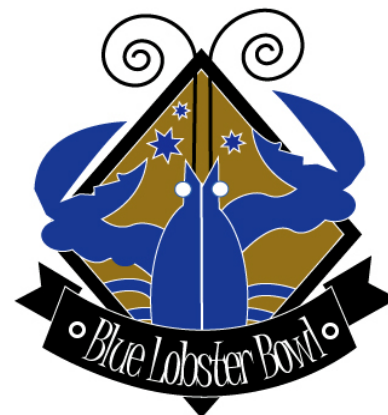


## Blue Lobster Bowl 2017

[The Blue Lobster Bowl](#) is an annual academic competition run by the MIT Sea Grant College Program that encourages high school students to learn about the ocean. Each year, students from high schools throughout Massachusetts travel to MIT to compete and test their knowledge. Teams of high school students are quizzed on their knowledge of ocean science subjects including chemistry, biology, engineering, history, ecology, climate change, and weather, as part of a fun, national quiz bowl program.



The winning 2017 Blue Lobster Bowl high school team will represent Massachusetts in the National Finals Competition, April 20-23, 2017, in Corvallis, Oregon, with all travel and accommodation expenses paid.

Preparations are underway for the Blue Lobster Bowl at MIT on **Saturday, March 4, 2017**, with Sunday 3/5/17 as the snow postponement competition day.

The Blue Lobster Bowl competition (which includes lunch, snacks, swag, and prizes) costs \$50\* registration fee for each competing team.

*\*Financial need waivers will be available by application for A and B teams only.*

To apply to participate in this year's bowl, please complete a Team Intent Form for each one of your school's A, B, and/or C teams. One form per team is due **by December 19, 2016**. Full registration fee payment (or application for a financial need waiver) is also required by 12/19/16. Please make checks payable to "MIT Sea Grant" and send to MIT Sea Grant, attention Thomas Consi, 77 Massachusetts Ave., E38-306, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Up to 24 student teams can compete in the Blue Lobster Bowl each year. If we have more teams than we can accommodate, we will accept one team (the "A Team") from every school that has applied. If sufficient space remains, we will then accept all secondary teams ("B Teams"), and then tertiary teams ("C Teams"). If we cannot accommodate all of the teams in a class (A, B, or C), we will determine competing schools from that class by the earliest intent forms received.

Team coaches will be notified of their respective teams' statuses (competing or waitlisted to compete in case there are cancellations) via email by December 20, 2016.

Complete online registration, as well as postmarked original student and coach consent/releases and medical forms, by coaches will be required by February 1, 2017. You may register up to seven students per team, but there can be no cross-team duplication. All registered students are welcome to attend the competition, but only the same 4-5 may compete throughout the competition.

*We encourage waitlisted teams to register online and postmark their hardcopy medical and consent/release forms also by 2/1/17, and to plan to attend in case there are last-minute cancellations like we had in 2015 and 2016 when all waitlisted teams competed.*

Teams that fail to fully register online by 2/1/17, or that submit incomplete and/or inaccurate student and coach consent and medical forms postmarked by 2/1/17, will not be allowed to compete in 2017. **NO DEADLINE EXTENSIONS** can be granted, and so we strongly encourage coaches to collect, carefully check for completeness, and enter all of this data and submit these forms early.

Coaches of teams who must cancel their participation should do so as soon as possible, and no later than February 1, 2017. If a coach cancels his/her team's participation (or does not complete the required online registration and provide all hardcopy forms by 2/1/17), the team's registration fee will be refunded in full. If a team cancels after 2/1/17, or fails to show up for the 3/4/17 competition, it will reduce other schools' teams opportunities to compete (against them) since it will likely be too late to recruit an additional team to compete in their place. No registration fees can be refunded after 2/1/17.

Coaches should direct their questions to 2017 Blue Lobster Bowl Regional Co-Coordinator Lori Tsuruda at [Lori@pmd.org](mailto:Lori@pmd.org) or (\*82)1-781-963-0373. Questions will also be addressed during an optional **Conference Call for Coaches on Thursday 12/15/16 at 4pm** at 1-712 775-7031 using access code 460-439-415.

## TEAM INTENT FORM for Blue Lobster Bowl 2017

**DUE 12/19/16 with \$50 Registration Fee or Financial Need Waiver Application**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM**   **A**   **B**   **C**   (*circle only one letter*)

Each team must have a single, unique, designated coach. This coach must be a teacher or official from the team's school, a school designee, or an employee or official with an education or science program that is sponsoring a team. Coaches must be age 18 or older. No students can serve as coaches.

**Coach** First and Last Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Available for 3/5/17 Snow Postponement Competition Day?   Yes   No   Unsure

Number of Years Coaching Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

As this team's coach, I agree to

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Comply with the official competition rules.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Serve as the point of contact between my students and BLB staff.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Collect all student data and forms, keep their contents confidential, and send these original hardcopies, postmarked 2/1/17 or earlier.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Personally enter all required student data online, or cancel, by 2/1/17.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Prohibit my team's students and their families from attending other regional bowls from 2/4/17 to 3/4/17.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Check in and designate my team's 4-5 competitors at 9:30am on 3/4/17.

\_\_\_\_\_*initials* Participate in the entire 3/4/17 competition day with my team, 9:30am-6pm.

**Coach's** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL NEED WAIVER APPLICATION - Due 12/19/16  
for Blue Lobster Bowl 2017**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_% students in poverty/enrolled in federal free and reduced lunch programs

\_\_\_\_ Year for which above percentage was calculated/reported

\_\_\_\_ Optional: Other reason(s) for requesting waiver of \$50 team registration fee:

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**TEAM A B** (one team for which you are requesting registration fee waiver(s))

**Coach** First and Last Names: \_\_\_\_\_

If my school receive a registration fee waiver, I agree that

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>initials</sup> The coach (*listed above*) will cancel my team's participation by 2/1/17

IF this team cannot compete on 3/4/17.

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>initials</sup> My school will pay a \$50 penalty fee to "People Making a Difference"

if the coach cancel's this team's participation AFTER 2/1/17 and/or

my school does not field a **viable team** (*one pre-registered coach and 4-5*

*pre-registered students*) **that participates in the entire competition on 3/4/17.**

**Principal's** Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's** Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's** Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_