



**A Strategic Alliance for Maritime  
Innovation and a Sustainable Blue Economy**

Our work together is vital for the future of our Blue Planet. You can see it easily: World Ocean Day highlighted Revitalization and Collaboration; US National Maritime Day focused on Culture, Climate, and Commitment; The Seattle Propeller Club's annual breakfast focused on rebuilding a clean and equitable maritime industry. The vision and work of Maritime Blue that we established almost 5 years ago is leading the way!

Alongside our members and partners, our team has been deeply engaged in current and planned projects, initiatives, new coalitions, startup programming, and youth & employer engagement. All the while our organization is growing and putting the tools and infrastructure in place to lead all of these impactful projects and programs. Check-in with our team to learn more about how to engage with this work and to get an updated list of member and sponsor benefits.

But we have more to do. Now is the time to invest in the growing Blue Economy and we are here to support your goals, de-risk your investment, and connect you to global resources. It's time for #CollaborACTION!

Joshua Berger  
President and CEO  
Washington Maritime Blue

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## What's new at Maritime Blue

### Joint Innovation Projects

**Build Back Blue: Green Energy to Charge the Blue Economy**

Addressing Regional Needs	Programmatic Studies	Advanced Technology	Develop Workforce
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port of the Future: Private 5G Network, Green Hydrogen &amp; Zero-Emission Port Ferry</li> <li>Columbia River Tribal &amp; Clean Energy Hub</li> <li>Leelanau County Clean Tech Corridor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Tech-Clean Tech projects roadmap</li> <li>Clean fuels market analysis for maritime &amp; heavy-duty transportation</li> <li>Offshore wind cost benefit and supply chain analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand Blue Hub &amp; Spoke w/ Regional Assets</li> <li>Shared entrepreneurial training modules</li> <li>Business Plan Challenge Program</li> <li>Lab to Launch initiative for commercialization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand equity youth internship model for Blue Tech-Clean Tech sectors incl. equity training for employees</li> <li>Clean energy jobs curriculum development for trades and higher education</li> </ul>



### [Maritime Blue received funding as a finalist for EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#)

We've submitted a proposal for Phase 2 funding supporting several capital projects as well as workforce and entrepreneurship programs, and project pipeline development and studies.

The [Fast Foil Ferry JIP](#) feasibility phase is reaching conclusion and we are beginning to draft the final business plan that summarizes the Route Evaluation, Vessel Design, Shore Side Infrastructure, Economic and Environmental Impacts tasks.

We are engaging in collaborative efforts to support the [PNW Hydrogen Association's](#) efforts toward the multi billion dollar DOE Hydrogen Hub opportunity.



Check out our [COVID-19 resource pages](#) for Maritime employers developed in partnership with Discovery Heath MD and IHME. [Sign-up for the COVID-19 newsletter update](#) delivered to your inbox every other week.



Maritime Blue, the [5G Open Innovation Lab](#), and the newly formed [EDGE Cluster](#) hosted a Meet and Greet in Tacoma on June 21 to connect technology developers with operators on the Tideflats. The construction of a private 5G network is included in our Build Back Better Phase 2 application.



- The Innovation Accelerator graduated the [Third Wave cohort](#) in May 2022.
- The Innovation Incubator graduated two companies this spring: Aquagga and Sea Potential, and is [accepting applications for new companies](#).



Since its launch in June 2021, Quiet Sound has made significant headway toward its overall goal – to better understand and reduce the effects of acoustic and physical disturbances from large commercial vessels on the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales in Washington waters. Over the last year, we watched as the SRKWs welcomed a new baby in J pod and a new baby in K pod, and yet we also know that two other J pod pregnancies were lost. We welcome these new young whales as signs of hope while also recognizing that the whales continue to struggle with lack of food, toxins in the water, and vessel impacts. This motivates our work to build on our first year progress and make a real difference in the water

for these iconic whales and other cetaceans in Washington waters. [Find updates on our current work on the Quiet Sound website.](#)

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The workforce development team completed our first year of the Expanded Maritime Collab (EMC) utilizing our expanded cohort model to provide after-school and spring break programs in marine science, boat-building, maintenance and restoration, and sailing the waters of Shilshole Bay and South Lake Union. 53 students from underrepresented communities were served, all of whom were new to maritime. [Read more at the YMC's newly launched website.](#)

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## News and links

- [Welcome Aboard Cassidy Fisher! Maritime Blue Hires Project Manager for Joint Innovation Projects](#)
  - [Washington Maritime Blue reels in federal grant to advance innovation, entrepreneurship, investment in sustainable maritime economy](#)
  - [Maritime Blue signs on as First Mover as part of the Pacific Northwest Green Corridor announcement.](#)
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## Upcoming Events

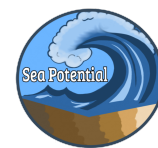
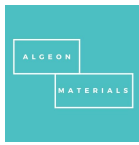
- We have a slate of member-only events scheduled for this summer. More info will be sent to members in the coming weeks.
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## New Members



Blue Dot Kitchen





As a [Washington Maritime Blue Member or Sponsor](#), you and your company will have access to member benefits including business development services, member-only events, and opportunities that will help you grow and innovate.

Interested in becoming a Maritime Blue member? Let us know by filling out [this form](#).

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[Washington Maritime Blue](#) is a non-profit, strategic alliance formed to accelerate innovation and sustainability in support of an inclusive blue economy. We are a partnership between industry, public sector, research & training institutions, and community organizations. Maritime Blue works to create a world-class, thriving, equitable and sustainable maritime and ocean industry through knowledge sharing, joint innovation, entrepreneurship, commercialization, business and workforce development.



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