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EVIA AERO teams up with Tidal Flight to bring an amphibious, hybrid-electric aircraft to Europe's coasts, islands and lakes

The Bremen-based operator plans to introduce up to 20 Tidal Polaris Amphibians, opening low- and zero-emission links between waterfront cities and islands that today have no easy air connection.



The Tidal Polaris Amphibian in EVIA AERO livery. Rendering: Tidal Flight.

Bremen, Germany / Hampton Roads, Virginia — 14 October 2026 — EVIA AERO, the European company building an end-to-end ecosystem for clean regional flight, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with US aircraft developer Tidal Flight for the Tidal Polaris Amphibian, a hybrid-electric amphibious aircraft designed to take off and land on water as well as conventional runways. EVIA AERO intends to introduce up to 20 Polaris aircraft to Europe as an early launch customer under an MOU that includes ten firm positions plus ten options. EVIA AERO's ambition is to be among the very first operators to fly the type once it enters service, subject to EASA validation and a definitive purchase agreement.

The agreement extends EVIA AERO's deliberately multi-technology approach: rather than betting on a single propulsion path, the company is assembling a fleet that matches the right clean aircraft to the right mission. By operating from the water, Polaris brings a completely new capability to EVIA AERO's network. Because city centres and vacation destinations are often built around waterways, Polaris can turn harbours, lagoons, and lakes into regional network nodes located at the heart of communities.

An aircraft built for the water's edge

The Polaris is a hybrid-electric amphibian: batteries and electric propulsion are paired with onboard generators, so shorter legs can be flown fully electric while the hybrid system extends range on longer sectors. Tidal Flight's design is single-pilot capable and is being configured to carry up to 13 passengers. For EVIA AERO, Polaris

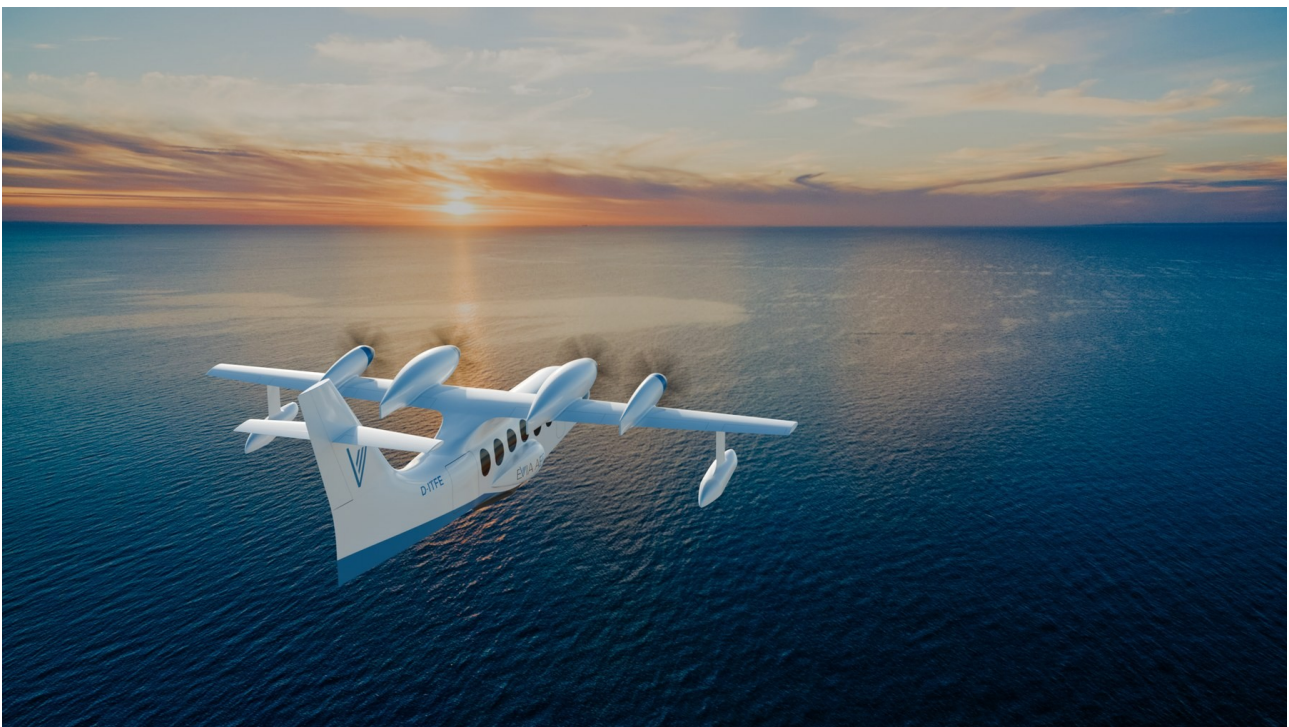
delivers value as a quiet, water-capable aircraft providing access to destinations that fixed runways do not serve well, while keeping the low operating costs and reduced emissions that sit at the heart of the company's model.

