



MARCH 24 - 25, 2026

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## EXHIBIT AND SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT (PAGE 1 OF 10)

This contract is for the 2026 Port of the Future Conference™ with New Wave Media and between New Wave Media and the Exhibitor or Sponsor named herein. The Exhibitor or Sponsor agrees to comply with all Terms and Conditions appearing in this Contract and further agrees that this contract is binding all parties and can be amended only in writing by both parties.

### Primary Contact Information:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Billing Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

#### Exhibitor package includes the following:

##### Exhibit and Attendance:

- ◇ 10 feet by 8 feet pipe and draped booth space
- ◇ One six foot draped table, carpet, two side chairs and one wastebasket
- ◇ Basic electricity and in booth Wi-Fi internet access
- ◇ Two (2) all access in-person passes which includes the following:
  - ◆ All general and breakout sessions
  - ◆ All food and beverage served during the conference
  - ◆ Networking Reception on Tuesday, March 24
  - ◆ Port Houston Tour, Student Poster Contest and Research Showcase
  - ◆ Full use of Attendee Hub app for networking, messaging and planning

**Please skip this section if you are contracting for a Sponsorship Package**

Exhibitor Category	On or Before 12/01/2025	On or After 12/02/2025
New Exhibitor/Sponsor	\$3,500	\$3,750
Additional Booths	\$2,750 per booth X number of booths = \$	

Total Booth Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor or Sponsor Initial: \_\_\_\_\_



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### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

#### Platinum Sponsorship — \$22,000 (Early Bird - \$20,000)

##### Included:

- 1) Advisory Board. Platinum Sponsors may name a representative to the Port of the Future Advisory Board.
- 2) World Ports Directory. Premium Listing in The World Ports Directory @ Ports.MarineLink.com
- 3) Banner. Featured Banner on MarineLink.com (1 month)
- 4) All-Access Passes
  - Four (4) all-access conference pass/registration for company/organization representatives;
  - Two (2) all-access conference passes/registration for those personnel staffing the Exhibitor's Booth;Each pass provides access to:
  - Port Grants Workshop
  - All general and breakout sessions
  - All food and beverages served during the conference
  - Networking Reception on Tuesday, March 24th
  - Student Research Poster Contest
  - Port Houston Tour ("first come, first served")
  - Full use of the Attendee Hub for networking, messaging and planning- Additional all-access passes may be purchased for sponsor's employees at a reduced rate of \$250 per person
- 5) Double Sized Exhibitor's Booth Package, that includes:
  - 20 foot by 8 foot pipe and draped booth space
  - One (1) six-foot draped table, carpet, two side chairs, and one wastebasket;
  - Basic electricity and in-booth WiFi internet access;
  - Selection of booth location as a sponsor (prior to all exhibitors).
- 6) Conference Roster. Access to roster of all conference attendees,
  - list includes names, titles, organization, and contact information
- 7) Video Recordings. Access to video recordings of all conference presentations:
  - to be used for public relations (subject to restrictions of presenters)
- 8) Speaker Opportunities. Opportunities to present, moderate, or participate on selected panels (subject to "first come, first served")
  - Introduction of a Keynote or Plenary Speaker (first come, first served")
  - a 50-minute focused presentation delivered in partnership with a participating seaport;
  - Moderator for a panel discussion on a selected topic;
  - Panelist(s) in panel discussions on selected topics:Note: Moderators and Speakers also register for free



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### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

#### Platinum Sponsorship — \$22,000 (Early Bird - \$20,000) CONTINUED

##### Included (continued):

9) PLATINUM-TIER Port of the Future Branding on the conference website, in communications, mobile app, and onsite to include:

- Posting of sponsor logo and description on the conference web page;
- Posting of sponsor logo on presentation loop in each conference breakout room;
- Social media postings of sponsor logo with description as a sponsor; and
- Social media postings of sponsor representatives speaking at the event.

10) Sponsor's Page. Sponsor's page on the conference app (attendee hub) to include corporate logo, banner, description (text), contact information (name, phone number, email address, website url) and booth location/ number;

11) Scholarship. Four (4) student "scholarships" to attend the Port of the Future Conference. This may be presented to undergraduate students selected by the sponsor or, if deferred, awarded to a college or university student with a certificate naming the sponsor as the student's benefactor.

