

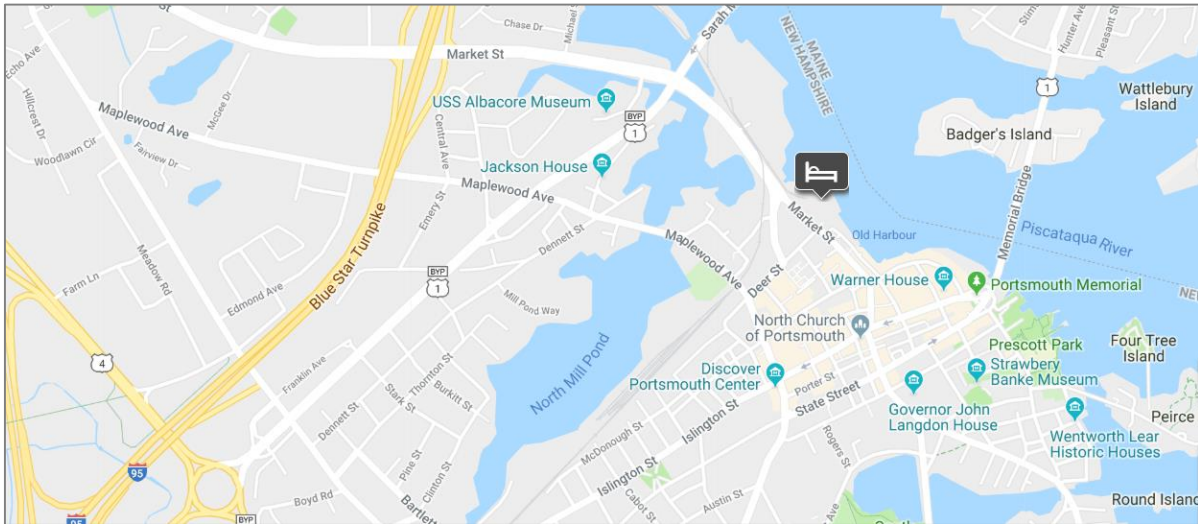
XXXVI GEBCO Guiding Committee (GCG), Joint Sub-Committee on Regional Undersea Mapping (SCRUM), Technical Sub-Committee on Ocean Mapping (TSCOM) and Sub-Committee on Communications, Outreach and Public Engagement (SCOPE) Meetings, GEBCO Symposium

**Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA
04-08 November 2019**

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Venue

All meetings and the Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA.



Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements but are strongly encouraged to stay at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel for convenience and location relative to events. This hotel offers an excellent discounted rate (\$145 plus tax) for the delegates if booking is made before **03 October 2019** through this [link](#). Please note that, as in many U.S. hotels, breakfast is not included; however, a continental breakfast will be provided each day to GEBCO 36 attendees. More details will follow later about meals, hosted dinners and reception.

Please try to adhere to the booking deadline of 03 October 2019. There may not be rooms available after this date. If the participant wants to stay in said hotel but missed the cut-off date for booking, please let Renee Blinn know so she can try to arrange for you to get discounted rate.



Transportation

The nearest airport for both international and domestic flights is the Boston Logan International Airport (BOS).

Below are some transportation options from the airport:

C&S Airport Service: door to door (limos, van, etc. – can be cost-effective if traveling in groups)
<http://www.nhairportride.com>

C&J Bus Service: (this is what most CCOM faculty use) comfortable coach buses with internet, pick up / drop off right at your airport terminal every hour. Tickets and schedules are available online, and can be used for any dates (not specific to time): \$24 one way, \$48 round trip. <https://www.ridecj.com/>. NOTE: Uber or taxi is required from the bus station to/from Sheraton – approximately \$10 each way

Private car rental: round-trip Logan airport/Sheraton: \$300 - \$400, not including insurance or fuel. NOTE: Sheraton offers discounted parking for conference attendees at \$10 per day, however all activities are at or within walking distance from the hotel with the exception of the CCOM tour (chartered bus), **so a rental car is not needed and is highly discouraged**. NOTE: there will be more than usual traffic delays in and out of Boston during that time period, due to extended bridge work.

Weather

Winter usually starts to slowly creep in by end of October. The average temperature in November is a high of 20°C and a low of 10°C with possibilities of rain showers or snow. Participants may check this [link](#) for the weather forecast. Please note that at this time of year it gets dark by 5pm, although still easy and safe to walk around Portsmouth.

Official Language

The official language is English. Signage at some airports have Spanish translation. Should the participant require assistance, please contact the host.

Tourist Information

The hotel is walking distance to the city. Participants can check the links below for local attractions in the area.

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/local-things-to-do/psmsi-sheraton-portsmouth-harborside-hotel/>

<http://www.goportsmouthnh.com/what-to-do/>

To get to nearby places like malls, participants can take buses that run until about 9:00 in the evening – CoastBus routes [2](#) and [40](#), and UNH Wildcats Bus route [4](#). Check these links for schedules and fees. The nearest bus stop is along Russell Street, approximately 100 m from the hotel.

Travel Document & Visa

Participants from outside the US who need a visa to enter the country may apply for B-1/B-2 or A, whichever is applicable and convenient. Check this [link](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wizard.html) for more details <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wizard.html>

Currency

US dollar (sign: \$; code: USD) is the currency of the United States of America. Visa, MasterCard and American Express debit and credit cards are widely used in transactions. Some banks need to be notified if the holder is travelling abroad to avoid having the card blocked when used overseas.

For more details, please check these links:

<https://www.usa.gov/currency>

<https://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrency/1note.html>

Electrical Power

Mains voltage in USA is 120 V 60 Hz, plug Type A and B. Participants from countries with 220V might need a transformer to protect their electronic devices. Though it is claimed that laptop and phone chargers are designed to work fine with the range of 100 to 240 V, please make sure to check your devices first.



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