

## Save the Harbor Hosts Over 600 People on 3 Free Harbor Cruises

These trips mark the beginning of Save the Harbor's 2018 season which will include 10 free "Share the Harbor" cruises through the fall



On Saturday, April 21st Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted three Marine Mammal Safari cruises on Boston's inner harbor on Mass Bay Lines boat the New Boston.

This year's Marine Mammal Safaris were packed with guests eager to see what they could find on Boston's spectacular Harbor. A record breaking 637 people from more than 30 communities joined Save the Harbor's crew of pirates, educators and naturalists, who shared songs and stories of the sea as they learned about Boston Harbor's maritime past and searched for the harbor porpoise and seals we share the harbor with today.

According to Save the Harbor's BayWatcher Bruce Berman, participants were not disappointed. "Sightings were scarce on the first trip, through we did spot a harbor porpoise chasing bait," said Berman. "Fortunately the harbor seals were more cooperative on the second and third trips, including one brave seal who swam alongside our boat for quite a while. Thanks to Mass Bay Lines and their great crew for their generosity and support."

In addition to bringing visitors out for an up close visit with the harbor wildlife, Save the Harbor's staff shared the harbor with songs and stories of the sea.

"The response to these free cruises has been terrific," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Vice President of Operations and Programs Chris Mancini. "We are really looking forward to sharing the harbor with even more people this year, on the harbor, the waterfront, the islands and our region's public beaches."

In addition to their All Access Boston Harbor Program, which connects more than 10,000 young people to Boston Harbor each summer with 28 free trips to the Boston Harbor Islands, Save the Harbor will host two free Share the Harbor cruises each month in June, July, and August. This year's trips will also include a free cruise to Boston Light, the site of the oldest lighthouse in America, as well as free Treasures of Spectacle Island excursions in the fall.

Back at the dock at Rowes Wharf, Berman and Mancini took a few moments to thank their

sponsors and funders for making these free programs possible.

“Save the Harbor’s free youth environmental education and family programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, and Distrigas/ENGIE,” said Berman. “We are also grateful for Partnership Grants from Boston Properties - Atlantic Wharf, Eastern Salt Company, Inc., Fan Pier - The Fallon Company, John Hancock Financial Services, The HYM Investment Group, LLC, The Llewellyn Foundation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Massachusetts Port Authority, National Grid Foundation, P&G Gillette, Lawrence J. and Anne Rubenstein Charitable Foundation, William E. & Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, Vertex, and The Yawkey Foundation.”

According to Mancini, “Save the Harbor also appreciates Stewardship Grants from The Paul and Edith Babson Foundation, Forrest Berkley & Marcie Tyre Berkley, Blue Hills Bank Foundation, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, Camp Harbor View Foundation, Circle Furniture, Comcast, Copeland Family Foundation, Inc., The Cricket Foundation, Cronin Group, LLC, The Daily Catch Seaport, Elizabeth Elser Doolittle Charitable Trust, Enbridge, Tom & Lucinda Foley, Foundation for Sustainability & Innovation, Liberty Bay Credit Union, Lovett-Woodsum Foundation, Maine Community Foundation, Mass Humanities, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Nicholson Foundation, RMR Real Estate Services, Clinton H. & Wilma T. Shattuck Charitable Trust, Skanska, South Boston, Community Development Foundation, Abbot & Dorothy H. Stevens Foundation, and Tishman Speyer.

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“Special thanks as well to the hundreds of individual donors for their generosity and to our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the YMCA of Greater Boston for their support.”

If you’re interested in learning more about Save the Harbor’s free events and programs and the work they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, visit their website at [savetheharbor.org](http://savetheharbor.org) or their program blog, Sea, Sand & Sky at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org>

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