



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Lovells Island Oil House

I am very excited to be able to let you know today, that the Friends of the Boston Harbor Island's have raised over \$29,965 as of the 21st! A portion of this is via the match with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation

Several grants have been applied for and while their awards may be a "long-shot" I am hopeful. MassDCR has hired an expert to evaluate the structure and we hope to hear more in the coming weeks.

You'll find a story below from our wonderful member **Blossom Hoag**, her family has fond memories of visiting Lovells and the Oil House.

In addition to these wonderful memories, we've received wonderful letters of support from:

- Lighthouse Expert Jeremy D'Entremont,
- MWRA Executive Director Fred Laskey,
- US National Parks Service General Superintendent (NP of Boston) Michael Creasey as well as
- Boston Harbor NOW's CEO Kathy Abbot.

These wonderful letters of support can be found on our [web page](#).

We're not alone in this effort - and our donations show that our members and Friends are stepping up to assist. See the list of donors below. A new video about the Oil House [can be found here](#).

40th Anniversary!

- While the Lovells Island Oil House is a major focus, **our 40th Anniversary will also bring our Seafarer's Holiday on Thompson's Island.** Tickets are available on our web page FBHI.org or at the boat on **January 1st.** The boat leaves promptly at noon from Rowes Wharf in Boston. Bundle up & come on out!



The boys of Thompson Island School enjoying the snow!

- Plans are also forming for a Speakers Series at the Old South Meeting House later in 2019. Other special activities will follow in the coming months.

Please consider making a contribution of \$75, \$100 or more to the Oil House effort. Donors will receive a membership to the FBHI, plus a gift for participating. See the details on our [web page](#).

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

Yours,

Walter Hope, Chairman

Lovells Video

**A Hoag
Family
Memory**

A note about the
Boston Harbor
Islands:

I started visiting the
Boston Harbor Islands
in the 1970s when I
first moved to Boston.

I was fortunate
enough to work for an
architect and the
National Architectural
Society held its
annual meeting in
Boston which included
a Clam Bake and visit
to George's Island-
long before the
National Parks got
involved. Edward
Rowe Snow was on
hand to give tours and
tell some of his

remarkable stories. From that moment I fell in love with the Islands and have been so very pleased over the years that they have been so protected by Boston, the state AND the Federal government to keep commercialism at bay. They were a wild place for my children and many children in the metro Boston area to get away from the city, hear the birds, the lapping of the waters, the fog horns, appreciate nature and learn so much of our history.

With that, in the 1980s I got involved with Suzanne Gall and then the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, which she founded. The organization has done much over the years to work with the agencies and help protect some of our marine heritage. They fought to keep a presence at the Boston Harbor Lighthouse after all other lighthouses in the country had been automated. They helped protect quirky Nix's Mate, an aid to navigation, and most recently, they are engaged in the rehabilitation of the oil house on Lovell's Island.

On one of our family's many visits to Lovells we found this dear relic and my son, Ian, was photographed in the doorway. Any help that you can direct to preserving this piece of history would be greatly appreciated-and be sure to visit the next time you visit Lovell's Island.



Ian Hoag at the doorway of the Lovells Island Oil House

Learn More!
Lovells Island Oil House

[tickets](http://fbhi.org) <http://fbhi.org>

New Year's Day 2019

Boat Trip to Thompson Island

— Seafarers Island Holiday



Start the New Year on Tuesday, 1/1/19, with an afternoon on one of Boston's fascinating Harbor Islands. Join the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI) for our annual excursion to Thompson Island and take a breath of fresh air after the busy holiday season!



Enjoy a 45 minute boat ride through the Boston Harbor Islands and a panoramic view of the Boston city skyline. Explore Thompson Island's meadows, forests, beaches and 40 acres salt marsh while learning about its intriguing history. Pack a picnic lunch and go on your own adventure!



A Friends' tradition since 1980, being outdoors on a Boston Harbor Island is the best way to start the New Year.

The boat MV Freedom departs from Massachusetts Bay Lines, 60 Rowes Wharf, Boston at 12:00pm and returns to the dock at 4:00pm. Boarding begins at 11:30am. The nearest T stations are South Station (Red Line) and Aquarium (Blue Line).

No food is sold on the boat or the island. Park policy is no pets and no alcohol. There will be indoor space and a complimentary warm beverage available.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION – VISIT FBHI.ORG OR CALL 781-740-4290.

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| Adults | \$30.00 |
| Seniors (65+) | \$29.00 |
| FBHI members | \$25.00 |
| Children (3-12) | \$20.00 |
| Students (with ID) | \$20.00 |
| FBHI members' children | \$17.00 |

Babies travel for free, but still need a boarding pass.

Tickets available now through FBHI.org and will also be sold dockside on New Year's Day after 11:00am at Mass Bay Lines, 60 Rowes Wharf, Boston.

In case of inclement weather, check the FBHI website and phone for updates.

If the trip is cancelled due to the weather, credits will be issued for future boat trips, merchandise, or membership dues.

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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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