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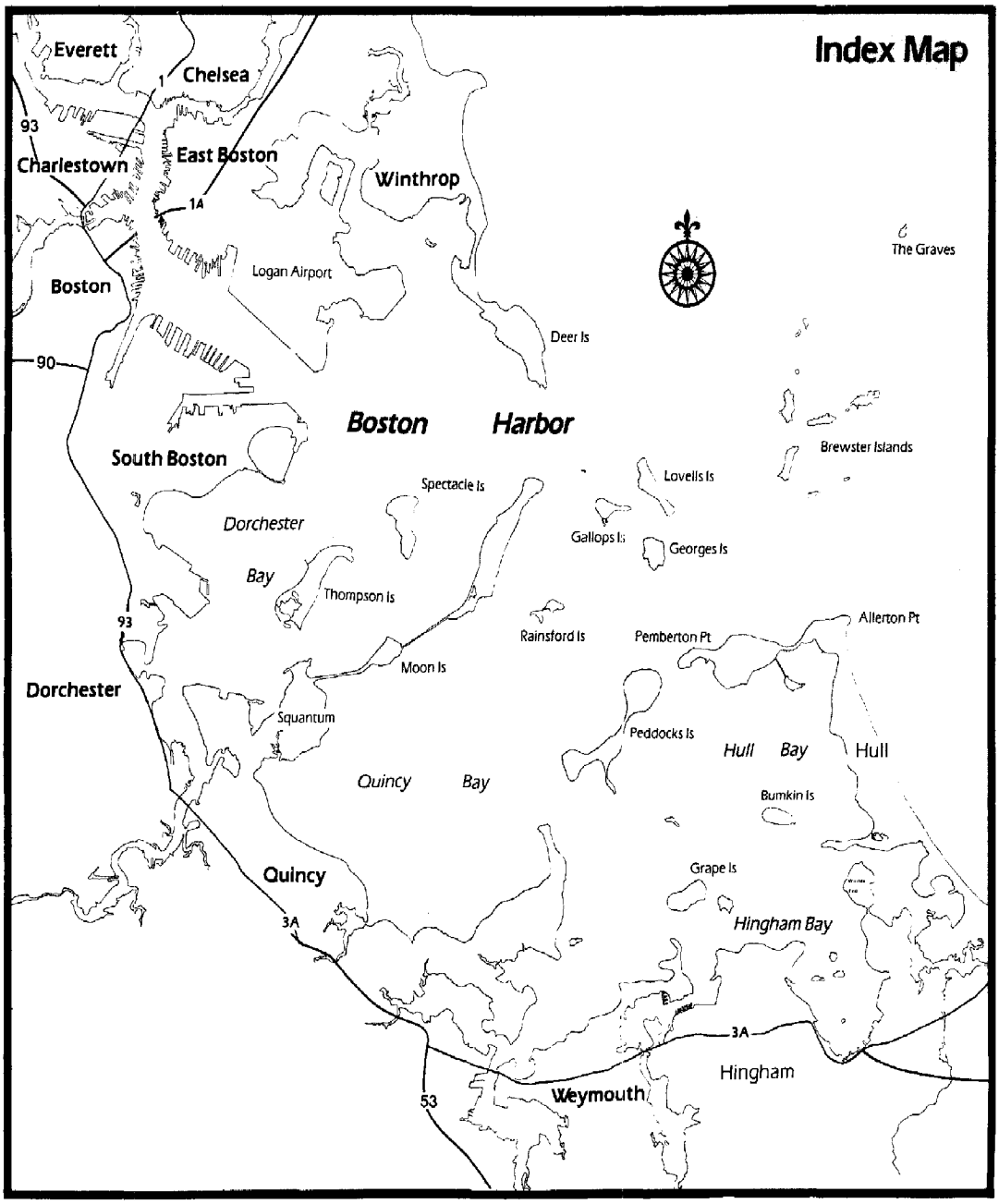
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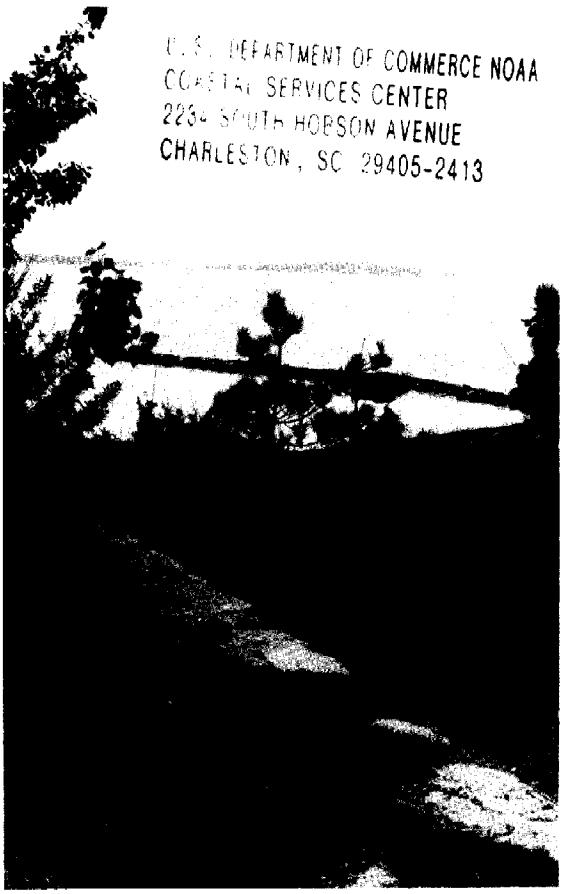

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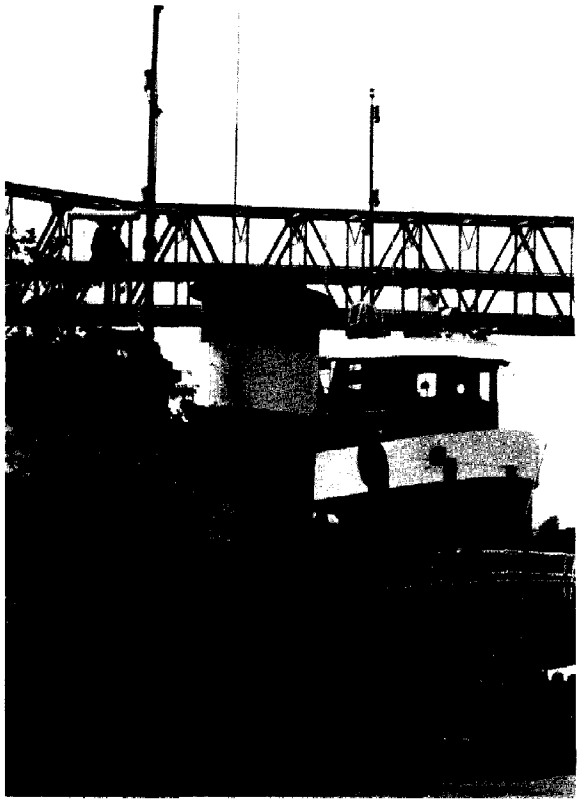

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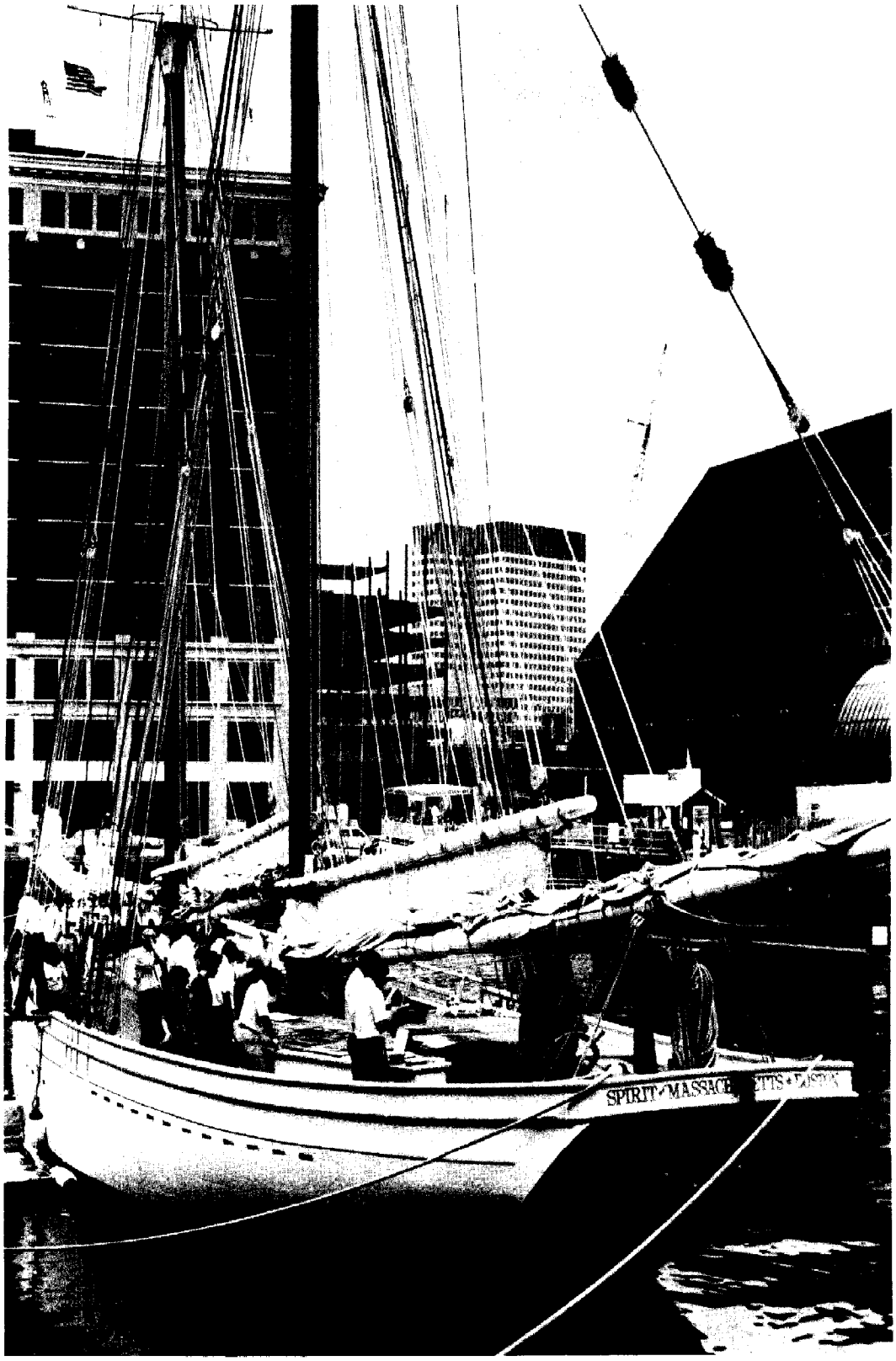

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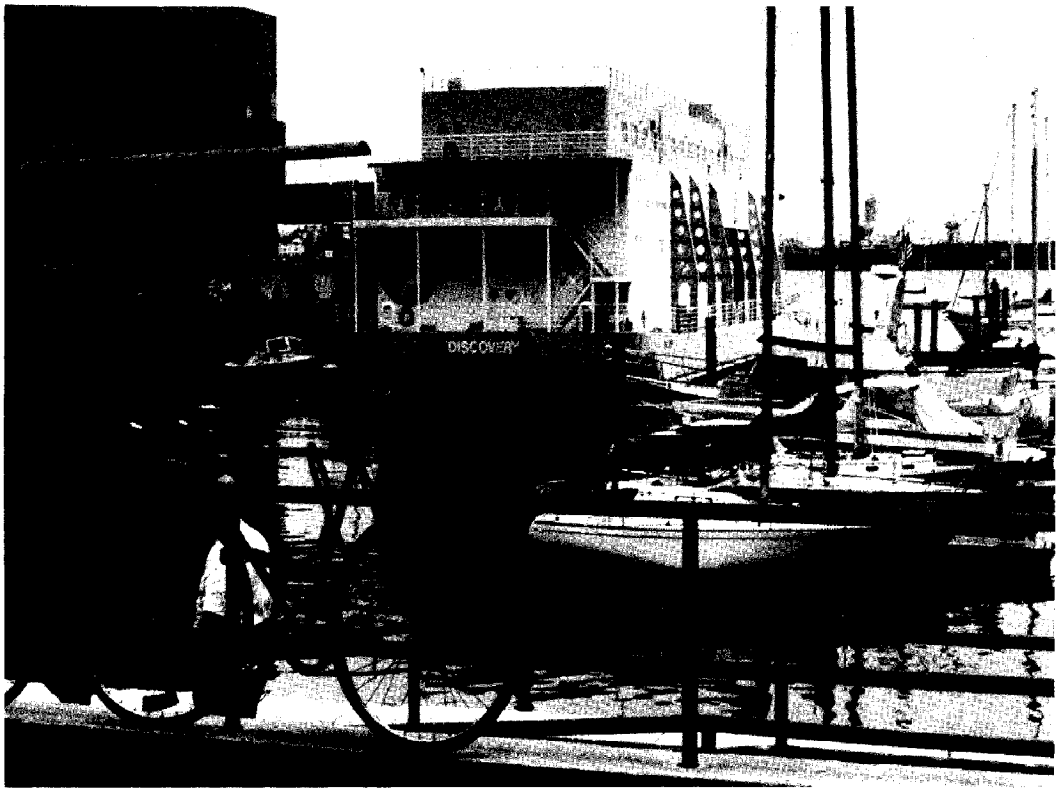
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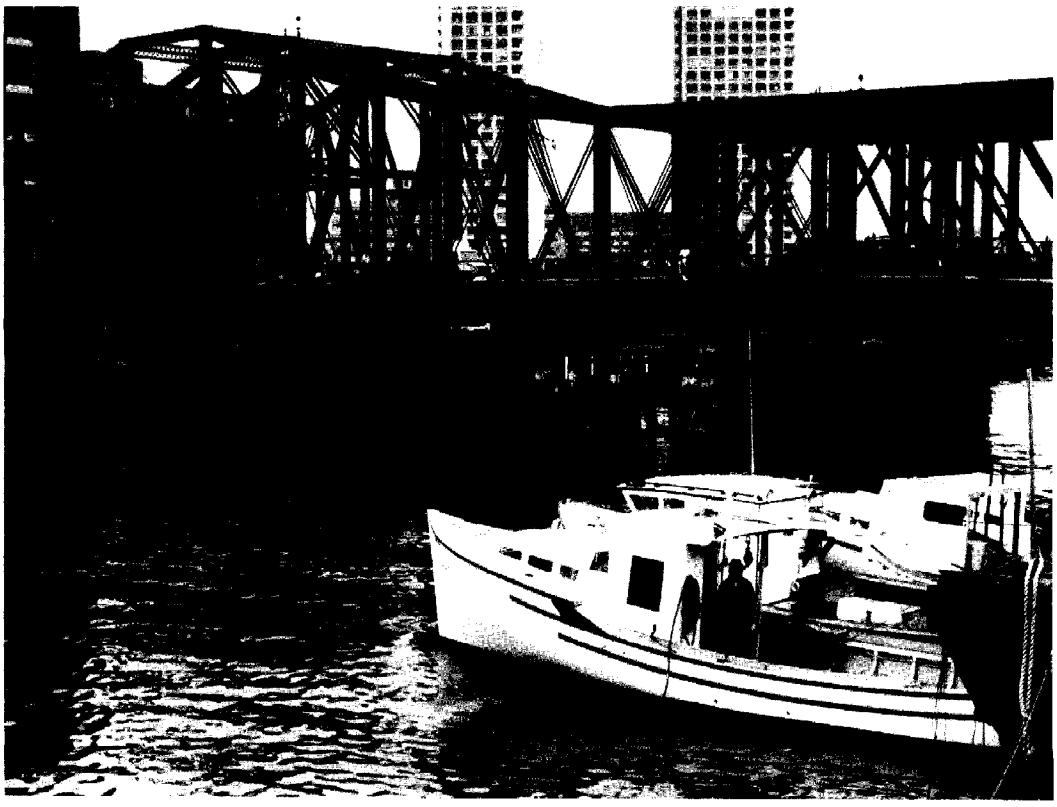

Introduction

Rediscovering the Waterfront

Boston Harbor, extending from the town of Winthrop to the town of Hull, is comprised of several sub areas which are quite distinct. The Inner Harbor, Dorchester Bay, Quincy Bay and Hingham Harbor each have their individual charm and appeal. Taken together, they host a larger population concentration than any other section of Massachusetts coastline.

Until the opening of Faneuil Hall Marketplace and redevelopment of the nearby downtown wharves, Boston Harbor had been increasingly neglected and its original character all but forgotten. While attention focused on inland development, waterfronts in the inner harbor expecially were being used for relatively undesirable activities — parking lots, junk yards, fuel storage tanks, to name a few — and waters were being degraded by unchecked pollution. The latter made water recreation virtually impossible and highly undesirable; the former characterized the Harbor's decline from a thriving center, rich in history and vital to the region's commerce, to a waterfront which had lost its primary function and general appeal.

An ambitious concept when it was created just twenty years ago, Boston's now familiar Walk to the Sea began to change the texture of Boston's waterfront. And it touched off a spate of renewed interest in the entire harbor, plus a growing voice for more access to it. Boston Harbor today is a decidedly different place than it was in the 60's or 70's.

