

## Hundreds of Kids Make a Very Big Splash at Carson Beach with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay



601 kids from 15 local youth development and community groups took part in the 5th Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Boston Harbor Explorer's Program at DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston.

Kids from Jamaica Plain's BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center and BCYF Hennigan Community Center all took part in the event, which featured healthy outdoor activities, beach games, free kayaks, fishing, clamming, story telling, and art on the shore.

At noon all the kids took a quick dip in the water, followed by a traditional cookout on the beach.

"What a great way to celebrate a hot summer day on one of the cleanest urban beaches in America" said Save the Harbor spokesman Bruce Berman.

So far this summer more than 2,500 youth and teens from 30 organizations have taken part in Save the Harbor's free Boston Harbor Explorers Program at DCR's Carson Beach. The free program runs Monday – Friday in July and August, and features free swimming and kayak lessons and soccer clinics, as well as environmental exploration, healthy outdoor activities,

fishing, clamming, storytelling and art on the shore. If your organization would like to take part, contact Save the Harbor/Save the Bay by email to [info@savetheharbor.org](mailto:info@savetheharbor.org).

Support for the pilot program came from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program, which includes funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the proceeds of the annual Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash cold-water pledge fundraiser held at the BCYF Curley Community Center in March.

"This beach is an extraordinary asset for kids and families," said Berman. "Thanks to all of our sponsors and partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth And Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission for helping to make this happen."

You can find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org)

You can find out more about the Boston Harbor Explorers Program at Carson Beach at <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org/2015/07/join-boston-harbor-explorers-at-dcrs.html>