



Tom Eystø (left) and Per Brinchmann

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## **Massterly: Management appointments at new Wilhelmsen and KONGSBERG autonomous ship joint venture company**

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Massterly, the world's first company specialising in autonomous shipping, has appointed Tom Eystø as Managing Director and Per Brinchmann from Wilhelmsen as chair of the Massterly board. Both are leading figures within the maritime industry, with extensive experience and industry knowledge that will drive Massterly forward with the necessary creativity and expertise.

Announced as a new joint venture company on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, Massterly will enable both Wilhelmsen and KONGSBERG to take the lead in autonomous shipping by offering a complete value chain for autonomous vessels, from design and development, to control systems, logistics services and vessel operations.

As Managing Director, Tom Eystø will lead the establishment and development of Massterly, leveraging the strengths and competencies of both Wilhelmsen and KONGSBERG. Tom has wide-ranging experience gained as lead of Kongsberg Maritime's autonomy programme, and holding senior positions within dynamic positioning and other relevant technologies.

*"I am delighted to join Massterly at this very exciting time for the maritime industry," said Tom. "Autonomy will revolutionise shipping and the industry will need technical and operational support from expert organisations such as Massterly if the full economic and environmental benefits are to be realised."*

Tom's 25 years in the maritime industry are complemented by Per's 40 years of knowledge in ship design, ship technology, ship management and operations.

*"The combined experience and skill-set of KONGSBERG and Wilhelmsen position Massterly clearly at the forefront of autonomous shipping," said Per. "By providing a complete value chain, Massterly will become a vital resource for forward thinking cargo companies and shippers looking to leverage the power of autonomous vessels to deliver even higher standards of service to their customers"*

Going forward, Tom and Per's primary task will be to set Massterly up for success by developing the organisation and hiring key personnel, including a business development manager, while establishing a sales and marketing function. Massterly will also include operational resources.

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### **About Massterly**

Massterly is a joint venture company specialising in autonomous shipping. Established by KONGSBERG and Wilhelmsen in April 2018, the company will provide a complete value chain for autonomous vessels, from design and development, to control systems, logistics services and vessel operations. Find out more at [massterly.com](https://massterly.com)