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Free Things to Do in Boston, August 2018

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Share the Harbor Trips



Save the Harbor's "Share the Harbor" cruises are free and open to the public / Photo provided

Many Bostonians would be sheepish to admit they've never taken the short ferry ride to visit the harbor islands. Bruce Berman, a spokesman for the nonprofit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay says that the free trips to Spectacle and Georges Island this summer are an attempt to introduce new audiences to the islands and the harbor. And it's not just a free boat ride— these ferry tours are chock full of programming from the nonprofit's youth environmental program staff. Berman explains that during the Age of Sail (an era spanning hundreds of years and ending in the 1800s), the average age of a ship captain was just 22 years old. Costumed performers on deck will tell the stories of six of these individuals, who come from "very diverse" backgrounds. Also on the agenda: guided beach walks, historical narration, touch tanks, and fishing. "There's plenty to do, but if all you want to do is have a great day on one of the most spectacular urban natural resources on the planet, you can just come out and have some fun," Berman says.