12) Port of the Future Conference Magazine. New Wave Media International, the new host/owner of the Port of the Future Conference, will create a print magazine "Port of the Future 26 Magazine" for distribution to conference participants.

Platinum Sponsors will receive:

- Content Package (or) 2-page Advertisement Spread in Port of the Future 26 Magazine  
Additionally, New Wave Media will produce an accompanying eMagazine supplement for distribution with:
  - Maritime Reporter & Engineering News;
  - Marine News;
  - Offshore Engineer; and
  - Marine Technology Reporter.

Two Pages of Content. The Platinum Sponsor will be offered two pages (one-sided) of content in the Port of the Future 26 Magazine. This page may be used by the sponsor for advertisements, articles, and photos.

In this page of content, the Platinum Sponsor receives:

- Words: 700 to 900
- Images: 3-4
- Author: 25 words 'about' + photo (optional)
- Deadline: February 1



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### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

#### Gold Sponsorship — \$12,000 (Early Bird - \$10,800)

##### Included with Gold Sponsorship:

- 1) Advisory Board. Gold Sponsors may name a representative to the Port of the Future Advisory Board.
- 2) World Ports Directory. Premium Listing in The World Ports Directory @ Ports.MarineLink.com
- 3) All-Access Passes
  - Three (3) all-access conference passes/registrations for company/ organization representatives;
  - Two (2) all-access conference passes/registration for those personnel staffing the Exhibitor's Booth;
  - Each pass provides access to:
    - Port Grants Workshop
    - All general and breakout sessions
    - All food and beverages served during the conference
    - Networking Reception on Tuesday, March 24th
    - Student Research Poster Contest
    - Port Houston Tour ("first come, first served")
    - Full use of the Attendee Hub for networking, messaging and planning
  - Additional all-access passes may be purchased for sponsor's employees at a reduced rate of \$250 per person
- 2) Double Sized Exhibitor's Booth Package, that includes:
  - 20-foot by 8-foot pipe and draped booth space
  - One (1) six-foot draped table, carpet, two side chairs, and one wastebasket;
  - Basic electricity and in-booth WiFi internet access;
  - Selection of booth location as a sponsor (prior to all exhibitors).
- 3) Conference Roster. Access to roster of all conference attendees,
  - list includes names, titles, organization, and contact information
- 4) Video Recordings. Access to video recordings of all conference presentations:
  - to be used for public relations (subject to restrictions of presenters)
- 5) Speaker Opportunity. Opportunities to moderate, present, or participate on selected panels (subject to "first come, first served")
  - a 30-minute focused presentation delivered in partnership with a participating seaport;
  - Moderator for a panel discussion on a selected topic;

Note: Moderators and Speakers also register for free
- 6) GOLD-Tier Port of the Future Branding on the conference website, in communications, mobile app, and onsite to include:
  - Posting of sponsor logo and description on the conference web page;
  - Posting of sponsor logo on presentation loop in each conference breakout room;
  - Social media postings of sponsor logo with description as a sponsor; and
  - Social media postings of sponsor representatives speaking at the event.



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### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

#### Gold Sponsorship — \$12,000 (Early Bird - \$10,800) CONTINUED

##### Included (continued):

8) Sponsor's Page. Sponsor's page on the conference app (attendee hub) to include corporate logo, banner, description (text), contact information (name, phone number, email address, website url) and booth location/ number;

9) Scholarship. Three (3) student "scholarships" to attend the Port of the Future Conference. This may be presented to undergraduate students selected by the sponsor or, if deferred, awarded to a college or university student with a certificate naming the sponsor as the student's benefactor.

10) Port of the Future Conference Magazine. New Wave Media International, the new host/owner of the Port of the Future Conference, will create a print magazine "Port of the Future 26 Magazine" for distribution to conference participants.

Gold Sponsors will receive:

- A Half-Page Advertisement in Port of the Future 26 Magazine

Additionally, New Wave Media will produce an accompanying eMagazine supplement for distribution with:

- Maritime Reporter & Engineering News;
- Marine News;
- Offshore Engineer; and
- Marine Technology Reporter.

