

# SAVE THE HARBOR/ SAVE THE BAY ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2021



**In 2021 Save the Harbor continued our work for clean water on the Metropolitan Beaches, and:**

- Provided safe and free programs to 13,795 kids from 80 organizations
- Employed 42 local young people in our Youth Jobs and Leadership Program
- Supported 188 free Better Beaches programs and events in 9 communities
- Improved access to Boston Harbor for people of color and people with disabilities



# BACK ON THE BEACH TOGETHER

Last year, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay promised our program partners that we would be there for them during the pandemic, and be ready to connect them to the harbor, the beaches, and the islands when it was safe. With your support, we kept that promise in 2021 and are looking forward to expanding our in-person programs in 2022.



With feedback from our public hearings and conversations with our community partners, we continued to center environmental justice and antiracism as guiding values. This year we implemented ideas that focused on accessibility and equity in our programs and public spaces to better support, amplify, and invest in community members of color throughout the region.

## This year, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay:

- **Brought 13,795 youth and their families** back to Boston Harbor, the beaches and the islands with free All Access Cruises to Spectacle Island, inner harbor fishing trips, and beach programs, camps, concerts and festivals.
- **Invested over \$300,000** in Better Beaches Program Grants for **67 community partners to run 188 free beach events**, circus performances, and family movie nights, as well as a suite of new programs that brought creatives of color, a more diverse audience, and more inclusive music and food choices to the region's public beaches.
- **Hired 42 summer staffers** to run our free Youth Environmental Education Programs at program sites on Boston's waterfront and in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.
- **Elevated issues of environmental justice** and water quality on our metropolitan beaches, bringing focus to some of the most polluted waterways and identifying collaborative solutions to these challenges.
- Worked with our program partners to distribute **hundreds of free life jackets**, as well as free mobility mats and floating wheelchairs to ensure that all the region's residents can enjoy a day at the beach regardless of their age or ability.
- Worked with government at all levels to advocate for new ways to **improve public access** to clean water, activate the harbor, and increase equity, diversity and inclusion on the waterfront, the Seaport, and the Fort Point Channel.

As we reflect on the past two years, it is clear that the only thing certain is uncertainty, but we are lucky to have the support and partnership of so many terrific partners. You've enabled us to be resilient and adaptable as the world continues to change around us. Because of this, 2021 was our best summer ever! We can't wait to see you next year.

Thanks for your loyalty, confidence, and continued support.

You can find a video that captures the spirit of this summer at [www.savetheharbor.org/contribute](http://www.savetheharbor.org/contribute).

# ALL ACCESS BOSTON HARBOR



## Having thousands of kids back on the waterfront was a Spectacle!

All Access Boston Harbor returned this summer for eight trips to Spectacle Island aboard Bay State Cruise Company's Provincetown II. Hundreds of kids from 56 community partner organizations were able to return to Boston Harbor to engage in waterfront marine education activities led by our youth staff. With water safety top of mind for our return to the harbor islands, three lifeguards from the YMCA of Greater Boston joined us on each trip so the kids were able to enjoy Spectacle's swimming beach safely.



**2,058 YOUTH  
FROM  
56 PARTNER  
ORGS  
JOINED FOR FREE  
TRIPS TO  
SPECTACLE  
ISLAND**



# BOSTON HARBOR EXPLORERS

**Save the Harbor and our site partners were excited to collaborate in person again this summer!**

Summer staffers ran nine weeks of environmentally-based curriculum at five partner sites ranging from topics from invasive species to water quality, engaging nearly 2,000 kids. Our Catch of the Day fishing trips aboard The Belle brought youth out on the harbor to learn how to fish sustainably. Being back at Boston Children's Museum, Piers Park Sailing Center, Camp Harbor View, Courageous Sailing Center, and Atlantic Wharf, allowed our staffers to work with Boston's youth in a hands-on way.



