

# 2018 BOSTON HARBOR & ISLANDS PHOTO CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. WHO?

The Boston Harbor Islands photo contest is open to photographers of all skill levels and ages, with the exception of Boston Harbor Islands employees, and their immediate family members. Upon submission, entrants will be asked to identify: their name, whether they are 18 and over or under 18 and their email. Participants under 18 years must be able to provide proof of parental consent if requested.

## 2. WHAT?

We are seeking digital photographs of people in the Park and on the Harbor as well as those that highlight the beauty and diversity of Boston Harbor Islands landscapes, sunsets and sunrises and wildlife resources.

Submit your photographs (*up to 5 submissions photographer!*) into the categories that best fits the scope of each individual image. Each photograph may only be assigned one category. Judges have the right to move an image from one category to another. Categories are as follows:

- Boston Harbor- New Category!!!
- People in the Park (A signed release from any recognizable people in your images is required, and you must be able to provide copies of those releases to Boston Harbor Now upon request.)
- Wildlife
- Landscapes
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Lighthouse (Please note: Due to damage sustained on the island from record winter storms in 2018, there will be no public access to Little Brewster or Boston Light this season.)

Please only submit photos with standard optimization. Please send us the highest-resolution photographs in JPEG format. Because we would love to be able to feature the winning photos in our print publications, we ask that you use the finest setting on your camera without exceeding 10 MB (10,000 KB).

Images submitted must not be obtained by harassment or disturbance of wildlife, damage to the environment or wildlife by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. This includes relocating and disturbing nests, feeding wildlife, and handling wildlife.

# Are you on board?



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#### 3. WHERE?

Photographs must be taken on the Boston Harbor, or in the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Upon submission, entrants will be asked to specify where the photo(s) was taken from.

#### 4. WHEN?

We will be accepting photos through the Friday after Labor Day, September 7th.

#### 5. WHY?

This year, there will be prizes for our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall selections, made possible by our generous sponsors at <u>Hunt's Photo and Video</u>.

- 1st place: A \$500 gift card to Hunt's Photo and Video
- 2nd place: A \$250 gift card to Hunt's Photo and Video
- 3rd place: \$250 in print credit on Huntspix.com

We will also be selecting winners in each individual category.

All of our winners will also receive two tickets for a <u>2018 Boston Light Tour</u> and four free ferry tickets to the islands. Furthermore, we will feature the photos on Boston Harbor Islands publications and materials and in a display at Boston Historic National Park!

For the first time ever, the selections will also be showcased at Hunt's Photo Gallery in Melrose. In addition, we will invite the winning photographers to a Gallery Opening Reception to celebrate their work and receive awards.

#### JUDGING

A panel of Boston Harbor Islands and Hunt's Photo and Video staff will select winners based on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. Judges shall determine eligibility with sole and absolute discretion and have the right to move photos from one category to another. All decisions made by the judges are final.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact photocontest@bostonharbornow.org for any questions regarding the photo contest.

