



SEE CHANGE

A Campaign for Transformative Maritime Learning

NORTHWEST MARITIME CENTER



Access for all

Along the shores of the Salish Sea, we see a challenge. Powerful youth development experiences and exceptional education environments are limited for students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Formative maritime learning opportunities offer a hands-on, supportive space for youth to explore and reach their full potential. We believe the sea is the most powerful teacher we know. It must be accessible to all.

Because learning requires courage

When students make mistakes and learn from them, we call that courage. As an organization, we hold ourselves to the same standards we ask of our students. Be bold. Lead. Choose big goals. When you make a mistake, learn from it. And when you succeed, push yourself to go bigger. It's why that old adage still rings true—a ship in harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for.

Today, as students begin to emerge from the pandemic's grip, authentic learning through powerful maritime experiences is more important than ever. It's our responsibility to increase access to these experiences, so that more students are given the opportunity to grow into courageous, empathetic, resilient leaders.

And experience forges expertise

We have always been driven by bold visions, innovation, and the desire to create the largest possible impact in the communities we serve. Thirty years of youth maritime education expertise helped us grow our portfolio of youth development programs to nearly 45,000 hours of student learning annually, which includes Salish Sea Expeditions and the Maritime Discovery Program, among many others.

Be bold, together

This year, we've set a bold course for regional expansion led by the launch of the Maritime High School with Highline Public Schools in Seattle. With your support, we're on a path to expand youth development access 10x—to more than 450,000 student hours of maritime programming annually—and greatly increase access for BIPOC students.

COURAGE EMPATHY RESILIENCE





I used to look out at the Sound and just see water. Then I went out on a Salish trip and discovered the details below the water. When I got back to school, I wondered what details I was missing in all my other subjects.

– Salish Sea Expeditions Student



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NEW! MARITIME HIGH SCHOOL

Courageous learning happens here.

Maritime High School connects students from the region with hands-on, project-based learning to create access to local maritime careers and open doors for post-secondary education opportunities.

Anchored in the Duwamish Valley, the school delivers powerful youth development experiences and exceptional education environments to students who are furthest from educational justice, resources, and opportunities in the Highline Public Schools and surrounding districts. The inaugural class is enrolling now.

There's never been a school quite like this, though we've needed it for a long time. Research shows that students who explore and solve real-world problems are more engaged, more capable of applying their knowledge, and take more ownership of their own educational voyage.

Teams with diverse backgrounds, skill sets, and abilities solve the most challenging problems of today.

Project-based learning prepares students to be the collaborative problem-solvers of tomorrow—working together to investigate and respond to a series of authentic and complex questions. Imagine students determining the best locations for an oyster farm, or measuring the impact of stormwater runoff on their local

community, or even creating a brief for the design and construction of energy-efficient ferries.

Students generate solutions that not only require interdisciplinary strategies that leverage traditional school subjects like history, english, math, science, business, and civics, but are also grounded in an understanding of stakeholder opinions, government regulations, economic considerations, and the pressure of time.

With each experience, confidence is gained—and from that, courage to solve new, bigger questions and challenges.

Upon graduation, students are ready to lead, having experienced four years of formative learning while solving real-world problems in class and during internships. These conditions forge the courage, empathy, resilience, and needed skills to launch a maritime career or to continue higher education, and become tomorrow's leaders.

This is our moment to create positive regional change through powerful maritime experiences.

To go bigger. To go 10x.

Maritime High School is a partnership between Highline Public Schools, Northwest Maritime Center, Port of Seattle, and Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

Our aim is to not just meet students where they are but where they dream of being.

– Tremain Holloway, Inaugural Principal





INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN

WHEN STUDENTS CONNECT TO THE SEA

Maritime Discovery Program • Salish Sea Expeditions • Girls' Boat Project
Real World Readiness • Port Townsend Maritime Academy • Bravo Team



“
This class gives me a
reason to go to school.”

– Bravo Team Student
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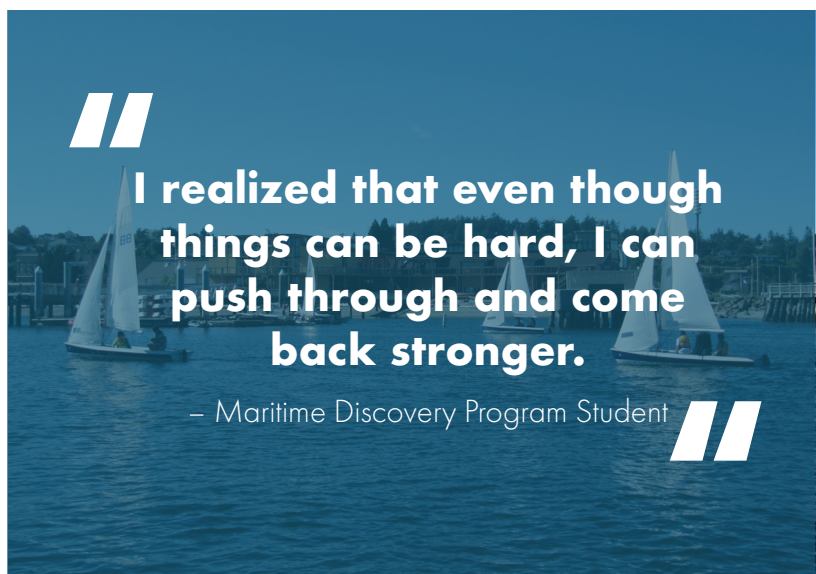
“
I learned how to be a part
of a team and how to
listen to people.”

– Girls' Boat Project Student
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“
I realized that even though
things can be hard, I can
push through and come
back stronger.”

– Maritime Discovery Program Student
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The Northwest Maritime Center's mission is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery.

BECAUSE THE SEA IS THE MOST POWERFUL TEACHER WE KNOW.

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