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## 200 Kids from Dorchester celebrated a summer together again at BeachFest 2021 at Malibu Beach



On Friday August 6th, jugglers, aerialists and acrobats from the Boston Circus Guild and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Youth Environmental Education program staff hosted 200 kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the BCYF Leahy Holloran Community Center for a "BEACHFEST" at Malibu Beach as part of their Better Beaches program partnership with DCR.

More than 200 kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester and BCYF's Leahy Holloran Community Center spent a great day at Malibu Beach with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

"It's great to see so many kids from Dorchester enjoying the summer and having some outdoor fun on our great public beaches" said Representative Dan Hunt of Dorchester, who also serves on the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, BCYF's Leahy Holloran Community Center and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for making it happen."

This summer's BeachFest included aerialists, acrobats and jugglers from the Boston Circus

Guild, food trucks, a bounce house, and an educational pop-up on invasive green crabs including recipes and coloring books from [greencrab.org](http://greencrab.org).

It was "All Hands On Deck" for Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education program staff, who brought sports and games, touch tanks, fishing, crabbing, face painting, food and unbridled enthusiasm to the beach.

"It is terrific to see such a diverse group of kids celebrate together again on Malibu Beach," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "What a great way to spend a summer day!"

"Our free beach events and programs would not be possible without the support of the Baker/Polito Administration, the Department of Conservation & Recreation, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, as well as Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chair's Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the Legislative leadership

and community members of the Commission," said Mancini. "We truly appreciate their support."

Save the Harbor's Director of Development Patricia Salic took a few moments at the event to thank Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program and policy partners and event sponsors, including 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.

According to Salic, the success of this program would not be possible without the support of Save the Harbor's Youth Program Funders, including 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.

The Back to the Beach Bash & Splash is 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.