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#### **Stewardship Saturdays - Volunteer Opportunity**

Throughout the year volunteers work side-by-side with Park Rangers and Ecologists to protect the flora, fauna, and habitats found on the islands. Pulling invasive non-native weeds, protecting bird nesting

## **Welcome**

March 2013

**Dear Roma,**

Welcome to our March Edition of Tidings.

Please read the notice of our **Annual Meeting** below.

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 past summer and would like to write an account of your experience, please send it to me for an issue of

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#### **Back Issues of Tidings**

Did you know, we had 11 issues of Tidings published last year?

To see back issues click on [TIDINGS](#)

#### **Boston's Best Cruises**

<http://bostonsbestcruises.com/specialty-cruises-2> continues with 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!

habitat, monitoring seasonal changes in plants, and preserving the natural processes on the islands are only some of our goals. We strive to be good stewards of the land and waters that lap the shores within the park. With the help of you and other loyal volunteers we exceed these goals and make bonds and friendships that help to spread the word about the special and important places hidden just off Boston's coast on the harbor islands.



Please register and keep up to date at

<http://www.nps.gov/boha/supportyourpark/stewardship-saturdays.htm>

Follow the instructions to register for each program. Thanks!

### Volunteer On-Island Training Save the Dates

Greetings to FBHI Volunteers

Looking back over the years it is usually either very cold or a snowy day when I am writing to volunteers about the planning for summer on the islands. It amazes me how much change each season brings to the park: new programs, new boat schedules and new training

Tidings. We may print your story for all to see! Email your story to: [ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com](mailto:ChairmanFBHI@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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

### New England Boat Show



During the 2013 New England Boat Show Volunteer **Rab Sherman** spent every hour of the show manning the FBHI Booth with **Walter Hope, David Dinglidy, Pat Leary, Charlotte Knox, Jackie & Paul Ladd, Tom Schindler and Kevin Rodgers.**

While show vendors all reported a lower turn-out the sales for the FBHI were dramatically lower than our prior year. The Boat Show producers sold every available space in 2013 and we were fortunate to be squeezed into a small space.

A good many memberships, books, and t-shirts were sold, and we had many wonderful conversations with boaters and harbor lovers. Each day we pulled from our raffle tickets and most of the winners have by now received their prizes.

Thank you to the donors listed



### Hands-On Family Harbor Tour Monday-Friday, Apr 15-19

Departs Boston 2:00pm  
Returns Boston 3:30pm

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

With loads of inside and outside space to spread out, guests are invited to participate as the crew leads a variety of oceanography and environmental experiments.

- Use a Secchi disk to test water clarity
- Measure the water depth, temperature and salinity
- Take a sample of the ocean bottom and examine it under a microscope.
- Assist with deploying and retrieving a plankton tow, then examine the contents of the collection tube.
- Check out the Global Positioning System and radar to see the contours of the bottom of the harbor, the channels, navigational aides and land features.
- Tour the pilot house and meet with the captain to discuss how the Voyager III operates.

There is a full service galley on board, a heated cabin and a

sessions are all being planned now. I hope many of you will join us in our volunteer efforts on the mainland and on the islands. There are so many ways that volunteers can help visitors explore the harbor and understand how it works.

Carol Fithian, Volunteer Coordinator

#### Training dates:

May 11 Boston Light ashore training  
May 18 Training out on the islands  
June 15 On Island Boston Light training  
June 29 Campground Host training

More details to come check our website and Facebook pages for more information.



#### FBHI Membership Benefits

FBHI membership has it's benefits including eTidings, discounts on boat trips with FBHI, Boston's Best Cruises, Boston Harbor Cruises, and more. For Membership Benefits - click [BENEFITS](#)

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**Join the Friends**  
**ONLINE "Instantly"**  
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#### 2013 Boat Trip Schedule

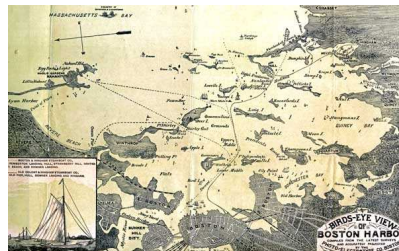
The 2013 Boat Schedule can

below:

[Admirals Hill Marina](#), [Cabelas](#), Ben's Boat Works, [Constitution Marina - Bed & Breakfast Afloat](#), [Vineyard Vines](#), [Eldridge Tide Guide](#), [Green Mountain Coffee](#), Sam Adams Beer, Auto Zone, Moo (restaurant), Boston Sheraton Hotel, Cambridge Hotel, as well as other restaurants.