Two Pages of Content. The Gold Sponsor will be offered two pages (one-sided) of content in the Port of the Future 26 Magazine. This page may be used by the sponsor for advertisements, articles, and photos.

In this page of content, the sponsor receives:

- Words: 700 to 900
- Images: 3-4
- Author: 25 words 'about' + photo (optional)
- Deadline: February 1



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### ☐ SILVER SPONSORSHIP (\$7,500) (Early Bird - \$6,750)

The Silver Sponsorship includes:

- 1) World Ports Directory. Premium Listing in The World Ports Directory @ Ports.MarineLink.com
- 2) All-Access Passes
  - Two (2) all-access conference pass/registration for company/organization representatives;
  - Two (2) all-access conference passes/registration for those personnel staffing the Exhibitor's Booth;
  - Each conference pass/registration provides access to:
    - Port Grants Workshop
    - All general and breakout sessions
    - All food and beverages served during the conference
    - Networking Reception on Tuesday, March 24th
    - Student Research Poster Contest
    - Port Houston Tour ("first come, first served")
    - Full use of the Attendee Hub for networking, messaging and planning
  - Additional all-access passes may be purchased for sponsor's employees at a reduced rate of \$250 per person
- 3) Exhibitor's Booth Package, that includes:
  - 10-foot by 8-foot pipe and draped booth space
  - One (1) six-foot draped table, carpet, two side chairs, and one wastebasket;
  - Basic electricity and in-booth WiFi internet access;
  - Selection of booth location as a sponsor (prior to all exhibitors).
- 4) Conference Roster. Access to roster of all conference attendees,
  - list includes names, titles, organization, and contact information
- 5) Video Recordings. Access to video recordings of all conference presentations:
  - to be used for public relations (subject to restrictions of presenters)
- 6) Speaker Opportunity. Opportunities to moderate, present, or participate on selected panels (subject to "first come, first served")
  - Note: moderators and speakers also register for free
- 7) SILVER-TIER Port of the Future Branding on the conference website, in communications, mobile app, and onsite to include:
  - Posting of sponsor logo and description on the conference web page;
  - Posting of sponsor logo on presentation loop in each conference breakout room;
  - Social media postings of sponsor logo with description as a Silver Sponsor; and
  - Social media postings of sponsor representatives speaking at the event.





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### ☐ SILVER SPONSORSHIP (\$7,500) (Early Bird - \$6,750) CONTINUED

#### Included (continued):

8) Sponsor's Page. Sponsor's page on the conference app (attendee hub) to include corporate logo, banner, description (text), contact information (name, phone number, email address, website url) and booth location/ number;

9) Scholarship. Two (2) student "scholarships" to attend the Port of the Future Conference. This may be presented to undergraduate students selected by the sponsor or, if deferred, awarded to a college or university student with a certificate naming the sponsor as the student's benefactor.

10) Port of the Future Conference Magazine. New Wave Media International, the new host/owner of the Port of the Future Conference, will create a print magazine "Port of the Future Conference 2026" for distribution to conference participants. Additionally, New Wave Media will produce an accompanying eMagazine supplement for distribution with:

- Maritime Reporter & Engineering News;
- Marine News;
- Offshore Engineer; and
- Marine Technology Reporter.

One Page of Content. The Silver Sponsor will be offered one page (one-side) of content in the Port of the Future 26 Magazine. This page may be used by the sponsor for advertisements, articles, and photos.

In this page of content, the sponsor receives:

- Words: 350 to 450
- Images: 1-2
- Author: 25 words 'about' + photo (optional)
- Deadline: February 1

