



photo by Stephanie Schorow

## Progress and more

We won't be sending you notes about the Lovells Island Oil House Fundraiser every two weeks, BUT I did want to include this information and the wonderful writing by writer Stephanie Schorow (below). We've raised \$26,075 as of September 18th including a matching donation thanks to one of our donor's & his employer. Thank you to the 30 donors so far!

While the summer has past, events are planned well into the fall and even next year in 2019! Included in this issue are

some upcoming trips, Stewardship Volunteer opportunities and some notices about land-based events as well.

I hope your fall is pleasant and you're able to consider making a donation to the [Lovells Island Oil House Project](#). Check our special [web page](#) and see the most up-to-date fundraising information, as well as a list of donors - like you - perhaps?

Thank you & enjoy the quiet times,

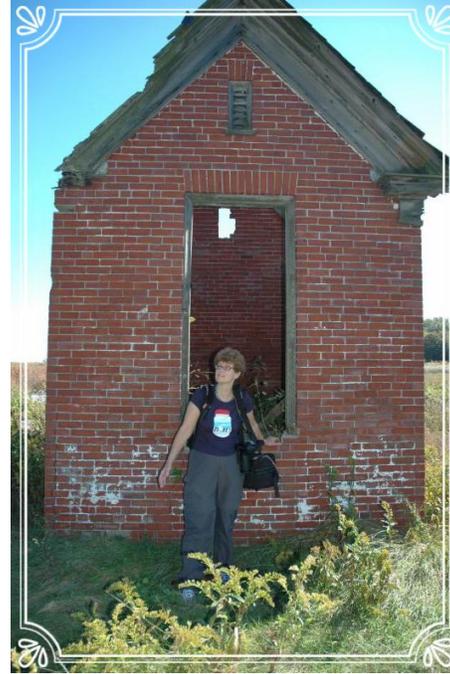
Walter Hope, Chairman



## Memories

The Lovells Oil House began my relationship with the Boston Harbor Islands. Like lots of great affairs, it was love at first sight. Like a lot of affairs, I'm afraid of losing the object of my desire.

Back in 1999, I had been talked into a trip on the Boston Harbor with a group of sailing enthusiasts who would take a trip on a large boat for the purpose of checking the harbor markers. This was all over my head, because I had really never been out in the harbor before. I was one of those uninitiated landlubbers. We started from Hingham; I was busy eating a sandwich. Our boat sped by Spectacle, still under restoration and closed to the public. The two drumlins rose over the water like a bare baby's bottom. My friends gave me a little history of Spectacle and the other islands. When we passed by Lovells, I could see a long beach connecting two wooded areas and on that long strip, a curious little house, made of red brick, on the shore. For some reason the house, so alone, so defiant intrigued me. What was its story? Why was it there? My friends didn't know but then they said the magic words - you can camp on that island. And now my curiosity was translated into action. In a very few months I camped on that island - and Bumpkin and Grape and Peddocks - and fell in love with the Harbor Island. I also developed a more person relationship with that small brick building.



Author Stephanie Schorow at the Lovells Island Oil House.

I learned it was the only structure remaining from a complex of a lighthouse and home. For various reasons, the little house survived the destruction of so many others on the islands. Here was the spot where range lights guided ships into the harbor. Here's where the Jennings family lived and kept the light burning. Here's where they dug for coins from British shipwreck and young Harold Jennings had so many adventures. And now it stood, a beacon of a prior era. It continued to survive, even as parts of Lovells - such as a military's radio building that was located nearby - collapsed due to the forces of wind and tide. Every time I sailed or boated near Lovells, I would look for the house. Every time I went to Lovells, I would take photos of it, even as I could see the structure succumbing to time.

But it doesn't have to succumb. Through the efforts of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands we can save the oil house for future generations. Yes, it's but a tiny structure, but the history it represents is part of the lore and myth of the islands. We have lost so many things in the islands - the "Greek Temple" of Rainsford and the children's hospital on Bumpkin for example - it is imperative that we now save what we can.

Let's save the Lovell's Oil House. It's a relationship that doesn't have to end.

*Stephanie Schorow, author of East of Boston: Notes from the Harbor Island.*

Please visit our special web page for this effort at: <http://fbhi.org/lovels->

[island-oil-house-fundraiser.html](#). Help us by forwarding this email to family, friends, history buffs and lighthouse lovers! Credit Card donations can be processed on our [web page](#); **checks** can be sent to FBHI 30 Shipyard Drive #202, Hingham, MA 02043.

