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THE MISSION:

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a nonprofit, public interest, harbor advocacy organization made up of thousands of citizens, led by scientists and civic, corporate, cultural, and community leaders whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay and share them with the public—for everyone to enjoy.



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You have in your hand the 34th edition of *Boston* magazine's annual Best of Boston® issue. Each year, our editors scrupulously research the city and the region, anonymously and at our own expense, to bring our readers the most comprehensive roundup of the best of the area's many fine products and services. We were the very first regional magazine in the country to do a "Best" list, and we are the most trusted arbiter in town. If you win a Best of Boston® award, there is one and only one reason why you have been selected; you are the best in the eyes of our editors and category experts.

Along with such discerning editorial content, this highly visible issue also provides one local, nonprofit organization with a platform from which it can communicate its mission to, generate awareness among, and garner support for itself from the 500,000-plus readers of this issue. This year, it is a great personal pleasure to announce Save the Harbor/Save the Bay as our Best of Boston® beneficiary.

If there were a Best of Boston® category for bringing disparate groups of people together for a great cause, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay would be my choice for such an award. Boston is a city whose reputation as a place for public collaboration sometimes takes a hit. President Patty Foley, director of strategy and communications Bruce Berman, founding chair Beth Nicholson, and all the other folks (there are too many to list) who stuck with the mission and brought the organization to where it is today deserve tremendous credit for cobbling and holding together such an unlikely coalition of scientists; environmentalists; community activists; residents; state, city, and local politicians; cultural and business leaders; and real estate developers. Under the banner of Save the Harbor, these groups work closely to guide and care for the restoration and balanced development of two of our city's most valuable natural resources—its harbor and its shoreline. If you were to mention Save the Harbor's successful collaboration to one of its representatives, he or she would likely shrug it off amicably and say, "Who can't agree on clean water!"

The accomplishments of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay are quite commendable, as you will learn in the following section, but its work is not yet complete. Please support this great group in any way that you can. What they do, they do for everyone, and we think that's precisely what makes them an appropriate choice as the Best of Boston® beneficiary, wouldn't you agree?

Best regards,

Dan Scully
President, *Boston* magazine



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A Brief History:

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (SHSB) was founded in 1986 by the attorney who initiated the lawsuit that forced the cleanup of Boston Harbor, the judge who heard the case in state court, the reporter who covered the story for the *Boston Globe*, and a young mother from Brookline who believed her children should be able to swim safely on Boston's beaches. At the time, Boston Harbor was one of the dirtiest harbors in the country, and the city's sewage washed up on beaches around Massachusetts Bay.

Since 1986, SHSB has led the effort for clean water—for beaches that are safe for swimming and a harbor that is clean enough for boating and fishing. What's more, this organization champions the effort to reconnect our region's citizens and, in particular, the city's young people with a restored harbor, Harbor Islands, and sea. To date, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has played a leading role in planning processes and public discussions about the shape and future of Boston's harbor and waterfront.



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WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM
EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN OUR CITY. ”**

Harold Sparrow, Black Ministerial Alliance

THE PROGRAMS:

Charting a Course toward the Future.



A generation of youth who appreciate the beauty and fragility of the harbor's natural resources will grow up to become stewards with a stake in protecting and restoring our environment. To that end, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay provides free summer youth programs that combine recreation and hands-on education to bring the harbor alive for young people.

All Access Boston Harbor

consists of a series of day trips to George's Island in Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Participants learn about the marine environment and maritime history of Boston and the harbor islands from Boston Harbor historians and Save the Harbor's marine educators. This year, the program runs four days a week and serves more than 4,000 children.



Boston Harbor Explorers provides Boston's youth with daily hands-on environmental education and recreational opportunities at the city's youth sailing centers in Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, and South Boston and the new Camp Harbor View on Long Island in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Save the Harbor's marine educators work with 1,000 young people each summer, encouraging them to explore the harbor from new perspectives.

Marine Mammal Safaris give hundreds of children a free harbor cruise and a unique chance to see seals, porpoises, and other sea life.

In addition to its commitment to Boston's young people, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has effectively strengthened the connections between our neighborhoods and the sea, through programs and partnerships such as those listed below.

The South Bay Harbor Trail will provide the public with a 3.5 mile-long pedestrian-friendly bike trail that will connect Roxbury, the South End, Chinatown, and South Boston to the Fort Point Channel and the harbor at Fan Pier. SHSB leads the project in partnership with the City of Boston.

The Revere Beach Partnership is a nonprofit organization created to restore America's oldest swimming beach; Save the Harbor/Save the Bay was instrumental in its formation.

The Friends of Fort Point Channel, founded in part by SHSB, brings year-round events and programs to the Fort Point Channel.

“THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION IN THE CITY BETTER AT PERSUADING DECISION MAKERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING THAN SAVE THE HARBOR/SAVE THE BAY.”

Senator Jack Hart

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Navigate using the stars.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has experienced measurable and commendable successes, and these victories provide a sound foundation for our great waterfront city's bright future—with clean water and new civic and economic opportunities to share with regional residents and visitors of Boston. Here are a few of the highlights:



- Leveraging more than \$2 million for groups such as the city's sailing centers, Friends of the Fort Point Channel, the South Bay Harbor Trail Coalition, and the Revere Beach Partnership.
- Chairing and leading the effort that produced the award-winning plan to make Fort Point Channel the next great place in Boston and the channel safe for boating and fishing.
- Authoring *Why the Beaches Close*, a report from the organization's Science Advisory Committee, which resulted in a \$150 million project that will make South Boston and Dorchester beaches among the cleanest urban beaches in America.
- Distributing the report *The Leading Edge: Boston Harbor's New Role in the City's Economy*, which inspired national press coverage on the positive effects of the Boston Harbor cleanup, including an increase in jobs and residential growth.
- Advocating for the creation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park and leading a coalition of businesses, citizens, and environmental organizations to strengthen and protect the park.
- Releasing *Beaches We Can Be Proud Of* in partnership with Massachusetts legislature, a report that will serve as a blueprint for the next round of investment in the region's public beaches.

“TWENTY YEARS AGO, BOSTON HARBOR WAS ONE OF THE DIRTIEST IN THE NATION, AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE CITY. TODAY, IT'S A SOURCE OF OPPORTUNITY AND PRIDE.”

Beth Nicholson, Founding Chair, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay



Patty Foley, president of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and Bruce Berman, director of strategy and communications, are married and live together on Boston Harbor on The Verandah at Constitution Marina in Charlestown.

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Meet the crew.

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Mayor Thomas M. Menino

THE FUTURE:

*Set your sights
on the horizon.*

The single most important thing that you can do to “Save the Harbor/Save the Bay” is to use and share the waterfront, harbor, bay, harbor islands, and local beaches.

A few recommendations:

VISIT the Institute of Contemporary Art on Fan Pier, the Boston Children’s Museum on the Fort Point Channel, the New England Aquarium on Long Wharf, the USS Constitution in Charlestown, or the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

GO for a whale-watch or harbor cruise.

WALK along the water’s edge—on the beach or along the waterfront.

HAIL a water taxi.

PLAN a conference, retreat, business meeting, or event on the harbor or waterfront.

ENJOY dining at a waterfront restaurant.

COOL off with an ice cream cone or cold beer by the water’s edge on a hot summer day.

WARM up on a cool day with a cup of coffee or a bowl of chowder.



CATCH a show at the Bank of America Pavilion, free live music at Rowes Wharf, or a striped bass on any pier.

SAVOR a scrumptious hotdog at Sullivan’s on Castle Island.

SPEND a day at one of the region’s 14 beaches.

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