



In March 2016 the Natural Environment Research Council launched a campaign to find a name for the UK's next world-class polar research ship. One suggestion in particular captured the nation's imagination and #BoatyMcBoatface was soon trending on Twitter and being talked about all over the world! The ship was named another popular choice, RRS Sir David Attenborough, but the popularity of 'Boaty' could not be ignored, and so one of the National Oceanography Centre's Autosub Long Range autonomous vehicles now proudly carries the name.

Autosub Long Range is a new type of Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV). Although a third the weight of Autosub3 and Autosub6000, it can travel for more than ten times the distance, and be deployed for over a hundred times greater duration.



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