

HARBOR CURRENT

Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS MANCINI

In the nearly four years I have been a part of the leadership team at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, first as Vice President and now as acting Executive Director, I have had the privilege of seeing our youth and family programs grow and evolve to become one of the region's largest and most impactful environmental education programs. It has been a terrific year at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, with a record number of kids and families taking part in our free programs on the Harbor, the waterfront, the islands and the region's public beaches. As this extraordinary year of growth and transition comes to a close, I hope you will take a moment to **read more and celebrate these accomplishments with us**. Enjoy the newsletter and have a wonderful holiday season!

SHARE THE HARBOR



BY TREVOR ETHERIDGE, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

In 2018 Save the Harbor piloted our "Share the Harbor Initiative" as a way to reach a new audience of adults, friends and families of the youth who traditionally participate in our free programs, and to give them a chance to take advantage of Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands. With a \$65 fare for a family of four to take a ferry out to the Harbor Islands, we fully expected our free Share the Harbor cruises to be popular. That said, we were surprised and overjoyed by the overwhelming public response to this year's free island excursions and harbor cruises. **Click here** to read Development Manager Trevor Etheridge's blog post about Share the Harbor's program impact this year.

BETTER BEACHES



BY MAYA SMITH, OUTREACH AND OFFICE COORDINATOR

Can you imagine a circus taking place on your favorite beach? Have you ever seen a ten-foot-tall sandcastle? In 2019, Save the Harbor invested our one millionth dollar bringing these things and more to waterfront communities through the Better Beaches program! Since 2008, we have awarded more than \$1,000,000 in small grants to local organizations in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull to activate the region's public beaches with free events and programs. To learn more about the impact of our Better Beaches program this year, **click here** to hear more from Outreach and Office Coordinator, Maya Smith.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



BY KRISTEN BARRY, YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

In 2019, Save the Harbor's youth programs connected over 35,000 young people to an incredible resource right in the heart of our city: Boston Harbor. This summer, youth from Boston and the surrounding areas experienced Boston Harbor and the marine environment first hand by getting their hands dirty and feet wet! Our **All Access Boston Harbor** program brought over 8,000 kids from the bustling city out to the serene stillness of the Harbor Islands on free educational cruises. Our **Boston Harbor Explorers** program brings the living harbor to youth at 14 sites all around the city and the region. Using our STEAM based curriculum, Save the Harbor teaches kids to actively explore the marine environment and discover the wonder and fun of the sea. **Click here** to check out Youth Program Director, Kristen Barry's blog post to learn more about our environmental education programs.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

BY BRIDGET RYAN, LEAD TEACHER



Summer is a special time at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. This year we hired a program staff of 37 including 24 high school students from Boston Public Schools and surrounding communities. Our junior summer staff received development training in leadership, collaboration, enthusiasm, writing skills, and public speaking, all while teaching our STEAM based curriculum to younger youth and taking advantage of all that the harbor has to offer. To hear more about the adventures and community service our youth leaders took part in, click here to read Lead Teacher, Bridget Ryan's blog post.

ART ON THE SHORE

BY ROBYN REED, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Seeing the beauty in art is as universal as enjoying the beauty of nature, and at Save the Harbor we advocate for the value of doing both. Connecting to the harbor creatively lead us to an incredible year of sand art, a collaborative larger-than-life sculpture, and more! Whether it's making art in the sand, or with recyclable materials that may have ended up in the water, Save the Harbor doesn't shy away from emphasizing the art in Earth while working towards a more sustainable planet. To hear more about the ways we connected people to the harbor through the arts, read Artist in Residence, Robyn Reed's blog post.

POLICY & ADVOCACY

BY BRUCE BERMAN, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY & COMMUNICATIONS



In 2019, Save the Harbor and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission conducted public hearings at the State House and in nine waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket. These hearing aimed to focus attention on the value of these beaches to the nearly two million regional residents who live within a short drive or ride to the coast. Nearly 1,000 people took part in a hearing or completed an online survey. To find out more about the results of the survey and to hear what your neighbors had to say about your favorite beach, read the Director of Strategy & Communications, Bruce Berman's blog post here.

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