Overall, the changes have been positive. Nevertheless, at present the region's great number of parks and beaches, boating facilities and uniquely urban waterfront activities are some of the best kept secrets in town. Too often plagued by poor exposure, intimidating "urbaness", or obscurity, many of the harbor's resources go untapped and unappreciated. This guide is meant to dispel the mystery of just what's "out there": parks, slips, moorings, docks and piers, public accessways, boat launches, beaches, historical points of interest, and segments of the "working" waterfront from Winthrop to Weymouth that are available to the general public. Also described are events and sites which permit and encourage larger audiences in an attempt to develop increased understanding of an appreciation for Boston Harbor.*

Admittedly, like many cities, Boston and its neighboring communities have troubled neighborhoods. Further, many of their resources are appropriately local in both nature and use. But a good number of the region's resources merit the time and energy to experience them and several are likely to draw you back regularly. We've attempted to be realistic in leveling expectations about the Harbor's resources. In that regard, a few general comments are in order:

Boating in Boston Harbor is great. And abundent. Sailing, motoring, cruise boats are available, affordable, and accessible. Each section of the guide contains information about boating: where services are available, what they cost, and when they are open. Only facilities which offer public services are identified.

Some of the area's most engaging opportunities are directly related to its "urbaness". The Boston area's large working waterfront offers some of the best recreation around. Please recognize, too, that many are closed to visitors because they are work environments.

Additionally, the region also has a growing water-based transportation system that can take you (mostly in the summer months) in and around the Harbor.

From virtually any vantage point, the area's waterfront offers spectacular views of the Boston skyline, its Harbor Islands, and/or segments of the working waterfront.

Boston Harbor's coastal waters are as a rule, of mixed quality. Unfortunately, some of the area beaches are not recommended for swimming. In truth, the urban definition of "beach" can be wide-ranging, therefore, we've attempted to avoid taking liberties in describing some waterfront areas as such.

Many of the public access points on the Harbor are close to private property. Please consider the rights and privacy of others as you explore the Harbor.

Without question, the Boston Harbor region — and all of Massachusetts' coastal zone — is undergoing great change. Inevitably, conflicts arise when too many demands are placed on too few resources; perhaps Boston Harbor more than any of the state's coastal regions, represents this range and diversity of need.

We welcome your thoughts and concerns on the waterfront and, in particular, its accessibility. If you or your organization would like additional copies of this booklet, please let us know.

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*We have not described activities which extend up the reaches of the Charles, Neponset, or Mystic Rivers, nor have we identified activities which are local in nature and open exclusively to area residents. Local Parks and Recreation Departments should be contacted for further information about these opportunities. Resources and activities in the towns of Hingham and Hull are contained in "Getting There — A Recreational Guide to the South Shore Waterfront, from Hingham to Plymouth," which is available from the Coastal Zone Management office.

How to Use the Guide

The guide is divided into nine sections which include the town of Winthrop; the cities of Chelsea and Everett; the neighborhoods of Boston including East Boston, Charlestown, Waterfront/North End, South Boston, and Dorchester; the city of Quincy; and the town of Weymouth. Each section includes a map, description of notable access points, a matrix which describes large and small points of interest, describes the facilities at each point, identifies public transportation routes, and a description of boating opportunities which are available to the public. Harbor cruise descriptions and schedules are contained in the North End/Waterfront and South Boston section.

The guide is designed to direct readers in an easy to understand format, where to go in Boston Harbor, how to get there, and what to expect upon arrival. The maps are easy to read and easy to follow. For those without cars, public transportation routes are described in each matrix. Since Boston Harbor is changing so rapidly, new projects frequently alter the landscape. The material contained in this guide is current as of April, 1983.

Winthrop

Reaching into Boston Harbor and forming its northern boundary, the peninsula of Winthrop is surprisingly easy to reach. In contrast to neighboring Boston, its geographical isolation has contributed to its decidedly suburban flavor. Its protected harbor, public boat ramp, and remarkable views of the downtown skyline make it a great spot for boaters.

Winthrop is in fact a resort town that has been slowly transformed to a year-round community. But the "summerness" of the town is still very much in evidence, and easy to understand with its broad stretch of beaches. A note of caution to bathers: water quality here fluctuates, so check with the town health office if swimming is part of your agenda.

Noteworthy

Winthrop Public Landing

The ramp and environs here are exceptionally well-maintained and heavily used. The parking lot has room for 150 cars and boat trailers. The ramp itself is 30'.

Winthrop Beach

Bordered by a broad seawall, the beach here is wide and sandy; the waters calm. The seawall itself is home to summer congregations of teenagers; the beach is dominated more by families. Parking along Winthrop Shore Drive and its side streets is limited and in high demand.

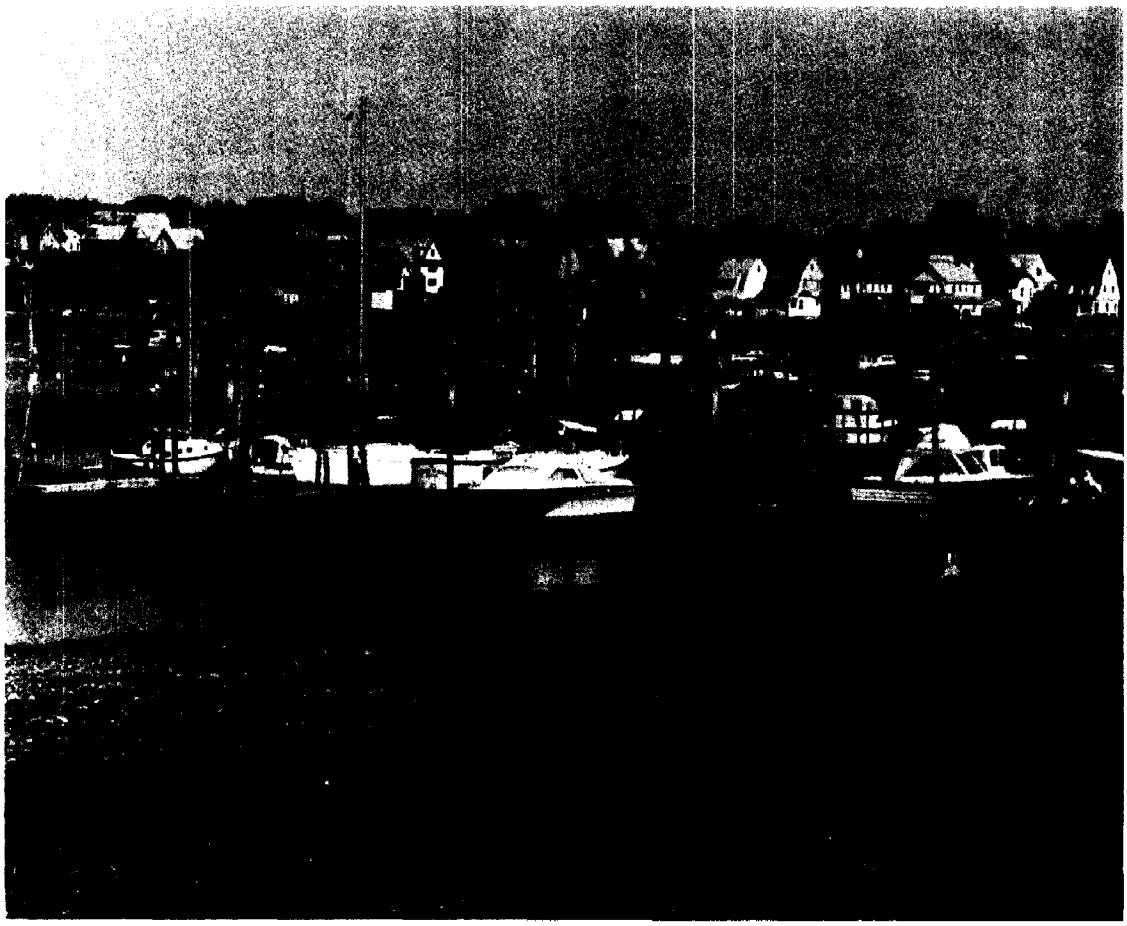
Boating

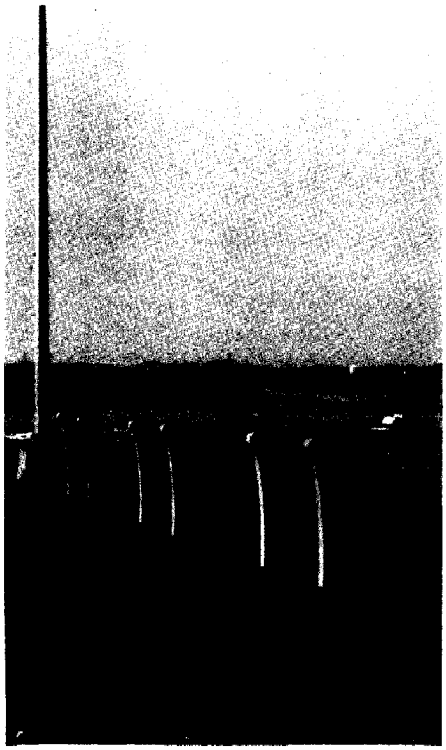
Yacht Clubs

Pleasant Park Yacht Club
562 Pleasant Street, Winthrop;
(846-9869)
Public services include:
ice, gas, lounge (food & drink), restrooms
Open 8a.m. - 5p.m.

Marinas

Crystal Cove Marina
520 Shirley Street, Winthrop
(846-4494)
Public services include:
emergency docking for non-seasonal vessels





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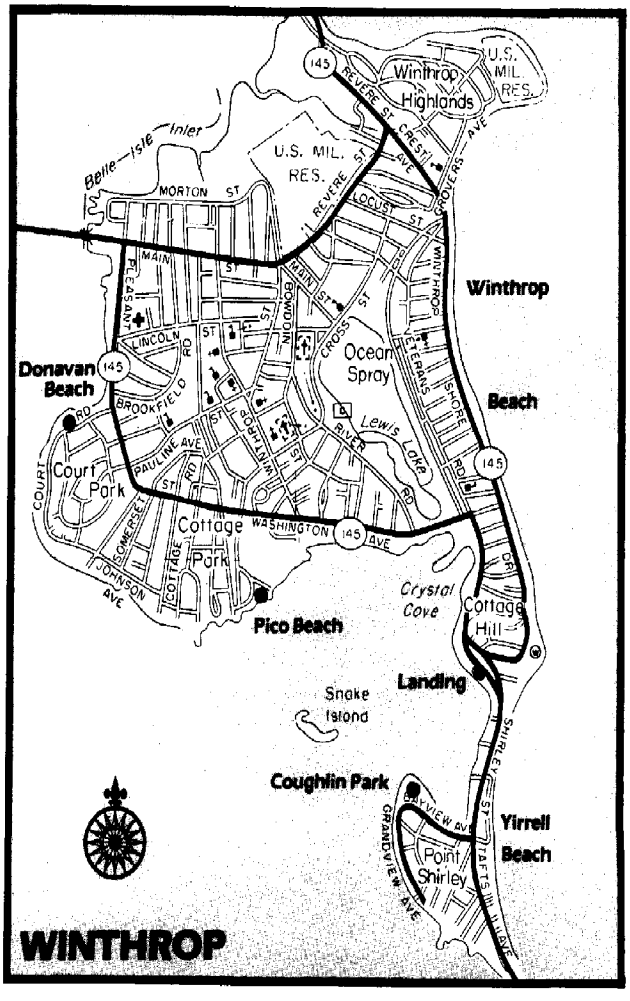


Chelsea

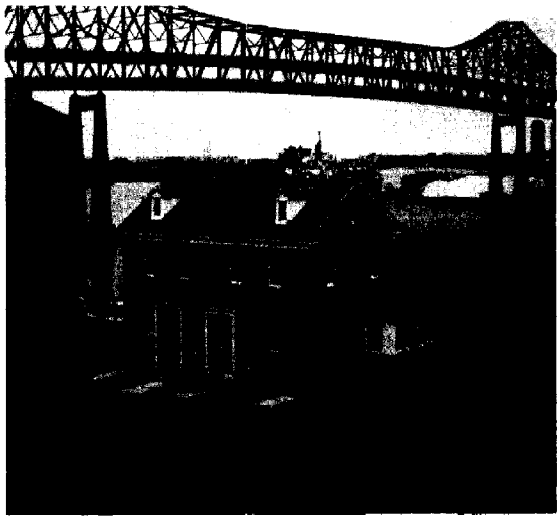
The 4.5 miles of Chelsea's waterfront property comprise approximately two thirds of the city's boundary, a large portion of which is dominated by non-water related uses. A long neglected resource, the waterfront is just now being rediscovered by the City. In sharp contrast to the industry and oil storage tanks which predominate Chelsea Creek, the confluence of the Mystic and Chelsea Rivers will soon be home to a spectacular new waterfront park. Here the old Chelsea Naval Hospital site is undergoing landscaping and development work which will form residential and recreational links to the water's edge.

Chelsea has already achieved dramatic strides in city-wide revitalization. For example, traffic and pedestrians can follow Broadway (the City's commercial spine) from its newly renovated downtown mall to the end at the Naval Hospital. Here, revitalization work will create a completely new branch of Chelsea including new housing, a restaurant and marina, and, of course, the park.

Coming Attractions

Chelsea Naval Hospital Park

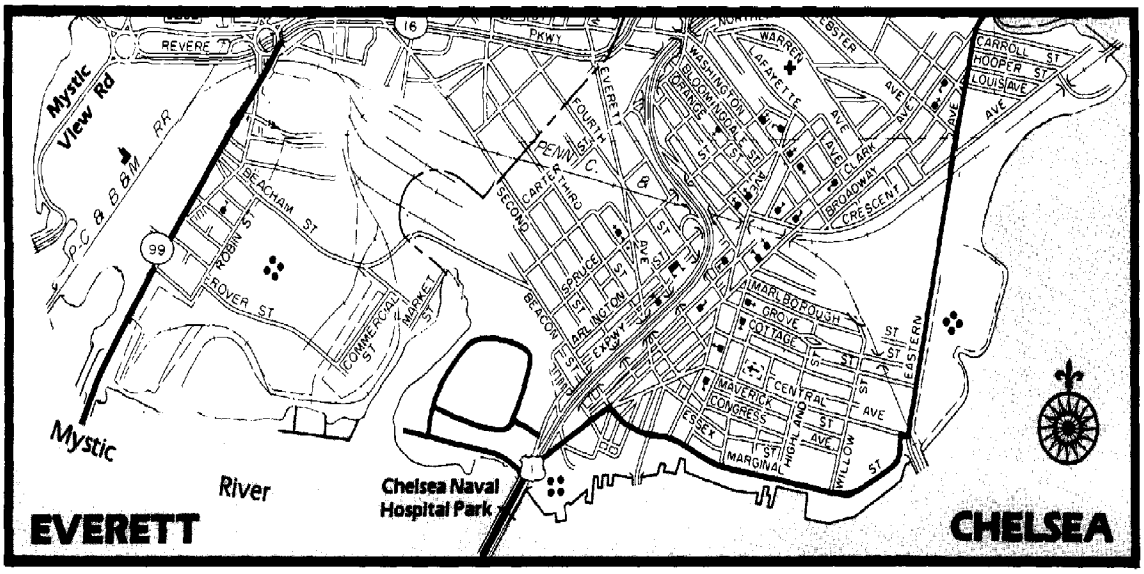
Once active as an armed services hospital the Hospital buildings are being converted to condominums and townhouses, and its waterfront land to a state park. The M.D.C. is currently developing twenty-six acres along the shorefront including walking trails, play areas and, possibly, a ferry service to downtown Boston. Its location across the Mystic River from the Moran Containerport is one of its most intriguing assets. From here visitors will have a front row seat for observing the region's busiest shipping facility.



Everett

Virtually a total barrier to the water, Distrigas, Boston Gas, Standard Oil and Monsanto run the length of Everett's Mystic riverfrontage. The heavy industrial use of the waterfront has, however, been a major contributor to Everett's fiscal soundness and an important link in serving a regional economy.

