

March 2019

Spring is almost here

Send us your memories

FBHI has embarked on an exciting new project. We are producing a publication/booklet that will celebrate 40 years of achievements by the Friends. We are in the process of collecting multiple documents, flyers and photos for inclusion.



We want your help. We NEED your help. Write 100 words about your favorite FBHI memory. A great experience. A scary moment. A meaningful event. An encounter with wildlife, other visitors, even ghosts. Be short and descriptive. Include your name and years with the Friends and any positions you have held with the organization. Send to sschorow@gmail.com. Please do so by April 1.

We are still looking for good quality, 300 dpi digital (or digitized) photos of the Friends in action. Please look through your photos and choose ONE or TWO (but NO more) photos. Please send these AS DIGITAL ATTACHMENTS to Stephanie Schorow at sschorow@gmail.com. April 1 is the deadline for this.

We also looking for volunteers to help out with retyping certain Tidings articles. If you have a computer and internet access, please let us know if you can help. Email sschorow@gmail.com.

We are still working out the details of the booklet but we think it will be an awesome keepsake for our members and volunteers.

Funding for this project comes from National Parks of Boston, MWRA, and Boston Marine Society. Fund raising is ongoing.

Get ready, get set, cruise

A promotional poster for the 'Revelry & Revolution' harbor cruise. The background is yellow. On the left is a silhouette of a person in a dark coat with white crisscrossing straps, holding a white hat aloft. In the center, the words 'REVELRY & REVOLUTION' are written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right is a silhouette of a three-masted sailing ship on the water. Below the title, in smaller white text, it says 'A HARBOR CRUISE HIGHLIGHTING THE REAL HISTORY OF BOSTON'S EVACUATION DAY'. At the bottom of the poster, on a black background, is the text 'MARCH 23 • 11AM - 1:30PM' in white. To the right of this text are three logos: the Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the 'dcr Massachusetts' logo, and the 'BOSTON HARBOR NOW' logo.

Get ready for the Revolution

We will see you at the March 23
Revelry and Revolution Cruise, highlighting the real history
of Boston's Evacuation Day.

See [here](#).

You may apply your FBHI member new discount code for 2019. Your membership must be current to have the new online code. Or show your current FBHI membership card at the BHC ticket booth.

Also, be aware that parking camping reservations are now available online at [ReserveAmerica](#) or the call center at 877-422-6762

For more information, go to the Boston Harbor Islands site [here](#).

FREE 40th Anniversary Reunion Cruise

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate four decades of public service, advocacy and fun with a

FREE public cruise on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

The [Friends](#) will mark their 40th anniversary and their decades of activity on land, sea and the islands with this special cruise.



All are welcome: current and former Friends members and Park staff; Partnership, Advisory Council and agency personnel, island visitors. This is a cruise for those of us who have been visiting the islands for years and for those who might just be visiting for the first time.

Music will be provided by the [Gloucester Hornpipe and Clog Society](#).

The boat will depart from Boston Harbor Cruises, Long Wharf, Boston at 2:00 p.m. returning to the dock at 5:00 p.m. Boarding begins at 1:30 p.m.

The trip is free but you must [RSVP](#).

Donations will be accepted for the Friends 40th anniversary legacy project to restore the Lovells Island oil house.

Donations will be matched 2:1 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation Partnership Matching Funds Program.

Thanks to Boston Harbor Cruises for providing the vessel, MV Frederick L. Nolan, Jr.

There will be a cash bar and galley with snacks open during the cruise. Guests are responsible for their own refreshments. FBHI will provide complimentary birthday cake.

Rain or shine we sail!

VOLUNTEERS: We want you !

**By Carol Fithian
Volunteer Coordinator**

Planning for the 2019 FBHI volunteer season is underway. Every year brings changes to volunteer activities on the harbor along with



new volunteer opportunities.

We are looking for volunteers to fill visitor service positions on Georges and Spectacle Islands. Help is always needed at the Park Welcome Center on the Rose Kennedy Greenway and at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Volunteering may range from assisting fun activities like Civil War-themed games on Georges to working on one of the many pop-up programs on Spectacle to explaining the differences among the islands at the Park Welcome Center. So your talents are needed.

Use your skills to write articles for E-Tidings, give presentations and help with office tasks.

The goal is to help support and build a meaningful relationship with our special harbor.

If you are interested in becoming involved, send an email to cjfithian@comcast.net or call the FBHI Volunteer office (978) 356-4406. Please mention that you are calling about volunteering. This helps us easily determine valid callers from spam callers.



A report from the NEW ENGLAND BOAT SHOW

From February 8 to 17, a great team of FBHI volunteers staffed our booth at the New England Boat Show in the Seaport District.

According to the producer, 51,725 attendees came out to see the huge selection of boats, boat hardware and accessories and groups like the FBHI, the Mass Environmental Trust, Community Boat Building and New England Aquarium. We spoke to hundreds of attendees and vendors and sold our books, memberships and t-shirts. We were aided by a wonderful sign provided by Boston Harbor NOW.

An enormous amount of time was spent at the show, and our goal was to continue to spread the word about the park and the islands. This year we also want to spread the word that the moorings will be available! Hundreds of postcards announcing the moorings were passed out to interested persons. The moorings (essentially floating anchors) will allow recreational boaters to securely tie up and enjoy the Harbor Islands without worrying about their anchors dragging. Then, boaters with a dinghy can make their way to land without worry. Reservations will be completed using DockWa.

Our volunteers were led by Rab Sherman who was on scene every day, and included: Walter Hope, Pat Leary, Paul Federico, Ann Marie Allen, David Dingley, Kathy Abbott, Lenny Alberts, Lee Ann McDonough, Kevin Rogers, Denise Kidd, John Meurling, Robert, Anna and Arthur Sheridan and Anne Kelly. Thank you ALL!



Join us! Become a Member or renew!

MEMBERS LIKE YOU are our major source of income. Thank you for being a Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands member.

There are two 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 and 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 membership level over twelve months.

A Subscription Membership

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

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

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

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

[JOIN US!](#) *Thank you for your support.*

Our volunteer Board of Directors



Walter Hope, **Chairman**; Suzanne Gall Marsh, **Founder**, Robert "Rab" Sherman, **Clerk**
David Dingley, **Board Minutes**; Ann Marie Allen, Paul Federico, Charlotte Knox, Marguerite Krupp, Pat Leary, Steven Marcus, Kate Rivera, and Ken Stein.

E-Tidings Editor, Stephanie Schorow.
Membership, Richard Armenia.

Interested in Volunteering to be on the Board, write an article for Tidings, assist with Membership Renewals, Marketing (online), or Bookkeeping and have the skills? **Contact Carol Fithian, Coordinator of Volunteers.**

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