



Fall 2015

# TIDINGS

*FBHI - 35 Years on Mainland, Island and Sea*

## **VETERANS DAY CRUISE** Saturday November 7

Honor our veterans and active military with a special cruise highlighting the military history of Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park! Trip includes a visit to Fort Warren on Georges Island for a guided tour, family-friendly activities and a Civil War living history walk.

Trip is FREE to veterans and active military, and \$10 for friends, family and the general public.

Space is limited, and reservations are strongly recommended! Ferry departs from Long Wharf in downtown Boston. Remember to arrive early to allow time for boarding. [RESERVE HERE](#)



*"One of Boston's  
Scariest Haunts"*

*For a ghostly story about  
Peddocks Island, check out  
this [Link to the American -  
Standard News.](#)*

*Happy Halloween!*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 1, 2016 Thompson Island Trip**



Snow Ball Battle  
Historic Farm School, Thompson Island  
photo by digitalcommonwealth.com

Get outside and enjoy nature on Thompson Island with its meadows, forests, beaches and 40 acres of salt marsh.

Learn the history of this island. Take a guided tour or explore and hike on your own. Go birding. Pack a picnic. There will be a building open for warm-up space and a book and merchandise sales table.

Travel to the island on the heated MV Freedom, which will depart Rowes Wharf at 12:00pm. sharp and return at 4:00pm. Join us on this refreshing New Years Day trip.

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

---

## **Hello from your Chairman!**

*This has been a busy Summer and a wonderful Fall, thank you to all of the FBHI Volunteers and our Coordinator Carol Fithian for her hard work over the year.*

*I had the honor of attending the NPS Boston Harbor Islands **Volunteer Appreciation Day** on October 17th.*

***Giles Parker** thanked everyone and spoke about the accomplishments of the NPS this past year, and about the upcoming plans for 2016 - especially the NPS 100th Anniversary Plans.*

***Sally Snowman** spoke about the reopening of Little Brewster and Boston Light and thanked the many volunteers from both US Coast Guard Auxiliary and FBHI and was excited for the 300th Anniversary Plans - see a wonderful article from the Boston Globe [HERE](#)*

***Marc Albert** had a wonderful report about the Stewardship Program and a haunting song skit with his staff - They've had a enourmous number of volunteers out to the islands this past year doing all manner of cleanups and scientific counts and efforts to help the park.*

***Mary Raczko** described the wonderful effort with childrens programs in the park, and showed a slide show while describing the efforts - hat's off to Mary and her efforts!*

*Our own **Kevin Rogers** provided a quiz to some lucky participants who won some prizes and*



discussed the Library Outreach efforts he coordinates across the Eastern part of the state for the FBHI - Thank you Kevin!

And our own **Carol Fithian** thanked the 60+ FBHI Volunteers who provided on and off island volunteer hours this past year. Carol does a wonderful job finding, training and coordinating our volunteer coverage on the many islands.

**Special recognition** was made for our own **Wynelle Scenna** a 30 year 4000+ hour Volunteer, **Kevin Rogers** for his 500 hours of Volunteering, and **James Thompson** (USCG AUX) for his 2000 hours of Volunteerism. **Colleen Kloster** (USCG AUX)) received the Superintendent's Award for her efforts coordinating the Boston Light Volunteer Program.

After the event, we were offered a tour of the African Meeting House or the New England Aquarium - thank you to both organizations for your support, and to all of the Volunteers for making this past season a great one!

As for the FBHI Board, we have recently started working with two wonderful interns from Babson, welcome **Chirag and Anya!** They'll be working with us to improve our outreach materials, and immediatly to work with us on our **January 1st Seafarer's Holiday Trip** to Thompson Island.

Tickets available

[HERE at FBHI.ORG](#)

*Thank you for your support,*

**Walter Hope**, Chairman FBHI

## Photos from Boston Harbor Islands Volunteer Appreciation Day October 17, 2015



Giles Parker, NPS

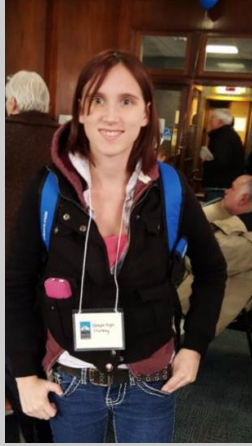


Carol Fithian, FBHI



Rab, Walter & John





Grape Island Volunteer  
Thank you! Stevie-Lyn



Volunteers walking to the Aquarium



A Fur Seal

A special "thanks" and recognition to the following FBHI volunteers for their exemplary service on the islands in 2015.

