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Save the Harbor's 6th Annual Beach Bash and Splash

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Area children beat the heat at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 6th annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash at DCR's Carson Beach.

350 kids from across the city and around the region, including groups from Lynn, South Boston, Dorchester, the South End, and Jamaica Plain made a very big splash on the beach last Friday at Save the Harbor's 6th Annual Beach Bash and Splash at DCR's Carson Beach.

Among the groups that took part this year were the South Boston Neighborhood House and St. Peter Academy from South Boston, the St. Peter's Teen Center, GRASP, Inc. and Greenwood Shalom from Dorchester, Youth Enrichment Services from the South End, the BCYF Hennigan Community Center and the BCYF Curtis Hall Community Center from Jamaica Plain and the LEO program in Lynn.

The kids spent the morning in healthy outdoor activities including fishing, clamming, aquatic instruction, kayaking and stand up paddleboard lessons, as well as Storytelling by the Sea and Arts on the Shore. At noon, under the watchful eye of 14 lifeguards from DCR and the YMCA, they took a quick dip in the cool, clean water, and then enjoyed a cookout on the cleanest urban beach in America.

"What a great way to celebrate clean water and beat the heat," said Bruce Berman, of the Boston based harbor advocacy organization, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. "Free events like this that share the harbor are at the heart of our mission, creating a new generation of harbor stewards who share our love for the sea."

Save the Harbor runs free youth and beach programs that will connect 30,000 youth and teens from scores of area youth development and community organizations to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Island State and National Park this summer. They also provide free programs at 8 sites on Boston Harbor and at 70 free Better Beaches Program events on the region's public beaches with the support of DCR.

Their Boston Harbor Explorers @ DCR's Carson Beach offers youth development and community groups free environmental exploration, youth enrichment and healthy outdoor activities including aquatics, fishing and clamming, kayak and paddleboard lessons, Arts on the Shore and Storytelling by the Sea at the McCormack Bathhouse at DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston. If you would like to arrange a field trip for your group to the cleanest urban beach in the nation, visit <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org/2016/06/boston-harbor-explorers-dcrs-carson.html>

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To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free events and programs visit their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at www.blog.savetheharbor.org and their website at www.savetheharbor.org, or follow savetheharbor on Facebook and Twitter.