**12 CATCH OF THE DAY FISHING TRIPS WITH LOCAL YOUTH ORGS**

**9 WEEKS OF FREE DAILY PROGRAMMING AT 6 COMMUNITY SITES**



“WORKING AT THE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM ALLOWS ME TO NOT ONLY INTERACT WITH PEOPLE COMING TO BOSTON FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, BUT ALSO THE CHANCE TO SHOW ALL AGES HOW BEAUTIFUL OUR HARBOR IS AND THE WILDLIFE IT CONTAINS.”  
PATRICE, SENIOR HARBOR EDUCATOR

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT



**The 42 Boston-area high school and college students on our youth staff continued their exploration of 18 different waterfront sites along Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay.**

Each team created and shared engaging online content through our Virtual Boston Harbor webpage to connect with our youth program partners who were unable to join us on the harbor this year. In partnership with MIT Sea Grant, National Parks of Boston and the Stone Living Lab, the staff participated in community scientific data collection relating to invasive species, effects of climate change, beach erosion, species abundance, and more. With the continuation of our speaker series, the staff was able to make connections with community leaders on topics like networking, ableism, sustainability, and civic engagement.



“I HAD ONE OF THE BEST SUMMERS EVER. I MET AMAZING PEOPLE AND LEARNED SO MUCH. I PRACTICED MY WRITING SKILLS, COMMUNICATION, AND RESEARCH SKILLS AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THAT.”  
MARYKATE, JUNIOR PROGRAM ASSISTANT



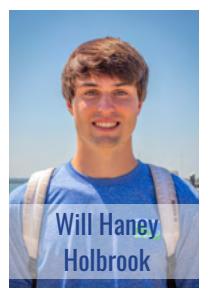
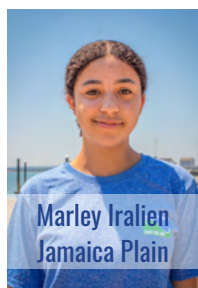
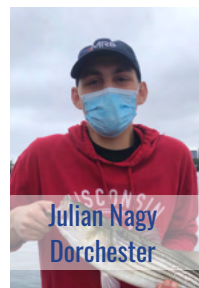
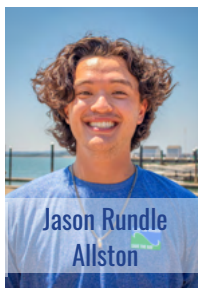
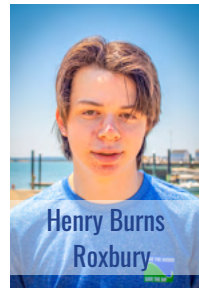
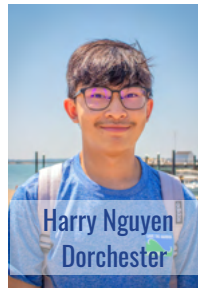
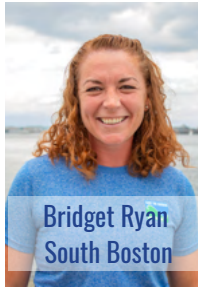
A SUMMER-LONG  
SPEAKER  
SERIES  
WITH 12  
PRESENTATIONS  
FROM COMMUNITY  
LEADERS



32 NEW  
LESSONS, GAMES,  
AND VIDEOS  
CREATED FOR  
VIRTUAL  
BOSTON  
HARBOR



# SUMMER STAFF 2021



# BETTER BEACHES PROGRAM



Beach-Ability, Constitution Beach

## In 2021, we were back and BETTER than ever!

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation & Recreation's Better Beaches grant program invested over \$300,000 in small grants to 67 local organizations, creatives, and community members to put on 188 free events and programs that brought over 1 million people to our region's public beaches from Lynn to Hull. Through Better Beaches funding, our community members experienced free movie nights, circus performances, dance parties, kayaking, yoga, and more on public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull.



Hull Endless Summer, Nantasket Beach

**188 EVENTS & PROGRAMS**  
RUN BY  
**67 GRANTEES**  
ON  
**13 PUBLIC BEACHES**



Plein Air Painting, Kings Beach



Boston Circus Guild, Carson Beach



Malibu BeachFest, Dorchester



KidsFest, Wollaston Beach



International Sand Sculpting Festival, Revere Beach



Carolyn Lewenberg, Eileen Riestra, & GreenCrabs.Org, Artist in Residence

# BETTER BEACHES PROGRAM

## Better Beaches grants are awarded with equity in mind.

Over \$40,000 of the 2021 Better Beaches funds were set aside to address barriers in access and equity that community members of color, folks with disabilities, and queer people experience on our region’s public beaches. We directly addressed the community’s request for more diverse music and food, additional mobility mats and beach wheelchairs, and free life jackets on our region’s beaches by allocating additional funds to new and existing partners with plans to meet these needs. We also continued the two Anti-Racism program initiatives founded in 2020, Harbor Healing and Beats On The Beach.



