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Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands TIDINGS NEWSLETTER

May 2012 Issue



Dear Roma,

Hello and welcome to a post-Annual Meeting edition of Tidings! We'll review some of what happened at the meeting, and include some up & coming events. Check our EVENTS TAB on the web page for a more inclusive listing of events.

Up & Coming Harbor Events:

- May 20 - [Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle](#) to benefit the Mystic River Watershed Association

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Featured Article

Learn about our time at the New England Boat Show, article by Board Member Rab Sherman.



- **Tall Ships in Boston - Saturday, June 30, 2012 - Friday, July 6, 2012**
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- **31st Boston Harborfest / July 4th Week Boston Pops & Fireworks / Tall Ships, Blue Angels & War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Harbor Week June 28-July 4, 2012**
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- **FBHI - June 2 - OpSail Tall Ships Tour, see the Tall Ships and 22+ "Grey Ladies" Navy Ships from around the world from the best vantage point - boat!**
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- **FBHI - Saturday, June 9 - [Northern Lighthouse Boat Trip](#)**
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- **FBHI - June 20 - [Little Brewster \(Boston Light\) Island Boat Trip](#) - **SOLD OUT****

Many other boat trips can take you on an adventure and exploration to see Lighthouses South of Boston, to Calf Island, Rainsford, Long, and Little Brewster Islands.

Tickets are selling fast - our first trips to Rainsford & Little Brewster **SOLD OUT**. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the islands we're visiting, and how to purchase your tickets online. Your online purchase provides you with INSTANT tickets!

Read on, enjoy, and thank you for being a Friend of the Boston Harbor Islands

Sincerely,



Walter Hope
Chairman,
Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

FBHI Annual Meeting, celebrating our 33rd Season!



Walter & Suzanne speaking



Ellen Berkland presenting



Ellen Berkland interviewed for radio

On Sunday, May 6th the Friends held our Annual Meeting, celebrating the events of 2011 and looking forward to 2012.

Walter welcomed everyone to the meeting promptly at 1pm, and thanked our hosts the Mayor of Boston, Tom Menino, Connors Family Foundation, Camp Harbor View, Boston Public Health Commission, staff and clients.

Walter also thanked the Board, Volunteers and Members who assisted preparing for the meeting. Kevin & Tom were instrumental in obtaining tables and chairs for the event as the camp had varnished the picnic tables just the day before! A huge spread of snacks and hot food was prepared and donated by various members as well as support from stores (a list of food donors and supporters for the meeting is below).

Suzanne then spoke regarding programs that we had in 2011 and mentioned up and coming plans for 2012 including the boat trips (see our web page for the July Operation Sail tour of the Tall Ships and over 22 "Gray Ladies" (navy ships) from around the world!

Walter returned and asked for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members over the past months. Memorial cards were available for John Forbes. Over 60

donors have made it possible for 2 memorial benches to be placed on Georges and Lovells Island later this summer. We had been very fortunate to have as volunteers over many years.

Walter then recapped the events of 2011, the New Years day boat trip, annual meeting, boat show, recruitment, training and placement of volunteers on the islands (that worked and donated over 6400 hours of time!). The Mass Memories Road show, Edward Rowe Snow Day, boat trips to islands and lighthouses and finally the Fall Festival at Worlds End.

Then the events and plans that are underway for 2012-13 were mentioned: New Years Boat Trip (2012), Sucessful Boat Show, new web page, and Boat Trips.

We have been sucessful applying for some grants from the National Environmental Trust/Toyota, and are waiting to hear back from the Boston Marine Society, Kraft Family Foundation, Toxics Use Reduction Institute and others.

While donated time helps tremendously, the FBHI needs funds to further our cause and do our work. See the link below for the 'subscription' donation link below for more information on how you can help further.

Walter also thanked Steve Marcus for his work as Chair, and Carol her work as Volunteer Coordinator.

Finally Walter showed pie charts of our draft budget for 2012. Our board works hard to insure that the small budget we have is spent wisely. We will be working to further reduce some of our spending, and will be sure to keep up support for key areas.

Carol spoke and thanked the Volunteers for all of their work and support in 2011, and mentioned that training for

2012 is already underway. With assistance from Kevin and Tom, the "Century Club" volunteers and volunteers who have worked for ... years were recognized and presented with a certificate and thank you card with a free admission to the Franklin Park Zoo.

Just a few moments earlier than scheduled, Ellen Berkland provided a wonderful presentation about Long Island ranging from pre-historic to modern times. Upon the conclusion, a wonderful tour of Long Island East Head was provided. We learned about the Nike Missile site, contamination of the ground by mercury and lead. We climbed up to the battery and found a huge infestation of poison ivy (leaves of 3, let them be!).

