

Braintree After School Group Visits Boston Island



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This summer, Braintree youth group BASE (Braintree Afterschool Enrichment) joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on multiple free All Access Boston Harbor cruises to Georges and Spectacle Islands aboard the Bay State Cruise Company's flagship, Provincetown II.

These youth started each trip cruising the cool, clean waters of the Boston Harbor, learning sea chanteys and history about the Harbor cleanup. Once on the islands, BASE spent the day fishing, crabbing, and exploring Boston's spectacular urban natural resources.

"What a great way to spend a summer day," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "The Harbor Islands are truly Boston's treasure, and we're certain that the more than 10,000 kids and families that will attend these free trips this year will agree."

Save the Harbor's free trips allow young people from all Boston's neighborhoods, and from 40 cities and towns across the region, to experience

the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park where they can fully learn, explore, and enjoy all that the islands and harbor have to offer.

Passengers to Georges Island had the opportunity to explore Fort Warren, a historic landmark used for coastal defense during the Civil War. Those who journeyed to Spectacle were taught by Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education Staff how to fish for flounder, skates, and the occasional striped bass from the pier. Kids also explored the shore looking for sea glass and historic artifacts from Spectacle's "Treasure Beach."