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# Fifty Years of Hovercraft Development



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*On 11 June 1959, a new marine vehicle was unveiled - in the form of the SRN 1. It became the first hovercraft to cross the English Channel on 25 July 1959. In the fifty years since, hovercraft have been used in a multiplicity of applications around the World, in military, para-military and civil roles. Examples of these applications will be given and some future areas of development described.*

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