Diversity Matters Fest, Red Rock Park, Lynn

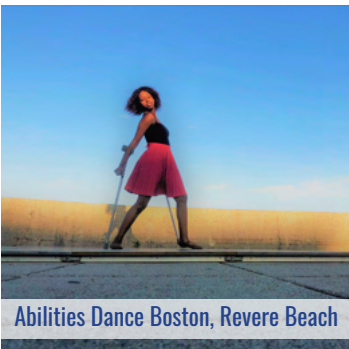


A Trike Called Funk, Boogie By Constitution Beach

“IT GAVE US IMMEASURABLE JOY TO SEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES, GENDERS, AND RACES DANCING TOGETHER DURING OUR “BOOGIE BY THE BEACHES” EVENTS, WHICH REALLY BROUGHT OUT THE BEST OF BOSTON IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY.”  
 A TRIKE CALLED FUNK



Un Día de Kayak, South Boston



Abilities Dance Boston, Revere Beach

HipStory BeachBash, Constitution Beach



The TrikeHub, South Boston

BoatUS Foundation





# BETTER BEACHES PROGRAM



Featured Producers, Haasan Barclay and ximena



**Beats On The Beach** is a collaborative community music contest coordinated by Boston-based producers Rilla Force and LDER. This year's featured producers collected sounds from Spectacle Island to make sample packs using materials found on the beach. Beatmakers used the sample packs collected from Spectacle to create their own beach inspired beats.

**Harbor Healing** aims to heal and cultivate the relationship between our Black, Indigenous, POC and Queer community members with our region's beaches through wellness and self care. Our 2021 Harbor Healing Wellness Festival in East Boston featured music, dance and fitness classes, kayaking, and vaccinations thanks to 20+ community partners.



TrillFit Restore Class



Soca with Aashka Dance Company



Ohana New England Dragon Boat Team



Friends of Wollaston Beach



Piers Park Sailing Center



East Boston Youth Beach Bash & Splash



Youth Enrichment Services (YES)



Greater Boston YMCA



# POLICY & ADVOCACY

**In 2021, with the support of government at all levels and our partners in Boston’s neighborhoods and the region’s beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket, Save the Harbor made important progress on our environmental policy and advocacy agenda, which has two equally important goals: improved water quality in the region, and more equitable and inclusive access to the harbor.**

Beach	Six-year average safety rating (2015-2020)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Pleasure Bay	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%
M Street	99%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Nantasket	99%	98%	97%	100%	98%	100%	100%
City Point	99%	100%	100%	97%	94%	100%	100%
Carson	98%	100%	100%	93%	100%	100%	97%
Nahant	97%	96%	93%	100%	100%	97%	98%
Revere	96%	100%	87%	98%	98%	98%	92%
Winthrop	95%	100%	78%	100%	94%	100%	100%
Constitution	94%	98%	90%	94%	95%	96%	89%
Savin Hill	93%	89%	79%	100%	94%	100%	94%
Malibu	90%	91%	83%	91%	91%	97%	87%
Wollaston	89%	85%	87%	93%	92%	93%	86%
Short	89%	94%	88%	100%	80%	88%	84%
King's	79%	70%	79%	75%	92%	83%	76%
Tenean	78%	79%	67%	78%	81%	92%	71%
All Beaches	93%	93%	89%	95%	94%	96%	92%

In June we released our annual Beach Water Quality Report Card and began a coordinated and comprehensive campaign to elevate our concerns about the filthy, bacteria laden discharge at Stacey Brook on King’s Beach in Lynn, and to roll back or revise recent changes to the already flawed beach flagging and posting protocols on beaches in densely populated communities that continue to be unsafe for swimming on as many as one out of every five days in a typical year.

As a result of our efforts, both Lynn and Swampscott officials have publicly acknowledged their contributions to the problem and have identified what we believe is a workable solution, which we are seeking state and federal approval and funding to expedite and implement.

**On the state level,** Save the Harbor and the legislative leadership and community members of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) held the first of three planned hearings on equity, inclusion, diversity and access to the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. We have already begun to see improvements to public access. This will continue to be a priority in 2022.

**At the city level,** we are working closely with our partners in the community and the City of Boston’s planning and development agency, the Commonwealth’s DEP, and the private sector, to make certain that Bostonians of every race and ability are included in the planning process and the governance of public spaces on the waterfront, and that our activation strategies for the waterfront and the watershed are in service of that goal. As a result, we have begun to see improved physical connections as well as programmatic connections and activation strategies that will bring more diverse events, programs and audiences to the waterfront, the Fort Point Channel and the Seaport.

# BETTER BEACHES RECIPIENTS & SPONSORS



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay thanks the Baker-Polito Administration, House Speaker Ron Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, Co-Chairs Sen. Brendan P. Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian C. Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and all our Better Beaches Program funders and event sponsors for their support. We would also like to thank all of the 2021 Virtual Harpoon Shamrock Splash participants who rose to the challenge and found unique ways to splash and raise money during these unprecedented times.

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The YMCA of Greater Boston

## 2021 Better Beaches Program Grant Recipients

A Trike Called Funk  
Aashka Company  
Abilities Dance Boston  
The American City Coalition  
BCYF Condon Community Center  
BCYF Curley Community Center  
Beats On The Beach Competition  
Bike to the Sea, Inc.  
The Boston Circus Guild  
Boston Fun Cruises  
The Boston Harbor Women of Color Coalition  
Boston Police B3 Community Service Office  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester  
Catholic Charities, Laboure Youth Tutoring Youth  
Catholic Charities, Teen Center at Saint Peter's  
The City of Quincy Department of Natural Resources  
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DJ Cakewalk  
Demakes Family YMCA  
East Boston YMCA  
Elevate Youth

Friends of Belle Isle Marsh  
Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach  
Friends of Nantasket Beach  
Friends of Paragon Carousel  
Friends of Winthrop Beach  
The Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston  
Girls Inc. of Lynn  
Greencrab.org  
Harbor Healing  
Harborkeepers  
HipStory  
Hull Haus  
Hull Lifesaving Museum  
Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce  
MOMS Club of South Boston  
Make Boston Shine Trust  
Masskiting  
Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition  
NamaStay Sober  
Neighborhood of Affordable Housing  
North Shore Juneteenth Association

North Shore Women Of Color Association  
Ohana New England Dragon Boat Team  
OrigiNation Cultural Arts Center  
Piers Park Sailing Center  
Plein Air Painting  
Quincy Asian Night Market  
Revere Beach Partnership  
Revere Beach Recreation Department  
South Boston Neighborhood House  
Squantum Point Park  
The Theater Offensive  
Town of Nahant and Nahant American Legion Post 215 Post  
Transformative Culture Project  
Triangle, Inc  
The TrikeHub  
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ACCESS Chinatown  
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Arlington Boys & Girls Club  
Artists For Humanity  
Asian Community Development Corporation  
BCYF Adventure Girls  
BCYF Blackstone Community Center  
BCYF Charlestown Community Center  
BCYF Cleveland Community Center  
BCYF Condon Community Center  
BCYF Curley Community Center  
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BCYF Hyde Park Community Center  
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BCYF Leahy Holloran Community Center  
BCYF Madison Park Community Center  
BCYF Martin Pino Community Center  
BCYF Mattahunt Community Center  
BCYF Menino Community Center  
BCYF Mildred Avenue Community Center  
BCYF Ohrenberger Community Center  
BCYF Paris Street Community Center  
BCYF Perkins Community Center  
BCYF Quincy Community Center  
BCYF Roche Community Center  
BCYF Roslindale Community Center  
BCYF Shelburne Community Center  
BCYF Snapshot Program  
BCYF Streetworker Program  
BCYF SUPERTeens  
BCYF Tobin Community Center  
BCYF Tynan Community Center  
BCYF Vine Street Community Center  
Bethel Math & Science Scholars Program  
Beyond the Block Youth Solutions Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay  
Billerica Boys & Girls Club  
Bird Street Community Center  
Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club  
Boston Area Health Education Center  
Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program  
Boston Centers for Youth & Families  
Boston Children's Museum  
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center  
Boston Debate League  
Boston Fun Cruises  
Boston Girl Scouts  
Boston Harbor Cruises  
Boston Harbor NOW  
Boston Police Department Community Service  
Boston Public Health Commission  
Boston Public Schools  
Boston Uncornered  
Bowdoin Bike School  
Bowdoin Street Community Center  
Boy Scouts of America

