### Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

#### A. For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2018 and ending Jun 30, 2019

#### B. Check if applicable

- [ ] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [X] Initial return/terminated
- [ ] Amended return

#### C. Name of organization

**Washington Maritime Blue**

#### D. Employer identification number

83-1638344

#### E. Telephone number

206-747-0563

#### F. Group Exemption Number

[ ] 501(c)(3)

#### G. Accounting Method:

- [ ] Cash
- [X] Accrual
- [ ] Other (specify)

Website: [https://maritimeblue.org](https://maritimeblue.org)

#### J. Tax-exempt status (check only one) —

- [ ] 501(c)(3)
- [ ] 501(c)(4)
- [ ] 501(c)(6)
- [ ] 501(c)(1) or 501(c)(2)
- [ ] 501(c)(33)

#### K. Form of organization:

- [X] Corporation
- [ ] Trust
- [ ] Association
- [ ] Other

#### L. Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are $200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

**$ 82,545.**

### Part I: Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

(see the instructions for Part I)

#### 1. Revenue

- Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received

57,600.00

- Program service revenue including government fees and contracts

5,945.00

- Membership dues and assessments

19,000.00

- Investment income

4

- 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory

5a

- b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses

5b

- c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)

5c

- 6 Gaming and fundraising events:

- a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than $15,000)

6a

- b Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds $15,000)

6b

- c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events

6c

- d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)

6d

- 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances

7a

- b Less: cost of goods sold

7b

- e Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)

7c

- 8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)

8

- 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 6b, 7b, and 8

82,545.

#### Expenses

- 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)

10

- 11 Benefits paid to or for members

11

- 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits

12

- 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors

13

- 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance

14

- 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping

15

- 16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)

16

- 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16

30,920.

#### Net Assets

- 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)

18

- 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A))

19

- 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach Schedule O)

20

- 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20

51,625.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990-EZ (2018)
**Part II | Balance Sheets**  
(see the instructions for Part II)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

<table>
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<th>(A) Beginning of year</th>
<th>(B) End of year</th>
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<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Cash, savings, and investments</td>
<td>0.</td>
<td>27,375.</td>
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<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Land and buildings</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Other assets (describe in Schedule O)</td>
<td>See Schedule O</td>
<td>24,250.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>Total assets</td>
<td>0.24</td>
<td>51,625.</td>
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<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)</td>
<td>0.26</td>
<td>51,625.</td>
</tr>
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**Part III | Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**  
(see the instructions for Part III)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 A communications and marketing campaign to grow the blue economy and showcase our members  
(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  
28a  
29 A series of public knowledge sharing events on key topics of the Blue Economy.  
(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  
29a  
30 Facilitate and manage key demonstration projects through business development and commercialization through joint innovation.  
(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  
30a  
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)  
(Grants $ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here  
31a  
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)  
|   |   |   |   |

**Part IV | List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**  
(list each one even if not compensated - see the instructions for Part IV)  
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

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<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
<td>0.</td>
<td>0.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Andy Stewart</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ann Avary</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Barbara B. G. Nabors-Glass</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Cosmo King</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Dennis McLerran</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
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<td>Vesa Koivumaa</td>
<td>Board Member</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Joshua Berger</td>
<td>President</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?

b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions

b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:

section 4911 ▶ N/A ; section 4912 ▶ N/A ; section 4955 ▶ N/A

b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I

c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958

d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ None

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Joshua M. Berger Telephone no. ▶ 206-747-0563

Located at ▶ 3303 Monte Villa Parkway Suite 340, Bothell, WA ZIP + 4 ▶ 98021

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

44a Did the organization maintain any donor-advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?

d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? Yes No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only
All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI.

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f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000

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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer
Joshua Berger, President/Chair

Paid Preparer Use Only

Chad Partridge
Hingston Miller Hingston PLLC
20700 44th Ave W #210
Lynnwood, WA 98036

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? Yes No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? Yes No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No

49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

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Signature of preparer
Chad Partridge (Apr 1, 2021 09:43 PDT)

PTIN 02044655

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions.

Yes No
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses:

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<th>Description of Other Expenses</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Bank Fees</td>
<td>97.</td>
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<td>Reg payment Fees</td>
<td>447.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meals</td>
<td>94.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supplies</td>
<td>1,594.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel &amp; Meetings</td>
<td>3,636.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event Planning &amp; Set-up</td>
<td>20,092.</td>
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</table>

Total to Form 990-EZ, line 16: 25,960.

Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets:

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<th>Beg. of Year</th>
<th>End of Year</th>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>0.</td>
<td>24,250.</td>
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Form 990-EZ, Part III, Primary Exempt Purpose - Washington Maritime Blue supports acceleration of technology innovation for a sustainable and competitive Washington maritime industry. The Corporation will be primarily engaged in promoting collaboration with the Washington maritime sector and the general public, in order to develop and support maritime business, technology and practices that promote a sustainable future contributing to ecological health, thriving communities and economic growth - the Blue Economy. This will be accomplished through a cluster organization that works in partnership with business, government, academic institutions, Ports, labor organizations, economic and workforce development, and community-based organizations.
Form 990-EZ, Part V, Information Regarding Personal Benefit Contracts:

The organization did not, during the year, receive any funds, directly, or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract.

The organization, did not, during the year, pay any premiums, directly, or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract.