

3 free cruises this fall to explore Harbor Islands

Continuing this summer's "Share the Harbor" cruises that brought thousands of people out to the Boston Harbor islands, Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay is announcing three free cruises this fall – to Spectacle Island, Georges Island, and Boston Light.

The first is a "Treasures of Spectacle Island" trip, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29.

These cruises, which are open to the public, are intended to allow community members to enjoy all that the region's spectacular natural resources have to offer. To reserve a spot, visit Save the Harbor's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/savetheharbor/> or blog at blog.savetheharbor.org.

"Spectacle Island's history is as colorful as the sea glass you can find on Treasure Beach," said Chris Mancini, vice president for programs and operations at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "While Spectacle Island is obviously a great place to visit in the summer, this is a great opportunity to see the island in a different light."

Once visitors are on Spectacle Island, Save the Harbor's staff will lead beach walks to explore Spectacle's Treasure Beach, famous for the sea glass and historic artifacts that are known to wash onshore as well as assist in fishing and crabbing from the pier. Visitors can also hike to the top of the North Drumlin for panoramic views of the harbor, the city skyline, and the surrounding islands, or they can spend a relaxing day on the beach.

Save the Harbor's fall cruises to Georges Island and Boston



Light will be announced on the group's Facebook and blog at a later date.

"All of us at Save the Harbor want to thank our partners at Bay State Cruise Co., Mass Humanities, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Boston Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, and Distrigas/ENGIE for the leadership grants that make our youth environmental education and family programs possible," said Bruce Berman, director of strategy and communications at Save the Harbor.

Berman said Save the Harbor is also grateful for dozens of partnership and stewardship grants and for its program funders. "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," he said. "It means the world to us and all of those we serve."

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a nonprofit, public-interest environmental advocacy organization for Boston Harbor, whose mission is to restore and protect the harbor, its islands, the region's beaches, and the marine environment, and share them with the public.

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