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2500 Kids from 70 Groups Set Sail for Spectacle Island With Save the Harbor/Save the Bay This Summer



Groups of kids from Boston's neighborhoods and cities and towns across the region set sail for the the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park this summer as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program.



2,500 kids from more than 70 organizations spent the day swimming, fishing, crabbing and exploring on Spectacle Island, as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program.

In July and August more than 2,500 kids from 70 Greater Boston youth development and community groups joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for a free All Access Boston Harbor trip to Spectacle Island on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship the Provincetown II.

"It is terrific to see that so many of our youth development and community partners were able to safely join us in person on the harbor this summer despite the capacity limits and other challenges posed by the pandemic" said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "We are all looking forward to next summer, when we hope to be able to resume all aspects of our free on the water programs, and include even more kids and families."

Save the Harbor's Program Director Kristen Barry was also glad to see so many old friends and make new ones on the harbor this summer. "Our lead teacher Bridget Ryan and our 34 Youth Environmental Education Program staffers were thrilled to "share the harbor" we have worked so hard to restore and protect in person with our community partners this

summer, despite the record breaking heat and rain," said Barry. "Mere words are simply not enough to describe how happy it made me feel to be back on the water with our staff and kids."

Save the Harbor's Director of Development Patricia Salic, who greeted the groups before they departed for the short trip to Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor Island's State and National Park on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II, took a few moments to thank Save the Harbor's Youth Program Funders for their support. "Our free youth environmental education programs would not be possible without the support of the Cronin Group, LLC, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Comcast Foundation, John Hancock Financial Services, Maine Community Foundation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Boston Properties – Atlantic Wharf, The Boston Center for Youth and Families-Youth Engagement and

Employment, Cell Signaling Technology, The Daily Catch, Eastern Salt Company, Inc., Engie, Hood Business Park, The HYM Investment Group, IR+M Charitable Fund, Massachusetts Port Authority, National Grid Foundation, P & G Gillette, Lawrence J. and Anne Rubenstein Charitable Foundation, William E. Schrafft & Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, Clinton H. & Wilma T. Shattuck Charitable Trust, and Vertex," said Salic.

To find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor excursions or upcoming free events on the waterfront or your favorite beach, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.