The one opportunity to catch a glimpse of this busy waterfront is afforded by traveling out Mystic View Road to the Monsanto Plant. A small stand of trees marks the public's access to view this waterfront at work.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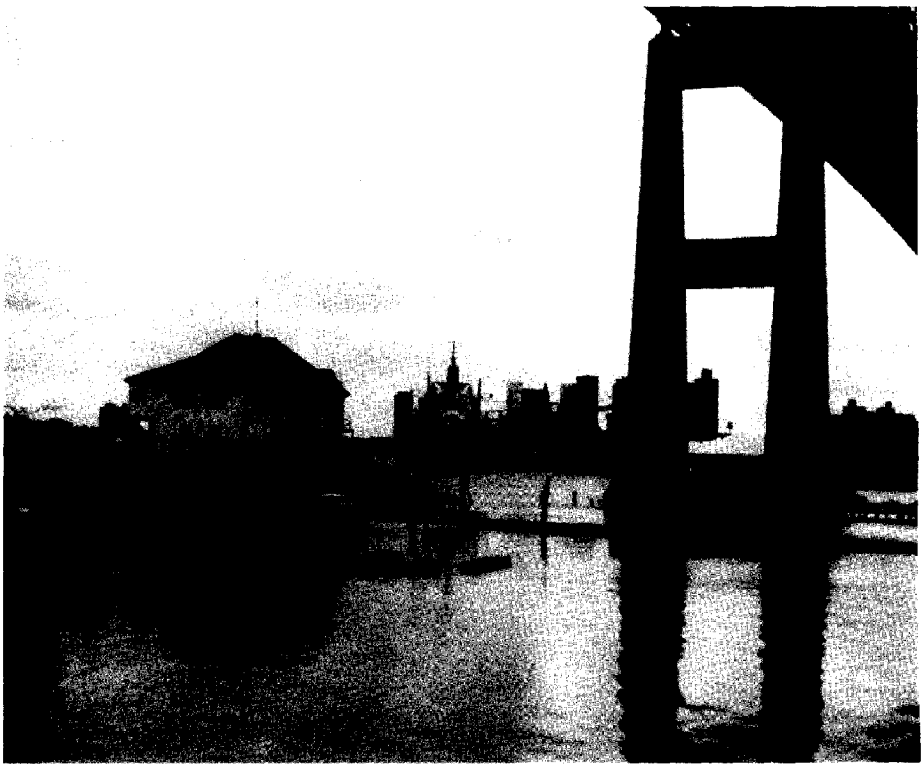


East Boston

East Boston today still reflects its early character as an industrial and shipping center. The last remnants of this are Bethlehem Steel, General Ship, Boston Tow, and Boston Fuel, which are still located along East Boston's waterfront. The Bethlehem Steel facility which was recently purchased by Boston Shipyard Inc. operates a ship repair and conversion plant on the north shore of East Boston. Since 1922, the five piers, two floating dry docks, and small granny dock have handled a full range of ship repair work. Farther east, General Ship, which was founded in 1932, has for the past five years concentrated its activity on the overhaul and repair of Navy vessels. Next door, Boston Tow Company has two docks berthing six tugboats.

Despite its extensive waterfront land (it is a community virtually surrounded by water), East Boston has little accessible waterfrontage. This is particularly true of the now isolated Chelsea Creek shore. Much of East Boston's shoreline is dominated by Logan Airport and a variety of airport-related and waterfront industrial uses. But it is the airport, together with its location across the Harbor from downtown, that provides East Boston with its greatest waterfront asset: the views.

Boston's main shipping channel, a thoroughfare for cargo ship traffic, runs past the western shore of the community. Well-travelled by pleasurecraft and harbor ferries, the channel creates a constant flow of visual entertainment. Here, as well as from the southern shore (where you can sit under trees not 100 yards from the Logan runways), you'll find parks that are unusually well designed and maintained.

Noteworthy

Constitution (Orient Heights) Beach

For a quick trip to the nearest beach on a hot summer day, Orient Heights is a good choice. Located just a few short minutes from the Orient Heights stop on the Blue Line, the beach is ideal for sunning and for watching take-offs and landings from Logan. Porazzo Rink is available for ice skating in the winter.

Porzio Park (Jeffries Point Park)

Hosting a lot of activity in a small space, Porzio is a relatively new waterfront park. In addition to its surprising array of active facilities, it has stone seating and tables and thick landscaping. Across the narrow channel sits Logan and you can't find a better view of the airport anywhere. Worth the trip for a picnic lunch and a good afternoon spot with the kids.

Logan Airport Tours

Massport has a tour program which guides visitors through the internal workings of the airport and commercial aircraft terminals. Geared toward organized groups and service organizations, Massport requires a three-week written notice in advance of the tour date. Groups from 10 to 50 can be accomodated and tours run from 1-3 hours, Monday - Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Contact: Massport, Public Information Program, Public Service Department, Logan International Airport, Tower Building, East Boston, MA, 02128, (617) 482-2930. x. 418.

Lo Presti Park (North Ferry Park)

Situated along the main shipping channel in the inner harbor, Lo Presti Park boasts magnificent views of Boston's skyline. Huge vessels destined for distant ports wend their way past the park embellishing, for a moment, the harbor panorama. A refreshing breeze from the water ads special appeal to an attractive walkway rimming the perimeter of the park. Both active and passive recreational pursuits are accommodated nicely within a small area. A good bet on a hot summer day.

Coming Attractions

East Boston Piers

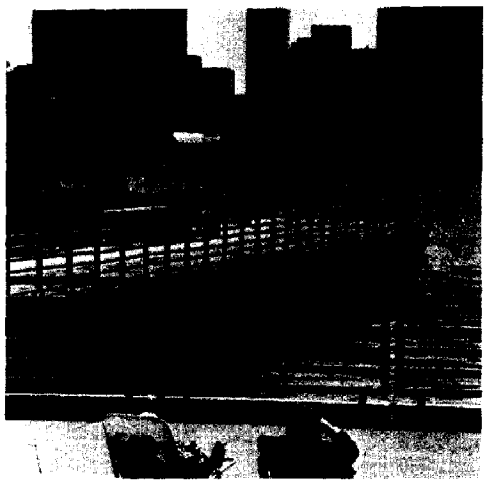
The East Boston piers which face downtown Boston have not been used for many years, and the neglect shows. Cut off from community by a chain link fence, this area has generated tremendous speculation and debate about its future. Plans are now under consideration which would call for mixed development on the site. Prime pieces of real estate, the piers have both exceptional waterfront views and deepwater frontage. Therefore, the issue, of water-dependent industrial use vs. residential development is hotly debated. The areas are now totally naccessible.

Bird Island Flats

This controversial 90-acre tract of land located along the southern edge of Logan Airport is to be the site for a large-scale mixed use development project including conference facilities, a research and manufacturing center for high technology equipment, a hotel, and major air cargo handling complex. Part of the development will be a public walkway extending along the Jefries Cove area.

Belle Isle Park

This new park, under construction by the MDC, is located on the site of the former Suffolk Downs drive-in theatre and is bounded by the area's largest remaining salt marsh. The transformation of the large asphalt surface into a passive recreation area will be quite dramatic. A channel has been dredged creating an island, complete with a bird watching tower which is connected to land by an attractive wooden bridge.



East Boston

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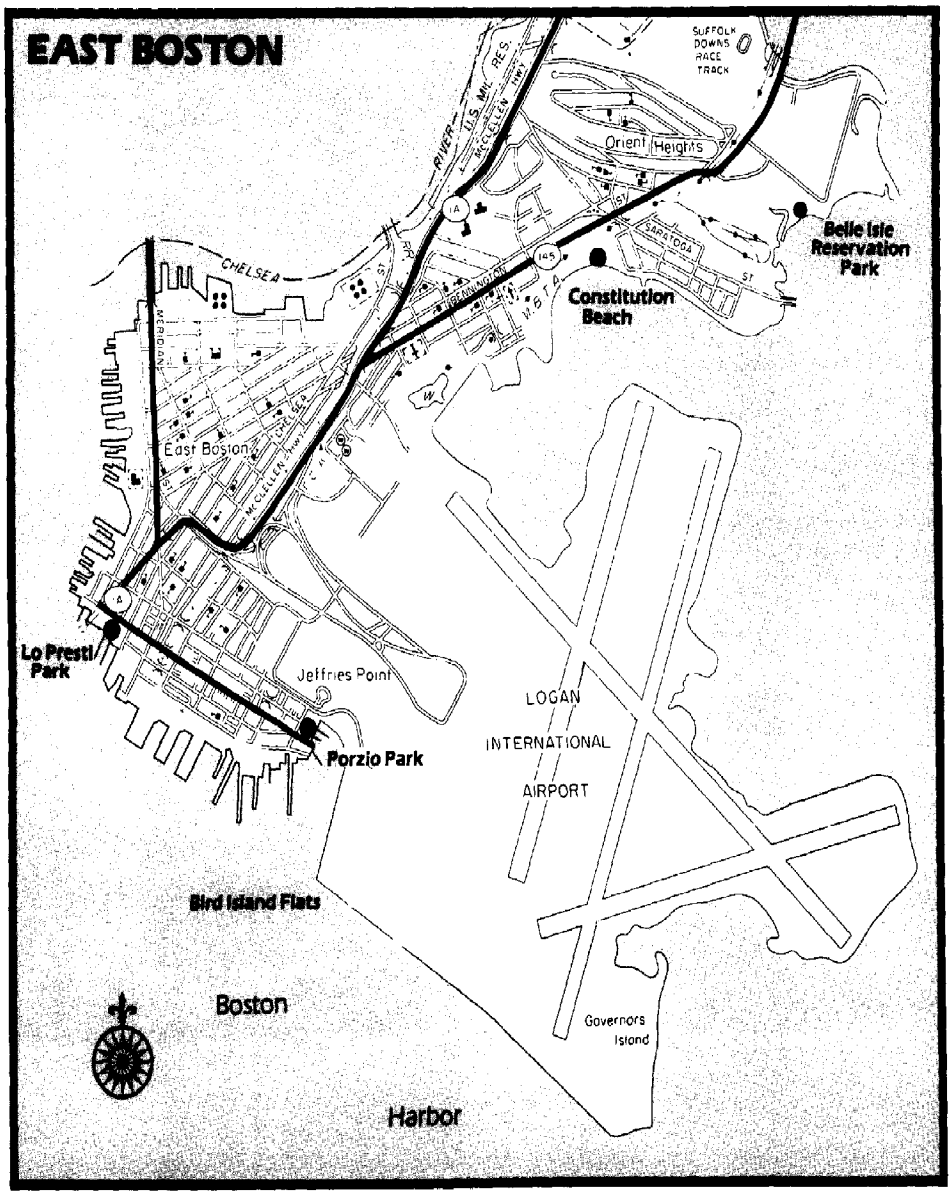


Charlestown

Since its settlement in the early 1700's, Charlestown's economic vitality has been consistently tied to its harborfront. The town was rebuilt following its destruction in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and Charlestown has continued to flourish as a port. Today, with the redevelopment of the 200-year-old Naval Shipyard as its cornerstone, the waterfront is again undergoing change.

Charlestown's eastern shore is now among the region's busiest pieces of real estate. Here, between the Charlestown Bridge and the Moran Terminal, are the city's largest marina, its most widely visited historic site (the U.S.S. Constitution) and its newest waterfront park. With the conversion of several Navy Yard Buildings into 1200 luxury apartments, it is also home to a new wave of City residents.

Around to the Mystic River, beyond the Tobin Bridge, the character of Charlestown becomes heavily and almost exclusively industrial and public access is limited. This is home to Massport's Moran Containerport. 492,000 tons of cargo move through the terminal annually, making Moran the heartbeat of the busiest port in New England.

Noteworthy

Boston National Historical Park — Charlestown Navy Yard Unit

The Navy Yard is unquestionably a national historic resource. The Park itself houses several attractions, but it is the U.S.S. Constitution most come to see.

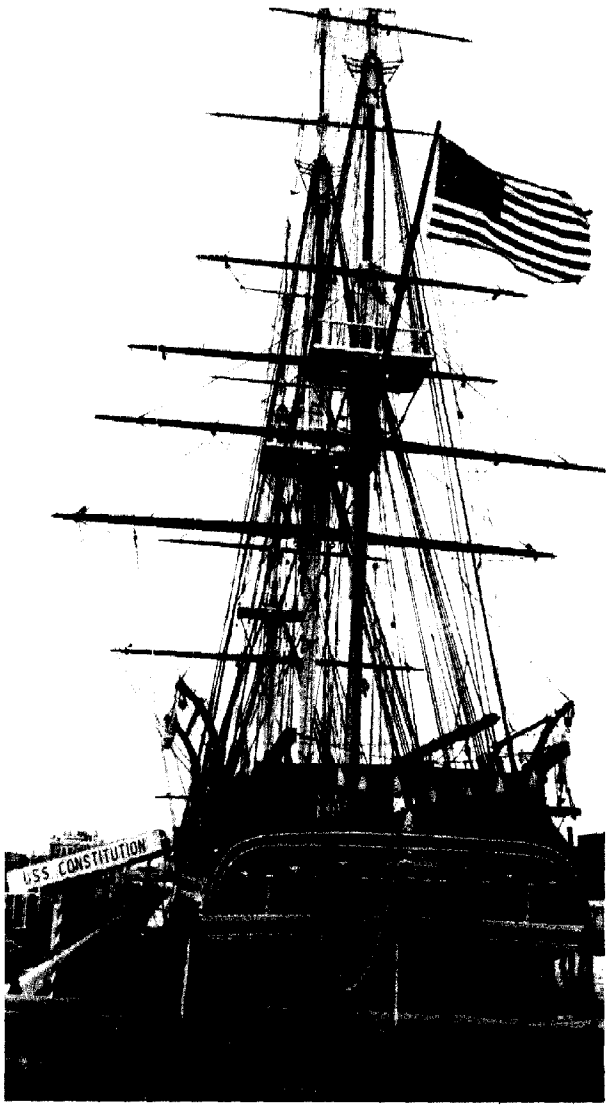
Built and commissioned across the harbor at the site of the Coast Guard Base, "Old Ironsides" distinguished herself in the War of 1812. Her graceful riggings and simple armament stand testimony to the texture and challenge of a different era. The oldest commissioned war ship in the world is open to the public, free of charge, every day between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

No Fourth of July celebration in Charlestown would be complete without the annual turning of Old Ironsides. Practically speaking the realignment is necessary to ensure that the ship weathers evenly. The accompanying sail in the Harbor, which lasts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., is necessary to maintain the ship's commission with the Navy. The ceremonies have grown in popularity each year.

The neighboring Constitution Museum and Art Gallery fill in the details regarding the daily life of the crew, the building of the ship, and the rigors of her battles. The Museum/Art Gallery is open daily, 9a.m.-5p.m., $1.75 adults, $.50 children.

The more contemporary battleship, the U.S.S. Cassin Young, berthed nearby, is a startling reminder of the nation's growth in defense. Tours of the Cassin Young are conducted at no charge, 9a.m.-5p.m. daily all year. Tours are more frequent in the summer.

The movie "Whites of Their Eyes" at the Bunker Hill Pavillion (adjacent to the Navy Yard) is a sight and sound reenactment of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Operation is daily, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. $1.50 adults, $.75 children, $1.00; families $4.00. Call 241-7575 for information.



Charles River Dam

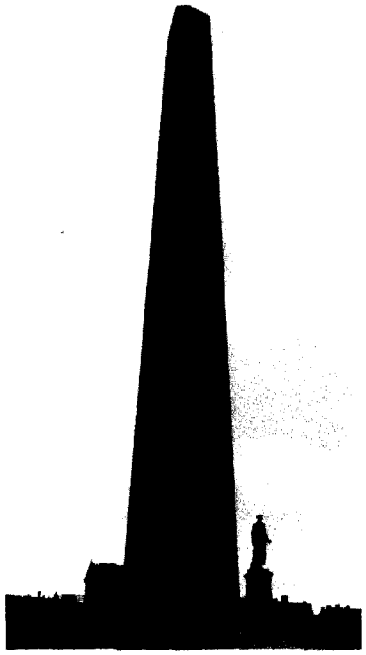
Fifty nine million dollars went into the building of the Charles River Dam and most travellers pass over it on the Charlestown Bridge without even a notice. A small public sitting area which fronts the site is fine for a picnic.

The MDC operates the Dam and has a relatively unknown presentation to show it off. A short but engaging multimedia presentation, accompanied by a tour of the dam's engine room, is available by appointment. The show, "The Charles at Boston", provides a flash of the history of the River and function of the Dam. Monday through Friday 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Call 727-0488 for arrangements.

Bunker Hill Monument

Dedicated by Secretary of State Daniel Webster in 1842, the Bunker Hill Monument commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the most famous Revolutionary War battles. Today, the 225-foot structure provides magnificient views of Charlestown and the Harbor.

Open daily 9a.m.-5p.m. Admission is free. Call 242-5628 for group reservations.

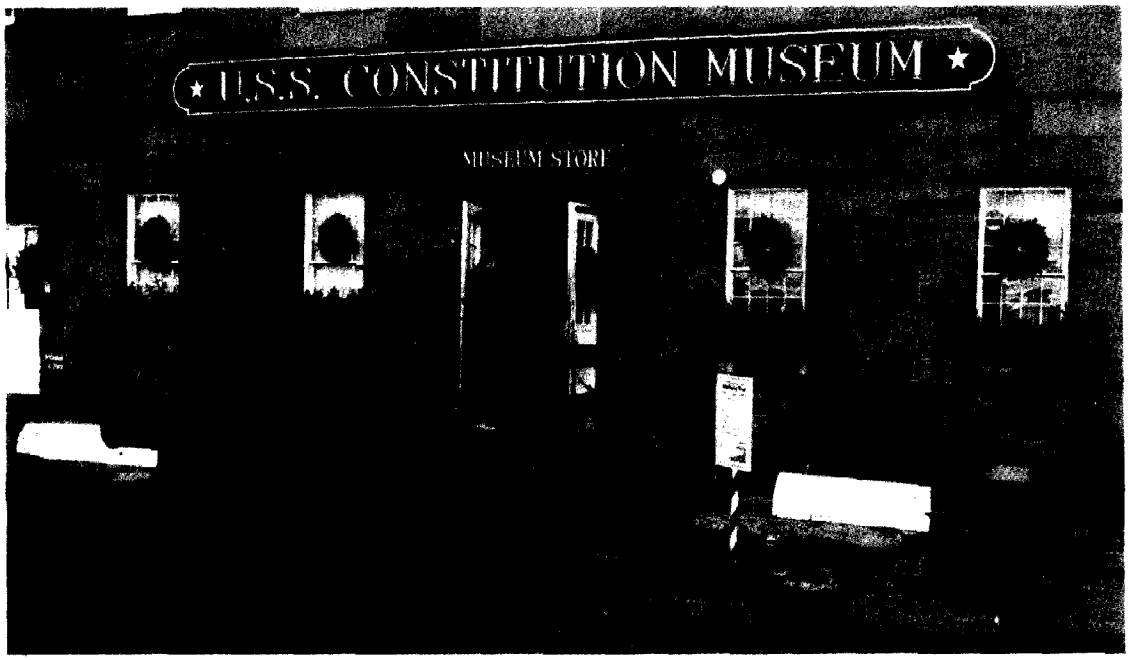


Moran Containerport

Today, Charlestown's commercial ties to the sea are marked by the presence of the Moran Container Terminal. Owned and operated by Massport, Moran is the busiest port in the North Atlantic, a fact many are unaware of. Containers (the back portion of cabbed trucks) move through the harbor loaded on ships travelling to and from European and Far Eastern ports, or through Charlestown to other destinations along the eastern seaboard.

