

Summer '17



***Join us on Wednesday, June 28  
for a Twilight Tour at Boston Light!***

Tickets are sure to sell out quickly - On sail now at  
[FBHI.ORG](http://FBHI.ORG)

A rare opportunity to enjoy being on Little Brewster Island in the evening. Twilight glow is a special time to enjoy the sights and sounds of the harbor islands. Bring a picnic supper. There is no food sold on the boat or the island. Park policy is no alcohol and no pets.

During the evening trip THERE IS NO CLIMBING THE LIGHTHOUSE TOWER. However, the museum room at the base of the tower will be open.

We will travel on MV Columbia Point leaving from University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston Fox Point Pavilion. The vessel has an enclosed cabin with tables and chairs, a rest room, open top deck with seating. Capacity is limited to 50 guests due to the size of Little Brewster Island.

Check in time begins at 5:00 with boarding at 5:30. We will depart at 6:00 sharp and return to the dock at 9:00. Take the MBTA Red Line to the JFK/UMass station. Free shuttle buses run regularly to the Campus until 10:30p.m. Parking is at the UMass lots for \$6.00 and then you take a free shuttle bus to the Campus. Allow 20 minutes to walk to the Fox Point Dock once you arrive on Campus.

Directions to the campus [CLICK HERE](#)

Boston Light is the oldest lighthouse site in North America. The 300th anniversary was celebrated in 2016.

# Boston Light



*Hello from Walter!*

## **Hello Friends and Harbor Lovers!**

A week ago Boston Harbor hosted the **Tall Ships**, and I was lucky enough to have a front-row seat to the turn-around between the Courageous Sailing Center and US Coast Guard Base in the North End. The non-stop boat & ferry traffic was a sight to see - and the tall ships were magnificent. See photos of the parade from some of our FBHI members below.

As I write this, I have just returned for a wonderful weekend at anchor off of the South side of Long Island. We visited Rainsford Island and the beach at Long Island. Both were beautiful, the views during the day of the islands and boat and ferry traffic were non-stop! On our departure, we buzzed past Boston Light for a few photos. On my return, I happened to discover the poem (below) by a B.B. French on May 26, 1861 - written at Rainsford Island, Boston Harbor. Perhaps someone reading this will know who Mr Ellsworth is - or who Mr B.B. French is?

Please join some of us on our trip to **Boston Light this Wednesday afternoon - departing from UMass Boston at 6pm** (arrive early, shuttle bus from UMass Red Line Station). Tickets [ONLINE](#)

Enjoy your summer, explore your islands, perhaps visit the food operations at Spectacle & Georges now run by famed [Chef Barbara Lynch](#) .

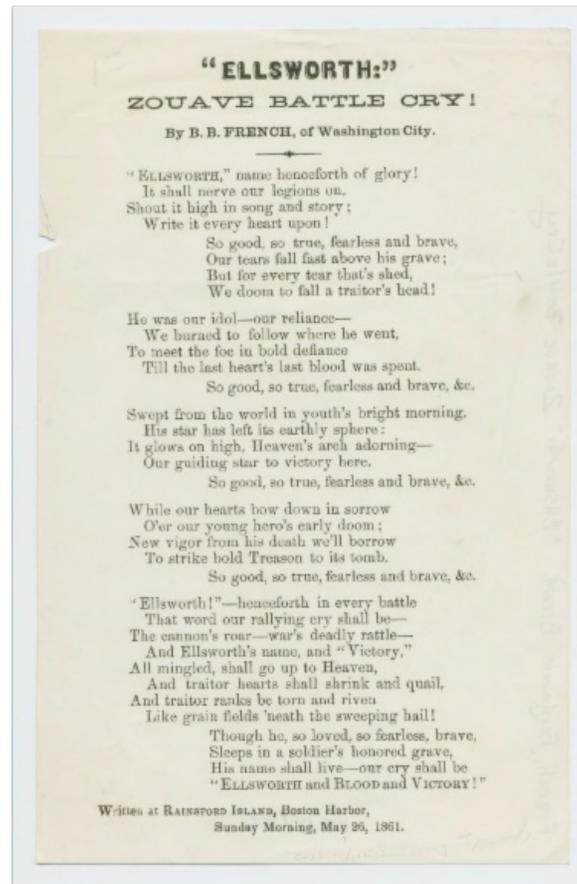
The recreational boat docks were being worked on this past weekend (6/23-25) and may be operational as of this writing.

