



Are you on board?

Questions & Answers (Q&A)

For Launch Service RFI - Boston Harbor Islands, National & State Park

RFI Due: February 27, 2026 at Noon EST

(Q) When do mooring reservations open?

(A) Mooring reservations coincide with the Boston Harbor Island operating schedule, May - October.

(Q) Can you provide historical data and usage statistics for moorings on the Harbor Islands, including reservation trends and capacity figures?

(A) Currently, there are 66 moorings on Pedocks, 12 on Spectacle, and 20 on Georges. Boston Harbor Now is in the process of servicing and prioritizing missing moorings on Spectacle & Georges Island, and anticipates increasing capacity to approximately 114 total moorings for the 2026 season onwards.

Please see historical reservation data below:

**More than 70% of all reservations occur during the Summer season*

Spectacle 2019- 2025			
	Daytrip Reservations	Overnight Reservations	TOTAL
2019	190	51	241
2020	344	47	391
2021	254	37	291
2022	424	61	485
2023	378	29	407
2024	376	35	411
2025	358	34	392

Peddocks 2019 - 2025			
	Daytrip Reservations	Overnight Reservations	TOTAL
2019	113	60	173
2020	461	229	690
2021	480	182	662
2022	1,073	305	1,378
2023	672	260	932
2024	456	189	445
2025	538	266	804

Georges 2019 - 2025			
	Daytrip Reservations	Overnight Reservations	TOTAL
2019	169	76	245
2020	511	142	653
2021	496	130	626
2022	469	102	571
2023	307	80	387
2024	231	74	305
2025	204	74	278

(Q) Would you be interested in expanding access to include Lovells Island alongside the existing Gallops and Georges Island moorings?

(A) The 2026 season will focus on servicing and stabilizing existing mooring fields at Georges, Peddocks, and Spectacle Island. Short term-expansion to Lovells Island would be challenging in the near future, as the Island is currently not regularly staffed by DCR.

If Lovells is accessed by mooring users, visitation tracking and return transportation are handled solely by the launch service provider.

(Q) Regarding Peddocks Island launch operations:

- **Must the launch service utilize the dock on the east side of the island?**
- **Is there interest in adding a launch landing dock on the west side of the island, closer to the morning field?**

(A) The launch service provider must use the existing dock on the east side of Peddocks Island. DCR does not plan to add a launch landing dock on the west side of the island in 2026, although could be considered in the future once the mooring program is more established.

(Q) Is there any interest in establishing a ferry service between Pemberton Pier and Peddocks Island?

(A) While there is interest in this service, it is not a part of the 2026 launch operational plan. Should this be established in the future, visitation tracking & return transportation would be handled solely by the launch service operator.

(Q) Can you clarify the need to transit to Hingham Shipyard and Pemberton Pier?

- **Is this primarily for passenger transport, departmental logistics, or both?**

(A) The mention in the RFI was targeting the ability to operate to those locations (and not be precluded by COI area of operations limitations) in the event that it was required for logistical or other purposes. In the realm of possibility, future capability might include bringing visitors to Pemberton Pier and/or Hingham Shipyard for access to local restaurants and bars. Visitation tracking and return transport are handled solely by the launch service.

(Q) Are there specific accessibility requirements for the proposed services, such as ADA compliance?

(A) Boston Harbor Now & Boston Harbor Islands Partnership is committed to ensuring that the Boston Harbor Islands are accessible for all to enjoy. While there are no specific requirements for the proposed services, as Georges, Spectacle and Peddocks are all accessible Islands, it is a consideration that is important to keep in mind.

(Q) Is there an expectation or goal to have this service operational by 2026?

(A) The goal is to have the proposed services operational by the 2027 season

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