



February 26-29, 2024

**The Future of the Blue Economy**

**Optional Ecosystem Tours**

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00AM-4:00PM

**Blue Innovation Symposium Kick-off**

Monday, February 26, 2024

4:00PM-6:30PM

Innovate Newport

513 Broadway

Newport, RI

4:00-4:30PM Welcome and Blue Economy Remarks

4:30-6:30PM A special networking reception  
Sponsored by the Consulate General of Canada in Boston

## **Blue Venture Investment Summit**

Tuesday, February 26

8:00AM-12:00PM

Newport Wyndham Hotel

240 Aquidneck Avenue

Middletown, RI

8:00AM-8:30AM	Registration
8:30AM-8:40AM	Welcome and Introductions
8:40AM-9:30AM	Blue Technology Investing Today
9:30AM-10:00AM	Closing an investment round in today's investing environment
10:00AM-10:15AM	Networking Break
10:15AM-11:00AM	The Future of Blue Tech, a focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI)
11:00AM-11:45PM	Fireside Chat: Space Investing, Similarities and Overlap with Blue Tech?
11:45AM-12:00PM	Closing Remarks
12:00PM-1:00PM	Economic Update Luncheon: A discussion about Rhode Island's designation as an Ocean Tech Hub and what that could mean for the Future of Rhode Island's Blue Economy

In collaboration with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

## **Blue Innovation Symposium**

Tuesday, February 27

1:00PM-6:30 pm

Newport Wyndham Hotel

240 Aquidneck Avenue

Middletown, RI

1:00PM-2:45PM Maritime Communications in GPS Contested Environments, A Navy Industry Technical Exchange

1:00PM-1:15PM Underwater Communications, Opportunities and Challenges

1:15PM-2:00PM Challenges and requirements for communication in maritime environments under extreme or challenged circumstances with Navy Technical Points of Contact.

2:00PM-3:00PM Flashtalks from industry participants who will describe their solutions, technology, and funding, including SBIR/STTR's, received to-date.

3:00PM-3:30PM Networking Break

3:30PM-4:30PM One-on-one meetings between Navy TPOCs and selected industry participants.

3:15PM-4:00PM Blue Economy Panel (TBD)

4:00PM-4:30PM Annual Awards Ceremony

- MOTN's Annual Steve Withrow Award

2024 Awardee: TBD

Sponsored by Marine & Oceanographic Technology Network (MOTN)

- Rising Tide Awards

**2024 Awardees: Nominations Currently being accepted.**

Sponsored by Boston Engineering Corp. & Ocean News and Technology

4:30PM-6:30PM Opening Reception

- Welcome: Honorable Xaykham Khamsyvoravong, Mayor, Newport, RI

## **Blue Innovation Symposium**

Wednesday, February 28

8:00AM-6:30 pm

Newport Wyndham Hotel

240 Aquidneck Avenue

Middletown, RI

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| 8:00AM-8:30AM   | Registration and Continental Breakfast  |
| 8:30AM-8:40AM   | Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Tobias Stapleton, Director, Blue Venture Forum</li><li>● Jeff Smith, VP and General Manager, Autonomous &amp; Undersea Systems, SAAB, Inc.</li></ul> |
| 8:40AM-9:00AM   | Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (invited)</li><li>● Rhode Island Governor Daniel McKee (confirmed)</li></ul>   |
| 9:00AM-10:00AM  | Opening Keynote & Facilitated Q&A   |
| 10:00AM-10:30AM | Networking Break  |
| 10:30AM-11:15AM | Blue Technology Success Stories   |
| 11:15AM-12:00PM | Growing the blue economy by enabling access to data   |
| 12:00PM-1:15PM  | Lunch   |
| 1:15PM-2:15PM   | Artificial Intelligence and the Blue Economy  |
| 2:15PM-3:00PM   | Flash Talks: Global Innovators and Entrepreneurs  |
| 3:00PM-3:30PM   | Networking Break  |
| 3:30PM-4:15PM   | “I know a guy”, connecting to the right resources to build your blue economy company.   |
| 4:15PM-5:00PM   | Creating Opportunities in the Blue Economy  |
| 5:00PM-6:30PM   | Closing Reception   |

**Optional Ecosystem Tours**

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00AM-1:00PM

Optional Tours – TBD



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