



ALL ACCESS BOSTON HARBOR

June 2018

Dear Youth Program Partner:

I am thrilled to be writing to you today to offer your organization the opportunity to explore Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's *All Access Boston Harbor* program this summer!

All Access Boston Harbor offers fun, **FREE** day trips for youth and teens ages 7-17 that provide youth from more than 120 organizations the opportunity to visit DCR's Spectacle Island and Georges Island during July and August.

We are happy to announce that we will once again run our program aboard Bay State Cruise Company's flagship *Provincetown II*. There is plenty of room on the boat for groups both large and small, so **we encourage you to book more than one trip this summer if you wish!**

The day begins on the South Boston waterfront with an interactive presentation about Boston Harbor's history and the marine environment featuring touch tanks, storytelling and art. On the islands, program participants explore the environment and take part in activities led by our program staff including hiking, sports, fishing, fort exploration on Georges, and archaeological treasure hunts on Spectacle. We will offer exciting opportunities to engage with our All Hands On Deck curriculum materials, sharing stories of young African American, Asian, and Hispanic mariners and seafaring women from the Age of Sail!

We set sail from the **Blue Hills Bank Pavilion in the Seaport** for DCR's Georges Island or Spectacle Island on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from July 3rd – August.

Please see Trip Dates on the left side of this page to start planning your trip today!

Attached are *All Access Boston Harbor* registration materials, which include a **reservation form** that you need to complete and return to us as soon as possible. Reservations are available on a first come first served basis. Although there is plenty of room, space onboard is still limited, so please give us an accurate head count.

Also included are **directions** to the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, a **schedule** that describes a typical day, and a **tip sheet** to help you prepare for your trip. Please consider what each island has to offer—and plan according to your organization's policies regarding swimming at Spectacle Island! If you have any questions please contact me at (617) 451-2860 x1003 or daley@savetheharbor.org.

All of us at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay look forward to seeing you on *All Access Boston Harbor* this summer. I am certain that you and your group will enjoy the trip and learn a lot about Boston Harbor and the marine environment that we have worked so hard to restore and protect.

All the best,

Winston Daley
Director of Youth and Beach Programs

P.S. Stay tuned for more free opportunities from Save the Harbor, and from our program partners at the Department of Conservation & Recreation, the National Park Service, and Boston Harbor Now, to access Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands.

About Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest, environmental advocacy organization, whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Mass Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

2018 Trip Dates

Spectacle Island

July 17, 18, 19

July 31, August 1, 2

August 14, 15, 16

August 21, 22, 23

August 28, 29, 30

Island Highlights

- 5 miles of trails
- Lifeguarded swimming beach
- Pier for fishing
- Exploring an archeological site with our exciting "Treasures of Spectacle Island" program

Georges Island

July 3, 5

July 10, 11, 12

July 24, 25, 26

August 7, 8, 9

Island Highlights

- Largest Harbor Island
- Historic Fort Warren
- Underground tunnels
- Pier for fishing

Since 2002, Save the Harbor has connected **195,318 young people from 120 partner youth organizations** to the Boston Harbor, the Harbor Islands, and our public beaches.

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www.blog.savetheharbor.org

Visit our website at:

www.savetheharbor.org

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DAILY SCHEDULE

9:30 am: Arrival

Arrive at **Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: Boston's Outdoor Concert Venue on Boston Harbor at 290 Northern Avenue in South Boston**. Harbor Educators will welcome your group and take a head count as well as a group photo! Please inform our staff if any of your group members cannot be photographed.

Please take the time to look at the enclosed map. Many groups are unclear about our location and show up in the wrong area. **We are located in the Seaport area of South Boston and NOT on the waterfront downtown or near the Aquarium. Please call us with any questions you may have about directions.** It is very important that you make every effort to be on time out of respect for the other participants.

9:45 am: Welcome and Presentation

Interactive presentation on the history of Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands by Maritime Historian David Coffin. Participants also get the chance to take part in dockside activities led by Save the Harbor Senior Harbor Educators and their staff including fishing, exploring touch tanks, and creating art inspired by the sea.

10:15 am: Groups will be escorted by Save the Harbor staff to the Bay State Cruise Company dock at 200 Seaport Blvd.

10:30 am: Boat Boarding and Departure

All aboard the *Provincetown II* for your group's trip to the island. We typically board the boat one group at a time. Observe Boston Harbor first hand as a place for work and play and as an ecological habitat as you cruise to Georges or Spectacle Island!

11:00 am – 1:30 pm: Lunch & Island Activities

Arrive at the Island and explore its great resources with our Harbor Educators. Have lunch (not included) at the picnic area with beautiful views of the Harbor, the city, and surrounding islands. On Georges Island you can explore Fort Warren and maybe see the fabled "Lady in Black." Visitors to Spectacle Island will have the opportunity to hike the 5 miles of trails, play kickball, swim on a lifeguarded beach or take a look at Boston's archeological history through the Treasures of Spectacle Island. Our Harbor Educators will be facilitating ball sports and fishing at both island locations, as well as additional activities tailored to each island.

1:30-1:45 pm: Boat Boarding and Departure

Gather on the dock and prepare for the return trip to the mainland aboard the *Provincetown II*. On Spectacle Island, this meeting time is 1:45pm; on Georges Island we meet on the dock at 1:30pm. This will be reiterated at the Pavilion the morning of the trip!

2:30 pm: Farewell!