Loading activities are monitored from a control tower overlooking 52 acres of activity. Massive cranes, used to load and offload containers, dominate the skyline and provide an unmistakable landmark.

Because it is an operating business, the port is not open to most visitors. Special groups, particularly those affiliated with the shipping industry, may be given tours by contacting Massport's Maritime Division at 482-2930 x 307 or Public Affairs at 482-2930 x 241.



Charlestown

Coming Attractions

Shipyard Park

Set just beyond the Naval Shipyard National Park is the Charlestown Navy Yard. The Boston Redevelopment Authority is working on its redevelopment which will include new units of housing, commercial and retail activities and the development of a new 17-acre waterfront park, Shipyard Park.

The Park, handsome by any standard, is almost fully completed and should be open by the time of this guide's publication. It is a so-called "passive" park except for a children's play area. Park plans also call for a pedestrian promenade along the perimeter of a former dry dock; a public dock with slips available for short term boaters; moorings, and facilities for tour boats, commuter boats, and water taxis.

Views of Boston's downtown and Old Ironsides mark the waterfront walkways. With its accessibility and with the National Park as its neighbor Shipyard Park will probably become one of the most desirable places to pass an afternoon.

Hoosac Pier

Located at the mouth of the Charles River, Hoosac Pier is currently inaccessible to the public. The one story warehouse building situated on the pier was utilized as a marine cargo facility until 1973, when marine technology changed. Thereafter, total tonnage declined dramatically, rendering the facility obsolete.

Re-use plans include construction of an office building and a restaurant with a public pedestrian walkway along the entire perimeter of the pier with views of Boston's skyline. The project is expected to be completed in late 1984.

Boating

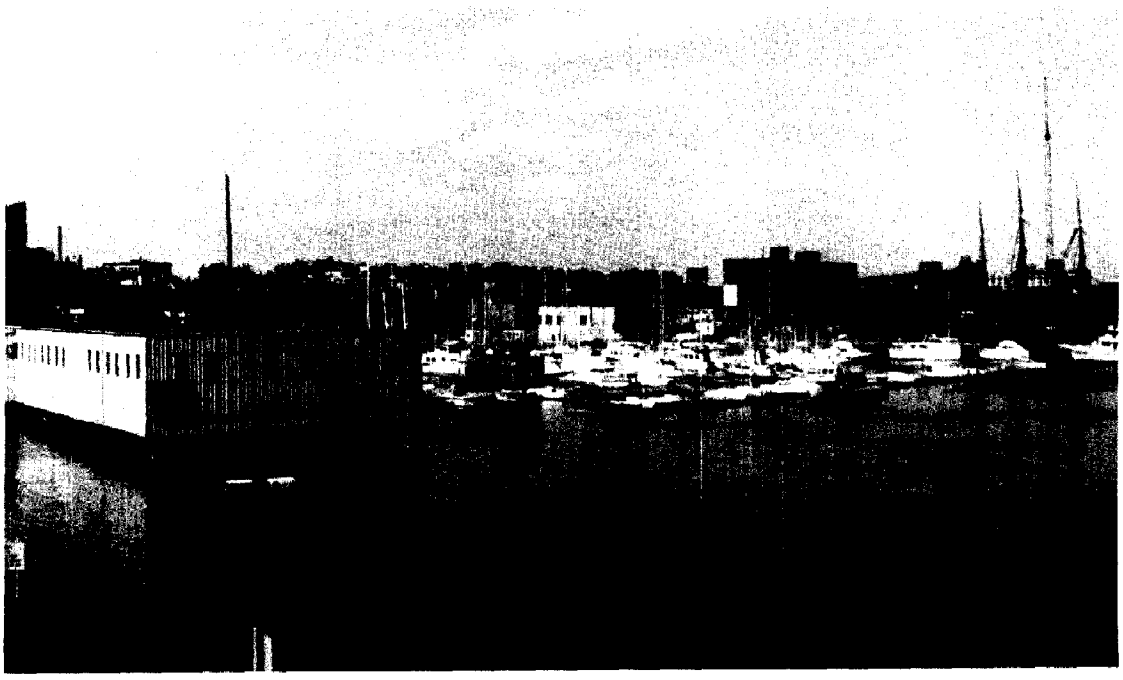
Marinas

Shipyard Quarters
Eighth Street, Charlestown
(242-2020)

Public services:
Ice, restrooms, restaurant and lounge, convenience store, 200 feet of transient docking, electricity, laundry, head pump-out (by appointment only)
75' limit on the size of boats accomodated
Open year round

Constitution Marina
28 Water Street, Charlestown
(241-9460)

Public services:
15 slips for transient docking, water, electricity, showers, laundry, ice, repairs, head pump out (by appointment only).
Open all day, year round



Charlestown

	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Tennis	Basketball	Baseball	Picnicking	Children's Play Area	Spray Pool/Fountain	Beach	Bike Path	Parking	
Ryan Playground					•		•						Orange Line (Sullivan Station)
Quinn Firefighters Field and Athletic Complex				•	•	•							Orange or Green Line (Haymarket) Sullivan Square via Bunker Hill Bus No. 93
William Barry Playground						•						•	Orange or Green Line (Haymarket) Sullivan Sq. via Bunker Hill Bus No. 93
Bunker Hill Monument National Park													Orange or Green Line (Haymarket) Sullivan Sq. via Bunker Hill Bus No. 93
Charlestown Navy Yard National Historic Park						•						•	Orange or Green Line (Haymarket) Bus No. 93 Sullivan Square via Bunker Hill
Shipyard Park				•	•			•	•				Orange or Green Line (Haymarket) Bus No. 93 Sullivan Square via Bunker Hill
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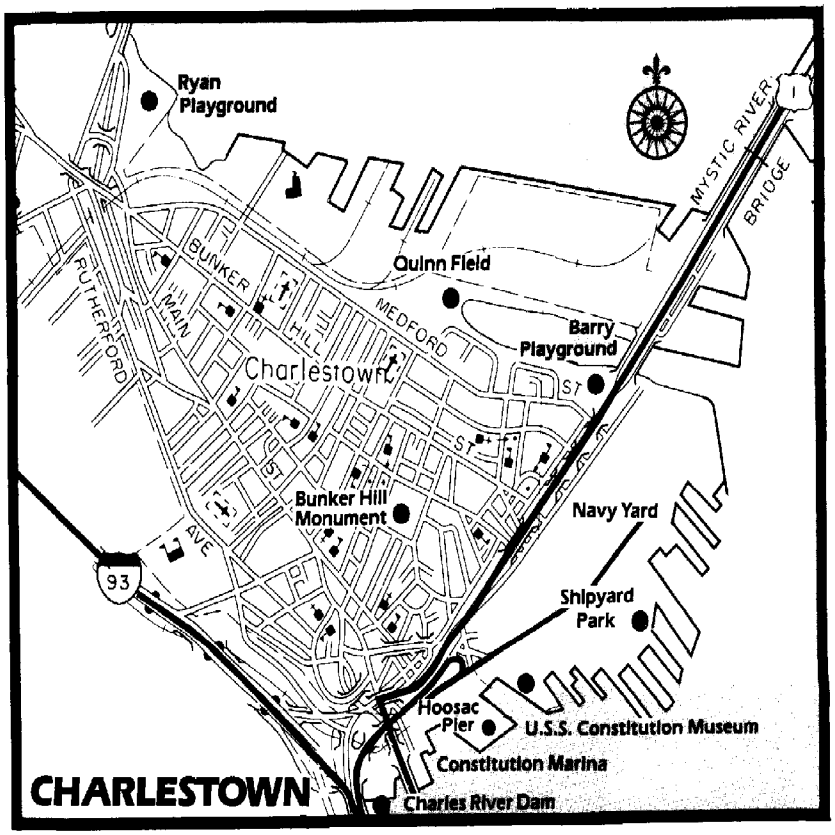


North End/ Waterfront_

Boston's waterfront is the focal point for a bustle of new downtown activity. The recipient of urban design accolades and a magnet for shoppers and restaurant goers, the waterfront is also both home to the city's noveau riche and a backyard to the established residents of the North End. It offers the widest variety of shopping, dining and recreational opportunities in the entire Boston Harbor region.

Today's robust waterfront, conceived in the early 1960's, bears little resemblance to the waterfront of years past. Vacant warehouses and dilapidated piers have given way to a revitalized area in a surge of development that has been as controversial in its strain on Boston's neighborhoods as it has been rapid in occurrence.

The area is also home to an assortment of conflicts over its development and proper usage. Some of the newly renovated piers and wharves, now housing exlusive condominums and specialty shops, undeniably have precluded public access to large portions of the waterfront. And yet the accessable spaces are striking in their design, appealing to both visitors and area residents. Christopher Columbus (Waterfront) Park provides excellent access and is heavily used, while the walkway connecting the park with Long Wharf and the walkway in front of Harbor Towers condominiums has markedly increased the foot traffic to and along the waterfront.

The North End is an established neighborhood with an ethnic cohesiveness lacking in the waterfront proper. And yet the boundary between these two areas, while still apparent, is much less distinct than in the past. Significant park and walkway improvements in the North End's waterfront have improved the connection between the mouth of the Charles and the Inner Harbor.

Noteworthy

Puopolo Park/North End Park

Overlooked by and unknown to most is the Puopolo Park/North End Park complex at the northernmost edge of the North End Waterfront. With a fishing pier, indoor skating rink, ballfields, tennis courts, bocci courts and children's play area, it offers a wide range of well-maintained recreation facilities. The views of East Boston and Charlestown can be taken in from the granite walkway which runs along the park's perimeter.

The MDC's Steriti Memorial Skating Rink is a great buy at 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. It is open from early fall through mid-March, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9:a.m.-11:45a.m., 2:00p.m.-4:45p.m. and 7p.m.-8:45p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:a.m.-11:45a.m.

Lewis Wharf

Deterred by the appearance of privacy which the condominiums here present, most people miss one of the most lovely and serene spots in Boston. Up the cobbled walkway on the south end of the Wharf is a small park and fountained garden. There are places to dine and drink outside along the ground floor. And the front yard for this small haven berths power and sailboats whose size and ornament are a small wonder in themselves. It should be clearly understood, however, that space is made accessible by permission of the private Lewis Wharf Association and should be enjoyed with consideration toward the owners.

Christopher Columbus Park is still widely known as Waterfront Park. Its familiar name is indicative of its deserved consideration as "the" waterfront park for Boston. Across the Harbor, Logan's jets soar above the pleasure boats, ferries, and cargo ships making their way in and out of the harbor. Wide walkways and open green spaces attract enough visitors to make people-watching an art, and the wooden play area and spray pool are always alive with kids. All in all, the park is worthy of its national attention.

Long Wharf

With over a million dollars in recreational funds going toward further renovation, Long Wharf should help satisfy the waterfront appetite sparked by Christopher Columbus Park. Already the Wharf functions as a transportation base, hosting both the Aquarium T stop and a water based transportation terminus providing access to and around the Harbor and its islands. In the summer, tours of the harbor and island trips begin and end here all day and late into the evening. Tours include lunch cruises, evening music and dance cruises and historic cruises. All provide the best possible views of the City. For a schedule of trips and costs, please refer to the boating section under Ferries/Cruises.

New England Aquarium

Located on Central Wharf the Aquarium is exciting inside and out. The dolphin show alone is well worth the admission fee, but there is much, much more. A huge circular glass tank with a spiral walk puts you face to face with the wonders of the sea — sharks included. Exhibits are plentiful and full of variety.

Outside is a pool where harbor seals, viewed for free, ham it up day and night. An attractive park with tiered pool and fountain draws an evening crowd seeking a quiet place on summer nights. A pleasant public walkway runs along the oceanside of the building.

Monday - Thursday,	9:00 - 5:00
Friday	9:00 - 9:00
Weekends & Holidays	9:00 - 6:00
Adults:	$4.50
Students & Seniors: $3.50	
Children under 5: Free	

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

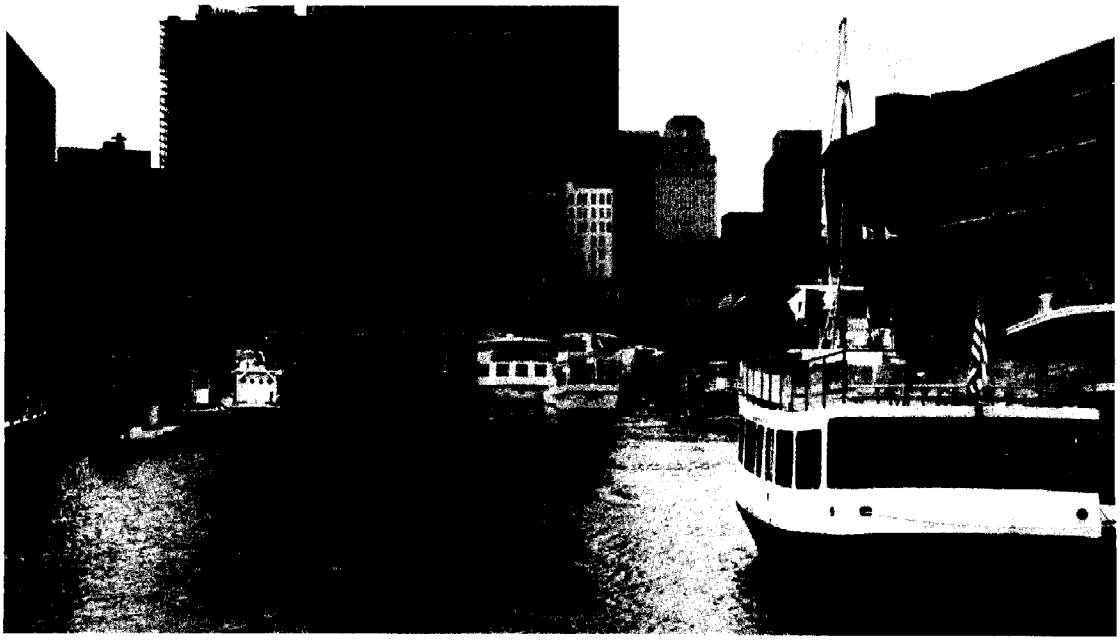
Linked to the waterfront by the "Walk to the Sea", the Marketplace is a celebration of urbaness at its best. The three buildings comprising the market were reclaimed in the 1970's from their lost glory as warehouses for Boston's shippers a century ago. Food and specialty shops draw thousands daily, who in summer spill out to the pedestrian malls separating the buildings. Together with historic Faneuil Hall and the neighboring Haymarket food stands, Faneuil Hall Marketplace is a daylong adventure not to be missed.

Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum

One of the city's most well-known historic events, the Boston Tea Party, is recreated on board a facsimile of the original Tea Party Ship and an adjoining museum. The ship is berthed in the water on the Fort Point Channel along the Congress Street Bridge. Tours are given by guides clad in colonial garb. Audio-visual presentations are available. 9a.m.-5p.m. summer: 9a.m.-8p.m. Adults $2.25; children 5-14 $1.50; under 5 free. For information, call 338-1773.

Custom House Tower

This was once the landmark of the City, towering high above the commercial wharves it was built to help oversee. Located next to Faneuil Hall Marketplace, at 2 India Street, the views are still impressive — and free. Beginning April 12th, the hours are 9a.m.-12p.m. and 1p.m.-3p.m.



North End/Waterfront

Special Events

Christopher Columbus Park

A wide range of events occur periodically during the summer and fall, from music events to children's celebrations to arts and crafts shows. Follow listings in the paper or check with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Special Events staff, 725-3290.

New England Aquarium

The Aquarium sponsors whale-watching trips and will most likely continue the practice. These are full day trips and have cost $20 per person. For information, call 742-8830.

Boston Harborfest

Conceived of as a celebration of Boston's waterfront and harbor, this festival is a potpourri of events celebrating the Fourth of July weekend. Starting July 1 with a kick-off reception at the Marriott Hotel at Long Wharf and a concert at Georges Island, the festivities range from the U.S. Navy Band playing at Faneuil Hall, City Hall Plaza and Museum Wharf, to guided tours of Fort Independence at Castle Island, a clam bake at the New England Aquarium, the running of the Constitution Cup Regatta, a Parade of Boats following the U.S.S. Constitution back to her berth in the Charlestown Navy Yard, a chowderfest (all you can eat!) and special events at the U.S. Coast Guard Support Center in the North End, the Old North Church, the Old State House, and Charlestown Navy Yard. A concert and fireworks top off the festivities.

