

## Thompson Trip, Boston Light & Shirts, New Discounts & Ferry, Fishing Derby & Preventing Boat Swamping



## august/september & beyond news & updates

**Thank you for reading Tidings & Join us this summer on YOUR Boston Harbor Islands!**

**Help us with Tidings!** If you have traveled with us on a boat trip, volunteered at an event or on an island, provided a library display or talk - consider writing a few paragraphs for Tidings! We know our members and readers are reading Tidings - our "open rate" is as high as almost 40% with about 2/3 reading on a desktop computer, and 1/3 reading Tidings on their cell phone.

### **Save the Dates:**

August 7 **National Lighthouse Day on the Nantucket Light Ship** [tickets required](#)

Aug 21 **Boston Light Day & Edward Rowe Snow Day** at Georges Island National Park Service 100th, Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park 20th and Boston Harbor Now 20th. It is also FBHI Annual Edward Rowe Snow Day.

Take the Georges Island ferry from Hingham or Boston. Opening Ceremony begins at 11:15; Flying Santa arrives via helicopter 11:45 and will be on the island until 12:30. Various activities will be in the location of the Edward Rowe Snow Shade Pavillion, as well as, inside the fort area. The detailed program will be posted on the FBHI website prior to the event.

Sept 14 **Boston Light Official Celebration** at Long Wharf at 10am - the public is invited!

September 15 **Kick off program for "Beacons of Beantown: 300 years of Boston Lights"** series co-sponsored by Old South Meetinghouse and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. Free program with speaker Jeremy D'Entremont; reception at 6:00 program begins at 6:30 at Old South Meetinghouse. (more information below).

While we've mentioned a few events and trips in this edition, there are literally ***hundreds of events*** happening on and about the islands this summer. Visit the [BostonHarborIslands.Org](http://BostonHarborIslands.Org) to learn more!

Did you know our [web page](#) is updated frequently? Check out the new [design](#)!

Enjoy!

FBHI Chairman, [Walter Hope](#)  
& Suzanne Gall Marsh, Tidings Contributor

Visit the FBHI Website

## FBHI boat trips

*BOAT TRIPS UPDATE by Suzanne Gall Marsh*

### SUMMER SUNSET TRIPS

**Boston Light day time tours** began June 17th and will run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through October 2nd from Boston and Hull. As a Friends member you receive a discount on your tickets through the online reservation system. Look for the **FBHI discount code** on the back of your membership card. Advance sales only; there are no walk up/cash sales.

**Boston Light day-time tours** - Tickets available now click at Boston Light Day Tour TICKETS (Boston Light day time tours are selling fast (these tours are not operated by the Friends)

How do YOU get the discounts on the Boston Light Day Tour's or on ALL Boston Harbor Cruise Company Trips? Join the FBHI! [CLICK JOIN](#)

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### Thompson Island - August 17

Join us! You may have joined us on January 1st - in the summer, it's VERY different! **Tickets available now** click at [TICKETS](#).



photo by Stephanie Schorow

many ferry service options

Started on May 7th and remember - FBHI Members receive a **20% discount** on ALL **Boston Harbor Cruises** Trips (including the Provincetown High Speed Ferry). (\*discounts do NOT include MBTA funded ferries) [SCHEDULE CLICK HERE](#)

**AND a NEW FBHI Member 20% Discount** on **Massachusetts Bay Lines** Boat Trips - Comedy, Music, Dinner, Harbor Tours. [SCHEDULE CLICK HERE](#)

**NEW FERRY SERVICE** from Marina Bay, Quincy to Spectacle Island, Winthrop & Rowes Wharf onboard the M/V Valkaree! [SCHEDULE CLICK HERE.](#) (FBHI membership discount does not apply to this service)



M/V Valkyrie - Winthrop's new commuter boat, now operating from Marina Bay, Quincy to Rowes Wharf & Spectacle Island as well as Winthrop!

join or renew now

[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 \$10 & up a month to the Friends and helps the group tremendously, and does so in an **easy to budget** way for you.

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!](#)

## Boston Light & Land's End

On July 26th FBHI Board Members **Rab Sherman** and **Pat Leary** were among invited guests on a cruise to Boston Light. The cruise was hosted by **Land's End** (the clothing company), **Boston Harbor Now** and the **US Lighthouse Society** (USLHS). Land's End announced that they had chosen Boston Light as their 3rd Rehabilitation Project Recipient.

### **From Land's End's Press Release:**

"We are honored to once again work alongside the United States Lighthouse Society in support of the rehabilitation of a vital structure to our nation's first lighthouse, a treasured beacon that has been beloved by the Boston community for 300 years,"



Federica  
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said Federica Marchionni, CEO, Lands' End. "This meaningful project is very important to Lands' End, since our first company logo over 50 years ago was a lighthouse symbol that signifies our longstanding commitment to quality, value and service that we still believe in firmly today and will for decades to come."