Provincetown II arrives back at the Bay State Cruise Company dock. Disembark for home.



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RESERVATION FORM

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Website (if available): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Executive Director Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Youth Contact Name/Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

We would like to take _____ trips on All Access this summer. (For each trip requested, please list number of kids & staff, and contact info if different.)

Preferred trip date(s): _____

Alternate trip date(s): _____

Contact information for day of trip: _____
(Name and cell phone number for an adult traveling with the group)

Number of children: _____ Ages (minimum age of 7): _____

Number of adults: _____
(1 adult for every 8 children is required)

Community Newspaper: _____

Special requests/needs: _____

Waiver (please read and sign)

Participants in the All Access Boston Harbor program waive any right to assert claims of injury or damage arising out of their participation in this program toward Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Bay State Cruise Company, DCR, and any other connected parties. In addition, **the participant consents to the use of any photo, film, or videotape of the event for any purpose.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations will be confirmed via email. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be communicated before 9 a.m. on the day in question to the contact person designated on your reservation form. **Please fax your completed reservation form with "All Access Reservation" in the subject line to: (617) 451-0496 or email it to dalev@savetheharbor.org.**



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PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Save the Harbor welcomes you to explore the many and varied recreational opportunities afforded to us by a cleaner, more accessible harbor, and by the many activities that line its shores. Take to the waters of Boston Harbor, and visit the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park with All Access Boston Harbor! To make your experience with All Access Boston Harbor successful and enjoyable please consider the following tips and recommendations, as well as guidelines and rules from our partners at DCR.

TIPS & GUIDELINES

Please give us an accurate head count.

This allows us to include as many children and community groups as possible in the program as space is limited.

Children must be at least 7 years of age.

Bring your lunch.

Lunch will not be provided.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing for the outdoors.

Check the weather.

Pay attention to the weather forecast. While we rarely cancel, your trip will be more enjoyable if you are dressed appropriately for rain, wind, or heat that may occur.

Dress in layers and bring a jacket!

The ocean air can feel cooler than temperatures on land. A lightweight water-resistant jacket can come in handy; you never know what Mother Nature has in store.

Bathing suits and towels.

Spectacle features a lifeguarded swimming beach—plan accordingly! If your group does not allow swimming, perhaps consider Georges Island. Swimming is not allowed anywhere on Georges.

Stay on the trails.

Observe all fences, signage, railings, and barriers indicating restricted areas.

Don't get sunburned!

Wear sunscreen and bring a hat or visor. It's harder to find shelter from the sun when you are on a boat and on an island.

Bring trash bags.

There are no public trash receptacles on the Harbor Islands-- so please be prepared to "leave no trace" by bagging your lunch trash and bringing it back to the boat before continuing to explore the island.

Bring and drink plenty of water.

An active day in the hot sun can dehydrate you quickly. Please bring ample water for your group, and refill bottles at water stations on the boat and islands.

Do a little research in preparation for your trip. We recommend these websites to start you on your way:

For information about Save the Harbor:
www.savetheharbor.org

For information about the Islands:
www.bostonharborislands.org

For curriculum materials and lesson plans:
<https://www.nps.gov/boha/learn/education/curriculummaterials.htm>

All groups need to staff themselves. We will provide the tools you will need to enjoy your day and organize the overall program, but you will need to be proportionately and appropriately staffed for your group size and requirements (1 adult to every 8 children).

HAVE FUN!!!



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Directions to BLUE HILLS BANK PAVILION 290 NORTHERN AVENUE BOSTON, MA 02216



From points West or South via I-90 East or I-93 North: (I-93 North to exit 20, Mass Pike/I-90 East) Mass Pike I-90 East to Exit 25, "South Boston." At the top of the ramp, bear left towards "Seaport Boulevard" and at the first set of lights proceed straight onto East Service Road. At the next set of lights, take a right onto Seaport Boulevard. Seaport Boulevard becomes Northern Avenue. The Blue Hills Bank Pavilion will be approximately 1/3 mile ahead on the left.



From points North via I-93 South: I-93 South towards Boston. Take Exit 23, Purchase St. Take the first left, onto Seaport Boulevard and follow over the Moakley Bridge. Follow Seaport Boulevard for approximately 1 mile. Seaport Boulevard becomes Northern Avenue. The Blue Hills Bank Pavilion will be approximately 1.0 mile ahead on the left.



From points East via I-90 West:

Follow the signs towards I-90 West – Ted Williams Tunnel. Take the Ted Williams Tunnel to Exit 25 "South Boston". At the top of the ramp proceed straight onto B Street. At the end of B Street, take a right onto Seaport Boulevard. Seaport Boulevard becomes Northern Avenue. The Blue Hills Bank Pavilion will be approximately 1/3 mile ahead on the left.



By MBTA:

Take the red line, commuter rail, or bus to **South Station** and connect with the **Silver Line Waterfront** service. (the Silver Line Waterfront is located one level above the MBTA Red Line, one level below the Food Court at South Station). Take any Silver Line bus to the **Silver Line Way** stop. Blue Hills Bank Pavilion is located one block away from the Silver Line Way stop.



Note: The Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, located at 290 Northern Avenue, **is NOT located near the New England Aquarium**. It is on the South Boston Waterfront. Landmarks include Seaport Hotel and the World Trade Center. Look for the Pavilion signage on utility poles.

After the Welcome and Presentation, groups will be escorted by a Save the Harbor Staffer to 200 Seaport Boulevard to board the Provincetown II.