The role of naval UAVs or ‘navalised’ drones as force multiplier in maritime operations grows, concentrating on close-range and short-range systems with a range of up to 200 kilometres. A look into a crystal ball cannot present a precise picture of future UAV operations within the increasingly digitised maritime battlespace, but the value of unmanned assets operating beyond-line-of-sight, providing actionable data, will increase. Users’ growing wish lists for UAV capabilities additionally result in challenges to payloads and technologies.

The Black Eagle 50 helicopter drone presented by Israel’s Steadycopter at DSEi in London this autumn can operate from the latest air-capable ships like corvettes and offshore patrol vessels.

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