The [park calendar](#) is chock-full of activities, most are free!  
The [ferry schedule](#) is up & the ferries are running!

And thank you as always for your support.

Yours,

Walter Hope, Chairman FBHI



**Ellsworth Poem** (click to download a PDF file)

## Volunteer Coordinator's Column

### 2017 Volunteer Season by Carol Fithian

June is gloriously here and the **volunteer season** is successfully under way. Boston Light programming has started and the camping islands are open and full of campers. We were so lucky to have the Tall Ships highlight the beginning of summer on the harbor. Volunteers have been helping on the waterfront, Georges and Spectacle mid May but building up to full function now.

This season's rangers have been very welcoming and helpful to the volunteers who are extremely happy to be back on the islands and the waterfront. Thanks to our members for your support that helps to make this possible.

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I am sad to report that **Edward (Ed) Owen** a dedicated volunteer passed away. Ed volunteered with FBHI for over 13 years. He loved photography and sharing island history with visitors, especially history of Georges Island. He would always proudly talk about FBHI and share stories and memories of Edward Rowe Snow. He probably felt this connection so fondly because he himself was a teacher.

Ed taught science in the Belmont school system for over 30 years. After his retirement, Ed was an active member of the Friends. He loved sharing fond memories of his days on the islands with his family. He enjoyed camping on the islands as well. He was in his glory when he introduced his grandchildren to

Lovells and Georges Islands.

## [OBITUARY](#)

Another hard working volunteer, **Dave Skill** recently passed away. He loved island history and loved the stories and adventures of Edward Rowe Snow. He worked at WATD radio station in Marshfield and hosted a program featuring historical pieces about each of the Harbor Islands, Boston Light and Mr. Snow. [OBITUARY](#)

He strongly promoted The Friends, volunteered on Georges Island and at Boston Light. To hear some of his programming check out the link below.

## [WATD](#)

### Join us! Become a member or Renew!

While some of the other non-profits working in the harbor have ***much deeper pockets*** than us, we are a dedicated non-profit that for over 35 years has worked to provide service to the Boston Harbor Islands.

*Consider this season helping us continue our work.*

## [CLICK HERE](#)

You will note there are 2 types of membership, "**lump sum**" or a set amount paid in one payment. The other option is a "**subscription**" membership. A subscription membership provides a donation from \$20 & up a month to the Friends and helps the group tremendously, and does so in an **easy to budget** way for you.

With the SUBSCRIPTION Feature, you can budget your increased membership level over 12 months - tremendously and affordably assisting the FRIENDS and receiving a wonderful new book at the same time!

A Subscription Membership can affordably provide:

\$20 a month = \$240 a year!

\$30 a month = \$360 a year!

\$40 a month = \$480 a year!

\$50 a month = \$600 a year!

Did you know that our boat trips are run as a "public service"? With the cost of the charter, we often run the trips at break even. **Members like YOU** are our major source of income. Thank you for being a Member of the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands! [JOIN US!](#) *Thank you for your support.*



[Visit the Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee web page to learn more about boating & shipping in MassBay!](#)

## Photos from our Tall Ships Viewing Trip, June 17

As "Friends" of the Boston Harbor Islands, many of us spend hours each year on the water, in route to one or more of our beloved islands. Sometimes the water itself is like a highway, Route 3 from Boston to the Cape: endured but not enjoyed. Sometimes the water acts like a roadblock, waves and rough water preventing us from reaching our islands.

Every once in a while, the water becomes part of a very special experience. The Parade of Sails was one such experience. Three hours on the Columbia Point, up front and personal with with the magnificent vessels of Sail Boston, turned the water from a roadblock or nuisance to a grand and glorious trip back to the history of our harbor. Text & some photos **Ken Stein** and **Marguerite Krup**













## our volunteer board of directors



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