

Drone cargo survolant les océans



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Picture MUST credit: Flying Ship Company An uncrewed sea-skimming plane is set to change how goods are transported on the ocean. Known as a wing-in-ground effect vessel, Flying Ship, operates a metre or so above the surface of water utilising the aerodynamic principle of ground effect to achieve efficient travel. It first skims across the ocean before taking off a few feet in the air with tilting hover engines. Costs are said to be a quarter the cost of a traditional aircraft while the craft can reach speeds that are said to be ten times as fast as a boat. The Flying Ship will be able to transport delivery van-sized payloads to anywhere with a coastline. The autonomous craft, with more than 70 test flights already under its belt, the vehicle is designed to traverse thousands of nautical miles on a single journey. It is also eco-friendly thanks to an all-electric and hybrid power source. The US firm behind it, The Flying Ship Company, says it can transport thousands of pounds of payload from coast-to-coast or coast-to-island destinations. It is developing five different sized craft capable of hauling from 50 pounds / 22.6 kg to 6,000 pounds / 2,721 kg at ranges of 50 miles / 80 km to 2,300 miles / 3,700 km The Flying Ship is able to beach anywhere along the coast, unlocking enormous logistical potential.. Picture supplied by JLPPA via Bestimage
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