#### Genealogy & the Boston Harbor Islands March 27th

**Being a Genealogy Detective for Harbor Islands Stories:** Suzanne Gall Marsh will share stories of the Boston Harbor Islands including Portuguese fishermen who floated their homes from Long Island to Peddocks Island and other little known stories about the Harbor Islands. Boston Public Library - Boylston Street, Back Bay, Central Library, Orientation Room: Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 6:00pm



#### An artistic journey to Peddocks Island for the whole family - March 23

This cruise is for everyone! If you enjoy painting outdoors, photographing nature, hearing experts discuss art or if you just want a beautiful day on the islands, this is the trip for you. This year, the trip will take guests to the 210 acre Peddocks Island. Guests can explore the winding trails or the circuitous shoreline. There are infinite possibilities for artistic subject matter along the way.

Programs and activities will include:

great crew.

Buy tickets now for the Hands-On Family Harbor Cruise!

#### Recognition for a job well done!

On March 6th the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council presented awards to recognize several people's involvement with the harbor.

Awards were for fifteen years of service on the BHI Advisory Council, Suzanne's award says " Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council Awards this Recognition to Suzanne Gall Marsh For steadfast participation in the work of the Advisory Council since 1998, and for her advocacy for public access and preservation of Boston Harbor Islands."



**Rob Moir**, Chair of the BHI Advisory Council,  
**Karen O'Donnell** (FBHI), Pat Morss (U.S.S. Constitution Museum),  
**Suzanne Gall Marsh** (FBHI), Park Superintendent,  
**Bruce Jacobson**. Not in the picture but also honored was **Carol Johnson**.

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be found on our web page [www.fbhi.org](http://www.fbhi.org). To learn about the individual islands we'll be visiting click on [ISLANDS](#). In 2013 we'll travel to Long, Rainsford, Lovells, Little Brewster Islands, as well as the Northern & Southern Lighthouse Tours. We're also working on some additional island tours as well.



Live music on the boat  
Yoga workshop  
Digital Photography Workshop  
Watercolor  
Kids Crafts

#### When

- 3/23/2013 Sat @ 11:00 am;  
Length: 3 Hrs

Where: Peddocks Island Program Fee

Adults 13 64 years \$20.00  
Children (4-12) and Seniors (65+) \$15.00  
Children under 3 free Free  
Reservation Contact Information  
Boston's Best Cruises Reservations  
(617) 770-0040  
RESERVE NOW

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
FBHI Annual Meeting  
Sunday, April 28  
Building 114, Charlestown  
Navy Yard

2:00 - 4:00 Agenda to follow.  
Light refreshments provided, "Pot Luck" refreshments appreciated.

*Speaker: Author Stephanie Schorow will present "A Girls Night Out of the 1890s on Great Brewster Island" On a hot July day in 1891, four women set off for ten days of "roughing it" on Great Brewster Island.*

#### Directions:

Immediate neighborhood directions are: Take Interstate 93S to Exit 28/ Sullivan Square/Charlestown. After exiting, stay left and follow signs for Sullivan Square/Charlestown. Enter traffic circle, go under overpass and take your third right before the Schrafft Center onto Main Street. Take first, quick left onto Medford Street. Go to end of Medford Street. Navy Yard is in front of you. Take left and enter by taking a right at second light, Gate 6, 16th Street. Building 114 is on left, parking is on

information about the harbor, Boston & the islands

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View our videos on YouTube 

videos from island lovers, telling their stories of the harbor islands

And you can always find out more information on our web page

**[FBHI.ORG](http://FBHI.ORG)**



Speaker Stephanie Schorow's web page:  
<http://www.stephanieschorow.com/>



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the right.

Further Directions [CLICK HERE](#)

**Building 114 can be accessed via  
car, BUS (93 - NAVY YARD) or  
BHC Water Shuttle from Long  
Wharf.**

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