



A Strategic Alliance for Maritime Innovation
and a Sustainable Blue Economy

Maritime Blue to Host Seattle's Inaugural One Ocean Week: Global Celebration of Ocean Innovation, Sustainability, and Collaboration

Washington-based Maritime Blue assembles leaders, innovators, and communities to accelerate ocean solutions and spark ideas, education, and action

SEATTLE — (September 11, 2025) — [Maritime Blue](#) will host the inaugural [One Ocean Week Seattle](#) along the city's waterfront from October 20-26, 2025, bringing the international event to the United States for the first time. The weeklong program will convene international delegations, industry leaders, innovators, policymakers, and community members for panels, showcases, cultural events, and site visits focused on maritime innovation, sustainability, and collaboration.

[One Ocean Week](#), officially endorsed by the [UN Ocean Decade](#), is traditionally held each April in Bergen, Norway. The Seattle event will expand this global platform, showcasing the city's role as a hub for maritime innovation.

"Seattle is a city shaped by the water—it drives our history, economy, and culture," said Mayor Bruce Harrell of Seattle. "As a hub for maritime innovation, hosting One Ocean Week lets us share that story with the world while leading on solutions to protect our oceans, grow good jobs, and build a sustainable future for all."

"Seattle and the Pacific Northwest have quickly grown into a global hub for maritime innovation and a sustainable Blue Economy," said Joshua Berger, founder and president/CEO of Maritime Blue. "One Ocean Week Seattle is about bringing together people and ideas that can accelerate solutions for ocean action and build an economy that works for all. We're proud to host this global celebration and extend the momentum of the UN Ocean Decade here in the United States."

Over the course of the week, participants will explore solutions to urgent challenges such as maritime decarbonization, sustainable seafood, renewable ocean energy, healthy ecosystems, and digital ocean technologies.

Key event highlights include:

- **One Ocean Week Seattle Summit:** The centerpiece event will feature panels and roundtables with decision-makers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and communities driving ocean sustainability and the future of the Blue Economy.
- **Welcoming the Statsraad Lehmkuhl:** The historic Norwegian tall ship will sail into Seattle on its global [One Ocean Expedition](#) voyage, spotlighting the ocean's central role in a sustainable future.
- **Innovation Showcase:** Startups, researchers, and investors will assemble to demonstrate breakthrough ocean technologies, including electrified vessels and kelp-based products.

- **Cultural and Educational Programs:** Youth engagement, mentorship opportunities, and community-driven initiatives will connect the next generation to ocean innovation and stewardship.

Get Involved: Members of the public, industry, and media are encouraged to attend One Ocean Week Seattle events and amplify its mission. To view the full program, register, or learn how to participate, visit maritimeblue.org/one-ocean-week-2025/schedule/.

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About Maritime Blue

Maritime Blue is a strategic alliance propelling the Pacific Northwest toward global leadership in ocean-based innovation. We foster collaboration among industry, government, academia, communities, and investors to create sustainable maritime and ocean industries. We empower our region to thrive in the Blue Economy by accelerating innovation and entrepreneurship, centering equity, addressing climate change, restoring marine ecosystems, and building a diverse workforce. Strategic focus areas include maritime decarbonization, renewable ocean energy, sustainable fisheries and seafood, healthy ocean ecosystems, and digital solutions.

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