



July 2015

# TIDINGS

*FBHI - 35 Years on Mainland, Island and Sea*

## Reserve Your Tickets Now for Island Sunset Adventures

**July 15 Little Brewster/Boston Light:** Meet the Lightkeeper and learn about the upcoming 300th anniversary of Boston Light in 2016.

**July 29 Thompson Island:** Enjoy rolling hills, saltmarshes, meadows, beaches and learn about the island's almost 200 year history of educating Boston youth.

**August 12 Deer Island:** Learn about the Boston Harbor clean-up, visit the Historic Pump Station and take in the view from atop the digester tanks!



All Sunset Adventures are from 6pm to 9pm and all boat trips depart Rowes Wharf Water Transport, 60 Rowes Wharf in Boston (behind the Boston Harbor Hotel).

All Sunset Adventures arrive at island docks.

**For boat trip information or to buy tickets go to [FBHI.org](http://FBHI.org)**

There will also be a September 19 trip to Rainsford Island from 11am to 3pm.

Renew your membership online [HERE](#)

Stay up to date on Park activities at [www.bostonharborislands.org](http://www.bostonharborislands.org)

***A message from Walter Hope:***

This issue of eTidings may be coming to you at the same time as a mailed paper copy of Tidings - why 2 messages at the seemingly the same time? Many of the items in this issue are very timely, and we didn't want you to miss out on these opportunities! And while you're here and reading... please take the **DINNER SURVEY** noted at the bottom of this article, thank you!

## Can't get to the islands, or want to try something different out?

Friday, July 10 visit the **Portuguese Tall Ship [Sagres](#)** at Rowes Wharf

Saturday & Sunday, July 11 & 12 visit the **French Tall Ship [Hermione](#)** at Rowes Wharf

Thursday, July 16 learn about **Sea Turtles** at the New England Aquarium (FREE)

Saturday, July 18 learn how to **Paddle Board at Winthrop Beach** with Friends of Winthrop Beach & Save the Harbor (FREE)

Thursday, July 30 learn about **Endangered Species** at the New England Aquarium (FREE)

Friday & Saturday, August 7 and 8 We'll celebrate **National Lighthouse Day** in East Boston - see the article in this edition of Tidings (FREE)

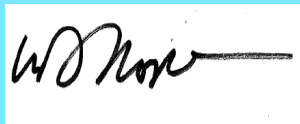
Thursday, August 13 learn about **Horseshoe Crabs** at the New England Aquarium (FREE)

Sunday, August 23 **Edward Rowe Snow Day** on George's Island

For a listing of the dozens  
of Boston Harbor Islands Park Events [CLICK HERE](#)

## ***FBHI FUNDRAISING DINNER - PLANNING***

Our board met in early June, and after the success of the Nantucket Lightship fundraiser, we're interested in a "grander" event - perhaps a dinner in the future. Volunteers will be needed to assist with planning and getting the word out. A possible location includes the USS Constitution Museum in Charlestown! To help us planning with the proposed dinner, please answer the survey questions [CLICK HERE: DINNER SURVEY](#)



Walter Hope,  
Chairman FBHI

## **Rescue, Rehab and What Comes Next: Saving Sea Turtles at the New England Aquarium**

Thursday, July 16

7:00 p.m.  
Simons IMAX Theatre

Dr. Charles Innis, Director of Animal Health,  
New England Aquarium

Connie Merigo, Director of Rescue and  
Rehabilitation,  
New England Aquarium

Ever wonder what happens when a sea turtle washes up on shore in New England, or how hundreds of sea turtles are cared for during mass casualty stranding events? Since 1968 the New England Aquarium has helped thousands of sea turtles here at the Aquarium and during other emergency events around the USA. Sea turtles found sick or injured in Coastal Massachusetts become patients in our Sea Turtle Hospital and receive veterinary care until they regain optimal health and are strong enough to return to their natural habitat.