The selection of the Boston Light is in line with Lands' End's Lands' Friendly campaign, a mission to continually strive to be a leader in sustainability through partnerships and projects designed to support and protect the environment. Lands' End is also providing support through the sale of a limited edition canvas tote bag with the Boston Light lighthouse logo on it at local Lands' End Shops at Sears for \$35. For each tote purchased the company will donate \$10.

Participating Massachusetts locations include Hanover, Peabody, Braintree, Hyannis, North Dartmouth, Burlington and Natick.

Boston Light is an excellent choice for this year's rehabilitation project," said Jeff Gales, Executive Director, United States Lighthouse Society. "It is the oldest operating light station dating back 300 years. It's important to ensure the quality of the historic Boathouse so that it can eventually be reopened to the public and the Boston Light Station overall will remain a beautiful historical landmark."

The Boston Light is a focal point in United States history and its home city of Boston. As the first lighthouse in the country, the Boston Light lived through two world wars, three turns of the century and the evolution of lighthouses by modern day technology. Though all of that has contributed to the history, it has not lost its heritage. The Boston Light is the only lighthouse that is kept by a lighthouse keeper today. By preserving the historical structure, the history and heritage of the Boston Light will continue for generations to come.

"This rich historical landmark has a story to tell and we are happy to see that it will continue to do so with the help of Lands' End," said Kathy Abbott, President and CEO, Boston Harbor Now. "We hope that with these renovations, the Boston Light will continue to be a staple in the rich history of the city of Boston."



Rab Sherman, Pat Leary, Susan Tamulevich (Director New London Ct Custom House Maritime Meseum).  
Photos by Pat Leary

# our volunteer board of directors



Walter Hope, **Chairman**; Suzanne Gall Marsh, **Founder**, Steve Marcus **Chairman Emeritus**; Robert "Rab" Sherman, **Clerk**; Richard Armenia, **Membership**; David Dingley, **Board Minutes**; Johanna Beers, Charlotte Knox, Marguerite Krupp, Pat Leary, Kevin Rogers, Stephanie Schorow, & Ken Stein.

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 us!**

## Boston Light 300th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale!

100% cotton, navy blue, available in Medium, Large, XL and XXL.

Available at FBHI Events and Boat trips (limited edition!)

\$20 (M/L/XL) \$22 (XXL) in person, or add \$7 postage and have them shipped to you!

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Back of the shirt



Boston Light 300 Shirt on our own Nancy Martin, thank you!

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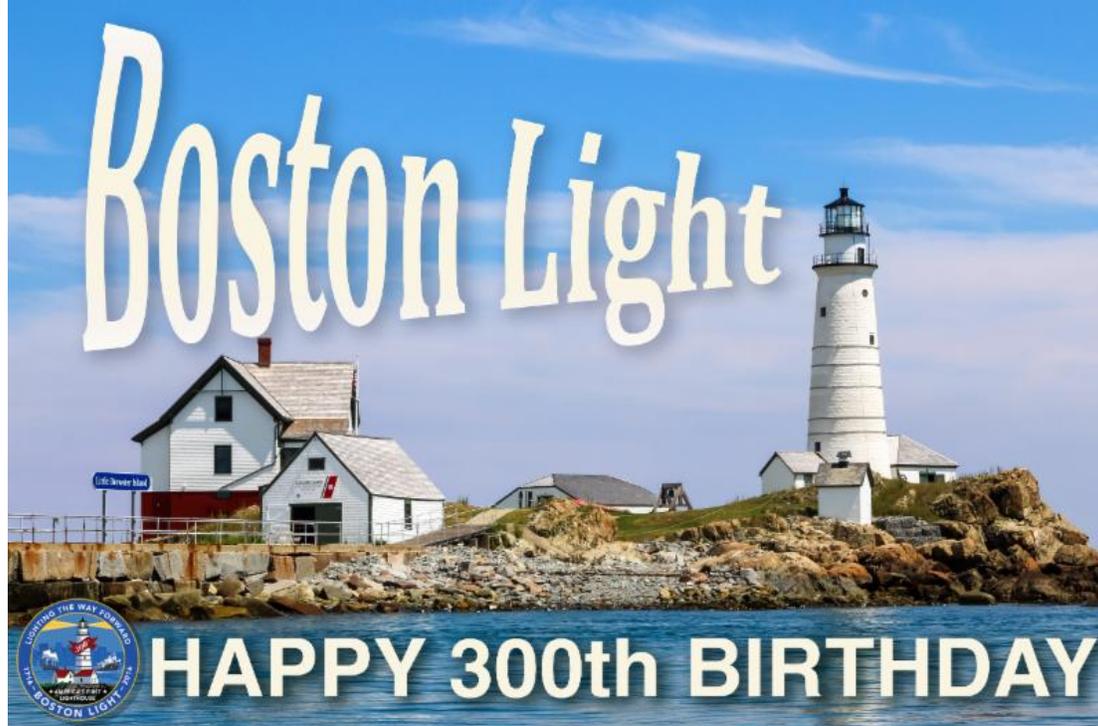