### ☐ BRONZE SPONSOR (\$5,000) (Specifically for Ports and Institutes of Higher Education)

#### Included:

- Advisory Board: Membership on the Port of the Future Conference Advisory Board.
- All-Access Passes (3 total): One (1) company rep + two (2) booth staff; same inclusions as above; extra passes \$250/ea.
- Exhibitor Booth: 10' x 8' booth; 6' table, carpet, two chairs, wastebasket; basic electricity & Wi-Fi; sponsor-priority selection.
- Conference Roster & Video Recordings (PR use subject to restrictions).
- Speaker Opportunity (FCFS): Moderate/present/participate; moderators/speakers register free.
- BRONZE-tier Branding: Website, comms, app, onsite; breakout loops; social posts.
- Sponsor Page (Attendee Hub) with full profile & booth info.
- Scholarship: One (1) student scholarship.
- Port of the Future '26 Magazine + eMag Supplement:
  - One (1) page of content in the print magazine (ads/articles/photos)
  - eMag supplement with MR, MN, OE, MTR
  - Content specs: 350-450 words; 1-2 images; optional 25-word author bio + headshot; deadline Feb 1



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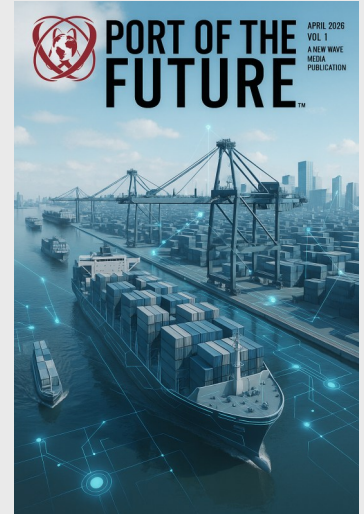
### PORT OF THE FUTURE MAGAZINE

Leverage your participation in Port of the Future Before, During and After the event via New Wave Media's "Port of the Future" magazine which taps the cumulative audiences of:

- Maritime Reporter & Engineering News + Marine News [[www.MarineLink.com](http://www.MarineLink.com)]
- Marine Technology Reporter [[www.MarineTechnologyNews.com](http://www.MarineTechnologyNews.com)]
- Maritime Logistics Professional [[www.MaritimeLogisticsProfessional.com](http://www.MaritimeLogisticsProfessional.com)]
- Offshore Engineer [[www.OEDigital.com](http://www.OEDigital.com)]

#### The Port of the Future magazine will publish:

- In print with distribution to every exhibitor and attendee of Port of the Future '26
- As an 'eMagazine Supplement', distributed to each title's full circulation, in:
- March 2026 edition of Maritime Reporter & Engineering News
- March 2026 edition of Marine News
- March/April '26 edition of Marine Technology Reporter
- March/April '26 edition Offshore Engineer



#### Port of the Future Magazine Rate Card:

- ☐ Full Page: \$2,750
- ☐ ½ Page: \$1,950
- ☐ Content Package\*: \$4,500

Your organization, your words and images on a 2-page spread:

- 750 to 900 words
- 3 to 5 images

### ADDITIONAL NEW WAVE MEDIA ADD-ONS

- ☐ Electronic Direct Marketing (EDM) to 100,000 \$1,750
- ☐ Rotational Banner on MarineLink.com \$1,000
- ☐ Rotational Banner on OEDigital.com \$1,000
- ☐ Rotational Banner on MarineTechnologyNews.com \$1,000
- ☐ Rotational Banner on MaritimeProfessional.com \$1,000
- ☐ eNewsletter Advertisements \$1,000
- ☐ Premium Listing in the The World Ports Directory @ Ports.MarineLink.com \$1,500
- ☐ Maritime Reporter TV Video Interview\* \$2,500
  - Recorded via Zoom and distributed before the Port of the Future Event – or – recorded at the Event for distribution afterward.
- ☐ Maritime Matters: The MarineLink Podcast \$3,750
  - Our Podcast team works with you to deliver a sponsored podcast episode





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Total Sponsorship Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Discounts:** 10% discount on all paid sponsorship packages contracted and paid on or before December 1, 2025

Sponsorship Discount Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Participation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this document:

Signature of Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Terms:**

- 50% deposit due with contract
- Remaining balance due on January 1, 2026
- Deposit is nonrefundable

**Please remit payment to:**

**ACH wire payment (Preferred ) to:**

New Wave Media Int'l

J P Morgan Chase

456 Monroe Turnpike

Monroe, CT 06468

ABA 021000021

SWIFT Code: CHASU33

For the account of New Wave Media Int'l

Account Number: 772203006

Please add text/memo: "Port of the Future"

