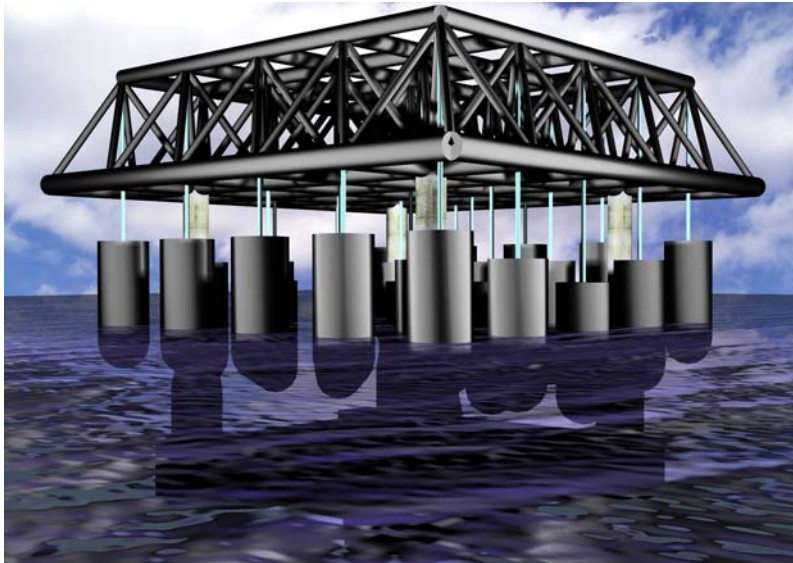




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## **MANCHESTER BOBBER GAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

A Manchester company and its wave power invention, the Manchester Bobber, beat off stiff competition from marine renewable developers from across the UK last night (10.12.07) to win a national award.

The Bobber Company Ltd and its wave power generator, Manchester Bobber, were announced joint winners of the Marine Energy Award at the 2007 Rushlight Awards. The Bobber won the award for its significant achievement towards commercial exploitation in developing technology that harnesses marine renewable power. The Bobber shared the top gong with the OE Buoy by Irish company Ocean Energy Ltd.

The Manchester Bobber, being supported by The University of Manchester Intellectual Property (UMIP) and industrial partners, including ABB and Royal Haskoning, is a floatation device that can generate power from waves coming from any direction. It can be located in 20m-60m of water, causing minimal visual impact on shore. The device can include 25-50 individual floats (each float rated at 500KW) that 'bob' in the water independently generating electricity. The floats can also be flooded quickly for protection in the event of extreme weather conditions.

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The patented technology can offer the market a reliable marine renewable system that can generate electricity at an economically attractive price. It has attracted high interest from the utilities and oil and gas industries. A one-tenth scale prototype has been built and tested and the team are now looking for a multi-million pound investment to complete final pre-commercial trials – a single full-scale unit off-shore.

UMIP business manager, Dr. Frank Allison, who was in London last night to collect the accolade said: “We are absolutely delighted to have won our category, it is a just reward for all the hard work the team has put in to get the Bobber to this stage of development. The concept for the Manchester Bobber was born in 2004. Hopefully the Bobber will play an important part in the world’s quest to reduce its carbon footprint through utilising wave power.”

Any company or individual interested in the Manchester Bobber should contact Frank Allison at UMIP on 0161 306 3061 or [info@manchesterbobber.com](mailto:info@manchesterbobber.com)

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