NEW BEDFORD OCEAN CLUSTER

Individual Membership 2026

Why 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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NBOC Membership Tiers

Four ways to plug into New Bedford's blue economy

INDIVIDUAL

Supporter

$50

Students, retirees & early-career job seekers

INDIVIDUAL

Professional

$100

Individuals seeking deeper engagement

INDIVIDUAL

Steward

$250

Individuals advancing NBOC's long-term impact

INDIVIDUAL

Champion

$500

Individuals championing NBOC's mission

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MEMBERSHIP TIER

Individual Supporter

$50

For students, retirees, early-career job seekers, and others who want to stay informed and connected to New Bedford's blue economy.

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Access to members-only networking receptions and community gatherings
- Individual listing in the NBOC Member Directory
- Advance notification and priority access to volunteer opportunities at NBOC events and programs
- Access to the NBOC Member Directory, within Community Portal (set to re-launch January 2027)

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MEMBERSHIP TIER

Individual Professional

$100

For those individuals seeking deeper engagement within the blue economy ecosystem.

INCLUDES ALL SUPPORTER BENEFITS, PLUS

- \+ Early access to register for NBOC events
- \+ Featured Individual Member Spotlight through NBOC's social media channels to highlight professional expertise, projects, and contributions to the blue economy, and an Individual Member Announcement in NBOC's Quarterly Newsletter

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MEMBERSHIP TIER

Individual Steward

$250

For those individuals who want to play a meaningful role in advancing NBOC's long-term impact through leadership, engagement, and strategic guidance.

INCLUDES ALL PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS, PLUS

- Opportunity to participate in an NBOC Pillar Advisory Committee

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MEMBERSHIP TIER

Individual Champion

$500

For those individuals who want to champion NBOC's mission at the highest level of individual membership.

INCLUDES ALL STEWARD BENEFITS, PLUS

- Discounted access to events and networking opportunities

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Join Today!

Unlock all that NBOC has to offer!

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