



june/july news & updates

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

Our First **Rainsford Island** Tour was well attended, a brief story and some photos of the cruise are below.

Many FBHI Board & Volunteers were able to attend the [Save the Harbor Save the Bay Celebration Cruise](#) in June which took over over 300 guests to a spot very close to Boston Light and offered a great opportunity for a group photo.

Guests were dazzled with a wonderful selection of food and a cash bar. Thank you to the many Board & Volunteers that were able to come out on June 8th for this celebration. We were joined with folks from the NPS, Boston NOW, US Coast Guard (on the Provincetown II as well as an escort for part of the trip!) as well as 100's of people who are passionate about the Harbor and Your Islands. **Thank you to Save the Harbor Save the Bay, Bruce Berman and Patty Foley for the generous opportunity!**

Our **Board** met in late April with a reduced crew due to scheduling, but we charged forward and hope to have some exciting projects coming in the coming months.

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.

Please see the mentions below about **Boston Light** - this as you know is a very special year for Boston Light Station - her 300th Anniversary! And keep an eye on TV, your local news papers and other media sources. Sally Snowman has been spotted across New England providing talks about the Light Station. Click [HERE](#) for an article in Yachting Magazine and [HERE](#) for an article in the Boston Globe by Board Member Stephanie Schorow.

I have recently joined the Managing Board of the USCG Convened **Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee** as their Webmaster. For a frequently refreshed source of information for boaters and those in the shipping trade, visit [MassBaySafety.org](#) The MBHSC was formed in cooperation with the [Boston Marine Society](#), a frequent grant funder of the Friends.

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 to learn more!

Enjoy!
FBHI Chairman, *Walter Hope*

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Rainsford Island photos by Ken Stein - for more photos of the Rainsford Trip click [RAINSFORD](#)





FBHI boat trips

BOAT TRIPS UPDATE by **Suzanne Gall Marsh**

Rainsford Island

The annual spring lilac tour of Rainsford Island sponsored by the Friends featured an almost magical aroma of lilacs from the City's most historic and largest lilac hedge. You'll see just a peak at them in the photo with Liz Carella sharing stories and images from the island's past. The MV Beachcat crew Captain Carl and first mate Jared brought us to the island where the boat's name went into action. Whenever we visit an island without a dock the vessel goes directly on the shore. However, our sunset trips to Boston Light, Thompson and Deer Islands we will tie up on the dock. The Friends will host a fall trip to Rainsford Island.

SUMMER SUNSET TRIPS

The **June 22nd** trip to Boston Light is **sold out!**

BOSTON LIGHT

We've added a second trip to Little Brewster on **July 27**. Visit Boston Light in the twilight glow of the day. **Tickets available now click at [TICKETS](#)**

Boston Light day time tours begin 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](#)

July 13 The Friends offer a special evening trip to **Thompson Island** with its meadows, forests, and beaches. Some people say this is the most beautiful island in the harbor. You decide! **Tickets available now click at [TICKETS](#).**

volunteers get ready for summer

It's finally here! The warm days and glistening blue water have arrived!

Our **FBHI Volunteers** are out on the islands ready to welcome visitors and help with projects.

Our volunteers have completed 4 training sessions and begun their journey of discovery as they build their harbor knowledge and gain interpretive skills.

Lighthouse Keeper Sally Snowman welcomed the new volunteers to a training at Coast Guard base Boston on May 1st.

We held a training at Boston Harbor Island park office building mid May. Thank you to park staff Kristina Bergquist for her help with this as my voice was not working well at the time. We covered park basics and volunteer procedures.

Our third training took us to the southern end of the harbor to Grape and Peddocks. Our new volunteers experienced a cool foggy boat ride down, and bright sunshine on both islands. We met up with DCR lead ranger Alex Hall who offered one of the training walks on Peddocks. Suzanne Gall Marsh took a group to mid island to see the cottages.

Our 4th training was on Georges where long time volunteer and Fort Warren history researcher conducted a detailed informative tour of the fort.

The training this season was great and a fabulous example of a partnership effort. Thank you to all who helped: Sally Snowman, Kristina Bergquist, Alex Hall, Suzanne Gall Marsh, and Boston Harbor Now and park staff for providing our boat transport for training.

We will run one more training in July. If you would like to volunteer with us please e-mail us at info@fbhi.org -- **Carol Fithian, Volunteer Coordinator**



ferry service

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

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!](#)

our volunteer board of directors



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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! [CLICK HERE](#)

charlie boyer remembered

Regional Hartzog Award

The National Park Service was kind and nominated our own Charlie Boyer for his service to the Park for a National Award, while granting him the Regional George & Helen Hartzog for Outstanding Individual Service.

Charlie Volunteered for 24 years providing 400-700 hours of service annually. He was a font of knowledge and frequently worked on Georges Island with the public as well as park staff. At the request of the family, a fund has been set up for donations to the Friends [CLICK CHARLIE FUND](#)



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