Boys & Girls Club of Lynn  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston  
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Charlestown  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Condon  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Ederly Family South Boston  
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Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Jordan  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Hennigan Club  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Mattapan Teen Center  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Orchard Gardens Club  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston: Summer Club  
Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee Teen Center  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester  
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Braintree Recreation Department  
Bridge Over Troubled Waters  
Brigham Camp  
Brighton High School  
Brighton YMCA  
Brookline High School  
Brookline Recreation Department  
Brookview House  
Building Our Lives Together As One  
Burbank YMCA  
Burlington Summer Central  
Cambridge Adventure Day Camp  
Cambridge Camping Association  
Cambridge Community Development  
Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program  
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Charles River YMCA  
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Dedham Community House  
Deliverance Temple Worship Center  
Diamond Girls Boston  
Discover Quincy  
Dominican Development Center  
Dorchester Bike Coalition  
Dorchester Healthy Boston Coalition

Dorchester YMCA  
East Boston Community Learning Program  
East Boston Harborside Community School  
East Boston High School  
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center  
East Boston Social Centers  
East Boston YMCA  
East End House  
Eastie Farm  
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Emerald Necklace Conservancy  
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Family & Children's Service of Greater Lynn  
Farrington Nature Linc  
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Fenway High School  
Fishbucket Sportfishing Boston  
Franklin Field/Franklin Hill Healthy Boston Coalition  
Franklin Park Development Tenants Association  
Freedom House  
Friends of Adams St. Library  
Friends of Belle Isle Marsh  
Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach  
Friends of Lynn Heritage State Park  
Friends of Savin Hill Shores  
Friends of the Paragon Carousel  
Friends of Winthrop Beach  
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Lynn YMCA

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New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance  
New Life Community Church  
NMSC Coastal Ocean Science Academy  
NOAH  
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North Shore YMCA Camp Tricklin' Falls  
North Suburban YMCA  
Oak Square YMCA  
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Paddle Boston  
Paige Academy  
Paraclete Academy  
PBHA: Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment  
PBHA: Cambridge Youth Enrichment  
PBHA: Keylatch Summer Program  
PBHA: Mission Hill Summer Urban Program  
PBHA: Refugee Youth Summer Enrichment  
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Real Kidz Boston  
Red Oak After School + Summer Program  
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Revere Public Schools Afterschool Summer Program  
Rhythm Room Records  
Roslindale YMCA  
Roxbury Tenants of Harvard  
Roxbury YMCA  
Roxbury Youth Initiative  
Saint Ann Parish Vacation Bible School  
Salem YMCA  
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Salvation Army Kids Club  
Salvation Army South End Corps  
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South Boston Leadership Initiative  
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South Boston Stars  
South Boston TEAM  
South Shore YMCA  
Germantown Neighborhood Center Day Camp  
SPARK Center  
Squashbusters  
St. Cecilia Young Adults  
St. Mark Wainwright Summer Program  
St. Peter Academy  
Steward Health  
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Summer Urban Program Cambridge

Summer Boys & Girls Club  
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# BOSTON Herald

Meghan Ottolini | July 16, 2021

## King's Beach on Boston's North Shore plagued by pollution



Lynn, MA. - July 16: No Swimming signs along King's Beach in Lynn on July 16, 2021 in , Lynn, MA. (Staff Photo By Stuart Cahill/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald)

This month's record-busting wet weather is putting an extra damper on a popular beach in the commonwealth: King's Beach in Lynn and Swampscott, which continues to be plagued by polluted stormwater that pours out of one massive drain on the coast.

More than 189,000 gallons of untreated wastewater poured directly into the beach from overwhelmed sewer pipelines over the rainy July 4th weekend, according to city data, but environmental experts estimate that's only a minuscule piece of the pollution that's gushing into the three-mile coastline.

There's no measurement of the putrid stormwater that

continuously rushes from the pipe at the center of the beach, known as the Stacey Brooke Outlet. The state mandates local wastewater treatment plants notify the public of combined sewer overflows like the one that occurred over the holiday weekend, but that amount alone was discouraging to local officials.

"I'm just very disappointed. It's disheartening," said Lynn City Councilor Brian LaPierre, who noted these incidents seem to coincide with the months residents want to enjoy the famous shoreline the most.

An environmental nonprofit recently labeled the beach the Commonwealth's most

"potentially unsafe" area for swimmers due to high levels of fecal bacteria in the water, which they attribute to both storm runoff and combined sewer overflows.

In 2020, high levels of fecal bacteria made the beach unfit for swimming by EPA standards on 75% of the days the water was tested. People who swim in such contaminated water can get sick with skin rashes and diarrhea.

