industrial history's notable personalities. Both men also had a connection with the Siemens brothers.

William Froude (1810-1879)

was a British engineer, naval architect and friend to the Siemens brothers. Froude designed the ship, the "CS Faraday", together with William Siemens in the 1870's; a vessel that laid around 50,000 sea miles of cables for the Siemens brothers – including several trans-Atlantic cables – over the

following 50 years. William Froude's methods for optimising ship hulls for the lowest possible water resistance are still used today.

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Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

was a British physicist and chemist known for his discoveries in electro magnetism. Building on from discoveries on electro magnetism made by the Dane, H. C. Ørsted, he created an electric generator that generated power using a magnet. Faraday's research meant it seemed entirely natural that the specially constructed cable vessels that William Siemens designed together with William Froude came to bear his name.

The names of the two ESVAGT vessels were decided through an internal competition amongst Siemens employees. Benjamin Bartzen won with his 'Esvagt Faraday' and Rene Wigmans for his 'Esvagt Froude'.

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We support the offshore Oil & Gas industries with a wide range of specialized services: Standby, Emergency Response and Resque Vessels (ERRV), Oil spill response, Firefighting, Tanker assists, Rig moves, Supply services and Interfield transfer of cargo and personnel.

In 2010, ESVAGT brought the dedicated offshore wind Service Operation Vessels (SOV) to the market. The SOVs provide accommodation for up to 40 technicians, storage for small turbine parts and a workshop, plus personnel and equipment transfer capabilities by either Walk-to-Work gangway system or Safe Transfer Boats.

ESVAGT was founded in 1981 and has a fleet of more than 40 vessels and more than 900 employees on- and offshore.

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