

July 2018



Kate Rivera & Walter Hope at "Spectacle on Spectacle" June 21st

## *Boston Harbor Islands in the Summer - Spectacular!*

We started the summer with our [Annual Meeting at Deer Island](#) (photos on our web page), thank you to the MWRA & Deer Island staff and to Executive Director Fred Lasky for your support and warm welcome!

On May 24 & May 30 several FBHI members were able to attend a 2 day session "[Boston Harbor For All Summit](#)" about the harbor and waterfront - hosted by Boston Harbor NOW. It included speakers from

several cities, as well as tours of areas that touch many of us including the Greenway, Mystic River & Chelsea Creek, East Boston and Peddocks Islands.



Boston Harbor For ALL Summit

On June 21 new FBHI Board Member Kate Rivera and I were afforded the ability to attend the beautiful [Spectacle on Spectacle](#), a fundraiser by Boston Harbor NOW. Many "heavy hitters" were in attendance, some good conversations had and the food and drink! Thank you to Boston Harbor NOW for the hospitality and to the many vendors for the food and drink. The night closed with a beautiful fireworks display, over \$\$\$ dollars was raised to assist Boston Harbor NOW with their programming on and off the islands.



## Spectacle on Spectacle with Boston Harbor NOW

News on the 'grapevine' is that the US Army Corps is close to approving the permit for the boat moorings in the harbor. This effort has been led by DCR and Boston Harbor NOW. We hope to have full information 'soon'.

Our friends the **Waller's** have been very busy this summer, you may have seen the neon signs on the **Greenway** - if you have not yet, [check them out](#) - I have some fond memories of many of the long-gone establishments represented! And, they've been busy doing seemingly non-stop work at the **Graves Lighthouse** - [click here to learn more!](#)

Keep an eye out for a very special issue of Tidings in the coming weeks!

Have a wonderful summer!

Yours,  
Walter Hope, Chairman FBHI

## Ring Around the Harbor

- [Boston Harborwalk and Friends of Boston Harborwalk](#) who lead programs all year round. Check the website for dates and details.
- article from Boston Globe Business section announcing new [Harborwalk app](#)
- Harborwalk [smart phone app](#)
- MV Valkyrie provides seven day a week service from between [Winthrop](#) and Squantum Point Pier in [Marina Bay](#), Quincy. There is Saturday service to Spectacle Island. The MV Valkyrie will run through October 7th.
- The [Hull Lifesaving Museum](#) has a multitude of activities for children and adults. July 19th is the Nantasket Beach Lecture Series with William Martin, author of "Bound for Gold". July 28 is the annual Illumination Night.
- Visit the [Nantucket Lightship/LV-112](#) in the Boston Shipyard in East Boston. While you're there stop in the new [ICA Watershed space](#) and visit Piers Park next door to the Shipyard. There all on the (East Boston) Harborwalk.

## FBHI Ferry Discounts!

FBHI Membership 2018 Boat Tour Discounts

Ahoy Friends! Your 2018 discount codes are on the back of your 2018 membership card.

These discount codes are needed for all on line ticket sales. If you are purchasing tickets at the counter or ticket office you must show your 2018 membership card. Renew today and take advantage of these opportunities to travel around the Harbor and Massachusetts Bay.

[Boston Harbor Cruises](#) (Long Wharf) offers 20% on all of their tours including: Whale Watch, Provincetown, Harbor Cruises, Codzilla, Salem ferry, Harbor Islands (Boston).

For Hingham travelers the 20% discount applies to the Southern Loop (inter-island) ferry that has 4 trips a day. Tickets only available in the Hingham Ferry Terminal. 20% discount on Saturday and Sunday 9:15 a.m. Georges Island trip. Tickets available both online and in the terminal. There are no discounts on the MBTA ferry that stops at Georges Island.

[Boston Harbor Lighthouse Cruises](#) sponsored by the Park and Boston Harbor Now are ONLY on Saturdays from July 14-August 18. FBHI members get \$2.00 discount. Trips are at 1:00 and 3:30 departing from the Welcome Center. ON LINE TICKET SALES ONLY.

[Mass Bay Lines](#) (Rowes Wharf) offers a 20% discount on all their tours including: Pirate Ship Tours and Tall Ship Sunset Cruise onboard the sailing vessel Formidable; cruises on motor vessels at sunset and moonlight, as well as specialized holiday tours.

