

*Designing cleaner ships is one of the company's key priorities. "The regulatory and economic constraints, as well as rising environmental awareness, are pushing shipowners to be more frugal," explained Olivier Sanquer. The first oil crisis in the seventies triggered the shift towards more economical propulsions. But the environmental factor only became a real consideration at the turn of the century. "We built our first electric-diesel hybrid propulsion ship in 2002: the "Diamant", a cruise ship on the Seine." We have been working on a growing number of projects ever since. Barillec Marine worked on the LNG dredger at the port of Bordeaux, L'Ostrea, for one of the luxury cruise company Ponant's ships. "We are currently working on converting around a hundred ships for the Paris port community," said the manager.*