**Wynelle Scenna** has been a volunteer with FBHI almost since its inception. This gives her a rare perspective on the islands. She has been on the Friends Board, published Friends newsletters, managed Friends boat trips and been a campground Host volunteer primarily on Grape Island. She received the lifetime volunteer award at the Boston Harbor Islands Park Volunteer Appreciation day for giving over 4000 hours of volunteer service on the islands. This past season she mentored one of our special recognition volunteers for the entire summer. This is one of the greatest unique gifts that volunteers have to share: the passing on of our knowledge and love of the islands to the next generation. A big congratulations to Wynelle!

**Wendy Scheinfeld** has been an active and enthusiastic volunteer on Spectacle Island for several years. She brings her skills as a teacher, her past experience on the islands and her boundless enthusiasm to her work with programs and giving tours.

This past summer she spent a week of her time working with a bright special needs student from Brookline High School on the island. He learned many of the things that make Spectacle a unique and special place and developed the confidence and enough background knowledge to give a tour of the island to his family and a few of his friends on Free Ferry Day. His teacher assistant along with staff at Brookline High School were excited about this project and making a future connection to the islands through Wendy's work. This served as another perfect example of how volunteers pass their skill and knowledge forward to a new generation.

Next season Wendy is planning to expand her harbor knowledge by training to volunteer at Boston Light.

**Aaron Siegal** has been an FBHI volunteer on Georges Island for the past 7 years. He has attended many FBHI and Park Service training programs and helped out with special events and projects.

He regularly volunteers his time serving every week during the island season seldom missing a day even in bad weather. He finds creative ways to provide visitors with information about the islands and shows great initiative taking on projects to assist the volunteer program. He has been helpful in working with new volunteers and pass along his increasing depth of harbor knowledge to the public.

**Stevie Lynn Murphy** served her first summer as a volunteer on Grape Island this season. She is very enthusiastic by nature and so it came naturally to her to welcome all visitors to the island. She learns quickly and soon after hearing an island orientation or natural history tour, she was able to do it herself. Her night vision is to be envied and she could guide anyone back to their campsite with great confidence. Stevie Lynn has shown an ability to learn quickly and adapt to "island living" well. As a campground Host she camped out in difficult weather conditions and participated successfully in all required tasks.



Boston Light Volunteer Appreciation Day - October 27



Do you purchase "stuff" online using Amazon.com?

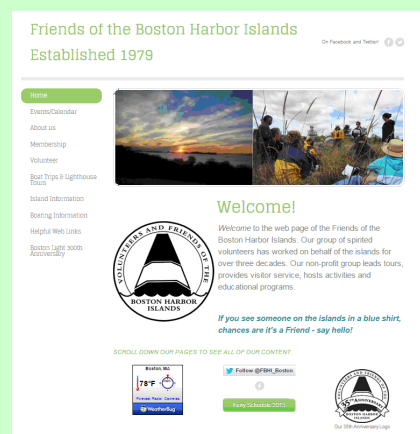
Log onto your Amazon account and search for "SMILE" - then indicate that you'd like to support the Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands Inc

The FBHI will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchase dollar amounts - quickly and easily!

Check out our newly formatted web page where you can:

- Purchase boat trip tickets
- Learn about all 34 islands
- Purchase FBHI Membership
- See unique photos of many of the islands
- Learn of upcoming FBHI and other events

[FBHI.ORG](http://FBHI.ORG)



# JOIN FBHI or RENEW your MEMBERSHIP

## Join FBHI HERE

FBHI membership has benefits including eTidings, discounts on boat trips with FBHI, Boston Harbor Cruises, and more. For Membership benefits - click [BENEFITS](#)

### Members of the FBHI board are:

Chris Ahearn, Richard Armenia, Johanna Beers, David Dingley,  
Walter Hope - Chairman, Charlotte Knox, Pat Leary, Steven Marcus, Stephanie Schorow, Rab Sherman, Ken Stein, and Suzanne Gall Marsh (Emerita).

Thank you for reading TIDINGS! | Donate to the FBHI Easily via a monthly donation [CLICK on DONATE](#) & Thank you!



Scan this code for MORE information!

Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands | [info@fbhi.org](mailto:info@fbhi.org) | [chairmanfbhi@gmail.com](mailto:chairmanfbhi@gmail.com) ;30 Shipyard Drive #202  
Hingham, MA 02043-1601

Copyright © 2015. All Rights Reserved.