A Chairman's Challenge Thank YOU!

In December I challenged you to renew or increase your membership to Patron or higher levels with the promise of a wonderful new book "An Island in the Family".

Thank you to the 10 folks who stepped up and joined or renewed at this level! Their last names: Birmingham, Gall-Marsh, Hope & Doretti, Lynch, Riviera, Scmidhauser, Shanning, Tivnan, Volkin, Wortham.

For information about the book listen to an interview on Nautical Talk Radio with the Author Tom Martorelli Interview. (starts at 36:09 minutes)

Walter Hope, FBHI Chairman

New Year's Day Cruise

On January 1st a sturdy group of 66 island lovers boarded the Freedom at Rowes Wharf and traveled to Thompson Island. Guided tours were provided by Wynnelle Scenna and David Dingley. Coffee and snacks were provided by Tom Loring. Other volunteers included Bonnie Gorman, Rab Sherman, Suzanne Gall Marsh & Nancy Martin. Photos by Ken Stein
Upcoming activities & Save the Date!

New England Boat Show - FBHI will have a booth at the show, February 11-19

Peddocks Island Winter Tour - February 25th [CLICK HERE for INFO & TICKETS (NPS / BHC)]

Annual Meeting - April 23rd (place & details TBD) Save the Date!

Rainsford Island Trip - May 20th [CLICK HERE for INFO & TICKETS (FBHI)]

While some of the other non-profits working in the harbor have much deeper pockets than us, we are a scrappy 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.

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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.

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**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 & Ken
Stein.

Interested in Volunteering to be on the Board, write an article for Tidings, assist with Membership Renewals, Marketing (online), or Bookeeping and have the skills? **Contact us!**

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

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