



WaterWORKS Career Day promotes Cape Cod's Blue Economy

December 16, 2025 (Centerville) WaterWORKS Career Day connects students and career seekers with Cape Cod's thriving Blue Economy through hands-on exploration of maritime careers and STEM opportunities.

WaterWORKS 2026 will be held on Tuesday, January 13 at Cape Cod Community College, open to students from 9 am – 1 pm and the public from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

"Everyone leaves walking taller and smiling wider from having so many inspiring interactions with businesses and organizations that have made their connection to the sea integral to their identity," said Katy Acheson, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation. "WaterWORKS is my favorite day of the work year."

The event brings together 400 students from Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket with more than 50 blue economy and STEM-related employers and educators. Interactive displays, activities, and panel sessions give attendees a greater understanding of the career opportunities available on their doorstep.

"We love being part of WaterWORKS because it brings together our community of people and organizations, all working toward a common goal," said Kristen Smith, outreach and social media manager at the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy. "We have gained new and excited volunteers from the event who are eager to help us further our mission. We always feel inspired when leaving, seeing the next generation so enthusiastic about the Blue Economy."

WaterWORKS promotes blue economy businesses by providing a platform to demonstrate their work, share internships and employment opportunities, and advocate for job skills required in their fields. "Our region has so much to offer folks in the way of exciting work experiences and long-lasting careers, and we share just a fraction of the opportunities," Acheson said. "Come on, did you know you could become a pilot and help spot sharks and whales? Or that we need microbiologists to grow algae for oyster larvae? There's a fit for everyone in the Blue Economy. WaterWORKS could be where you discover yours."

The event is organized by the Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation, Inc. in partnership with Cape Cod Regional STEM Network, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Cape Cod Community College, WHOI Sea Grant, Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's

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WaterWORKS is free of charge to students, job seekers and non-profit exhibitors, thanks to the generosity of our Presenting Sponsor Cape Light Compact and Supporting Sponsor Cape Cod 5. For more information, visit bluecapecod.org/events/waterworks.

About Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation, Inc.

Established in 2017, the Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation, Inc. promotes Cape Cod's maritime economy across Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and southern Plymouth County.

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