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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

SPECIAL NOTICE - HURRICANE IRENE

August 26, 2011

Dear Stephanie,

Forwarding you a message from Park Supt. Bruce Jacobson:
Boston Harbor Islands park staff are preparing for the predicted arrival of Hurricane Irene. Most park areas will be closed and programs cancelled; ferry service will be suspended. Here is the latest.

DCR ISLANDS

Ferries to Georges and Spectacle Islands will be running from Boston and Quincy on the regular schedule Saturday morning. All visitors will be removed by BBC ferry from those islands no later than noon. So, from Boston the last boat to the islands will be 10:30 on Saturday. There will be BBC dock coordinators on Spectacle and Georges tomorrow morning.

Lovells, Peddocks, Bumpkin, and Grape Islands are now closed. Visitors, including campers, have already been removed from these DCR camping islands and dock gangways raised. We anticipate that campers will return next week.

Starting at noon on Saturday, August 27, all DCR day-use areas (including the islands and Webb Memorial Park) will be closed to the public. We anticipate re-opening on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. However, condition assessments following the storm will determine when the islands re-open and BBC resumes ferry service.

There will be no food service on Spectacle or Georges on Saturday morning.

The gift shop on Georges will be closed Saturday and will re-open once Georges Island is re-opened by DCR. Spectacle and Georges event tents are coming down on Saturday. The frames will be left up during the storm.

All Boston Light Tours have been cancelled for today and this weekend.

The dock will be returned and the island re-opened depending on sea conditions. It is anticipated that USCG staff will be back on the island on Wednesday and that public tours could resume on Friday, September 2.

Thompson Island Outward Bound has cancelled all public programs and private events starting at noon on Saturday. There will be no ferry service to Thompson Island on Sunday, August 28. The island will open for scheduled programming on Tuesday, assuming conditions allow.

The Trustees of Reservations will close Worlds End on Sunday, August 28. Plans are to open on Monday, depending on the number of fallen trees and the condition of trails.

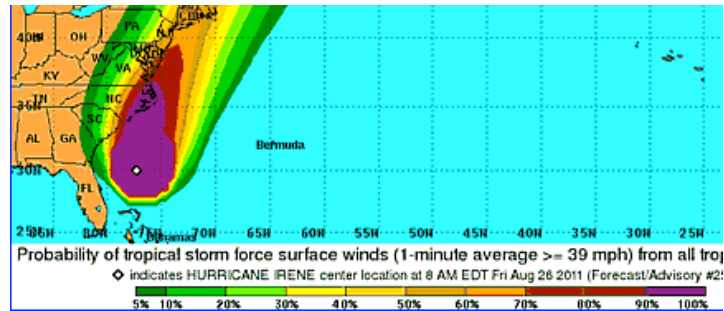
The downtown Boston Pavilion---both the ranger information and retail areas---will be open on Saturday.

The Pavilion will be closed on Sunday August 28, and likely Monday too. There will be security patrols at the Pavilion during the day in addition to the usual overnight patrols.

FOR UPDATES: check bostonharborislands.org or call 617-223-8666.

Above all, please keep safety top of mind.





Upcoming Friends boat trips:

Island Expeditions

Great Brewster August 27 [*postponed due to Hurricane Irene, to **Saturday September 24th** 12-5pm*]

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