## FBHI Volunteers Wanted

### Volunteer Opportunities 2018

Since 1979 the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands have enlisted the help of and have trained individuals to provide volunteer service on Boston Harbor. They have built up a knowledge base enabling them to assist visitors in discovering the harbor's stories and exploring its landscapes. FBHI volunteers have been involved with programs and projects for the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park since it was first established. From the Boston waterfront to Boston Light they have helped visitors learn about the natural history, human stories and environmental treasures that make the harbor come alive.

As the National Parks of Boston system evolves new volunteer opportunities become available. The harbor islands are one piece in a larger puzzle of diverse programming and Boston history.

Volunteer Opportunities that may interest you:

- Volunteer with park rangers on Boston's waterfront
- Volunteer helping visitors on Georges or Spectacle island
- Help out on FBHI boat trips
- Learn to present a talk at a local library or to a group
- Help out with publications and mailings

This season volunteer positions are available at the Park Welcome Center in Boston, in the Charlestown Navy Yard, and a limited number of positions are open on Georges Island and Spectacle Island. You may contact either the FBHI Coordinator of Volunteers or the National Parks of Boston Coordinator of Volunteers for more information.

As advocates and providers of direct volunteer service the Friends have expanded our educational, environmental, and recreational opportunities in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.

[LEARN MORE and VOLUNTEER by going to our web page](#)



FBHI Volunteer & Board Member Paul Federico



Island visitors with Rab Sherman,  
Volunteer & Board Member



## Volunteers Trained During Island Off-Season

The winter months may have been "off-season" for the Boston Harbor Islands, but several FBHI volunteers had the seasonal visitors in mind as they took advantage of training opportunities offered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the National Park Service (NPS).

In late January, DCR presented Certified Interpretive Host (CIH) training from the National Association for Interpretation (NAI), which sets standards for interpretation—the formal and informal ways of enhancing a visitor's experience of a site. FBHI volunteers joined DCR employees and other volunteers and friends groups for this 16-hour course designed for those who do informal interpretation (e.g., hosting, answering general questions). Over two days, through group activities, the sharing of experiences, role playing, and videos, participants honed their communication skills while learning the fundamental principles of interpretation. Those who wished to do so joined NAI and became eligible to take the exam for CIH certification. The exam included videos depicting scenarios of typical visitor encounters. Upon passing the exam, participants received internationally recognized NAI certification that is valid for four years. Recertification requires 40 hours of NAI-approved continuing education during that time.

In late February and again in early March, NPS offered a day-long workshop focused on audience-centered interpretation and dialogue techniques. The workshop comprised group activities, discussion, and examples of story-telling that take into account the interests and concerns of visitors. Participants engaged in rethinking themes in order to relate them to the lived experience of a contemporary diverse audience while still sharing accurate information about a site. Audience-centered interpretation seeks to engage the audience through thought-provoking questions that lead to further thought, conversation, and action.

Each visitor to the Islands arrives with a unique perspective, personal history, and background that influence their experience of the islands. The diversity of 21st century visitors calls for updated and enhanced methods of interpretation. The FBHI volunteers who attended the courses are grateful to DCR and NPS for these opportunities for continued professional development.

## Save the Harbor, Save the Bay - Free trips to Georges or Spectacle!

August 6 and 13 to either Georges or Spectacle Island. While these cruises are family friendly, they are

geared towards adults with more time for independent exploration rather than guided activities. They will return to the World Trade Center dock by 2:30pm. Reserve your spot on a Share the Harbor cruise [using this Google form](#) (you will need to submit one form for each cruise you wish to register for).

Hope to see you on the Harbor!  
**Thank you to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and to their supporters!**



## National Park Service Stewardship Saturdays!

### Opportunities this Summer!

More info & registration for all of these great opportunities [HERE](#) **Registration IS REQUIRED.**

Descriptions of the projects, directions to the various departure points and "what to wear" and work expectations are listed.

July 28 - Grape  
August 4 - Lovells  
August 11 - Peddocks  
August 18 - Thompson  
August 25 - Lovells  
September 18 - Thompson

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## Join us! Become a member or Renew!

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

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.*



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

[See the new page about autonomous shipping!](#)

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