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**Dear Roma,**  
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Hello Friends!

Happy Holidays! We're very happy to tell you in this issue about a **new member benefit** and opportunities to get to and tour Boston Harbor.

**[Boston's Best Cruises](http://bostonsbestcruises.com/specialty-cruises-2)**

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and the Friends are now co-sponsoring their Specialty Cruises and providing our members with a \$2 discount per member per ticket. Read more below for the trip dates & descriptions. If you're not already a member, click [HERE](#) to join online!

*Winter is no time to hunker down,  
there are some wonderful upcoming events,  
or cuddle up & read a book:*

- **New Years Day Cruise** with Snowman for the kids and kites for dreamers
- **Lighthouse Santa Book** for sale, makes a great gift!
- **Schedule of BBC Speciality Cruises** for the coming month
- **Volunteers needed**, Tidings Writers, FBHI web page Writers, or FBHI Assistant Webmaster

Thank you for reading, and thank you most of all for your support. The Friends are primarily supported by your membership. Our office Coordinator sends Membership Renewal Letters approximately 4 weeks before your membership expires. You can respond by mail/check, or you can renew easily on our [web page](#) - it's instant!

If you were on the harbor and/or visited one or more of the islands this summer and would like to write an account of your experience, please send it to me for an issue of Tidings. We may print your story for all to see! [ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com](mailto:ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com)

Thank you!



Walter Hope, Chairman  
PO Box 121020, Boston MA 02112 for personal notes, and stories...

## New Years Day 'Seafarers' Cruise to Spectacle Island,

Tuesday January 1st, 2013



**Boat will board at 11:30 departing Rowes Wharf (address: 60 Rowes Wharf) at noon, traveling to Spectacle Island, returning to Rowes Wharf at 4pm.**

Spectacle Island was once home of two range lights (similar to light houses), a hotel with rumored gambling - long before it was legal in Massachusetts!  
Later in life Spectacle was the receptacle for Boston's garbage and the city operated a dump, and horse rendering facility making glue from horses & fish. Spectacle is now home to the highest point in Boston Harbor, offering beautiful 360 degree views of the harbor & city, a beautiful visitors center with interpretive displays and more!

We will travel to Spectacle onboard the Massachusetts Bay Lines boat M/V Freedom.

- **snowman building (for the kids) - with the 1st 12 kids receiving their own snowman to take home!**
- **kite flying (free kites provided for the 1st 12 flyers!**
- **guided and self led tours of the island.**

**Start the new year and explore!**

**This trip is an official FIRST NIGHT EVENT.**

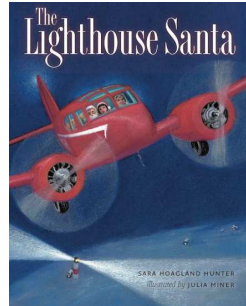
Purchase tickets NOW! at [www.fbhi.org](http://www.fbhi.org) or call the office at 781-740-4290



**Consider making a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Friends ONLINE WITH A CLICK OF YOUR FINGERS**

**you can do it via the FBHI web site and PayPal by clicking**

Please [click here.](#)



**Still time to buy a copy of the holiday children's book, "The Lighthouse Santa,"** based on the life of an important local figure. Historian and storyteller Edward Rowe Snow carried on the tradition of the South Shore and Boston Harbor "Flying Santa" from 1936 to 1980. Every Christmas, Snow would hire a small plane and drop wrapped gifts to the region's lighthouse keepers and their families. Author Sara Hoagland Hunter. Call the office 781-740-4290

or click on <http://fbhi.org/store---books.html>  
Check out our other books that'll make for great gifts as well



**M/V Voyager III**

*Keep visiting the harbor this winter  
with Boston's Best Cruises!*

**Friends Members now receive \$2 off per ticket per member** - join now if you're not a member already! Join ONLINE to get your discount instantly (show your Paypal receipt to BBC to obtain your discount). For groups of 10 or more, we can arrange a 20% discount! (Group purchases 10+ tickets at once).

Boston's Best Cruises is offering many cruises in the Winter Months including:

## **Sunset Holiday Lights Cruise Saturday Dec 22**

Departs Boston 4:00pm  
Returns Boston 5:30pm

- Adults 13 - 64 years \$20
- Children (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$15
- Children under 3 free

The beauty of downtown Boston when viewed from the water during the winter is widely underestimated. This cruise will take you into all of the nooks and crannies of the wharfs, piers and parks that line the waterfront. Enjoy some holiday cheer with our special hot and cold drink offerings and some snacks available at the galley. Light narration (to identify points of interest) and holiday background music complete this great trip. The highlight of the trip is the vibrant blue illuminated trellis in Christopher Columbus Park which will greet us as we return to Long Wharf North.

## **Stars of the City Cruise Saturday Dec 22**

Departs Boston 4:00pm, Returns Boston 5:30pm

- Adults 13 - 64 years \$20
- Children (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$15
- Children under 3 free

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For information and tickets about both cruises, go to:

<http://www.bostonsbestcruises.com/specialty-cruises-2>

## **New Year's Eve Day 45-minute Harbor Cruise Monday, Dec 31**

Departs Boston 2:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm

- Adults 13 - 64 years \$12
- Children (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$8
- Children under 3 free

Enjoy a jaunt along the Boston Waterfront as part of your New Year's Eve celebration. View the City lights, get a cup of delicious chowder and cup of cocoa at the galley and relax in the heated cabin. Look out the windows or venture on to the outside decks for a close up look at the water side of the city.

## **New Year's Eve Fireworks Cruise Monday, Dec 31**

Departs Quincy 8:30pm

Departs Boston 9:15pm

Returns Boston 1:00am

Returns Quincy 1:30am

- \$95 ticket
- 21 and up only!

Now in its 9th year, the Boston's Best Cruises New Year's Cruise creates memories of a lifetime as we bid a fond farewell to 2012 and welcome 2013 in grand style. Dance to the live rocking blues band until midnight when "First Night Boston" will put on an unbelievable fireworks display. Your ticket includes continuous servings of heavy hors d'oeuvres, a champagne toast and party favors at midnight, and a very special gift from Boston's Best Cruises.

## Seal Watch

### Saturdays, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 9

Departs Quincy 10:15am

Departs Boston 11:00am

Returns Boston 12:30pm

Returns Quincy 1:00pm

- Adults 13 - 64 years \$20
- Children (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$15
- Children under 3 free

Harbor seals are highly intelligent marine mammals that migrate along the New England coast with the seasons. During the winter, generally from late December through early March, the seals come to Boston! They spend their days feeding and lounging on the rocks in the harbor. We know where they like to go and we will take you there to see the seals and the rest of the marine life that can be observed during the winter months, including a wide variety of sea birds.

Tickets online at [bostonsbestcruises.com/](http://bostonsbestcruises.com/) or by calling  
**Boston's Best Cruises (617) 770-0040**

### Volunteers Needed

Do you like to write? The Editor of Tidings could use a hand! We try to produce a edition of Tidings frequently, and CONTENT is needed. As you've hopefully seen, some of our content is first-hand, other material is gathered from organizations that are of interest to the harbor, either current-day, or historical.

A similar volunteer could be helpful producing content for the FBHI.org web page, or - if you've the skills, an Assistant Webmaster Volunteer could be a nifty title to have!

Continuity and sharp computer skills are needed for the Assistant Webmaster Volunteer job.

For either option, contact our Editor & Webmaster to express your interest!  
email: [ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com](mailto:ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com)

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