Routes under study

EVIA AERO and Tidal Flight have begun a joint operational study of European city- and island-pairs that take advantage of Polaris' energy flexibility by pairing short fully-electric hops with longer hybrid-electric legs. Early candidates being modelled include:

- **Valletta - Gozo (Malta)** — a short inter-island connection, flown fully electric
- **Helsinki - Stockholm** — a ~215 nm crossing of the Baltic
- **Amsterdam - London** — a ~200 nm link between two waterfront capitals
- **Lake Zurich - Monaco** — a lake-to-Riviera flight with direct access to Monaco waterfront

These pairings illustrate the kind of network the amphibian makes possible; final routes will depend on certification, ground and water infrastructure, and demand.



Short legs fully electric, longer sectors on hybrid-electric power. Rendering: Tidal Flight.

“Water has always been Europe’s natural highway, and yet many of our most attractive coastal and island destinations are still hard to reach by air,” said Florian Kruse, founder and CEO of EVIA AERO. “An amphibious, hybrid-electric aircraft lets us open those connections without building new runways while flying the shortest legs on electricity alone. Polaris fits our vision of a network powered, wherever possible, by locally produced green energy.”

“EVIA AERO understands that the value of an aircraft is maximized by a strong ecosystem around it,” said Jude Augustine, co-founder and CEO of Tidal Flight. “Their work on airports, seaplane ports, energy, and operations makes them a strong early partner as we bring Polaris to market, and Europe’s coastlines and islands are exactly the kind of environment the aircraft was designed for.”

Part of a water-linked green network

EVIA AERO's business model spans the full clean-aviation value chain, from decentralised solar and hydrogen generation at partner airports through to flight operations. Adding an amphibian extends that network beyond the runway to marinas, harbours and lakes, and complements EVIA AERO's existing commitments to battery-electric and hydrogen-electric aircraft. Together they form a fleet in which each aircraft is matched to the distance, the payload and the infrastructure available, aimed at cutting emissions and long-term operating costs for regional connections across Europe.

About EVIA AERO

EVIA AERO is a Bremen-based aviation company developing a sustainable regional air-mobility ecosystem. Its activities span electric and hybrid-electric aircraft operations, airport-infrastructure partnerships, green-energy systems and pilot training. EVIA AERO works with airports and partners across Europe to prepare for zero- and low-emission flight, supporting both retrofit and factory-built aircraft programmes. Learn more at evia-aero.com.

About Tidal Flight

Tidal Flight is a Hampton Roads, Virginia based startup founded to build next-generation aircraft around modern propulsion. Tidal's first aircraft is Polaris, a hybrid-electric amphibious aircraft designed for coastal regional mobility and defense missions. The aircraft is currently in development, with the company progressing powertrain and subsystem testing as it works towards type certification. Learn more at tidalflight.com.

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