We also learned what was written in paint on-top of Fort Strong, but we won't print that here...

Next was a quick hike to see the Long Island Light built in 1817. The light is now the property of the National Park Service, and is currently off-limits to visitors.

A wonderful day was held by all, some new members joined, current members renewed their memberships, and a good number of books and clothing were sold.

As there were so many photo opportunities, please see the slide show (2nd on the page) on our web site for [LONG ISLAND.](#)

Photos by Walter Hope & Jeff Doretti



New Member Benefits!

Join the Friends and SAVE! Friends members now

receive:

- 20% discount from Boston Harbor Cruises (including the Ptown High Speed Ferry)
- 15% discount from Mass Bay Lines
- 25% discount on NPS Boston Light Tours
- 50% discount off Boat U.S. basic membership
- 20% discount off boat hauls at Admirals Hill Marina, Chelsea
- 10% discount off sailing lessons at Black Rock Sailing at Fan Pier, Boston
- 50% off popcorn at Doc Popcorn at South Station

with more benefits coming!

We also have **new joining options**, Join at the fixed rates of single/family/dual or now you can join using [PayPal Subscription](#) options and **give more** to the Friends easily!

Member giving and dues make up most of our annual budget, the Friends are the 'true grass roots organization'

[Give Now](#)

in the harbor.

2012 Volunteers

Schedule information from Carol Fithian, Volunteer Coordinator

Please see the volunteer page(s) on our web site for the MOST up-to-date information and schedules.

Greetings FBHI Volunteers:

Planning is actively underway for the 2012 season.



Please watch your e-mail for a few projects coming up in the spring.

Below are the training dates scheduled so far. The National Park Service staff will provide a mainland Pavilion training in either late April or early May. These dates will be set soon so please check your e-mail, our [Facebook fan page](#) and [FBHI.org](#) for this information. Other training dates are listed below.

Volunteer Training Dates:

Sat. May 19: Ashore Update for "Returning Interps" 1:00 pm 3:00 pm. Coast Guard Base - Function Hall 427 Commercial Street, Boston.

Sat. May 19: Ashore training for "New Interps" 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.Coast Guard Base - Function Hall 427 Commercial Street, Boston.

Sat. June 16: On Island Orientation and Training for "Newbees"

Sat. June 16 Campground Host Training Specific times and location for this training will be published as soon as possible.

Training for Citizen Science and Stewardship projects is offered for specific projects as they are scheduled.

Volunteer Recognition 2011

Carol, Kevin & Tom assisted recognizing the volunteers at the Annual Meeting. The persons included are:
Volunteer Recognition for Season 2011. ***Thank you!***

Century Club (100 hours+)

Aaron Siegal
Charlie Boyer
Chris Ahern
Sue Meglio
Joe Toohey
Marguerite Krupp
Suzy Karlson
Bob Metel
Robert Scenna
Jean Prier
Marshall Shapiro
Tom Loring
Wynelle Scenna
Suzanne Gall Marsh
Walter Hope
Kevin Rogers
Charlotte Knox
Steve Marcus

Special Projects Volunteer Recognition

Martha Empey
Charlotte Knox
Elaine Brockman
Robert Rab Sherman
Jack Zeletsky

Years of Service Awards

Karen O'Donnell 30 years
Wynelle Scenna 30 years
Skip Empey 15 years
Eric Reid 15 years
David Dingley 10 years
Irene Dygas 10 years
Joan Hall 10 years
Robert (Bob) Metel 10 years
John Meurling 10 years

Sergey Kazachenko 5 years
James Palmer 5 years
Marshall Shapiro 5 years
Elaine Brockman 2 years
Deb Doyle 2 years
Martha Empey 2 years
Tom Schindler 2 years
Andrew Schwelbenburg 2 years
David Skill 2 years

Thank you to Annual Meeting Donors!

**Thank you to Kevin Rogers for soliciting the many
donors who assisted with the Annual Meeting:**



The companies below donated gift cards and product that were used at the Annual meeting either for the wonderful food, or for gift cards that were provided to volunteers with a number of years of service.

- Franklin Park Zoo, Boston
- Brownstone Restaurant & Bar, Boston
- Target, Hanover MA
- Glynn Hospitality Group, Boston
- Yankee Candle Shop, Hingham
- Starbucks, Boston
- Hingham Beer Works, Hingham
- Picco Restaurant, Boston
- EMS - Eastern Mountain Sports, Boston
- The Salty Pig Restaurant, Boston
- B-Good Restaurant, Hingham
- Stop & Shop, Pembroke & Hingham
- Outback Steakhouse, Hanover

- Hannaford Supermarket, Norwell
- Viga Italian Eatery, Boston
- Longhorn Steakhouse, Pembroke

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