Call 367-9275 for a complete listing of events, times, and locations.

Coming Attractions

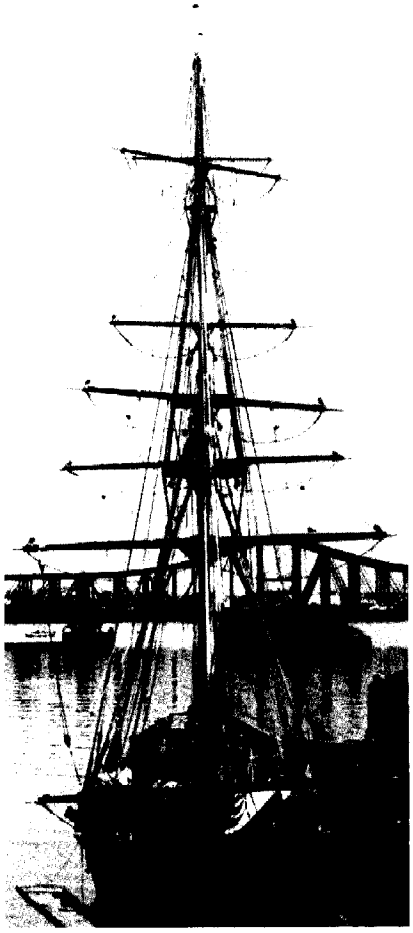
The portion of Long Wharf which fronts the harbor is closed due to instability of the wharf. The City has received federal funds to shore up the wharf and it is expected that the Park will be open for public use by the fall of 1985.

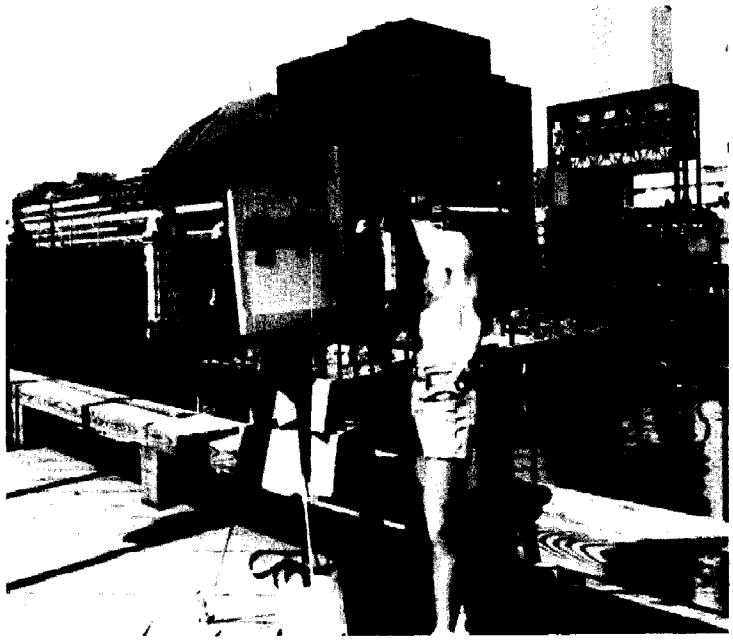
U.S. Coast Guard Station

The Coast Guard Station, sited along Commercial Street just before the Puopolo/North End Park, is in the process of adding to and changing several of its buildings. The USCG vessels berth here and the view across the water to East Boston is handsome. Under an agreement with CZM, plans will include a small lookout platform from which the public can observe Coast Guard operations which will be accessible from Commercial Street.

Bain and Company Park

Under a unique agreement with the City, the Bain and Company has plans for a privately-owned, publically-accessible waterfront walkway. It is expected to serve as the touchstone for opening up a great deal more of the Fort Point Channel waterfront.





Boating

Marinas
Lewis Wharf Marina
54 Lewis Wharf, Boston (227-4198)

Public services include:
very limited number of transient slips
$1.00 per foot per day (30' minimum)
$3.50 per foot per week (30' minimum)
water and electricity available with fee
Open 9a.m.-9p.m. from May 1 through October 15

Port O'Call Marina
294 Congress Street, Boston (next to the Tea Party Ship) (426-8879)

Public services include:
approximately four transient mooring spaces for a fee
electricity available for $5.00 at slips only
showers and restrooms available for a fee
100' limit on boats
charters available
call for rates
Open all day, all year

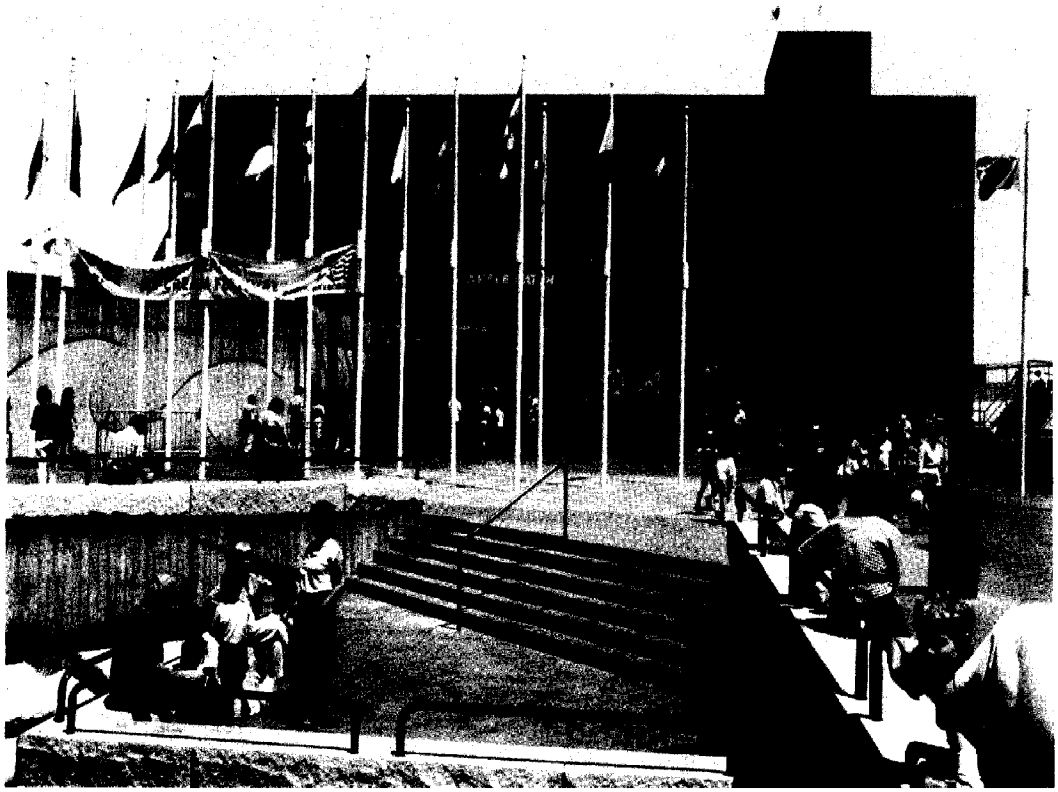
Cruises
Bay State Cruises (Bay State Spray and Provincetown Steamship Company)
20 Long Wharf, Boston (723-7800)

Public Services include:
Three hour round trip ferry service between Long Wharf and Nantasket Pier in Hull.
Leaves at 10:00 and 1:00 returns at 3:15 and 7:00
Fee: Round trip: adults $6.00 under 12 $3.00

90 minute narrated round trip between Long Wharf and Georges Island. On weekends, boats leave at 10, 12, 2, and 4:30 and weekdays at 10 and 1:00
Fee: Adults $3.00 under 12 $2.00

6 hour round trip cruise (with a three hour layover) between Commonwealth Pier and McMillan Wharf, Provincetown
Fee: Same day **round trip**: adults $18.00, under 12 $13.00 **one way**: adults $12.00, under 12 $10.00, bicycles one way $3.00
Lunch Cruises Monday-Friday 12:15 and 12:45 p.m for one hour
Fee: $1.00
All of the above services are available on a daily basis from June 21 until Labor Day

55-minute cruise to the U.S.S. Constitution in Charlestown from Long Wharf; Leaves hourly on the half hour between 10:30a.m. and 5:30p.m.
Fee: Adults $3.00, under 12 $2.00
Open from the thrid week in April through October



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Boston Harbor Cruises
One Long Wharf, Boston (227-4320)

Public Services include:
90-minute tour of Boston Harbor from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. every hour on the hour. Cocktails and snacks available for a fee.
Fee: Adults $4.00, under 12 $2.00

A 90 minute Sunset Cruise includes viewing the lowering of the colors at the U.S.S. Constitution cocktails and snacks available for a fee
Fee: Adults $4.00, under 12 $2.00
Open from Jun 1 through Spetember 15 for full service; from September 15 thought October 31 with limited service

Massachusetts Bay Lines
344 Atlantic Avenue (Rowes Wharf) (542-8000)
Public services include:
Senior Citizen Lunch Cruise around Boston Harbor
11:00a.m. - 2p.m. $7.00 per person
Operates from June 28th through Labor Day

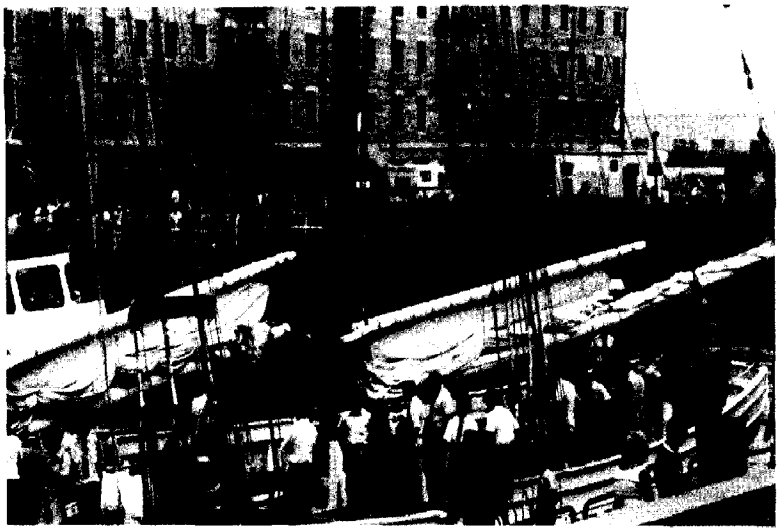
Sunset Cruise around Boston Harbor with band dancing Thursday ($6.00) and Friday ($8.00) from 8:30 - 11p.m.
Operates from July 1 through Labor Day

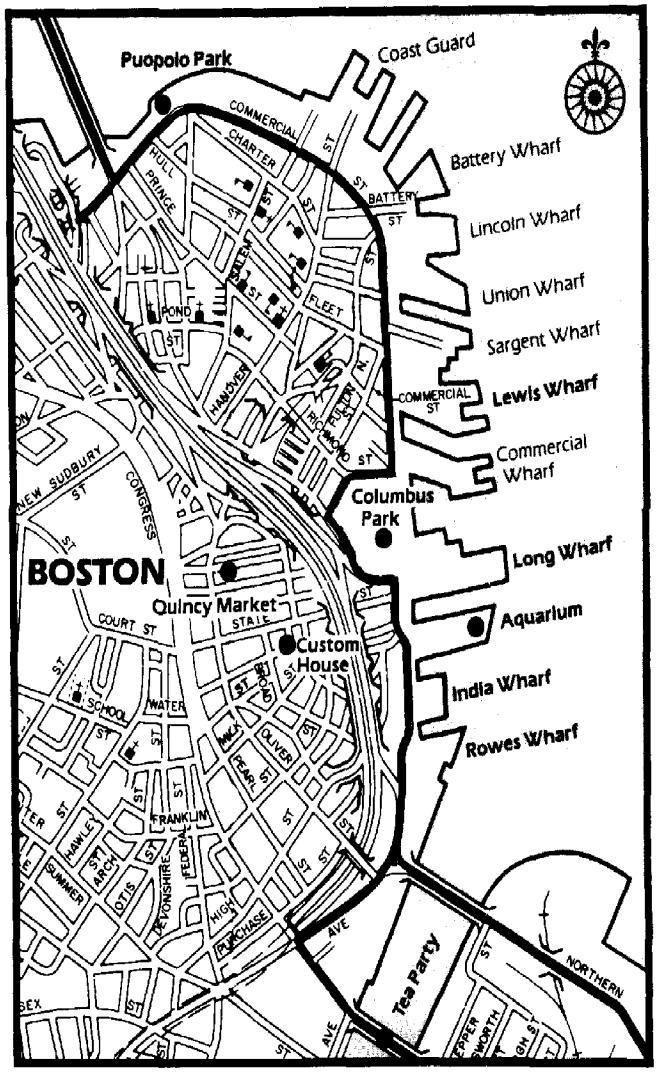
Dinner Boat — Three hour cruise around Boston Harbor with buffet dinner, band and dancing
Fee: $15.95 per person plus 5% state tax.
Operates from mid-July on Wednesdays and Saturdays

Round trip to Georges Island (45 Minutes each way) leaves Rowes Wharf daily at 10, 1 and 3 p.m. returns to Rowes Wharf at 11, 2 and 4 pm.
Fee: $3.00 per person
Operates from July 1 through Labor Day
Clam bakes are also available. Call Mass Bay Lines for rates and information
See South Boston Section for A.C. Cruises

North End/Waterfront

	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Tennis	Baseball	Ice Skating/Hockey	Picnicking	Children's Play Area	Spray Pool/Fountain	Parking	
Puopolo Park	●	●		●	●	●		●			Green Line (North Station)
Lewis Wharf									◐		Blue Line (Aquarium)
Christofer Columbus Waterfront Park								●	◐		Blue Line (Aquarium)
Long Wharf			●							●	Blue Line (Aquarium)
Aquarium Park										●	Blue Line (Aquarium)
India Wharf Public Way											Blue Line (Aquarium)
Rowes Wharf			●							●	Blue Line (Aquarium)
Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum											Red Line (South Station)




Puopolo Park
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COMMERCIAL ST
CHARTER ST
Battery Wharf
BATTERY ST
Lincoln Wharf
Union Wharf
Sargent Wharf
Lewis Wharf
Commercial Wharf
Columbus Park
Long Wharf
Aquarium
India Wharf
Rowes Wharf
BOSTON
Quincy Market
COURT ST
STATE
Custom House
WATER
FRANKLIN
NEW SUDBURY ST
CONGRESS ST
POND ST
HANOVER
FLEET
SCHOOL
Tea Party
NORTHERN

South Boston

Better known as "Southie", South Boston is still perceived as a stronghold for the City's Irish although the neighborhood is now more ethnically diversified than in the past. It is a community physically divided between strong residential neighborhoods and heavy industry.

From Fort Point Channel to Fort Independence at Castle Island, South Boston is an industrial town. This is the working waterfront in Boston. Cruise ships arrive and set out from Commonwealth Pier; and nearby, massive cranes transfer tons of cargo between containership and dockside. Massport and the City control a large segment of the waterfront here, most of which is closed to the general public. But special permission can be granted to get inside the waterfront's workings.

Scattered within all this are some of Boston's better known seafood restaurants and a number of retail fish markets. The catch is as fresh as you'll find in the City. And — as the center of Boston's fishing and shipping industries — the area supports some great diners where breakfast specials are as good as the waterfront conversation heard over them.

Crossing beyond the Reserved Channel, the waterfront becomes as clearly accessible and recreational as its northern counterpart is closed and working. Castle Island marks South Boston's transformation to its broad and leisurely waterfront. From here on, there is virtually nothing but green space and beach all the way to Columbia Point. There is plenty of room for bikers and joggers on Day Boulevard and around the "Sugar Bowl" at Pleasure Bay.

Noteworthy

Children's Museum, Tea Party Ship and Museum

A spur to the South Station area revitalization, these museums are among the now few opportunities for public access along Fort Point Channel. The museums alone easily make a day's sightseeing.

Boston Fish Pier

Once the predominant industry in Boston, the fishing industry continues to thrive and is now focused in South Boston at the Boston Fish Pier. Massport's recent investment of thirteen million dollars to improve the fish processing facilities has significantly increased the number of landings at the site. Except for the presence of one of Boston's better-known fish restaurants, the Pier is devoted exclusively to commercial processing and handling of fish. (The side effects include an abundance of the states better fed and more aggressive seagulls.)

At Pier's end is the Boston Fish Exchange. Fish are transported overland and by sea to be auctioned here weekday mornings at 7:30. Visitors are allowed but must make arrangements beforehand. For information call 542-9040.

Castle Island (Fort Independence)/Pleasure Bay

Castle Island is clearly the major attraction of South Boston's waterfront. A long-established section of the community, its amenities — like many in South Boston — are old and graceful. The Park is built around Fort Independence which is opened to the public a few times a year and follows the sweep of Pleasure Bay. There are sailboats for rent, sandy beaches, broad lawns, picnic and play areas and a great fishing pier. The views from here out to the harbor are spectacular, especially from the seawall and causeway walks which border the park. Particularly in summer, its well-kept appearance and easy access make it a populer spot.

Kelly's Landing

This is one of the few public docks in Boston Harbor. It is from there together with the Aquarium Stop that the Thompson's Island Boat ferries people back and forth to the Island. Call 328-3900 for details.

