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# 12th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae

Holiday Inn by the Bay - Portland, Maine

October 27 - November 1, 2024

Thank you for registering for the 12th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae. We'll see you soon!

## Additions to Your Registration

If you would like to add additional events to your registration - pre-conference workshops (Sunday; \$15-\$30), social event at Bayside Bowl (Monday; \$35), or admission to the Banquet, Awards Ceremony, & Halloween Party (Thursday; \$55) - [please contact habs@neiwpsc.org](mailto:habs@neiwpsc.org).

## What to Bring

**Please bring a printed copy of the agenda and other meeting materials, if needed.** In an effort to reduce waste, all conference materials are available on our website: [www.neiwpsc.org/ushab12](http://www.neiwpsc.org/ushab12). Paper copies will not be provided at the registration desk. Scannable QR codes will be displayed throughout the event for access via cellphone or tablet. Large agenda posters will be available for your use. Hotel Wi-Fi and password will be visible throughout the session rooms.

## Arriving Prepared

- **Did you make your own hotel/lodging reservation?**
- **Do you have a ride?** Carpooling is highly encouraged.
  - The Holiday Inn by the Bay is a **15-minute drive**, or **35-minute bus ride** from Portland International Jetport (PWM).
  - The nearest Amtrak station, **Amtrak Downeaster**, is a **10-minute drive** from the hotel.
  - For more information on local public transportation, you can reference Google Maps, Apple Maps, or visit the [Greater Portland Metro website](http://GreaterPortlandMetro.com).
- **Do you know where to go?**
  - [Holiday Inn by The Bay](http://HolidayInnByTheBay.com)
  - **88 Spring St, Portland, ME 04101**
  - **Phone: (207) 775-2311**
- **Where should you park?** Overnight guests may park in the parking garage beneath the hotel for \$15 per vehicle per night with unlimited in and out privileges. Day guests may park in the parking garage at a rate of \$10 per vehicle with one in and out.
- **Have you checked the weather?** Our Monday social event at Bayside Bowl is a **13-minute walk** from the hotel.

## What to Expect at Check-In

- NEIWPC's registration desk opens at 8:00am each morning.
- Upon check-in, you will receive your nametag and conference lanyard. **Please keep your nametag with you at all times as it not only confirms your symposium registration but also includes admission tickets to additional events such as bowling, banquet, and more.**

## Networking Opportunities & Meals

We offer several opportunities for symposium attendees to connect with each other and network. To add any ticketed events to your registration during the symposium, visit the NEIWPC registration desk. If you'd like to add admission to any events prior to the conference, [please contact habs@neiwpc.org](mailto:habs@neiwpc.org).

- **Welcome Reception | Sunday, October 27 | 7:00 - 9:00pm (included):** Welcome to the 12th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae! Appetizers and cash bar will be available in the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall to kick off the event.
- **Continental Breakfast | Monday - Friday | 7:30 - 9:00am (included):** Available in the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall.
- **Social Event: Bowling at Bayside Bowl | Monday, October 28 | 6:00 - 9:00pm (\$35):** Enjoy a fun night of bowling offsite with your fellow attendees. Admission includes light appetizers, shoe rentals, lounge access, and a cash bar. [Directions](#)
- **Special Session | Meet the Funders: A Quick Tour of Federal Funding Programs for HAB Science and Management | Tuesday, October 29 | 7:00 - 9:00pm (included):** Hear from federal funding experts in a workshop on accessing funding for harmful algal bloom (HAB) research. Participants will engage with program managers to identify the best funding opportunities for their projects.
- **Special Session | National HAB Observing Network (NHABON) - Sharing Progress and Seeking Community Input | Wednesday, October 30 | 7:00 - 9:00pm (included):** Learn about NHABON's efforts over the past five years and provide input on expanding the system to meet growing community needs. A panel will share an overview, regional examples, and gather feedback on needs, opportunities, and challenges.
- **Lunch | Tuesday, October 29 & Wednesday, October 30 | 12:00 - 1:30pm (included):** Served in the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall for all attendees. For lunches or dinners on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, or Friday, please see the list of recommended restaurants below.
- **Poster Sessions | Tuesday, October 29 & Wednesday, October 30 | 4:30 - 6:30pm (included):** Visit the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall to explore the latest HAB research.
- **Banquet, Awards Ceremony, and Halloween Party | Thursday, October 31 | 6:30 - 10:30pm (\$55):** Celebrate with dinner, dancing, and a Halloween party in the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall. Eat, Drink, and Be Scary - Halloween costumes are strongly encouraged!

## Recommended Restaurants

For offsite lunches and dinners, please check the restaurant's website or call for the most accurate hours, as many Portland restaurants adjust their schedules after the busy summer/fall seasons.

- [The Port Hole](#): Fresh seafood with stunning harbor views.
- [Becky's Diner](#): Classic American diner known for its delicious breakfast and friendly service.
- [Duckfat](#): Popular spot serves up gourmet sandwiches and duck-fat fries.
- [Pai Men Miyake](#): Authentic Japanese ramen dishes.
- [The Black Cow](#): Modern take on American cuisine in an upscale setting.
- [CBG\(Congress Bar & Grill\)](#): Craft beers and a menu of delicious bites.
- [Mainly Noods](#): Specializes in all things noodles and Asian-inspired dishes.
- [Boda](#): Korean cuisine with a focus on BBQ.
- [Taco Escobarr](#): Local favorite known for delicious and creative tacos.
- [Pizzaiolo](#): Neapolitan-style pizzas made with fresh, local ingredients.
- [The Highroller Lobster Co](#): Fresh Maine lobster rolls and seafood dishes.
- [Portland Lobster Company](#): Another top choice for fresh Maine lobster.