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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

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The 1975 Boston Harbor World's Fair?

Panel Discussion on the plan
that might have transformed the Harbor Islands

Few people who head out to Georges or Spectacle Island today realize that back in the 1970s, there were plans to stage a World's Fair on the Boston Harbor Islands. If that plan had succeeded, who knows if the islands would have later become a national park and a treasure for the Boston area to enjoy?

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands is sponsoring a film screening and discussion on this unusual footnote in Harbor History at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree on Thursday, July 28 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

In the late 1960s Americans were weary of cultural upheavals and looking for ways to re-build national pride. This included consideration of staging a huge fair, designed to showcase the nation's achievements. A letter of intent entitled "Freedom 75," signed by state governors and other leaders, proposed the development of a bicentennial exposition in Boston Harbor. The exposition structures would be built on land and above the water. The designers' objectives were ambitious: after the Fair, they would leave behind "new communities" that would increase availability of low-cost, high-quality housing and water based transportation, taking large chunks of what

housing and water-based transportation taking large chunks of what is now Columbia Point and Thompson Island.

Opponents raised concerns that a massive project extending over the harbor would inevitably damage this unique and valuable resource. Grassroots organizations formed and began to voice the opposition that eventually defeated the plans. Among the tactics used was a public service film made by a group called Save Our Shores.

This film will be screened at the July 28 event, followed by a panel discussion with some of the film's original creators. The audience will have the opportunity to comment on the ideas presented and the effectiveness of the approach. There will also be a couple of small exhibits.

For more information go to www.fbhi.org or contact the FBHI at info@fbhi.org or 781-740-4290.



SEE THE LIGHT

Special Discounts for Friends on Boston Light Trips

Card carrying members of the Friends will receive a 25% discount on the Boston Light tours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There will be a limited amount of FBHI seats for each boat. To order tickets: bostonharborislands.org/tour-lighthouse. Call the FBHI office to receive the discount code. Individual members can purchase one ticket; per trip. Family and sustaining or higher members can purchase up to four tickets per trip. Trips depart 10:00 return to the dock at 1:00 or 1:30 return to the dock at 4:30. Tours are led by National Park Rangers and depart from the Moakley Courthouse.

Adults (age 12+) \$39.00; Seniors (age 65+) \$35; Children (age 3-11) \$29; Toddlers (age 2 & under) free.

DISCOUNTS WITH OTHER BOAT COMPANIES ARE: 20% OFF ALL BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES including Provincetown High Speed Ferry, Whale Watch, Constitution and Historic Sightseeing, Codzilla, Charles River locks.

Purchase tickets on line with a special FBHI code or at the ticket window by showing your FBHI membership card.

Friends also get 15% off Massachusetts Bay Lines Whale Watch trips.

Upcoming Friends boat trips:

Island Sunset Adventures: July 20 - Long Island, August 3 - Lovells Island, August 17 - Long Island. Trips leave at 6:00 and you're back on the dock at 9:00.

Island Expeditions - Calf Island August 6, Great Brewster August 27, Rainsford September 10. Trips at various times.

Both the Sunset Adventures and Island Expeditions are with Rowes Wharf Water Transport in Boston. Tickets available now by mail or on line at www.fbhi.org.

Northern Lighthouse Tours with Boston Harbor Cruises: August 6 and October 1 and Southern Lighthouse Tour September 3. Please buy your tickets directly from FBHI so that we receive a portion of the proceeds.

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

The Mass. Memories Road Show is collecting photos and stories of the BOSTON HARBOR



ISLANDS! Join us on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Massachusetts Archives (Columbia Point, Dorchester). Become a part of Massachusetts history by sharing your photos and stories with a state-wide archive of local history! All original photos are immediately returned to you.



Want to participate?

1. Choose your photos

Go through your family photo albums and scrapbooks and pick out two or three photographs of people, places or events relating to the Boston Harbor Islands. They can be old or new; formal or snapshots; color or black-and-white. They can be photos of you, your children or your ancestors. They can be photos of events, excursions or everyday activities. (Original, unframed photos are best; as are photos in which you can identify the people pictured.)

2. Bring them in

Bring your photos to the event on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Massachusetts Archives (Columbia Point, Dorchester). We will scan the photos and immediately return them to you. You will be invited to share a 3-4 minute story about your photographs on camera and take a "keepsake photo" to document your participation in the event. All photos and stories scanned at the event become part of the UMass Boston digital archive, online at www.MassMemories.net.

The Boston Harbor Islands Road Show will be held at the Massachusetts Archives on Columbia Point in Dorchester (near UMass Boston and the JFK Library). Visit the website at www.MassMemories.net for directions and to see examples from past Road Shows.

This is the Mass. Memories Road Show's only event to digitize photos of the Boston Harbor Islands, so come out and make sure your photos and

stories are included.

This event is free and open to all.

The Mass. Memories Road Show at UMass Boston is a state-wide public history project that documents Massachusetts history through family photos and stories. Our goal is to create a digital portrait of the Commonwealth--in all its rich diversity--for students, scholars, community organizers and residents of the 351 cities and towns that make up our state. We hope this digital portrait will also serve as an education resource for future generations, as the photos, stories and memories contributed today become tomorrow's history. The project is sponsored by the Joseph P. Healey Library at UMass Boston and Mass Humanities.

The Mass. Memories Road Show is an initiative of the University Archives & Special Collections Department of the Joseph P. Healey Library at UMass Boston, and is online at www.MassMemories.net.

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