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# Tidings

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands - December 27, 2011

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**Dear Stephanie,**  
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Hello Friends! As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your efforts and interest in the Friends in 2011, and look forward to our work in 2012. As you saw in our special hard-copy of Tidings that was mailed to you in December, we have a good number of accomplishments to be proud of:

- Our Annual Meeting in April,
- Training of on-island Volunteers,
- Celebration of Edward Rowe Snow Day on Georges Island,
- Mass Memories Road Show,
- 6400 hours of Volunteer work provided to and for the Harbor Islands,
- Boat trips to many hard-to-get-to islands,
- Community outreach to libraries in the area,
- Expansion of our items available for sale,
- Worlds Fair Presentation in Braintree,
- Fall Festival at Worlds End.

The Friends could not have done this without your energy, help, and more importantly your membership.

The Friends are a 'tiny fish' in the sea of groups working for the Harbor Islands. When first organized, the Friends were probably the only non-profit organization that worked to provide boat trips, volunteers, and support for the Harbor Islands (long before it was a National Park Area). We have a hardy group of members and volunteers that enable the group to move forward and accomplish all that we do.

As the calendar year comes to a close, I ask for your support in the form of a tax-deductible donation. The donation can be in any amount, and can be made via check or online via our partners at Eastern Bank. You can [\*\*CLICK TO DONATE, Thank you\*\*](#) via your credit card. The IRS allows donations completed before the close of the year to be counted towards your 2011 charitable tax deduction.

Our annual budget is a tiny fraction of the annual budget of some of the other organizations that work for the Harbor, the Islands and the Park. We're a niche' organization, and we're truly a grass-roots non-profit, as we always have been. We're the only group providing trained volunteers on-island overnight at the camps. We're the only organization providing boat trips to islands that you just can't get to without your own boat.

Please continue reading below about some exciting news for 2012, Thank you again for your support - hopefully we'll see you soon!



Walter Hope, Co-Chair  
PO Box 121020, Boston MA 02112 for personal notes, and stories...

## Sunday, January 1st 'Seafarers Holiday' Cruise to and Explore Spectacle Island

Departs Rowes Wharf at NOON, Returns to Rowes Wharf at 4pm  
on board the Mass Bay Lines Independence

Explore where range lights once stood, once the home to several families, now the tallest point in the Boston Harbor National Park Area, once the home of the City of Bostons Dump, now a beautiful park...





view from the top of Spectacle Island, looking at Moon Island and the Long Island Bridge.

### **Ticket prices :**

\$25 Adults

\$22 Seniors (65+), FBHI Members

\$20 Children (3-12), Students (with ID)

\$17 FBHI members' children

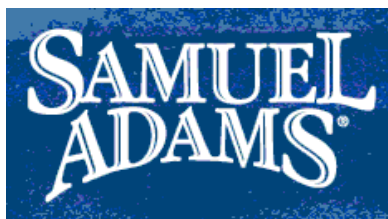
Babies under 3 travel for free (but still need a ticket)

**[CLICK FOR: January 1 Cruise to Spectacle](#)**



This February 11-19 the Friends will have a booth at the New England Boat Show for the 3rd year. We will be holding a membership drive, coupled with a raffle! Raffle tickets will be provided with the Memberships sold at the show, as well as to existing members. Tickets will be sold to existing members at \$5 for 5 tickets (further details to be announced shortly).

We have solicited many companies for donations and have already gained support from:



We're awaiting many more items as of this writing. **45,000 attendees** are expected at the show and we are working hard to make the Membership Drive and Raffle a successful one! ***Thank you to the New England Boat Show for the continued support.***

## ***From Cafe Press - Items for sale help support the Friends!***

We have a number of new items for sale. Please click on the links below to go to the FBHI Cafe Press Website.

New items include:

- Coffee Mugs
- Cold Drink Glasses
- Drink coasters
- Travel Bottle (Hot drinks)
- Sports Bottle
- Messenger Bags
- Tailgating blankets
- Note cards
- Chefs apron... and more!

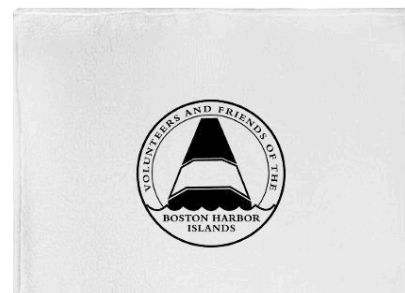
in addition to these items, we have the SAME items also available without the FBHI information on them.

### **NEW!**

Perhaps you like lighthouses and ducks, but without FBHI 'advertising' on them? We understand... so check out the specific section "**no-logo**" for the same items.

Purchases are via the web site ONLY, items are made-to-order just for you. Order 'soon' for the holidays, production and shipping takes 3-6 weeks.

**[CLICK HERE to see the Friends NEW ITEMS for Purchase!](#)**





Tile coasters



Coffee Mugs



Glasses

Stadium Blankets

*and more!*

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR DONATE TO THE FRIENDS  
ONLINE WITH A CLICK OF YOUR FINGERS**

If you haven't renewed your membership you can do it via the FBHI web site and PayPal  
by clicking here.

Please consider donating to the Friends. Please click here.

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