



YOUR HARBOR YOUR IMPACT



Your support welcomes neighbors like Charise & Maurice to enjoy a Community Cruise on the Harbor.

“It’s a Really Good Feeling”

Maurice is smiling because he’s experiencing something brand new. He’s onboard the Roxbury Community Cruise with his mother, Charise.

Mom says it’s an amazing experience for both of them. “To see the ocean, and see all the boats—because he’s always saying, “Look! A boat! A boat!”—and now that he’s on one, it’s a really good feeling.”

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Thanks to generous support from donors like you, Boston Harbor Now hosted 12 Community Cruises this year for 12,000 Boston residents. A Community Cruise is a chance for neighbors to come together on the harbor, many for the first time.

In a 2019 survey by our Boston Waterfront partner, Conservation Law Foundation, only 69% of residents believed the waterfront is welcoming to all. With your gift, Boston Harbor Now works every year to overcome barriers with free or discounted events for all members of the community.

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From the President & CEO

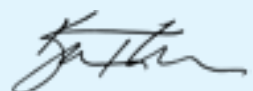
The first chilly morning of fall signals the end of our short summer season on Boston Harbor.

As we look back on another fantastic season, we thank you, our donors, for your generous support.

“Your gift created warm summer memories that will carry us through the colder months.”

Whether it’s a free harbor cruise for a child from Roxbury, a summer camp trip to Spectacle Island, or discovering a public park along the Harborwalk, your gift created warm summer memories that will carry us through the colder months.

And when you give, we hope that warm feeling stays with you all year long.


Kathy Abbott

80%

Did You Know?

Each year, around 80% of Donor Advised Funds *don't make it to charities*. Have a fund? Ask your advisor today, and make your grant to Boston Harbor Now before another year goes by.

Let us know by checking the box in the enclosed envelope, or call Jack Garvey, Associate Director of Institutional Advancement, at: 857-246-9430



Join the Boston Light Society

Created on the 300th birthday of the nation’s oldest lighthouse, Boston Light Society members receive special opportunities and benefits designed to deepen their relationship with the work of Boston Harbor Now. Join this distinguished group with an annual gift of \$1,000 and above, or \$84/month.

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Charise feared she and her son might be stuck in traffic or caught in the summer crowds on the waterfront. But once onboard she found it was quite beautiful and enjoyed the boats and cool sea breezes.

Thanks to you, Boston Harbor Now helps everyone feel welcomed on the waterfront.

Whether on a cruise or online via the Harborwalk Web Tool (bostonharborwalk.org), your gift ensures people learn about the resources available for them to enjoy on the harbor.

And because of your gift, we'll see more smiles like Maurice's every year.

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Volunteering on Grape Island

Thank you to volunteers from State Street Corporation for joining Boston Harbor Now and the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park for a volunteer day on Grape Island. Improving and protecting native habitats helps preserve our harbor’s natural and cultural resources so that visitors can enjoy these special places for generations to come. Volunteer opportunities are available for both individuals and groups. Visit: bostonharbornow.org/volunteer

You Help Bring New Plans for Water Transportation



Boston Harbor Now completed its Comprehensive Water Transportation Study this year with 2 business plans for new ferry routes that can be implemented in the next 5 years.

Recent developments around the harbor have led to an increase in transportation demands. Residents, workers, and visitors want to connect between waterfront neighborhoods.

Thanks to the support of stakeholders and donors like you, Boston Harbor Now completed the multi-year project to study water transportation around the harbor. The business plans detail how to establish regular service, recommend routes, suggest vessels, and project ridership with fare options.

For details and to view the plans, visit: bostonharbornow.org/ferryplans

A New Place to Gather on Spectacle Island



Kites fly high above a new tent during the Kite Flying Festival on Spectacle Island.

Boston Harbor Now and our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation added 2 new shade structures to Spectacle Island this summer with funding from the City of Boston Community Preservation Act (CPA).

Each summer, over 5,000 youth visit Spectacle Island for educational programs.

These tents provide a space to gather and learn about nature, as well as to keep cool in the shade while waiting for the ferry.

Updates & Events

- **The Boston Harborwalk turns 35 this October**, and Boston Harbor Now is celebrating with a series of walks each Saturday in October. There will also be a panel discussion on October 24th about the future of waterfront public access. bostonharbornow.org/harborwalk35
- **Fall ferry service to the Harbor Islands runs through October 14.** Your gift also supports Free Ferry Day October 13. bostonharborislands.org
- **November 18: Onboard Awards and Networking Celebration.** Tickets are \$250, and sponsorships for you and your guests start at \$2,500. bostonharbornow.org/onboard

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