

Block Island Chamber of Commerce
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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 our chamber website, as well as in our annual Travel Planner and on social media. We produce several smaller advertising pieces throughout the year. In addition, we staff a welcome center in the heart of Old Harbor where our trained counselors dispense information by phone, by email and in person to thousands of people a day in season.

Our website, 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 15K Road Race, Taste of Block Island, Restaurant Week and other event information. Through Facebook we are able to share member posts, highlight community events and promote the natural beauty of Block Island.

Each year the Chamber mails out over 30,000 Travel Planners to potential visitors. With your paid dues all members receive a complimentary listing for their business in the travel planner and on the chamber website. Members can purchase an expanded listing or an ad in the travel planner that describes their services, location or amenities in more detail.

The Chamber also produces smaller targeted brochures such as our Wedding Planner. The Wedding Planner lists all of our members related to Block Island's booming wedding industry. In 2014 the island hosted over 170 weddings.

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 and recycling and locker storage for luggage. Visitors can browse through our selection of brochures provided by Chamber members. Coupons, brochures, flyers and menus are all welcome and we encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity.

Our Chamber staff organizes and promotes events throughout the year including the Taste of Block Island, the Christmas Shopping Stroll and the Run around the Block road race. We hold both membership meetings and After Hours socials which give members an opportunity to visit and exchange ideas. Where ever possible we work with mainland Chambers.

Members may also enroll in our medical and dental insurance programs. Members joining solely for insurance benefits enjoy a reduced membership rate. For more information on our insurance plans email fthlotte@hsinsurance.com or call (401) 942-0966 Ext 103.

Last, the Block Island Chamber of Commerce works with the Block Island Tourism Council to market Block Island in the most successful manor. 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 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 rental rooms _____ Seating capacity _____

Amenities: (Circle all that apply)

Breakfast Handicap access TV VCR AC Telephone bed size ____
private or shared bath internet Pets welcome Parking available Children welcome

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Membership Fees

Base membership: \$115.00 per business

Multi-business: \$345.00 for 3 island businesses, each additional business is \$60.00

Realtors: \$225.00

Taxis: \$60.00 per taxi

Individual or Associate Members (for insurance only) \$50.00

Mainland Business Membership (for insurance only) \$100.00

Joint Narragansett Chamber Membership \$100.00

Non-Profit Groups: \$35.00

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 a 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 Travel Planner, and 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.