January 31, 2012

Dear Roma,
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Hello Friends!
This is a 'short' issue of Tidings, but don't think that the Friends aren't busy! The Board has had some very productive meetings in the past months, and we're:

- working on a new mission (shorter & streamlined),
- rolling out a completely new web page,
- preparing for the boat show (February 11-19) and raffle,
- starting planning for the annual meeting (in May),
- working on some possible grant opportunities,
- Suzanne has already been working with the boat companies to schedule the 2012 boat trips, and to determine and confirm our member discount programs,
- and our Volunteer Coordinator has been working already with DCR to better focus our on-island volunteer efforts for 2012.

Speaking of the web page, please take a moment and check it out - it is 100% NEW, in a wonderful format, with a 100% automated no-paper online membership renewal & online store for both clothes & books! Boat trip tickets will be available online in the coming months as well!

Please visit our booth at the boat show any day from February 11-19 at the Boston Convention and Expo Center in South Boston.
January 1st 'Seafarers Holiday'
Cruise to and Explore Spectacle Island
Was a sucess with 130 people attending!

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

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 $10 for 5 tickets (go to: www.fbhi.org/sponsors.html ) to purchase tickets online (online must be completed by February 11th).

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

Supporters:

BEN's BOAT CREW
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Donors

Also: Vineyard Vines, New England Patriots, with more to come!

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...
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!

FBHI is now partnered with "GOODSHOP"

Shop online for things you might normally buy, and a donation is made to FBHI!

Click on GOODSEARCH/BUY/EAT to learn more.

• **GoodSearch.com** - The search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great search results, and each time you search, GoodSearch donates about a penny to your cause!

• **GoodShop.com** - The online marketplace that donates a percentage of each purchase to your organization. You can choose from more than 2,500 popular merchants, find more then 100,000 coupons and deals, and the experience of shopping through GoodShop is exactly the same as going to the retailer's websites directly.

• **GoodDining.com** - The first 365 day a year Dine for Charity program. Dine in or
take out at over 10,000 participating restaurants nationwide. Up to 6% of your total check including tax and tip with be donated to Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands - FBHI

Above is an image of the all NEW FBHI Web Page, our web address is still http://www.fbhi.org and our email has remained at info@fbhi.org

Take a moment to check out our new web page, it will change frequently, and over the coming months will be revised and updated.

For history buffs, check out the island information - this includes some 'islands' that are no longer (including Governors, Apple & more). We will add to and update the information on the islands as well.

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.