Carson, L-Street and M-Street Beaches

Adjoining one another on Day Boulevard, these beaches form South Boston's sandy shorefront along Old Harbor. South Boston's strong residential neighborhoods overlook the beach and adjacent grassy walkways. The city runs one bathhouse at 1663 Columbia Road, 267-9670, and the MDC operates another at Carson Beach — the tail end of South Boston's waterfront as it meets Columbia Point. Lifeguards are on duty seasonally.

Coming Attractions

Piers 1,2,3,4

This 18-acre parcel located at the mouth of the Fort Point Channel is expected to host one of the largest privately financed development projects by 1985. Tentative plans call for dredging a new channel to connect the inner harbor with a proposed 50 slip marina; large hotel and office buildings; retail space; and high and low rise residential structures. An amphitheatre is planned for the entrance of the new channel. Provisions for public access to and along the site are the subject for much lively debate.

303 Congress Street

The new six story office building known as 303 Congress Street will be located directly across the street from the Children's Museum. An agreement between CZM, the developer and the City of Boston calls for a walkway to be constructed along the Fort Point Channel, with striking views of the water and the Federal Reserve Bank Building.

Commonwealth Pier 5

Distinguished by the stately 1912 Beaux Arts Head House at its entrance, the Massport-owned Commonwealth Pier now serves as both the city's cruise ship terminal. Massport has plans to refurbish the Pier as a major 1.1-million-square-foot marketing center for the communications industry. The project is known as BOSCOM facilities accommodating ocean liners, the Bay State-Provincetown boat and possibly an airport ferry is planned. A Public walkway will extend around the north and east side of the pier. A portal, to be constructed between Commonwealth Pier & the Fish Pier on Northern Avenue will provide views of the Fish Pier operations.

Special Events

L-Street Brownies

Every winter, as most New Englanders bundle up against the cold, the L-Street Brownies defy the weather and go for a swim in Massachusetts Bay. This beach club at the L-Street Bathhouse is segregated during the summer months between male and female members, and "in-the-buff" is reportedly the unofficial attire. The Brownies' winter swim, covered widely by the news media, is conducted with suits.

South Boston

Boating

Puritan Canoe Club
1819 Columbia Road, South Boston (266-9308)

Public services: restrooms and floats use is limited by very shallow water at low tide.
Open all day from May 1 to Labor Day

Pleasure Bay Sailing Program
Castle Island, South (contact the MDC at 269-9808 or 727-9547)

Public Services:
with instruction, the use of boats is unlimited.
All participants must pass a swimming test prior to sailing.
Open June to September. From June 1, services are available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10a.m.-6p.m.
From June 27 to September services are available seven days a week from 10:00a.m. to sunset.
During September the program operates five days a week.
Fee: $1.00

Rentals
M&M Marine
619 E. Broadway, South Boston (268-2244)

Public services:
charters for a minimum of 36 people on weekends only (rod, reel and bait included)
Rates range from $17.50-$48.00 per person for an 8 hour trip
Open Monday - Friday 8a.m.-4p.m. from May through October

Cruises
A C Cruise Lines
28 Northern Avenue, South Boston (at the Northern Avenue Bridge) (426-8419)

Public Services:
Cruises, lasting 5 hours, between Boston and Gloucester with a two hour lay over in Gloucester. (9:30-5:00) Sunday cruises in June; after July 4th, five days a week (no Mondays or Saturdays)
Fee: One way adults $10.00, under 12 $7.00, seniors $9.00
Round trip adults $15.00, under 12 $9.00, seniros $11.00
Whale watches every Saturday from early Spring to late Fall (9:30a.m.-5p.m.)
Evening charters are available
Open from April through October
Fee: $18 per person

South Boston	Bathhouse	Ice Skating	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Tennis	Basketball	Baseball	Picnicking	Rugbyfield	Children's Play Area	Beach	Bike Path	Parking	Refreshments	
Childrens Museum					•								•	•		Red Line (South Station)
Commonwealth Pier					•								•			Red Line (South Station) Army Base Bus No. 6
Boston Fish Pier																Red Line (South Station) Army Base Bus No. 6
Conley Terminal Castle Island Containerport														•		Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley) City Point Bus No. 9
Castle Island Fort Independence			•	•	•			•		•	•	•	•	•		Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley) City Point/Copley No. 9 Bus
Pleasure Bay Beach			•								•	•	•			Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley) City Point Bus No. 9 Bay View Bus No. 11
Marine Park		•			•		•	•		•		•	•			Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley) City Point Bus No. 9 Bayview Bus No. 11
Sugar Bowl				•								•				Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley) City Point Bus No. 9 Bayview Bus No. 11
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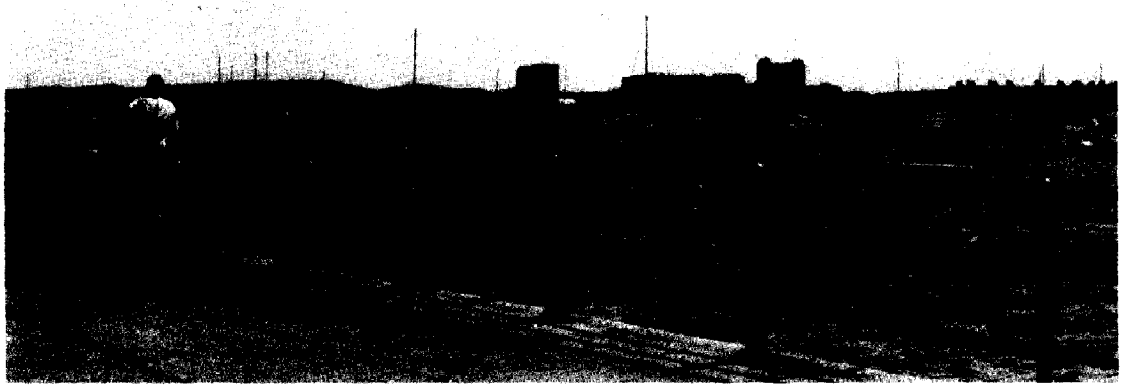
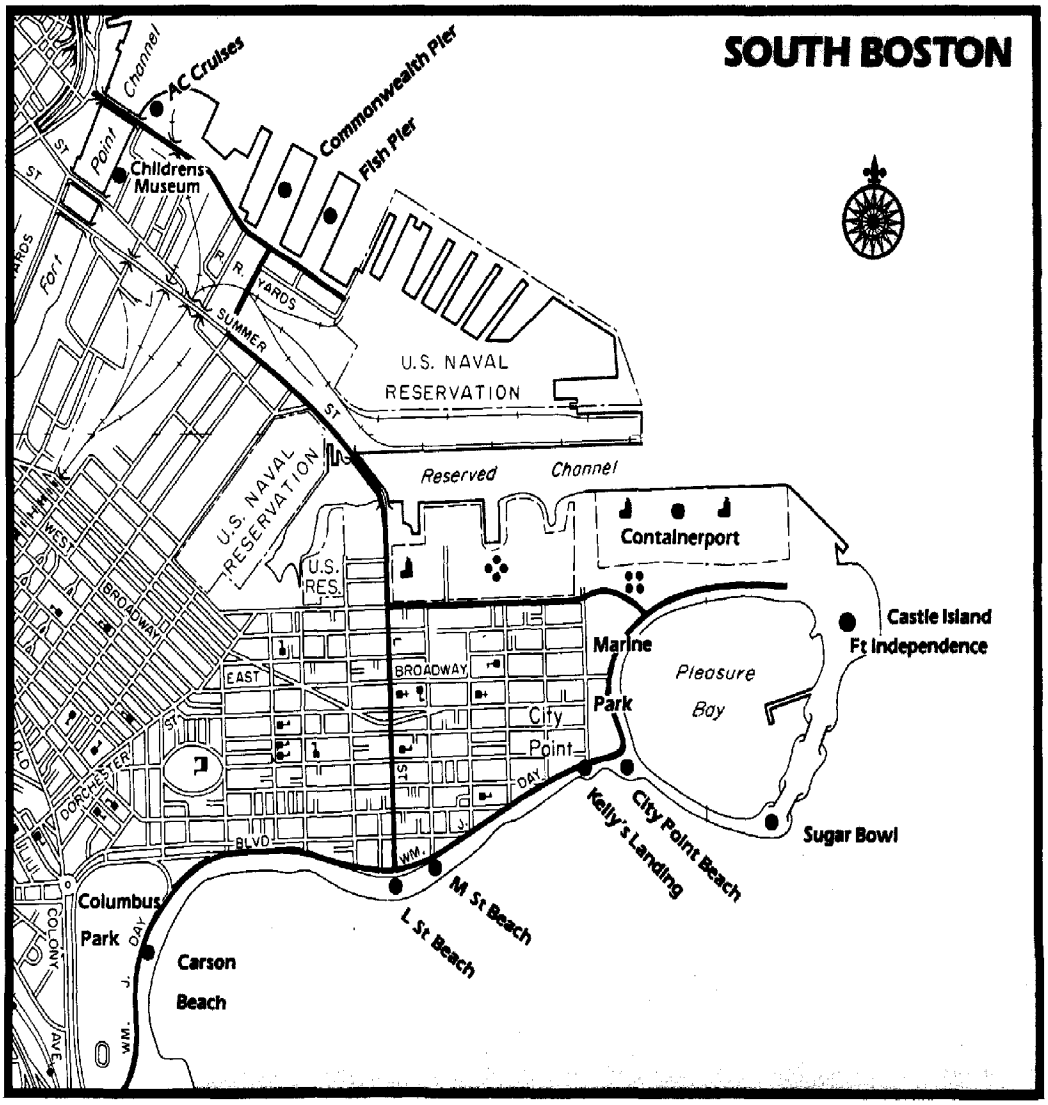
Kelley's Landing			•	•	•							•	•	•		Red Line (Broadway) or Green Line (Copley City Point Bus No. 9 Bayview Bus No. 11
M Street Beach			•								•	•				Red (Broadway)
L Street Beach	•		•								•	•				Bayview Bus No. 11
Carson Beach	•		•					•			•	•	•	•		Red Line (Columbia)
Columbus Park						•	•	•		•	•		•			Red Line (Columbia)

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Dorchester

Most familiarity with the Dorchester Waterfront comes via the Southeast Expressway which separates the waterfront from the neighborhood. Subsequently, Dorchester has disturbingly little connection with its almost five miles of shoreline. But off the Expressway, along Morrissey Boulevard, you'll come into reach of Dorchester's beaches and parks.

The beginning of the Dorchester waterfront is the peninsula known as Columbia Point. From here, the connections between Dorchester's several beaches are almost nonexistent — its recreation areas are pocketed among the largely commercialized and industrialized waterfront. From Dorchester Bay, the Neponset River meanders under the Expressway and forms the southern border of Dorchester's shore. Many of these access constraints are the focus of state and local studies. Working with and around some of the waterfront's problems, segments of the area's shore are expected to be brought back into public use. With the exception of the Neponset River Reservation (which itself hosts no parking), the River is bordered by large tracts of vacant land and drive-in theaters, and access is limited.

Noteworthy

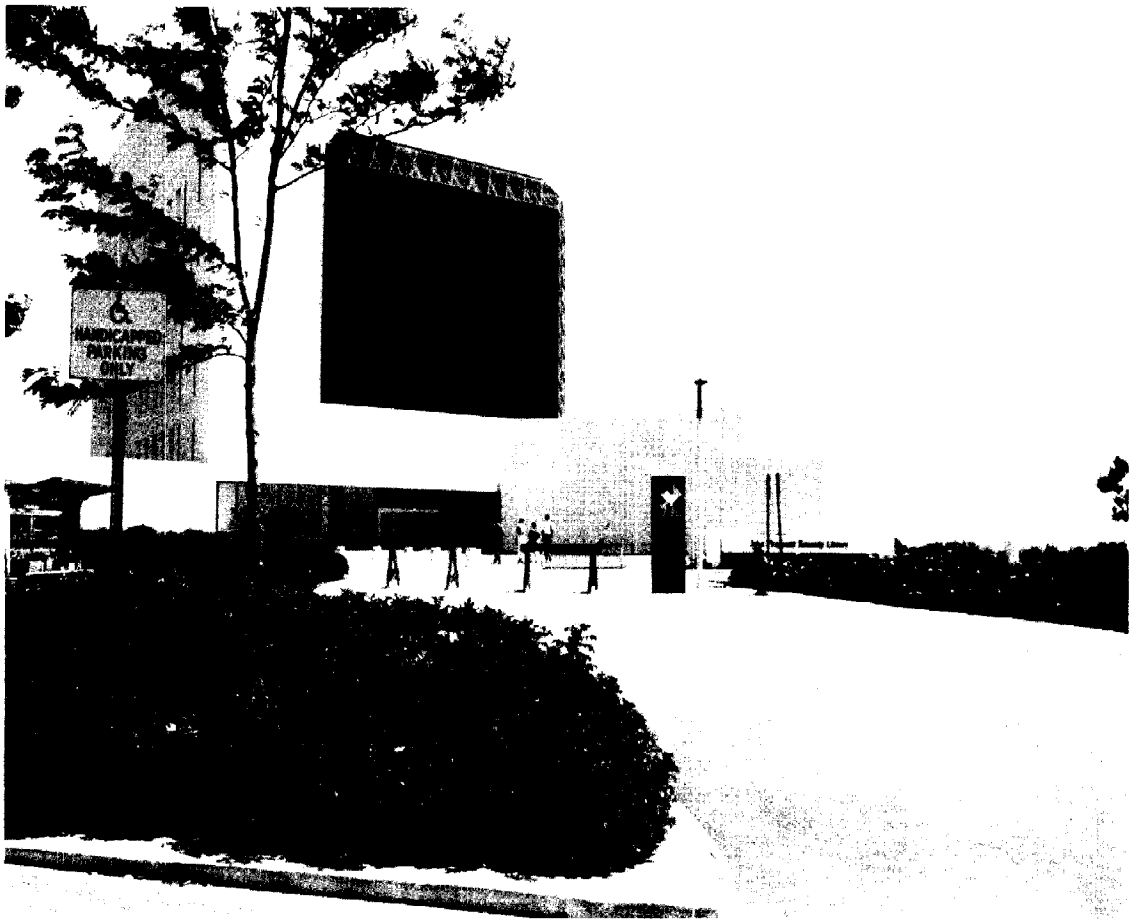
University of Massachusetts/Kennedy Library

This section of Dorchester's waterfront has been continually changing. Today you can fish, bike, walk, or skate along the perimeter of Columbia Point from Morrissey Boulevard to the Kennedy Library on its newly developed walkway. A wide grassy mall suitable for picnicking or just lazing, separates the walkway from the internal street system. The walkway/mall has shade trees, lighting and is bordered at the water's edge with a balustrade. What's been done here is indicative of the potential for the rest of Dorchester's waterfront.

The Kennedy Library is one of Boston's most recent tourist attractions. Like many "tourist" spots, the Library is often overlooked by local residents. It shouldn't be. Changing exhibits, along with the large main exhibits, are well worth the nominal admission fee (75¢). Call 969-4500 for information.

Rainbow Park

Located at the huge Boston Gas Tank is one of the busiest boat-launch facilities around. Owned and operated by Boston Gas, the ramp is free to the public. Limited parking spaces on site necessitate on-street parking, so get there early. Hours: sunrise to sunset.



Coming Attractions

Columbia Point

Marking Dorchester's northern border is Columbia Point. In the 1950's this peninsula was envisioned as an opportune site for public housing development. The peninsula is now defined by the 27 multi-storyed structures which have gradually suffered the degenerative impact of their physical and social isolation. Now almost totally vacant, but reinforced by its new neighbors, U Mass and the Kennedy Library, this development is slated for dramatic change by the BRA. Current plans call for the partial demolition of some buildings and total redevelopment of the site. A new harborfront park will potentially be part of this effort.

Several other recreation-related proposals are pending for the Dorchester waterfront. While these plans have not yet been acted upon, they merit note for future reference.

Troy Landfill

Along the harborfront, just south of the Corita-Rainbow gas tanks, is a grassy area known as the Troy Landfill. The (roughly) 12 acres of land, have been the focus of a long-standing legal suit. The Commonwealth and the City have shown an interest in developing the property as open space.