Despite the "no swimming" signs and flags that lined King's Beach Thursday and Friday after days of rain, small children splashed and dove in the water to escape the 90-degree heat.

Locals who avoid the water told the Herald they're fed up with the often-squalid conditions of the beach.

"One of the reasons why we moved here is the access to the beach and the ocean, raising my kids here, growing up on the beach and going swimming. We come down here, we walk, and that's it. It's very frustrating," said Lynn resident Sarah Arcotta, who was strolling by the beach with her two young children Thursday.

Despite its stunning shoreline, Lynn resident Todd Gielgud described the beach as have a constant "fetid smell" and said the beach "worries" him.

Director of strategy at environmental non-profit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Bruce Berman told the Herald it's critical to help cities like Lynn find a fix for outfalls like the one at King's Beach, and noted beaches in Quincy are in a similar condition.

"We're leaving cities like Lynn and Quincy to go it alone," he said.

Help could come from Washington through the American Rescue Plan Act. Gov. Charlie Baker, a Swampscott resident, recommended \$400 million in grants go towards sewer and water improvements across the state. The median household income for Lynn residents in 2018 was \$53,315, compared to a statewide median household income of \$74,167.



# East Boston

## TIMES-FREE PRESS

John Lynds | August 18, 2021

### Disability community celebrates Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach



The Wallis family from Malden joined Triangle Inc. and Save the Harbor at Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach. Shown are dad Theron with daughter Sylvie using a floating swim chair.

On Saturday, more than 125 individuals with disabilities came together to enjoy a fun-filled day at Constitution Beach.

The Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach program was created several years ago through a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program with support by DCR's Universal Access program. The yearly event hosted by Triangle, Inc. highlights programs that make Massachusetts public beaches, like the one in Eastie, accessible to the disability community.

As part of this year's event, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay donated beach wheelchairs to three local non-profit organizations serving the disability community of greater Boston.

"It fills my heart with joy to see people of all ages and abilities come together on a beautiful summer day to celebrate clean water at Constitution Beach," said Rep. Adrian Madaro, who Co-Chairs the Metropolitan Beaches

Commission and was instrumental in securing funds to make Beach:Ability possible. "Thanks to Triangle, Inc. and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for taking the lead and making it happen again this year."

CEO of Triangle, Inc. Coleman Nee said Triangle was excited to return to Constitution Beach for its second Beach:Ability event.

"For many in the Disability Community, awareness of these amazing beaches and/or perceptions of their accessibility have, in the past, presented barriers to a fully inclusive public waterfront," said Nee. "We hope that this event helps change those beliefs and highlights the great work of our partners at DCR's Universal Access Program and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to ensure that equipment such as mobi-mats, sand wheelchairs and floating swim chairs are available at all of Massachusetts public beaches."

Executive Director of

the Harbor/Save the Bay Chris Mancini said as part of the Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's steadfast commitment to accessibility, inclusion, diversity, and equity, he was thrilled to partner with Triangle to make sure the region's amazing public beaches are welcoming to the disability community.

"We are proud to extend these efforts by donating additional accessible sand and swim wheelchairs to area nonprofits serving the disability community, including the South Boston Neighborhood House, ARC of the South Shore, and Triangle," he said.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Director of Development Patricia Salic was also moved by Beach:Ability and thanked all those that took part. She took a few moments on Saturday morning to thank Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program and policy partners and event sponsors. These included

Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Comcast, Beacon Capital Partners, Mix 104.1, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, The YMCA of Greater Boston, The Daily Catch, Boston Event Specialists, the Blue Sky Collaborative, and Keezer Sportswear for their support, as well as the nearly 1,000 individuals who contributed to the support of the Harpoon Shamrock Splash.

Saturday's event was one of scores of events planned for the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket this summer, as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program partnership with DCR. To find out more about events on your favorite beach, visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) and follow @savetheharbor on social media.



Triangle community members Liam (left) and Darrin (in chair) from Danvers head for the water's edge with Triangle staffers Melissa Strout and John Kaiser and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Chris Mancini.

# Patch

## Boston, MA

Mimi Huckins | August 27, 2021

## 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

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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](http://www.savetheharbor.org) and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

Maureen Mazrimas, Friends of Wollaston Beach

## Nearly 90 Volunteers Help Spruce Up Wollaston Beach



NEARLY 90 VOLUNTEERS recently participated in Coastsweep 2021 at Wollaston Beach. The group collected over 30 bags of trash, four appliances, a water heater, the bottom of a trash can, 11 syringes and a Christmas tree as well as more than 2,000 cigarette butts.