- OR -

**Mail check payment to:**

New Wave Media Int'l

60 Herrmann Ln.

Easton, CT, 06612

Please add text/memo: "Port of the Future"

For questions regarding this invoice, contact: Esther Rothenberger

Tel: +1 631 796-4757 Email: [rothenberger@MarineLink.com](mailto:rothenberger@MarineLink.com)

Please return all three pages of this Contract by email to [rothenberger@MarineLink.com](mailto:rothenberger@MarineLink.com)



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### TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Exhibit and Sponsorship features will be allocated on first-paid, first-served basis. Priority will be determined by date of receipt of application for space accompanied by required payment. Not all features are available for all events.
2. The required deposit must accompany Agreement to guarantee Exhibit and Sponsorship features.
3. The standard display size is 10' wide by 8' deep unless stated or marked otherwise. All displays must fit within the confines of their assigned space so as not to impede traffic flow, infringe on the space of other Exhibitor/Sponsors, or violate the emergency exit routes set forth by the event facility.
4. Exhibitor/Sponsor agrees to abide by the installation and dismantling times set by New Wave Media.
5. No Exhibitor/Sponsor shall assign, sublet or share the whole or any part of the space contracted to them, without prior written approval by New Wave Media.
6. Exhibitor/Sponsor badges must contain the company/agency name as it is stated on the Agreement. Chairs and a six-foot table will be provided for each booth. Exhibitor/Sponsors must arrange any other furnishings and equipment as available by the facility.
7. New Wave Media reserves the right to impose limits on noise levels or any other method of operation that becomes objectionable. Any distribution of literature or samples shall be limited to the Exhibitor/Sponsor's display area. Exhibitor/Sponsors may not interfere with collateral that is not produced by the said Sponsor.
8. New Wave Media has the right to rearrange the final floor plan based on unsold or unoccupied display space. All Exhibitor/Sponsors will be notified of any change for the event.
9. If New Wave Media should be prevented from holding the event for any reason, our liability is limited to refunding the Exhibit or Sponsorship Package fees, less expenses for features provided. New Wave Media may also provide credit to the Sponsor for participation in a future Port of the Future Conference™.
10. The Exhibitor/Sponsor shall be liable to the event facility and/or New Wave Media for any damage to the building and/or furniture and fixtures contained therein, which shall occur through acts or omissions of the Sponsor.
11. Exhibitor/Sponsor assumes the entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, New Wave Media, the event facility, their officers, employees, and agents against all claims, losses, and damages to persons and property, governmental charges or fines, and attorney's fees arising out of or caused by Exhibitor/Sponsors installations, removal, maintenance, occupancy, or use of the conference premises or any part thereof, including any outside display areas.
12. Exhibitor/Sponsor acknowledges that New Wave Media does not maintain and is not responsible for obtaining insurance covering Exhibitor/Sponsor's property. Exhibitor/Sponsors are advised to obtain business interruption and property damage and loss insurance to cover such occurrences.
13. Exhibitor/Sponsor must notify New Wave Media of cancellation by written or email notice. Exhibitor/Sponsor will be penalized the amount of the deposit due at the time of cancellation. All cancellations after January 1st, 2026 will be charged the full amount of the Exhibitor/Sponsor Agreement.
14. No children under the age of 18 are allowed in the display/conference area at any time.
15. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this contract, Exhibitor/Sponsor may cancel its' sponsorship and participation in the event due to a force majeure event, including but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood, governmental regulation or advisory, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, or local government authority or health agencies (including but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, or similar infectious diseases), or other similar occurrence beyond the control of the parties, where any of those circumstances prevents the Exhibitor/Sponsor's representatives from participating in the event. In the event of cancellation by client due to force majeure, New Wave Media will provide credit to the Exhibitor/Sponsor for participation in future Port of the Future Conference™. New Wave Media may at its' discretion provide a refund to the Exhibitor/Sponsor any amounts paid by the Exhibitor/Sponsor to New Wave Media for event contracted.

**Contact:** Kevin Clement, Director, Port of the Future Conference™, Ph: 512-626-5413, Email: [KClement@marinelink.com](mailto:KClement@marinelink.com)

Exhibitor or Sponsor's Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

