

# LIFE ON THE WATER

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## Summer is on its way!

### *And we're ready for it!*

Every season on the water has something special to offer—but 2011 may be the best season yet. The Marina Village is running full steam ahead, and the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area has scheduled some wonderful programming for the summer season. Our prime location allows boaters to take full advantage of what's happening on shore and on the water.

**In fact, the Boston Harbor Islands were named by *National Geographic* as one of the country's Top 10 Urban Escapes.** Summer programming can be found online at [bostonislands.org](http://bostonislands.org), but some highlights include the Spectacle Island 3 Mile Road Race and Kids Fun Run, Vintage Baseball (we're talking Civil War-era rules!), Science and Nature programs for adults and kids, as well as fishing clinics, yoga classes, and the ever popular Jazz at Sunset on Spectacle Island. Incidentally, it's the sesquicentennial of the Civil War this year, so look for loads of events on Georges Island (and throughout Boston) in honor of this anniversary.

Summer makes us want to celebrate—so we're making preparations to celebrate National Marina Day on June 11<sup>th</sup> in high style. Join us for complimentary coffee and bagels in the morning—and then come by later for a BBQ on the patio in the evening! **In honor of National Marina Day, the US Power Squadron will also be on site conducting free safety checks. (Sign up will be available in the office.) Safety checks are an easy way to protect your boat and family—so please consider signing up!**

**We've stocked up our Mariner Boutique with hats, sun glasses, T-shirts and more. We're pleased to be carrying the new National Geographic Map to the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.** This, along with *Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands*, is a great item to keep onboard while you're out and about, and just more proof that the Boston Harbor Islands are finally getting the recognition they deserve! We're continuing to upgrade facilities at HSM. Currently, all gates are being repaired and rewired—as always, we appreciate your patience.

*Happy boating!*

### **FOR OUR BOATERS!**

*Hingham BodyScapes has offered the following special to HSM boaters:*

- *FREE 3 Month membership with the lease of a slip. This includes all who have leased up until now along with those that lease moving forward.*
- *2 FREE personal training sessions or 2 FREE pilates session or a combination of the two.*
- *2 FREE 7-Day Guest Passes per month.*
- *Call BODYSCAPES to make the most of this special offer: 781.749.0600*

## Clean Water Refueling Practices

Please make sure to take the following precautions when refueling your boat.

- Smoking and cell phone use is forbidden during fueling. (Static electricity can ignite vapors.)
- Shut down all motorized and electrical equipment prior to fueling.
- Be sure the tanks you are going to fill are properly ventilated.
- Maintain contact with the fuel nozzle at all times during fueling.
- Do not top off tanks! Often the only indication of overflow is a slight whistling noise when the level of the fuel rises within in the fuel tank!
- As a reminder, fueling at your berth is prohibited due to the danger it poses to you and fellow HSM boaters and staff.

### A Note From the Dockmaster, Vin DiTullio ...

Please be sure that your vessel is tied to your slip appropriately with the correct lines that fit your vessel. Old lines deteriorate and wear, which will cause your vessel to break away.

Before disconnecting shore power from the post, please remember to shut off the breaker to prevent arching and damage to post and or your power cord. If you have any questions or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at the marina office.

### Tips from Boat US on how to alleviate the price of gas!

- **LIGHTEN THE LOAD:** Clear out all that junk that has been stored aboard the boat over winter.
- **GET A TUNE UP!** An annual tune up is a must if you're serious about saving gas.
- **CHECK THE PROP:** Props with little dings should be taken to a repair shop now--and make sure you're happy with your prop's performance overall based on your current boating needs.
- **CHECK THE TRIM TABS:** Unbalanced boats chew up the gas. During spring commissioning, ensure that trim tabs function properly. Check the reservoir for leaks, too!
- **PAINT YOUR BOTTOM!** For boats docked in salt or brackish water, keeping that "green gunk" off your boat's hull can save a lot of fuel. But you'll need to ensure the vessel has a new coat of bottom paint put on, making it difficult for anything to grow on the hull bottom.

#### INTERESTED IN MAKING YOUR BOAT MORE FUEL EFFICIENT?

Call the office to schedule services:

**Bottom Painting**

**Bottom Washing**

Need something else? Let us help!

Call for a quote: 781.749.6647

## SPECTACLE ISLAND 3 MILE ROAD RACE & KIDS FUN RUN

**SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011  
SPECTACLE ISLAND**

Join us for the first annual Spectacle Island 3 Mile Road Race and Kids Fun Run, brought to you by the Boston Harbor Island Alliance.

Enjoy panoramic views of Boston Harbor and the city from this historic island. Race day festivities feature a 3 mile race, a half-mile Kids Fun Run, a bbq lunch for participants provided by Jasper White's Summer Shack, music, and kids' activities.

For more information or to register: 617.223.8666  
or: [www.bostonislandalliance.org](http://www.bostonislandalliance.org)

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Please be aware of the new insurance requirements of \$500,000 liability plus the assigned value of the boat.