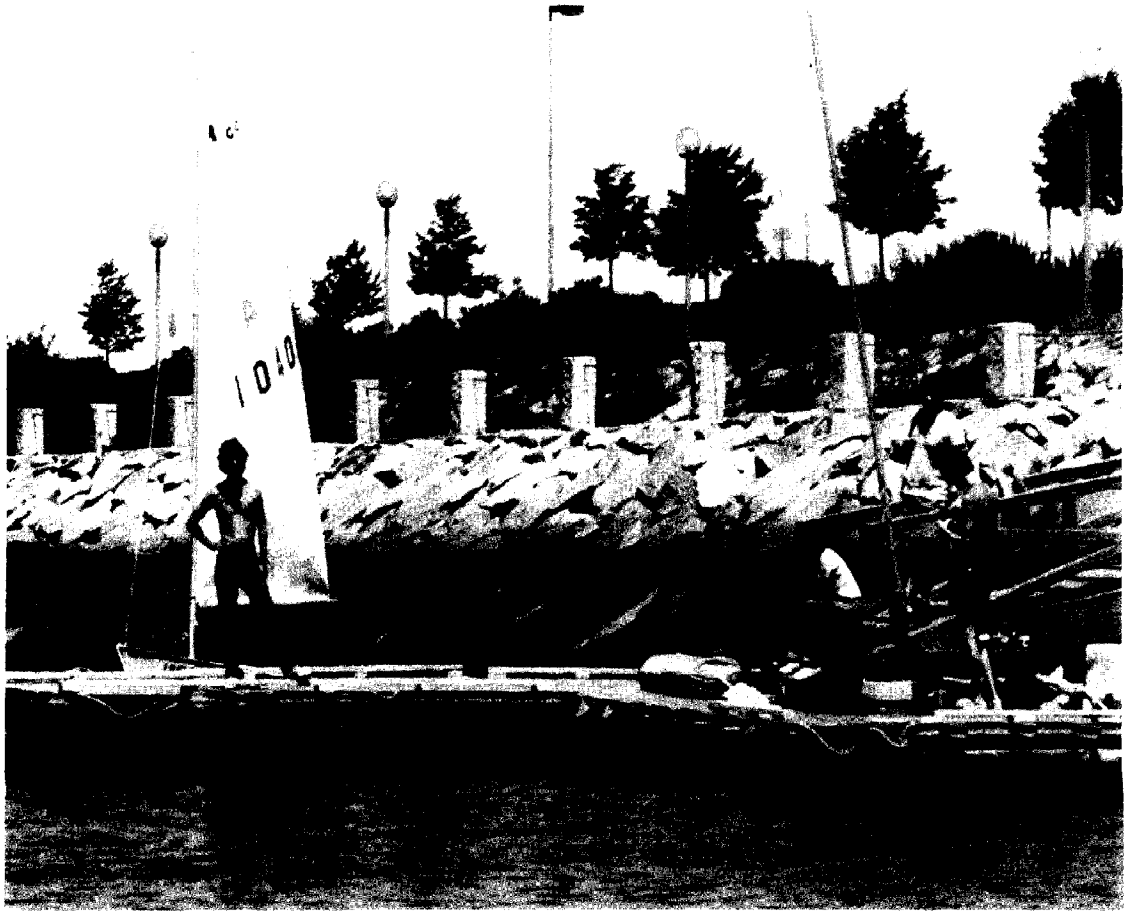
Tenean Beach

Tenean is quite different from what typically comes to mind in picturing beaches. Situated on an inlet of the Neponset River, it borders a waterway-cul-de-sac bounded by industrial buildings directly across the inlet, the Southeast Expressway behind it and a roadway at its end. Despite some aesthetic shortcomings, Tenean Beach has been and is a popular local spot in the summer.

The beach and its environs are undergoing a facelift by its owner, the MDC. These improvements include beach resanding, repair of the 80-plus car parking lot, tennis courts, tot lot, basketball courts, shelters and playgrounds.

Hallet Street Site

Adjacent to the Neponset Drive-In are 35 acres of marsh and upland popularly known as the Hallet Street Dump Site. The MDC has long considered this Neponset River property (which it now owns) together with the Drive-In site (held privately) a prime opportunity for creating a riverfront park. Planning will begin shortly.

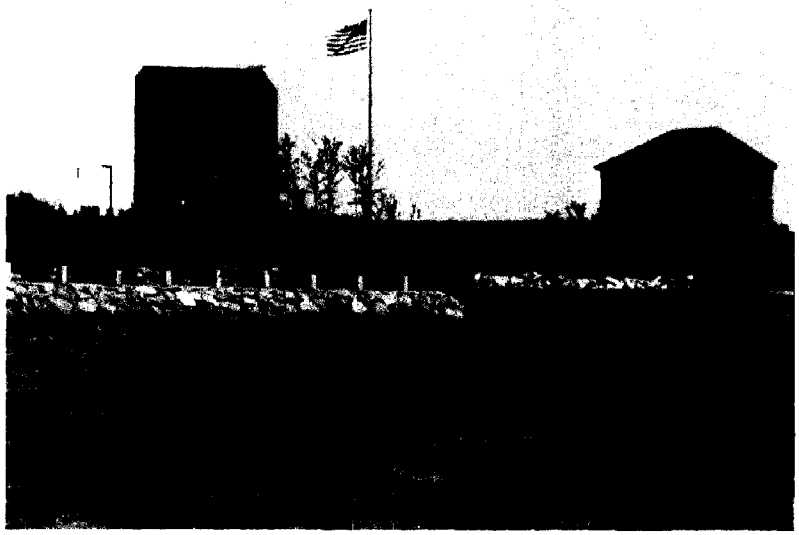


Dorchester

Boating

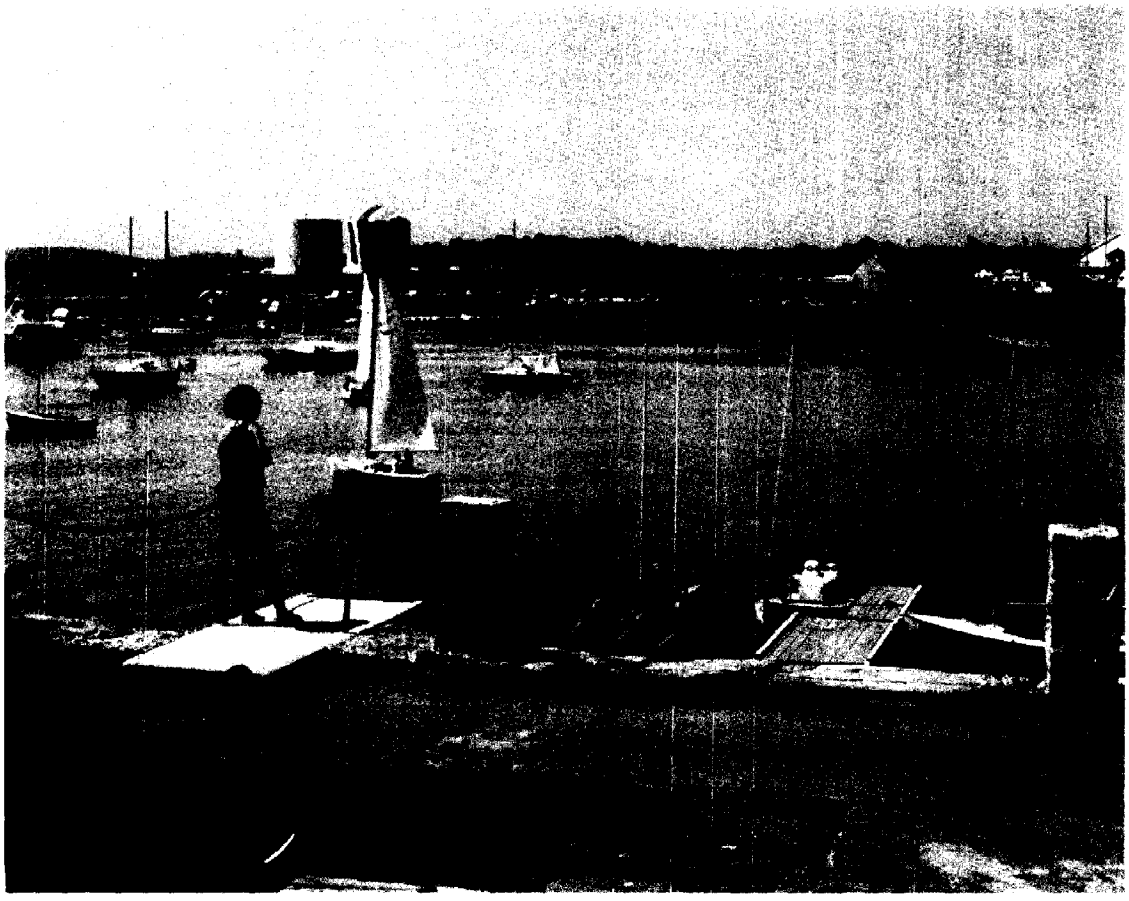
Yacht Clubs
Dorchester Yacht Club
100 Playstead Road, Dorchester
(436-9126)

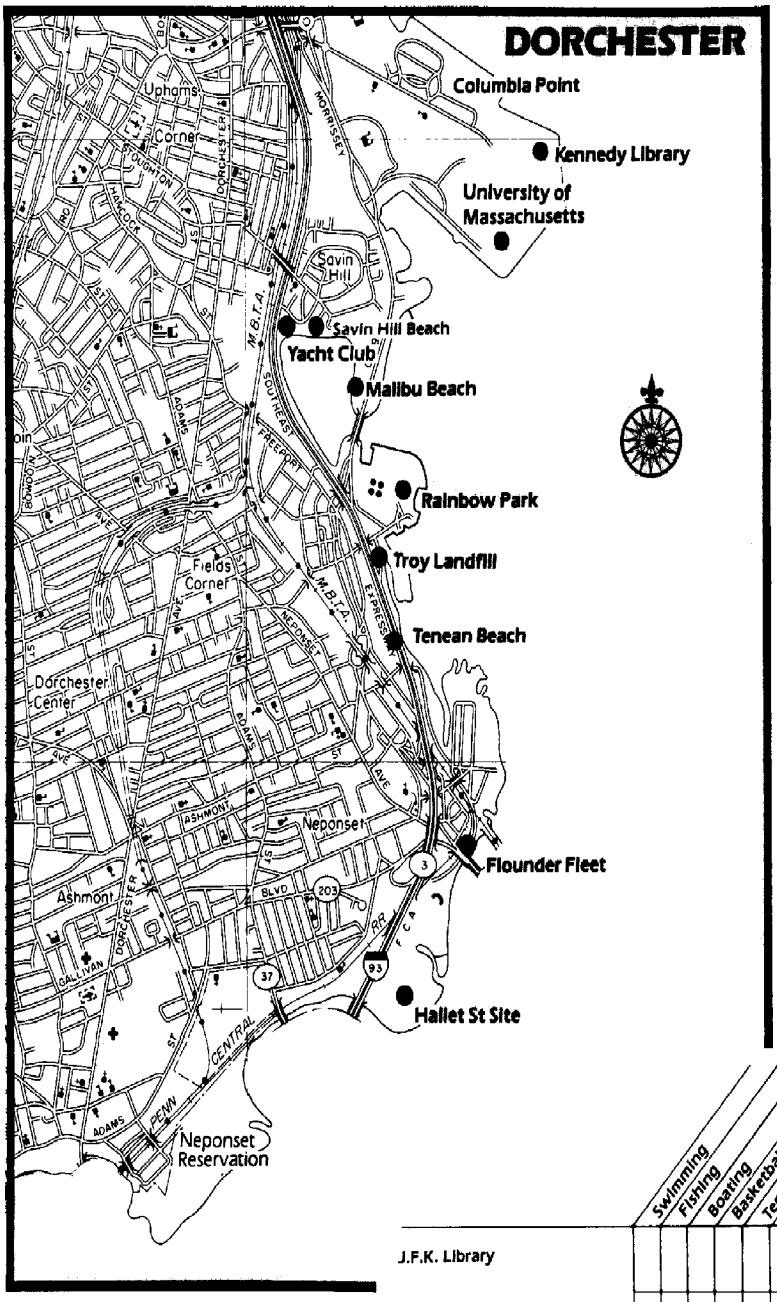
Public services include:
gas, repair float, restrooms
Open sunrise to sunset from April 17 to November 17.



Rentals
Quincy Bay Flounder Fleet
57 Taylor Street, Dorchester
(773-9020)

Public services include:
full and half day fishing trips for groups and individuals;
evening cruises;
trips to the Bostor Harbor Islands;
16' outdoor skiff rentals
Open 8a.m.-5p.m. (closed Mondays and Tuesdays) from March 15 to November 30.
Reservations suggested.





	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Basketball	Tennis	Picnicking	Children's Play Area	Beach	Bike Path	Parking	
J.F.K. Library								•	•		Red Line (Columbia) Shuttle Bus to Library
University of Massachusetts Harbor Campus		•						•	•		Red Line (Columbia) Shuttle to University
Savin Hill Beach	•	•					•		•		Red Line (Savin Hill)
Malibu Beach	•	•				•	•		•		Red Line (Savin Hill)
Rainbow Park		•	•			•			•		Red Line (Fields Corner) Neponset/Adams No. 20 Bus
Tenean Beach	•			•	•	•	•		•		Red Line (Fields Corner) Neponset/Adams No. 20 Bus

Boston Harbor Islands

Literally minutes from downtown Boston, the Harbor Islands form a separate and secluded world from the city. Rich in history and natural diversity, the islands host historic forts, beaches, picnic areas, piers, camping facilities and interpretive services.

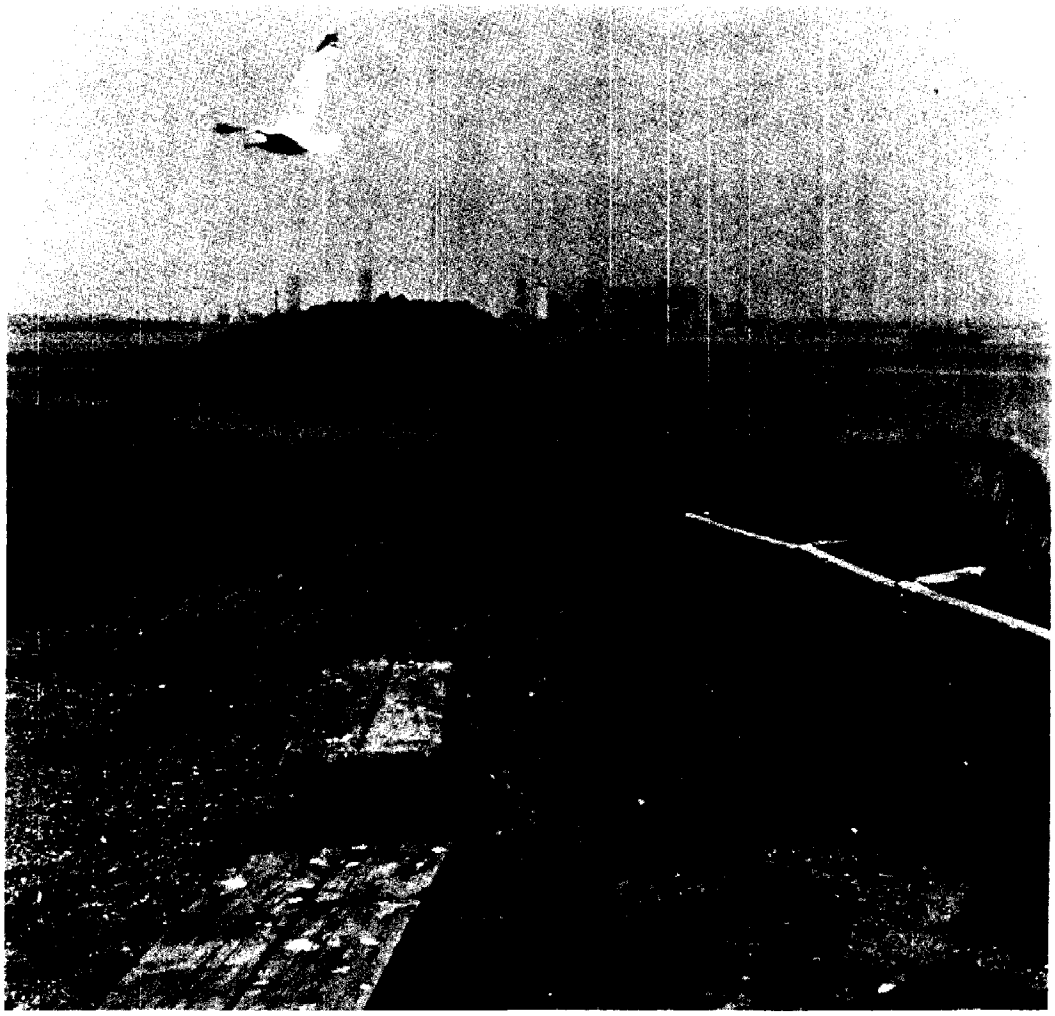
Formally, the thirty-odd islands are owned by a variety of public bodies and are part of several different communities. Informally, they comprise a spectacular resource — undivided by political lines — much of which is accessible by the general public.

Some of the islands are accessible from mainland (Castle, Webb, Deer and Moon) by car or on foot. The Harbor Islands State Park itself is accessible by commercial ferries which run from Long Wharf and Rowe's Wharf to Georges Island regularly in the summer (Subsidized fares for nonprofits and senior citizens are available.) Once on Georges, free water taxi service is provided to Gallops and Lovells and, less frequently, to Grape, Bumpkin and Peddocks.

The boat trip out to the Islands is a pleasure in and of itself. Everything familiar about the city is abandoned when moving out into the quiet of the harbor, and the orientation towards the city is totally rearranged.

