



Washington Maritime Blue's Tacoma Maritime Innovation Incubator Welcomes its Second Wave Cohort

TACOMA, WASHINGTON (October 26, 2022) -- Washington Maritime Blue's Tacoma Maritime Tacoma Innovation Incubator, (TMII) a program dedicated to contributing innovation and economic growth within the South Sound, welcomes five companies and one community member into the Second Wave Cohort. A **meet and greet event** will be held at the **Center for Urban Waters** on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 4-6 pm (PDT)**. [Link for registration can be found here.](#)

The Second Wave of TMII will obtain mentorship, networking, and programming opportunities to help business operations scale. In addition, the Second Wave will also obtain access to the Maritime Blue ecosystem, which includes advisors and

mentors worldwide.

Startups that participated in the Inaugural Cohort have expanded and achieved a great level of success. Within the one-year duration and graduating from the program, Aquagga Inc, led by CEO Nigel Sharp, has tripled in the number of employees, received various funding opportunities, expanded operations at Petrich Marine in Tacoma, and has made Tacoma their permanent home.

“As a Tacoma/Pierce County Native, I am so excited to welcome the next Tacoma Maritime Innovation Incubator Cohort into our program. Just like the previous set of founders, I cannot wait to see the growth that they will achieve within the year.”

Program Manager, Karina Martija-Harris

The Tacoma Maritime Innovation Incubator Second Wave Cohort, 2022-2023:

Air Mobility (Tacoma,WA) - We are creating more sustainable, planet-friendly modes of transportation in the water, air, and land.

Bladeless technology powering propulsion and advanced mobility systems through partnerships with technology companies.

Homeostasis (Tacoma,WA) - a CO2 removal and utilization (CDRU) startup aiming to pull CO2 from the atmosphere and generate raw materials for industrial applications. Our pipeline couples mineralization with electrochemistry to capture and break CO2 down into elemental carbon and O2. Our products are graphite, carbon black, pure O2, pure CO2, and CO2 removal credits.

Innovat8social (Mountain View,CA) - creates and empowers new problem solvers and social entrepreneurs through content and programs. We do this through books and media content, and through a hackathon-style event series called Impactathons®. We are excited to share these models and learnings with the greater Tacoma Area.

Kara Technology (Greater Angers, France) - was created in 2016. We are 10 collaborators, including 2 PhD. students in AI and several engineers from Europe based in France. We are specialized in touch screens, softwares & boating assistance for shipyards and boaters. Our BOATING ASSISTANCE is a new service for support and connected maintenance dedicated to the boating industry. We can help our clients to detect, diagnose, alert, communicate with the customer and fix the issue thanks to our partners in the world.

WhyGrene (Seattle, WA) - accelerates the sustainable energy transition by helping utilities connect better with their customers 1 to go green. Our Virtual Power Plants enable utilities to buy & sell power with their customers' who have solar, wind, batteries, EVs & smart thermostats to balance the supply and demand

of energy. Users make money as Virtual Power Plants that provide valuable grid services that help utilities provide reliable & affordable clean energy.

Second Wave Community Member:

Terrestrious (University Place, WA)- CrowdSourcing ideas and resources to fight and end environmental problems like climate change through social media.

We would like to invite those who support TMII to come to join us and meet the Second Wave on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at the Center for Urban Waters from 4-6 pm. Light refreshments and appetizers will be provided. After the one-year program, the companies will participate in a live pitch event, which will be held in Tacoma.

For more information about the Tacoma Maritime Innovation Incubator please visit the website here: <https://maritimeblue.org/tacoma/>

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About Washington Maritime Blue:

Washington Maritime Blue is a non-profit, strategic alliance formed to accelerate innovation and sustainability in support of an inclusive blue economy. With a mission to implement Washington State's Strategy for the Blue Economy delivered by Governor Jay Inslee's Maritime Innovation Advisory Council, 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. Learn more at <https://maritimeblue.org/>



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