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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

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While we have some photos on our email newsletter Tidings, our Facebook Fan Page (FBHI) has many more photos submitted by our members and friends.

Dear Stephanie, (*Contact First Name*)!

Many of our members, volunteers and friends have been busy on and off the islands this summer. We hope you have all been having a wonderful summer. We have some exciting information in this issue, as well as a reporting of some recent Friends events.

Please visit the Friends web page www.fbhi.org for the most up-to-date information regarding boat trips, publications and special events. Links to newspaper articles, photos, and other items of interest are available on the FBHI Fan Page on Facebook as well.

The Board of Directors has several new members, Pat, Jackie and Christopher, welcome!

Volunteer Coordinator Carol Fithian reports that the volunteers are working hard this summer, experiencing a new boat ticketing policy, change in duties on Georges Island, added volunteer staffing on Lovells Island as well as a new "Teen" program on Spectacle Island. Further details will arrive in a later Tidings. Thank you to Carol and the many volunteers!

If you've been a volunteer this season and would be willing - please write up a paragraph or two, and email a photograph (with people if possible) depicting your work on-island. We'll pick a few and feature this in an upcoming issue of Tidings.

The library outreach program has continued and Elaine Brockman, Jackie Ladd and Kevin Rogers have brought information of the islands to many libraries this season, thank you for "getting the word out" that the islands are a wonderful place to visit! More information will be in an Tidings article in the coming weeks.

Thanks to Pat and Paul Leary, the Friends are now members of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will be holding a "**Taste of Winthrop**" on Wednesday, **September 21** at the Winthrop Yacht Club, 649 Shirley Street. The event is put on by the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce and will run from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with samples of everything from appetizers and main courses to pastries and desserts. [TICKETS - Taste of Winthrop](#) for tickets \$30/per person.

Thank you for your time and efforts, and please read on - have a wonderful August!

Yours,
Walter Hope, Vice President

The 1975 Boston Harbor World's Fair?

On July 28th at the Thayer Public Library in Braintree, close to 30 persons attended the Friends sponsored panel discussion and video screening. The 1975 fair proposed filling in and forever altering Columbia Point, Squantum Air Base (now Marina Bay), and Thompson Island. Participants provided memories and a lively discussion. Steve Marcus moderated and John Salkowski of Save our Shores provided his memories of the efforts to stop the project.

Many of our members may remember TV personality Dana Hersey of Channel 56 - Mr Hersey was the narrator for the public service announcement produced by Save our Shores, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra provided the soundtrack.

The video and discussion was well received, and the Friends may be asked to repeat the presentation at other venues in the future.



Freedom 75 discussion July 28th, 2011



SEE THE LIGHT

Special Discounts for Friends on Boston Light Trips

Card carrying members of the Friends will receive a 25% discount on the Boston Light tours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There will be a limited amount of FBHI seats for each boat. To order tickets: bostonharborislands.org/tour-lighthouse. Call the FBHI office to receive the



discount code. Individual members can purchase one ticket; per trip. Family and sustaining or higher members can purchase up to four tickets per trip. Trips depart 10:00 return to the dock at 1:00 or 1:30 return to the dock at 4:30. Tours

are led by National Park Rangers and depart from the Moakley Courthouse.

Adults (age 12+) \$39.00; Seniors (age 65+) \$35; Children (age 3-11) \$29; Toddlers (age 2 & under) free.

DISCOUNTS WITH OTHER BOAT COMPANIES include:

- 20% OFF ALL **BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES** including Provincetown High Speed Ferry, Whale Watch, Constitution and Historic Sightseeing, Codzilla, Charles River locks. Purchase tickets on line with a special FBHI code or at the ticket window by showing your FBHI membership card.
- Friends also get 15% off **MASSACHUSETTS BAY LINES** Whale Watch trips.

Upcoming Friends boat trips:

NEXT WEEK! --- The last Island Sunset Adventures: **August 17 - Long Island**. Trip leaves at 6:00 and you're back on the dock at 9:00.

Island Expeditions - Great Brewster August 27, Rainsford September 10. Trips at various times.



Both the Sunset Adventures and Island Expeditions are with Rowes Wharf Water Transport in Boston. Tickets available now by mail or on line at

www.fbhi.org.

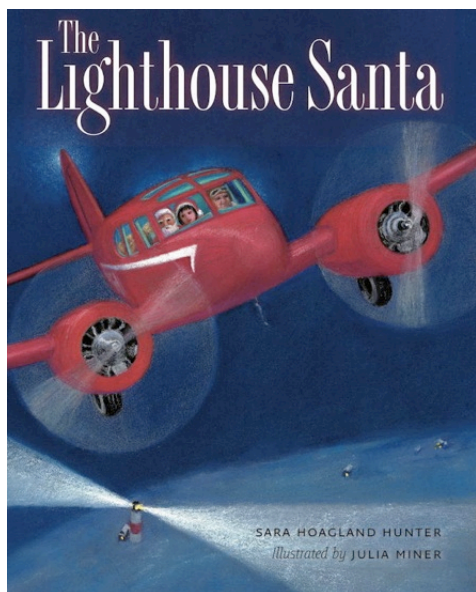
Northern Lighthouse Tours with Boston Harbor Cruises: October 1 and Southern Lighthouse Tour September 3. Please buy your tickets directly from FBHI so that we receive a portion of the proceeds.

**Calf Island
Boat Trip
August 6th**

A full boat of explorers visited Calf Island, once home of actress Julia Arthur and her husband Benjamin Cheney.



photo by Luna Tuski



The Lighthouse Santa



Edward Rowe Snow at Nix's Mate

Santa and Snow!

It's all part of the summer fun on Georges Island in celebration of Edward Rowe Snow Day

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the birthday of raconteur extraordinaire Edward Rowe Snow will be celebrated on Georges Island with a visit by Flying Santa, tales of the paranormal, and, of course, birthday cake in an annual event hosted by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, Friends of Flying Santa, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To add to this wonderful event, we'll have author Sara Hoagland Hunter, author of "The Lighthouse Santa" and Dorothy Bicknell, daughter of famed story teller and island activist Edward Rowe Snow will be in attendance as well. Copies of "the Lighthouse Santa" will be available for purchase. Further details can be found at www.fbhi.org

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

The Mass. Memories Road Show is collecting photos and stories of the BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS! 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Massachusetts Archives (Columbia Point, Dorchester). Become a part of Massachusetts history by sharing your photos and stories with a state-wide archive of local history! All original photos are immediately returned to you.



Want to participate?

1. Choose your photos

Go through your family photo albums and scrapbooks and pick out two or three photographs of people, places or events relating to the Boston Harbor Islands. They can be old or new; formal or snapshots; color or black-and-white. They can be photos of you, your children or your ancestors. They can be photos of events, excursions or everyday activities. (Original, unframed photos are best; as are photos in which you can identify the people pictured.)

2. Bring them in

Visit the website at www.MassMemories.net for directions and to see examples from past Road Shows.

For more info: : www.MassMemories.net.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR DONATE TO THE FRIENDS
ONLINE WITH A CLICK OF YOUR FINGERS**

If you haven't renewed your membership you can do it via the FBHI web site and PayPal
by clicking [here](#).

Welcome new or returning members:
Elizabeth F., Kevin T., Jane S., Christina L., John B., and Patricia E. - thank you!

Please consider donating to the Friends. Please [click here](#).

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