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# Corporate Membership 2026

# Join the New Bedford Ocean Cluster?

The New Bedford Ocean Cluster (NBOC) is a non-profit, membership-based marine industry association working to grow the blue economy in the Port of New Bedford and surrounding region.

OUR MISSION

**Accelerate and expand New Bedford's blue economy by connecting the maritime ecosystem to global innovation, capital, and commercial networks that strengthen business competitiveness and drive sustainable economic growth.**

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# We don’t just support industry - We bring it together





**CONVENOR**

Bringing stakeholders together across our pillars to align & act



**CONNECTOR**

Linking industry, government, and academia to accelerate the development of innovative solutions and projects



**CATALYST**

Accelerating ideas into funded, impactful joint industry projects

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# NBOC's Four Pillars

Aquaculture

Offshore Renewable Energy

Commercial Fishing & Processing

Innovation & Technology

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# The Ocean Cluster House

NBOC anchors a dedicated incubator space for blue economy businesses and support organizations at **The Quest, New Bedford's Enterprise Hub.** The incubator offers private offices and two large conference/convening spaces for industry events and meetings to immerse your company in the ecosystem.

Whether you're advancing offshore renewables, modernizing commercial fishing, scaling aquaculture, supporting maritime defense, or developing the technologies that enable them all, NBOC gives you both a collaborative workspace and a powerful network to grow your business.

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# NBOC Corporate Membership Tiers

## Five ways to plug into New Bedford's blue economy



CLUSTER
### Affiliate

**$250**

Startups, entrepreneurs & non-profits



CLUSTER
### Collaborator

**$500**

Small businesses & organizations



CLUSTER
### Partner

**$1,000**

Companies elevating their profile



CLUSTER
### Leader

**$5,000**

Companies leading the blue economy



CLUSTER
### Resident

**Variable**

Priced according to office size

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# Cluster Affiliate

**$250**

For startups, entrepreneurs, and non-profits looking to connect with the blue economy and begin building meaningful industry relationships.

## BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Access to the NBOC Member, Supply Chain and Vessel Directories, within Community Portal (set to re-launch January 2027)
- Opportunity to participate in an NBOC Pillar Advisory Committee
- Access to members-only networking receptions and community gatherings
- Corporate listing in the NBOC Member Directory
- Early access to register for NBOC events
- Featured Corporate Member Spotlight posted to NBOC social media channels to highlight products and services for the blue economy, and a Corporate Member Announcement in NBOC's Quarterly Newsletter

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# Cluster Collaborator

**$500**

For small businesses and organizations seeking to actively engage in the region's blue economy and access business opportunities, resources, and industry connections.

## INCLUDES ALL AFFILIATE BENEFITS, PLUS

- \+ Navigator Services+ (resource navigation, unlimited industry introductions and connections)
- \+ Discounted access to events and networking opportunities

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# Cluster Partner

**$1,000**

For companies looking to elevate their profile, expand their network, and deepen engagement with the blue economy ecosystem.

## INCLUDES ALL ACCESS BENEFITS, PLUS

- Featured company spotlight in NBOC Newsletter detailing products & services
- Priority access to event sponsorship opportunities
- Logo placement on NBOC website with company link and electronic billboard at the Ocean Cluster House
- Discounted use of conference and event space at the Ocean Cluster House

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# Cluster Leader

**$5,000**

For companies committed to advancing the blue economy through leadership, collaboration, and strategic engagement.

## INCLUDES ALL PARTNER BENEFITS, PLUS

- Participation in exclusive industry roundtables and briefings
- Complimentary use of conference and event space at the Ocean Cluster House
- Complimentary exhibitor opportunity at annual New Bedford Ocean Economy Conference Series
- Branded company banner displayed within the Ocean Cluster House primary conference space
- Recognition as a Leadership Circle Member, including prominent recognition as an annual supporter of NBOC at the public Annual Meeting and across all NBOC communication channels including the website, Community Portal, Quarterly Newsletter, and Annual Report.

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# Cluster Resident

**Variable**

For organizations seeking a fully integrated experience through work and convening space, programming, industry connections, and direct access to NBOC's innovation ecosystem.

## INCLUDES ALL PARTNER BENEFITS, PLUS

- Private office space within the NBOC Incubator
- Regular on-site programming and networking opportunities
- Discounted access to ocean test sites (dockside and near-shore)
- Access to two event spaces for demos, customer meetings, trainings, and convenings
- Location within The Port of New Bedford, a deepwater commercial port and home to America’s highest grossing commercial fishing industry. The port is a state-designated “Marine Tech Hub,” a Designated Port Area, Foreign Trade Zone, and offers companies a robust and experienced maritime supply chain and support services. Your business will also benefit from proximity to world-renowned science and academic institutions like Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth’s School for Marine Science & Technology.

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# Join Today!

# Unlock all that NBOC has to offer!

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