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Chelsea Youth Beat the Heat at Free Beach Event Hosted by save the Harbor

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As temperatures soared, 300 kids beat the heat on Friday, July 19, at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Annual Youth Beach Bash & Splash at DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston, including 25 kids from the Jordan Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea.

Save the Harbor's Youth Beach Bash and Splash featured traditional beach activities and a cookout, as well as dragon boats and kayaks and a suite of engaging environmental education and cultural enrichment activities, including fishing, crabbing and clamming, Art on the Shore, and Songs and Stories of the sea, led by Save the Harbor's youth environmental education program staff.

"With record heat this weekend, we are lucky to have some of the cleanest urban beaches in the nation right here on Boston Harbor," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's President Tani Marinovich. "All of us at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay are so proud to host this great event, and to share our great harbor and beaches with the region's kids."

This year's Splash also featured Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's troupe of performing pirates, as well as aerialists, acrobats and jugglers from the Boston Circus Guild. (See Attached Photo and Caption of Boston Circus Guild with kids)

Friday's Splash was the first of three that Save the Harbor will host this summer, thanks to their youth program partners and funders, including Leadership Grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, and Yawkey Foundation Partnership Grants from Boston Properties – Atlantic Wharf, The Daily Catch Seaport, Davis Family Charitable Foundation, Eastern Salt Company, Inc., Engie, Fan Pier – The Fallon Company, John Hancock Financial Services, The HYM Investment Group, LLC, The Llewellyn Foundation, Massachusetts Environmental Trust, Massachusetts Port Authority, National Grid Foundation, P & G Gillette, Lawrence J. and Anne Rubenstein Charitable Foundation, William E. Schrafft & Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, and Vertex; and Stewardship Grants from Anonymous, Forrest Berkeley &, Marcie Tyre Berkley, Camp Harbor View Foundation, Circle Furniture, Comcast, Copeland Family Foundation, The Cricket Foundation, Cruise

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