It was an impressive showing! Nearly 90 volunteers recently participated in Coastsweep 2021 on Wollaston Beach.

On hand were Rep. Bruce Ayers, Councillor Noel DiBona, Dave Murphy of the city's Department of Natural Resources, Joe Indelicato and his crew from DCR, and the North Quincy High School Jr. ROTC. Also helping out was Miss Massachusetts Earth, Olivia Bulgin, who traded in her scepter for a trash retriever. Joining the officers, directors and members of Friends of Wollaston Beach were members of the Sustainability Club at Bentley University, the Wollaston Yacht Club, and Maya Smith of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

On balance, the beach appeared to be cleaner than in years past. Yet, appearances can be deceiving. The group still managed to collect over 30 bags of trash, 4 appliances, a water heater, the bottom of a trash can, 11 syringes, AND a Christmas tree! Cigarette butts continue to be the big culprit – numbering over 2,000.

“Whether people are actually becoming better stewards of the beach, or whether the pandemic may have had some effect on the number of items collected (specifically the lower numbers of cigarettes), remains to be seen,” said Maureen Mazrimas, president of Friends of Wollaston Beach. “The bottom line is that 88



FRIENDS OF WOLLASTON BEACH board members with Maya Smith of Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay during the recent Coastsweep cleanup at Wollaston Beach.

people took time out of their busy schedules to clean the beach – and that is amazing! Hopefully, we can continue to see improvement in the number and types of pollutants that find their way to the beach.”

To see a specific breakdown of items collected, please see [friendsofwollastonbeach.net](http://friendsofwollastonbeach.net), or follow FWB on Facebook and Instagram. Also, check the Quincy Sun and QATV for details of upcoming events – specifically the “Dick Herbert Memorial Toy Drive” in early December.

Ms. Mazrimas noted that this was a huge undertaking that had a tremendous impact. She thanked everyone for their help.



COASTSWEEP CLEANUP at Wollaston Beach generated more than 30 bags of trash - some shown here - along with a safety container with 11 syringes (center).



August 19, 2021

## Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina

“This event is one of the highlights of the summer for the 34 Boston area high school students we employ to help lead our free youth and beach programs each year,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini. “They work hard to help us share Boston’s spectacular harbor all summer long. Today’s a chance for them to enjoy it for themselves.”

“This event is about more than just fishing,” said tournament host Ann Lagasse of Fan Pier Marina. “It is about

actually catching fish on one of the cleanest harbors in the nation. It is great to see so many young winners on the dock at Fan Pier.”

According to Save the Harbor’s Director of Strategy & Communications Bruce Berman, who organized the tournament from his boat “Verandah”, recent changes to regulations designed to protect the larger spawning age female fish, which can carry half a million eggs, made this year’s tournament better for the fish and for the anglers.

“Rather than targeting big striped bass as we have in the past” said Berman, “this year we focused on safely releasing bigger fish and catching fish in the new slot limit, bigger than 28 inches but smaller than 35 inches in length overall. Though we couldn’t keep any “trophy fish” this year there were plenty of fish for everyone. It is an important first step towards making this iconic fishery sustainable for future generations.

“Each of the captains who donated their boats

for the tournament received gift packages of wasabi, soy sauce and ponzu to make sashimi, as well as garlic, lime and sirracha hot sauce to make a spicy ceviche at the start of the tournament, and a case of Harpoon Beer when they returned to the dock for lunch and an award ceremony at Fan Pier.

“Salt water, sunshine and fishing are the perfect recipe for a great day on the water,” said Berman. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped make this great event a success.”



From left to right: Front Row: Qalid Hassan of South Boston and Jason Rundle of Allston. Back Row: Danny Nguyen of Dorchester, Aidan Haney of Holbrook, Mary Kate Hart of South Boston, Treyvon Morning of South Boston, Julian Naggy of Dorchester, McRae Weiderer of South Boston, and Kasey Corra of West Roxbury.



Mary Kate Hart of South Boston (with fish in center) fishing on Marine Max was one of 4 South Boston teens who were among the winners at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina.



9 local teens were big winners at this year’s Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Youth Fishing Tournament at Fan Pier Marina on August 10, including four from South Boston