This evening's lecture will highlight turtle rescues and the medical management of sea turtles, ranging from giant leatherbacks to emergency care during large scale events involving hundreds of sick or injured turtles.

[Click here to register.](#)

## **Helping Endangered Species in Our Backyards**

Thursday, July 30  
7:30 p.m.  
Simons IMAX Theatre

Bryan Windmiller, Executive Director  
Grassroots Wildlife Conservation

We may not have wild pandas and snow leopards, but New England is full of regionally endangered and threatened plants and animals.

To maintain and restore the diversity of our natural heritage, we need to intelligently and actively help many of our rare wild neighbors. Come and learn about hands-on projects in which Massachusetts school children and adults are helping us protect rare species, with a focus on threatened freshwater turtles.

[Click here to register.](#)

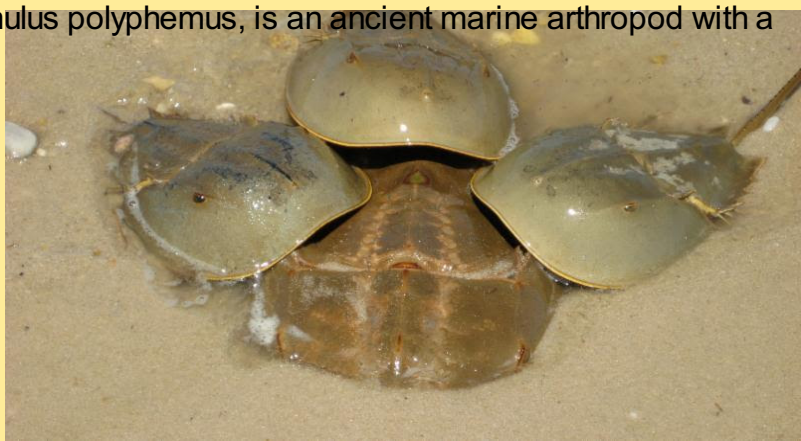
## **Living Fossil and Blue Blood: The Story of the Horseshoe Crab and Human Health**

Thursday, August 13  
7:30 p.m.  
Simons IMAX Theatre

Kathryn Tuxbury, MA, DVM Associate Veterinarian  
New England Aquarium

John Dubczak, General Manager, Endotoxin and Microbial Detection Division, Charles River Laboratories

The American horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*, is an ancient marine arthropod with a lineage that goes back 440 million years. It is an important species for both its pivotal place in the ecosystem and for its valuable use in everyday human health. Biomedical manufacturers and conservationists alike have a vested interest in making sure this species continues to thrive and flourish.



As stewards of the environment, we have a responsibility to preserve, protect and strive to achieve balance between our need for this animal's valuable blood and the livelihood of the animal that provides it.

In this presentation, we'll discuss how these animals experience challenges in and out of their natural habitat; we will also review the significance of their remarkable blue blood to human health and the innovative technology that further safeguards this species and assures the sustainability of this important resource.

[Click here to register.](#)

## **Celebrate National Lighthouse Day at the re-lighting of the Nantucket Lightship beacon August 7 - 8**

August 7 & 8 - The Nantucket/LV-112, a former commissioned U.S. Coast Guard floating lighthouse (1936-75), National Historic Landmark and National Treasure will be celebrating the restoration of its historic 500,000 candlepower lightbeacon and fog horn at its homeport berth in Boston Harbor. At dusk, on August 7th, Nantucket/LV-112's once bright and guiding lightbeacon will be turned on once again and activate its bellowing fog horn, for the first time since it was decommissioned in Boston and extinguished in 1975.

The celebration will be on the waterfront pier, adjacent to Nantucket/LV-112, at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina (<http://www.bhsmarina.com>) in historic East Boston. Also, there will be oceanographic and maritime history displays that will include notable historic lighthouse exhibits, period U.S. Lifesaving Service lifesaving demonstrations, shipwreck artifacts, maritime art and antiques, historic New England pirate artifacts, activities for children, fresh and prepared local seafood, beverages and live music. This will surely be a day for everyone to enjoy, celebrate and have fun learning about our nation's maritime heritage and contemporary nautical and oceanographic sciences.

