

Block Island Chamber of Commerce

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The Block Island Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization. Our mission is to enhance and promote business through referrals, shared experiences and connections. We represent a strong and healthy business community. The Block Island Chamber of Commerce is devoted to promoting Block Island businesses and services to visitors and residents alike.

We promote our members through the Chamber of Commerce website, printed materials, our (soon to be announced) phone app and social media. In addition, we staff a welcome center in the heart of Old Harbor where our trained counselors dispense information by phone, email and in person to thousands of people a day in season.

Our website, www.blockislandchamber.com, provides visitors with all the information they may need to plan and enjoy their Block Island getaway. From the website, prospective visitors can link onto member websites, email us or obtain up to date calendar and travel information. The website also contains links to our events; Restaurant Week, Experience Block Island, Holiday Shopping Stroll, Summer Symphony at the Sullivan and other Special Event information. We strive to ensure that that your business is well represented on our website. Our intention is to drive traffic to our site so that online users have access to your services, location and amenities in more detail.

Through social media we are able to share member posts, highlight your events and promote the natural beauty of Block Island. We work constantly to update your information.

Our Visitors Center and office in Old Harbor provides both services and information to visitors. In conjunction with the Town of New Shoreham, we provide bathroom facilities, garbage, recycling and locker storage. Visitors can browse through our selection of brochures provided by Chamber members. Coupons, brochures, flyers and menus are welcome and we encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity. Tens of thousands visit our center yearly and have access to your literature.

As stated previously the Chamber organizes and promotes events throughout the year that highlight your businesses; Experience Block Island, Restaurant Week, the Holiday Shopping Stroll and Summer Symphony at the Sullivan. These events all drive traffic to you. We hold monthly membership meetings allowing members an opportunity to attend and exchange ideas.

The Block Island Chamber of Commerce works with the Block Island Tourism Council and the Town of New Shoreham to market Block Island in the most successful manner. Jointly, our efforts to serve the public and our membership are enhanced.

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Membership Application

Date: _____

Name of Business or Individual:

Type of Membership: (Circle one)

Commercial Individual Honorary Non-Profit Associate

Type of Business: (Circle all that apply)

Retail Restaurant Hotel Inn B&B Transportation
Real Estate Recreation Wedding Service Professional Other

Name of Owner: _____

Island Address: _____

Mainland Address: _____

Phone Island: _____ Phone on Mainland: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Website _____ Facebook _____

Twitter _____ Instagram _____

Opening date of business: _____ Closing date: _____

Do you accept credit cards: (Circle all that apply) MC VISA AMEX DISC

Accommodation/Restaurants:

Number of rooms rented _____

Restaurant seating capacity _____

Amenities: (Circle all that apply)

Breakfast Handicap access TV Internet Pets Parking Children

Membership Fees

Base membership: \$160.00per business

Multi-business: \$480.00 for 3 island businesses, each additional business is \$60.00

Realtors: \$225.00

Taxis: \$83.00 per taxi

Non-Profit Groups: \$49.00

Amount of your dues:_____

Surcharges:

Hotels, Inns or B&B's:

- * Rooms \$45.00 each (for inns with 21 rooms or more)
- * Rooms \$55.00 each (for inns with 10 or more rooms)
- * Rooms \$70.00 each (for inns with 9 and under rooms)
- * Apartments \$90.00 each
- * Cottages \$125.00 per unit

Restaurants:

- * Seats \$3.00 per seat - this is based on licensed seating capacity
- * Seats \$1.50 per seat (if you have an accommodation with over 11 rooms)

Transportation:

Cars or Vans \$7.00 per vehicle
Mopeds \$5.00 per moped
Bikes \$1.50 per bike
Ferry \$200.00 per ferry
Plane: \$60.00 (which services BI in July & August on a typical day)

Total Surcharges:_____

Total Dues:_____

Amount due:_____ Date:_____

** In order to be included in our and Block Island Chamber web site dues must be paid in full.

** Multi-businesses; If only one of your businesses is a member of the Chamber, we can only advertise the Chamber member. Materials with the name of other businesses cannot be accepted.

** Mail your completed application and payment to the above address, or call with credit card.