

Seasons Greetings to All!



as the year comes to a close...

As 2016 comes to an end, and 2017 is just around the corner I'd encourage you to think about increasing your donation or your membership to the Friends.

## *A Chairman's Challenge TO YOU*

The first 10 donors who change their membership level to the PATRON level will receive a copy of a new book "An Island in the Family" about the McDevitts, tug boat owner/operators and long-time residents of Peddocks Island. This book is not yet available online or even at bookstores.

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

**For information about membership, see the further article below.**

Remember, we're having our annual trip on **New Year's Day to Thompson Island**, offering a great chance to reinvigorate your spirits, see some wildlife in a pristine location, and perhaps take some great photos while you visit a jewel of an island. [TICKETS HERE.](#)

Did you receive our **FULL COLOR** paper copy of Tidings a few weeks ago? Please click [HERE for a short survey](#) to let us know what you thought of it. We had an "angel" donate the printing - thank you!

I hope you enjoy the holidays,

*[Walter Hope](#), FBHI Chairman*



I don't always do this.. but for the membership Challenge, I'm willing!  
Happy Holidays!

# New Year's Day 2017 Boat Trip to Thompson Island — Seafarers Island Holiday



Start the New Year on Sunday, January 1st, with an afternoon on one of Boston's fascinating Harbor Islands. Join the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI) for our annual excursion to Thompson Island and take a breath of fresh air after the busy holiday season!

Enjoy a 45 minute boat ride through the Boston Harbor Islands and a panoramic view of the Boston city skyline. Explore Thompson Island's meadows, forests, beaches and 40 acres salt marsh while learning about its intriguing history. Pack a picnic lunch and go on your own adventure!

**A Friends' tradition since 1980, being outdoors on a Boston Harbor Island is the best way to start the New Year.**

The boat MV Freedom departs from Massachusetts Bay Lines, 60 Rowes Wharf, Boston at 12:00pm and returns to the dock at 4:00pm. Boarding begins at 11:30am. The nearest T stations are South Station (Red Line) and Aquarium (Blue Line).

No food is sold on the boat or the island. Park policy is no pets and no alcohol. There will be indoor space and a complimentary warm beverage available.



Visit the FBHI Website  
PURCHASE TICKETS

membership challenge

join or renew now at the Patron or higher levels and receive a  
copy of the new book "An Island in the Family"

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.

[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.

We're challenging you to increase your membership level to that of PATRON, DONOR or BENEFACTOR - for the first 10 persons to do so you'll receive a free copy of the new book "An Island in the Family", about the McDevitt Family and their life on Peddocks Island and Boston Harbor!

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!](#) (offer only valid until February 28th for members who increase their membership level from individual or family to a Patron, Donor or Benefactor. Existing Patrons, Donors or Benefactors can also receive the benefit if they increase their level of support. As US IRS laws allow a portion of your membership is tax deductible. *Thank you for your support.*

## our volunteer board of directors



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