The Maritime Festival will also present an opportunity to create additional awareness with the general public about your museum, organization or company's services, products, demonstrations and exhibits. In addition, our event will be well suited for special interest maritime organizations that want to gain more exposure with the general public. Our target audience is anyone interested in maritime history and anyone who likes to experience the gifts and lure of the sea.

FBHI Volunteers will be needed on this day to assist with a merchandise sales table. Thank you to the Nantucket for hosting this celebration!

# Stand Up Paddle Boarding on Winthrop Beach

**Saturday, July 18th 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Take a lesson. Some free lessons available. Or bring your own paddleboard and have fun!**



**Sponsored by the Friends of Winthrop Beach and Save the Harbor**



**Do you purchase "stuff" online using Amazon.com?**

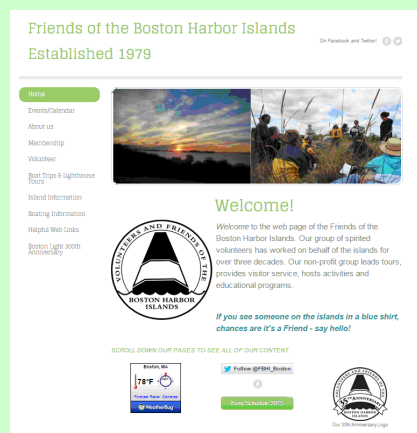
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easily!**

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- Purchase boat trip tickets
- Learn about all 34 islands
- Purchase FBHI Membership
- See unique photos of many of the islands
- Learn of upcoming FBHI and other events

[FBHI.ORG](http://FBHI.ORG)



## FBHI Members get a discount on Boat US Membership!



### Boaters Find Newest Portable Outboard Fuel Tanks Not All They're Cracked Up to Be: Installing Fuel-Demand Valve Wise Move *BoatUS Video Shows You How*

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 30, 2015 - Owners with outboard powered boats have lived with portable fuel tanks for years, but recent well-intentioned efforts to stop smog-causing gas fumes from escaping by eliminating the familiar two-way vent is causing new concerns. Without a vent - typically a small screw type fixture on the tank's cap or top - a portable tank can swell up like a balloon in the hot sun with the internal pressure forcing gas into the outboard where it can spew inside the cowling, eventually dribbling out. It's a wise move to install an inexpensive fuel-demand valve in the fuel line that will prevent any gas from reaching the motor unless the motor calls for it, and BoatUS has a video and easy to follow instructions to show you how.

"Our members are telling us that the new tanks aren't all they are cracked up to be," said BoatUS Magazine Executive Editor Mike Vatalaro. "These new EPA compliant portable tanks and jerry jugs have special fittings that greatly reduce evaporative emissions from gasoline. But where traditional tanks simply vent to the atmosphere, the new tanks won't vent until the internal pressure reaches five pounds per square inch. In the meantime, fuel could be forced up the fuel line into the outboard, many of which have no means to hold it back."

"Leaving the tank disconnected just results in the same gush of gas once you do hook it up, either from the tank end or through the engine," added Vatalaro. "Installing an inexpensive fuel-demand valve in the fuel line will prevent any gas from reaching the motor unless the motor calls for it." The video and instructions can be found at:

[BoatUS.com/installfueldemandvalve](http://BoatUS.com/installfueldemandvalve)

## FBHI Member Benefits

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### Members of the FBHI board are:

Chris Ahearn, Richard Armenia, Johanna Beers, David Dingley, Walter Hope, Charlotte Knox, Pat Leary, Steven Marcus, Stephanie Schorow, Rab Sherman, Ken Stein, and Suzanne Gall Marsh (Emerita).

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