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## fall series at the old south meeting house "beacons of beantown"



### **Beacons of Beantown: 300 Years of Boston Lights**

A Series Co-Presented by Old South Meeting House and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

Location: Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Join us to experience the fascinating histories of Boston Harbor's historic lighthouses, as we celebrate the tercentenary of Boston Light, America's oldest light station (1716-2016), and the centennial of the National Park Service (1916-2016), which includes Boston Harbor Islands. Throughout this series, you will learn firsthand from today's lighthouse keepers and restoration experts, hear compelling family stories passed down through generations, and enjoy a live performance of traditional sea shanties. Discover the diverse stories these iconic features of our coastline have to tell, and refresh your knowledge of Beantown's seafaring past!

### Events within the Series:

**Thursday, September 15, 2016 - Reception 6:00 pm; Program 6:30 pm**  
**"Meet the Lighthouse Families of Boston Harbor, Yesterday and Today"**

Jeremy D'Entremont, lighthouse author and historian, and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands founder Suzanne Gall Marsh, will kick off a two-month series celebrating the tercentenary of Boston Light. This illustrated lecture will provide a colorful overview of Boston's lighthouse history,

including highlights from oral and family histories. Free and open to the public, advance registration requested. For details go to [www.osmh.org/calendar](http://www.osmh.org/calendar).

**Saturday, September 17, 2016, 12:00-2:00 pm**

## Three Sheets to the Wind - Sea Shanties at the Meeting House!

A musical performance by Gloucester-based Three Sheets to the Wind, featuring traditional sea shanties. Free with Museum Admission

**Fridays September 23, October 7, October 21, 2016, 12:15 pm**

A series of three "Middays at the Meeting House" programs

Free with Museum Admission

**Friday, September 23, 12:15**

"Restoring the Historic Graves Light" with David Waller, Assistant Keeper of Graves Light and Fog Signal Station, Boston Harbor

**Friday, October 7, 12:15**

"United States Lightship Service, 1820-1985" with Robert Mannino Jr., President of the Nantucket Lightship LV-112 Museum

**Friday, October 21, 12:15**

"Boston Light: 300 Years of Service" with Sally Snowman, Keeper of Boston Light

For additional information, please consult [www.osmh.org/calendar](http://www.osmh.org/calendar), or email [elindamood@osmh.org](mailto:elindamood@osmh.org)



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

## MA Division of Marine Fisheries Salt Water Fishing Derby

At the end of each derby year, trophies will be awarded to anglers who landed the heaviest fish in each species category. Winners will be chosen in three divisions: men's, women's, and junior's (age fifteen and younger). In addition, a "Skillful Skipper" award is presented to any charter or head boat captains having three derby winning fish caught on their boat per year.



The derby runs from January 1 through November 30 each year and is open to all age groups. Fish entered must be caught in a fair and sporting manner, on hook and line, and must be measured and weighted on a certified scale at an official weight station. Weighmasters can be found at most local marinas and tackle shops.

MA Fish & Wildlife would also like to remind participants that every entry must be caught in state waters and/or first landed in a Massachusetts port.

Special awards are offered for new state records. If your catch exceeds the weight listed on the current list of Massachusetts Saltwater Gamefish Records, you may qualify for a special award. All weigh stations have been provided with a copy of the current list. [MORE INFO HERE](#)



## Avoiding Capsizing and Swamping

It was July 4, 2012, when a 34-foot cabin cruiser headed out into Long Island Sound for the fireworks show. The boat, called Kandi Won, was packed with 27 people - eight of them high on the flybridge - and when the fireworks ended, the boat headed home along with many others, all jockeying for position and all creating wakes. Shortly after, the boat, probably

rocked by several large wakes, rolled over, spilling passengers into the water. Tragically, three children were trapped in the cabin and died. While capsizes are far more common on smaller boats, it's a sobering reminder that even large boats can capsize under the right conditions.

What causes boats to capsize? In a word, instability. Boats are inherently stable until something causes them to become unstable (see Stability sidebar). And that something is weight - where it is and how much it is determines when a boat will tip over far enough to capsize or fill with water. BoatUS Marine Insurance analyzed five years of capsizes and swampings, to find out what you can do to prevent your own boat from capsizing.

A capsize is defined as a boat rolling over onto its side or completely over; swamping typically means that a boat fills with water (often from capsizing) but remains floating. So to simplify, we'll use the term capsize from here on. As mentioned, the study showed that boats capsize because they become unstable, but there are three main reasons for that instability: too much or unbalanced crew or equipment weight; leaking water, which also creates too much weight; and bad weather, which causes instability as a boat is rocked and filled with water. First, we'll look at which boats have the highest capsize risk, then we'll look into what exactly makes them unstable enough to capsize. [CLICK to read the rest of the informative article from BoatUS](#)

**FBHI Members receive a 50% discount off BoatUS Membership**



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