Learn more about the oil house and see photos, historic documents, and more from our special web site. Have you been to the Oil House on Lovells? [Send photos, writings, your thoughts, paintings or drawings to be included on our page.](#)

Together, we will save a link to Boston's maritime history.

Lovells Video

Learn More!  
Lovells Island Oil House

## Events

**September 30 - [Jazz on the Porch \(Spectacle Island\) BHN](#)**

**October 1 - [Free Cruise passing Boston Light SHSB](#)**

**October 7 - [Free Ferry Day BHN](#)**

**October 13 - [Guided Walking Tour of the North End FBHW](#)**

**November 10 - [Veterans Cruise BHN](#)**

**November 13 - 2300 Days At Sea: Monitoring the Impacts of the Massachusetts Bay Outfall (save the date) 280 Congress St, Boston (MIT, US EPA, MA DEP)**

**January 1 - [Seafarer's Holiday](#) trip to Thompson Island (FBHI)**

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**Stewardship Events: ([must register online!](#)) NPS**

2018

**October 13** Grape Island

**October 20** Thompson Island

**October 27** Thompson Island

**November 3** Grape Island

**November 10** Thompson Island

**November 17** Peddocks Island

**December 1** Grape Island

2019

**January 5** Worlds End

**January 19** Worlds End

**February 2** Worlds End

**February 16** Worlds End

**March 9** Worlds End

**March 23** Worlds End

# Boaters want to visit as well!



## The Numbers Are In: Boating Is Big for the U.S. Economy

BoatUS: "Boating is more than just fun on the water"

ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 20, 2018 - In a data-driven world, knowing your "numbers" is a crucial part of achieving success. And in the halls of power of Washington, D.C., and 50 state capitals, credible data carries extra weight when it comes to advancing policies and

laws that benefit recreational boaters. That's why Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is calling attention to today's release of economic data by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that shows the significance of the outdoor industry - and boating in particular - to the U.S. economy. First, the numbers:

- Outdoor recreation accounted for \$412 billion of the U.S. gross domestic product, representing 2.2 percent of the overall GDP.
- This translates to 4.5 million jobs with compensation of \$214 billion in the same year.
- Outdoor recreation contribution to GDP is greater than farming, mining or public utilities, and is comparable to broadcasting/telecommunications.
- Recreational boating and fishing accounted for \$36.93 billion of that total, the single largest category of activities identified in the report.

"As we work for boaters in Washington and state capitals, this data will help policymakers understand that boating is more than just fun on the water," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "For boaters, the BEA data will help BoatUS advocate for laws and policies that support access to waterways and help boaters enjoy a variety of water-based recreation activities."

FBHI Members are able to gain a 50% discount on Boat US "basic" membership.

Recreational Boaters in Boston Harbor have long felt outcast once the docks at Georges and Peddocks Islands were removed and/or made only for commercial ferry traffic. While a very few moorings have been installed at Spectacle Island this year thanks to Boston Harbor NOW and the MA DCR, the majority of the moorings are held up with US Army Corps permitting, and moorings alone do not add access for recreational boaters to visit the actual islands. We have an amazing resource in the Boston Harbor National & State Park, FBHI stands with the recreational boating community and points to the BEA report noting that this segment of the community has a major economic impact in the region, and further access could only enhance the experience.

## FBHI Membership also has benefits - Ferry Discounts!

### FBHI Membership 2018 Boat Tour Discounts

Ahoy Friends! Your 2018 discount codes are on the back of your 2018 membership card. These discount codes are needed for all on line ticket sales. If you are purchasing tickets at the counter or ticket office you must show your 2018 membership card. Be part of the Lovells Island Oil House project and take advantage of these opportunities to travel around the Harbor and Massachusetts Bay. Returning members that join between September 2018 & December 2018 will have memberships that expire in December 2019. Existing members that renew will have their current memberships extended by 1 year.

[Boston Harbor Cruises](#) (Long Wharf) offers 20% on all of their tours including: Whale Watch, Provincetown, Harbor Cruises, Codzilla, Salem Ferry, Harbor Islands (Boston).

For Hingham travelers the 20% discount applies to the Southern Loop (inter-island) ferry that has 4 trips a day. Tickets only available in the Hingham Ferry Terminal. 20% discount on Saturday and Sunday 9:15 a.m. Georges Island trip. Tickets available both online and in the terminal. There are no discounts on the MBTA ferry that stops at Georges Island.

[Mass Bay Lines](#) (Rowes Wharf) offers a 20% discount on all their tours including: Pirate Ship Tours and Tall Ship Sunset Cruise on board the sailing vessel Formidable; cruises on motor vessels at sunset and moonlight, as well as specialized holiday tours.

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