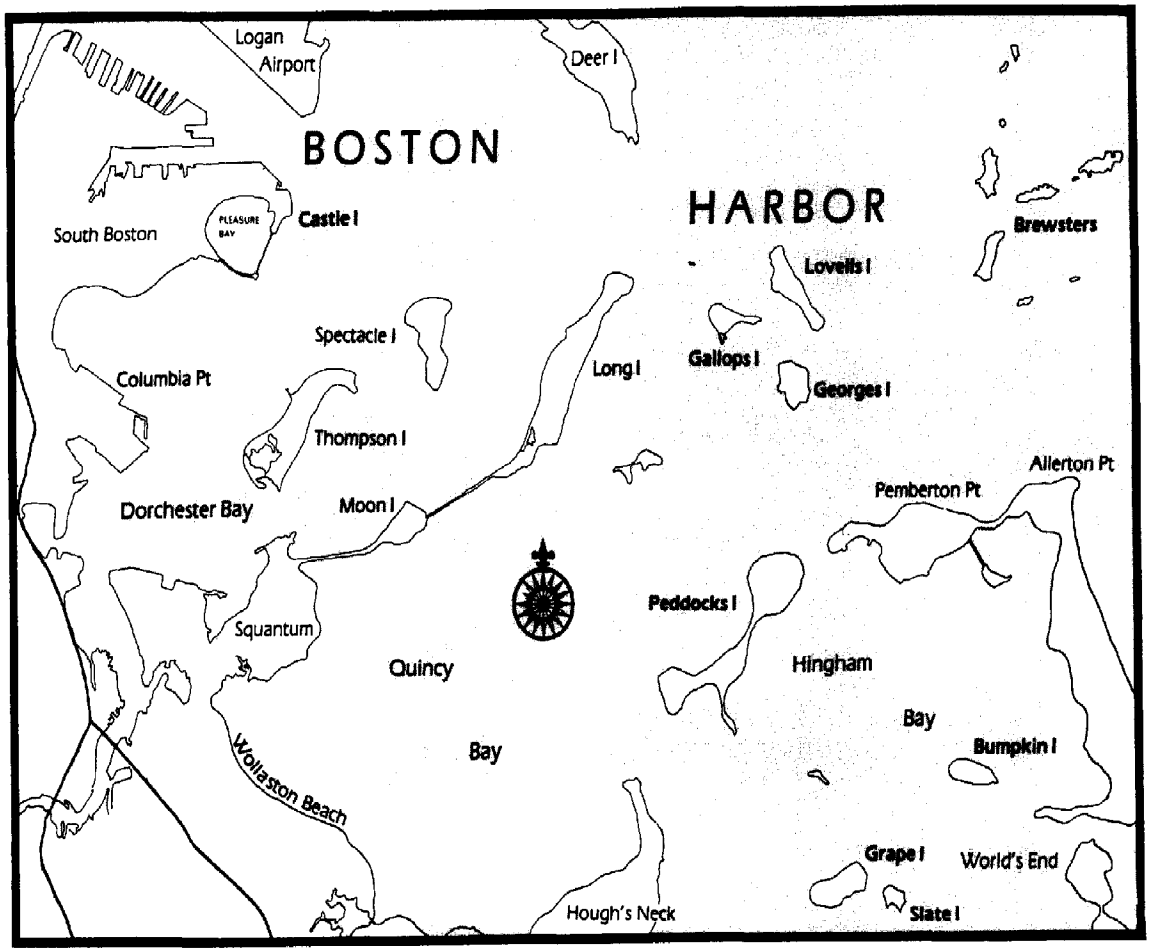
Each of the islands has its own flavor and activities (see below). But they all share in providing a sense of quietude and escape that should not be missed. Camping and other special uses are allowed, but do require permits. For Georges, Lovells, and Peddocks, call 727-5250; for all others 749-7160.

Thompson's Island has a special education center which offers interpretive walks on a scheduled basis. A 57-acre facility, Thompson's is available to civic, church, family and fraternal groups for recreational outings. There are areas for picnics, softball and other activities and restrooms are available. (Arrangements should be made through the center, 328-3900.) Boats run from Kelly's Landing in South Boston and the Aquarium to Thompson's Island. Please see ferry schedules under Boston and South Boston for operating times and fees for all island transportation.



Boston Harbor Islands

	Historic Forts	Refreshments	Picnicking	Trails	Camping	Boat Piers	Swimming	Lifeguard	Fishing Piers
Castle	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Georges	•	•	•	•		•		•	•
Gallops			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lovells			•	•	•	•	•		
Brewsters	•		•	•		•			
Peddocks	•		•	•		•			
Bumpkin			•	•	•	•	•		•
Grape			•	•	•	•	•		•
Slate			•	•					



Quincy

Despite having more shoreline than any other Boston Harbor area community (27 miles), Quincy has relatively little access to the sea because much of the city's waterfront is both residential and privately held. Because Quincy's borders, the Neponset River to the north and Fore River to the south, are dominated by commercial and industrial uses they limit the accessible waterfrontage of the City.

It is the Atlantic shore, Quincy Bay, which serves as the recreational focus of the City. Wollaston Beach has added substantially to the available waterfront in Quincy. A series of small parks adjacent to Wollaston Beach which are connected by a popular bikeway, add significantly to the area's appeal. Here, and pocketed along segments of the rivers and bays shaping Quincy, are a large number of boating facilities. Yacht clubs, marinas, boat yards and rentals are numerous.

Noteworthy

Wollaston Beach

If Cape Cod has your kind of beaches, Quincy probably won't meet your expectations. But, if you like the sounds of kids playing in the surf and the scent of suntan oil and fried clams, Wollaston Beach is for you. A 2.3 mile stretch of sandy beach, Wollaston Beach is recommended for people-watching and swimming at high tide. At low tide, when the beach is muddy, and the water shallow, try some of the fried-food restaurants facing the water. The parking spots along Quincy Shore Drive fill early, and the beach is in heavy use all summer long.

Caddy Park

This 15-20 acre stretch of fields and marshland is just across Quincy Shore Drive from Wollaston. There's a good biking/ rollerskating trail running the length of Quincy Shore Drive. A play area, complete with lookout tower and picnic tables, provides shade on a hot day.

Squaw Rock

So named for its native American founders, 14 acre Squaw Rock consists of a combination of wooded areas, grassy fields for picnicking, and small rocky beaches scattered along the shoreline. Dirt trails wind throughout the park, connecting its various components. The views are exceptional. Autumn is a good time to admire the landscape, which is decidedly rural.

Moswetusset Hummock

Originally used as a meeting ground by native American tribes, this quiet enclave now has leisurely walking paths and scenic overlooks. Local legend has it that the word Massachusetts was derived from Moswetusset. Parking for 20 cars.

General Dynamics Shipyard

Located on the Fore River, the Quincy shipyard originated in 1884 as the Fore River Ship and Engine Company. Over 1000 vessels have been constructed at the site including aircraft carriers, submarines, destroyers and the first nuclear powered surface ship (USS Long Beach). The majority of the shipyard's contracts in recent years have been for oil tankers. Tours of the facility are available on a limited basis. Call the General Dynamics Public Relations Office at 471-4200.

Boating

Yacht Clubs
Quincy Yacht Club
1310 Sea Street, Quincy (471-6136)

Public services: gas and restrooms
Open 9a.m.-9p.m. from May 1 to October 1

Continental Marina
64 Washington Court, Quincy (471-1777)

Public services:
gas, restrooms, store, travel lift for launching
42' foot limit on the size of boats
Open seven days a week 8a.m.-4:30p.m. from May to October

Boston Harbor Marina
542 East Squantum Street, Quincy (328-0600)

Public services:
transient slips (shower available for a fee), carpenters, painters, marine store, diesel and regular gas, snack bar and lounge restrooms
Motor yachts 30' to 146' chartered for day or longer cruises;
26' to 110' sail boats rented daily or weekly; Windjammer Cruises for days, weekends, or weeks reservation required
Call Charters Unlimited (328-9224) for reservations and fees for rentals and cruises
Open 8a.m.-8p.m. from May to October 31st

Hurley's Boat Rentals
136 Bayview Avenue, Quincy (471-8060)

Public services:
16' skiffs with motors ($29 per day fee)
Asphalt ramp with moderate to fairly steep pitch, 14' wide
($4 per launch fee)
Open 6a.m.-6p.m. from April 1 to October 31

Harvey-Elliot Boat Livery
8 Harvey Lane, Quincy (off Sea Street) (773-3020)

Public services:
16' skiffs with motor ($28 per day fee), fishing equipment, ice, bait
reservations requested two weeks in advance
Open weekdays 6a.m.-6p.m. weekends 5a.m.-6p.m. from April 1st to October

Gambles Landing Boat Rentals
15 Bayswater Road, Quincy (471-8060)

Public services:
skiffs with motors available for spring and fall flounder fishing ($26 per day fee)
call a day ahead for reservations for weekends
Asphalt ramp with moderate pitch, 12' wide ($3 each launch fee)
Open 6a.m.-5p.m. from April 1 to November 1

Activities

Quincy Bay Race Week

Both sailors and spectators enjoy the renown annual races held the week of August 4th. Sponsored by a several area yacht clubs, the activities range from bonafide races (which are best viewed from the water), to a marine parade which can be enjoyed from Wollaston Beach. The event is the second biggest in New England. For information call 471-3232

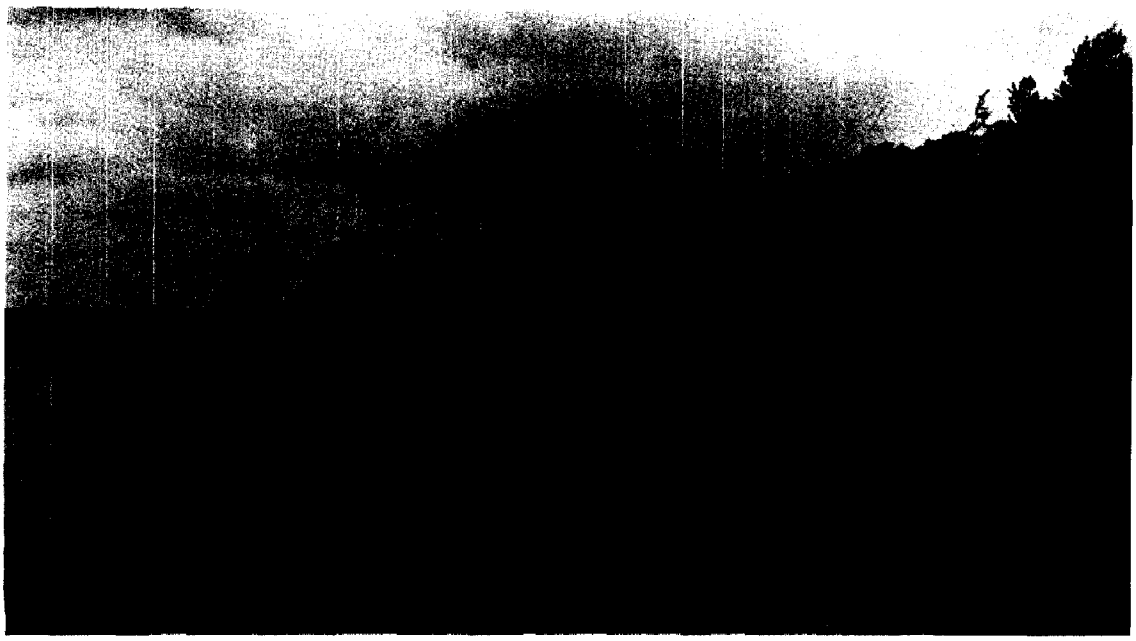
Coming Attractions

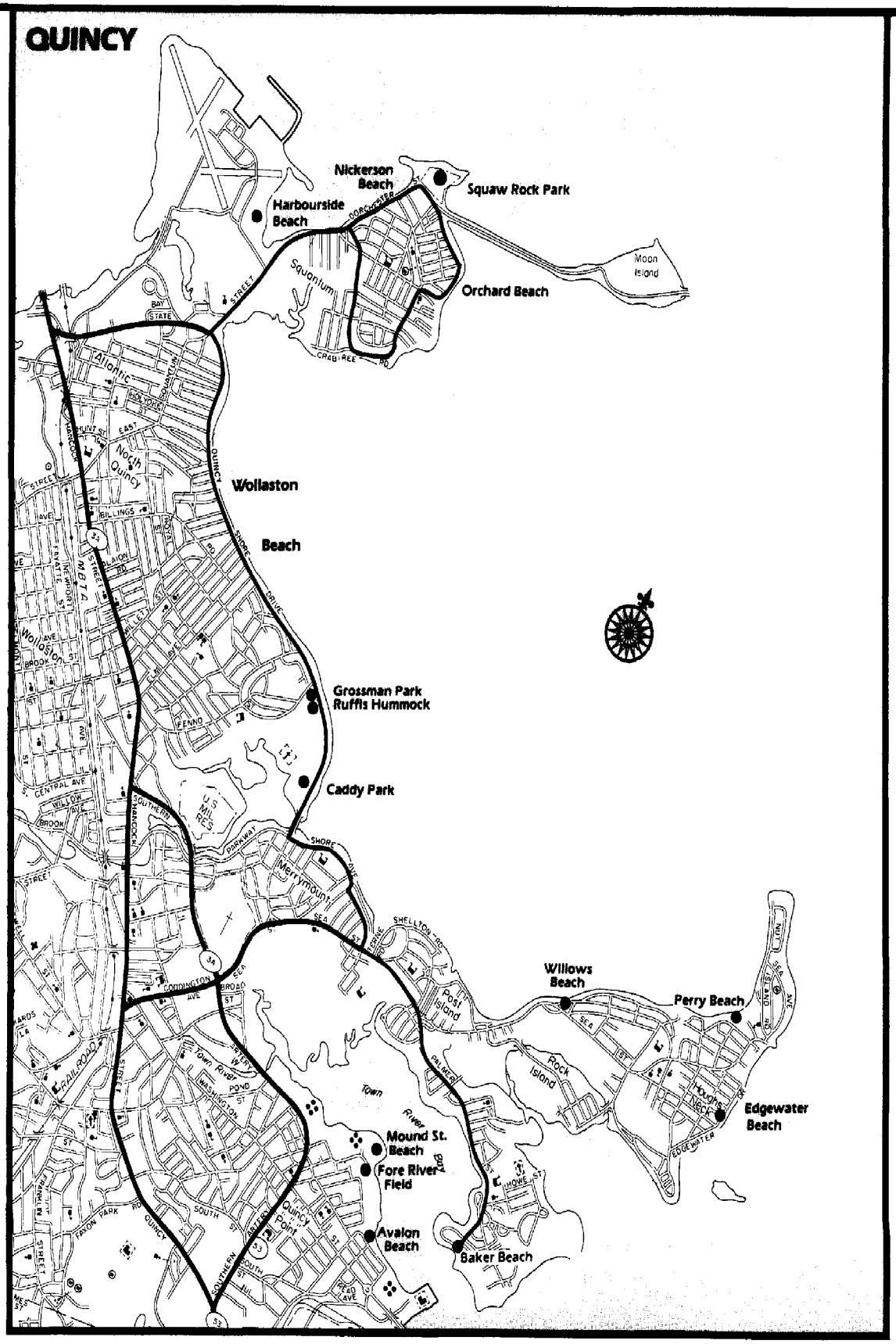
Harbourside Condominium

As part of an agreement with CZM, the developer of this condominium project will grant an easement to and along the beach within sixty days of taking title to the land. Views from the beach of Boston's sky line and Thompson's Island are excellent. Please respect the rights of private property owners when visiting this area.

Quincy

	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Tennis	Basketball	Baseball	Picnicking	Children's Area	Spray Pool/Fountain	Beach	Bike Path	Parking	
Harbourside Condominium Beach	•								•				Red Line (N. Quincy) Squantum No. 211 Bus
Nickerson Beach	•								•				Red Line (N. Quincy) Squantum No. 211 Bus
Squaw Rock Park												•	Red Line (N. Quincy) Squantum No. 211 Bus
Orchard Beach	•	•							•				Red Line (N. Quincy) Squantum No. 211 Bus
Wollaston Beach	•					•			•	•		•	Red Line (Wollaston)
Grossman Park													Red Line (Wollaston) Ashmont/Wollaston No. 217 Bus
Ruffis Hummock												•	Red Line (Wollaston) Ashmont/Wollaston No. 217 Bus
Caddy Park						•	•					•	Red Line (Wollaston) Ashmont/Wollaston No. 217 Bus
Willows Beach	•								•			•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hough's Neck No. 216 Bus
Perry Beach	•	•				•			•			•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hough's Neck No. 216 Bus
Edgewater Drive Beach	•								•				Red Line (Quincy Center) Hough's Neck No. 216 Bus
Baker Beach	•						•		•			•	Red Line (Quincy Center) No. 204 Bus Germantown via Sea & Oceanview
Mound St. Beach	•						•		•			•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus or East Weymouth No. 222 Bus
Fore River Field												•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus or East Weymouth No. 222 Bus
Avalon Beach/ Chipwood Park												•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus or East Weymouth No. 222 Bus

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Rock Island
Houghs Neck
Quincy Point
Town River Bay
Town River
Squantum
Crabtree Rd
Bay State
Quincy Shore Drive
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Weymouth

To the south, the Town of Weymouth marks the region's transition to the area's suburban South Shore. You'll find some surprisingly rural gateways here and a large stretch of sandy beach at Wessagusset. Like Winthrop to the north, Weymouth had its beginnings as a resort town. Winterization of its largely residential waterfront hasn't entirely erased the feel of a beach town.

Weymouth's boundaries are a study in contrasts. The Town is flanked on 3 sides by water bodies. The Fore River, home to General Dynamics Ship Yard, the old Boston Edison Plant and other industrial uses, forms its western boundary, while the Back River, serene and undisturbed, is its eastern border. Boston Harbor is to the north. The Back River and the Harbor area, with their parks and beaches, provide the town with attractive recreational opportunities.

Noteworthy

Webb State Park

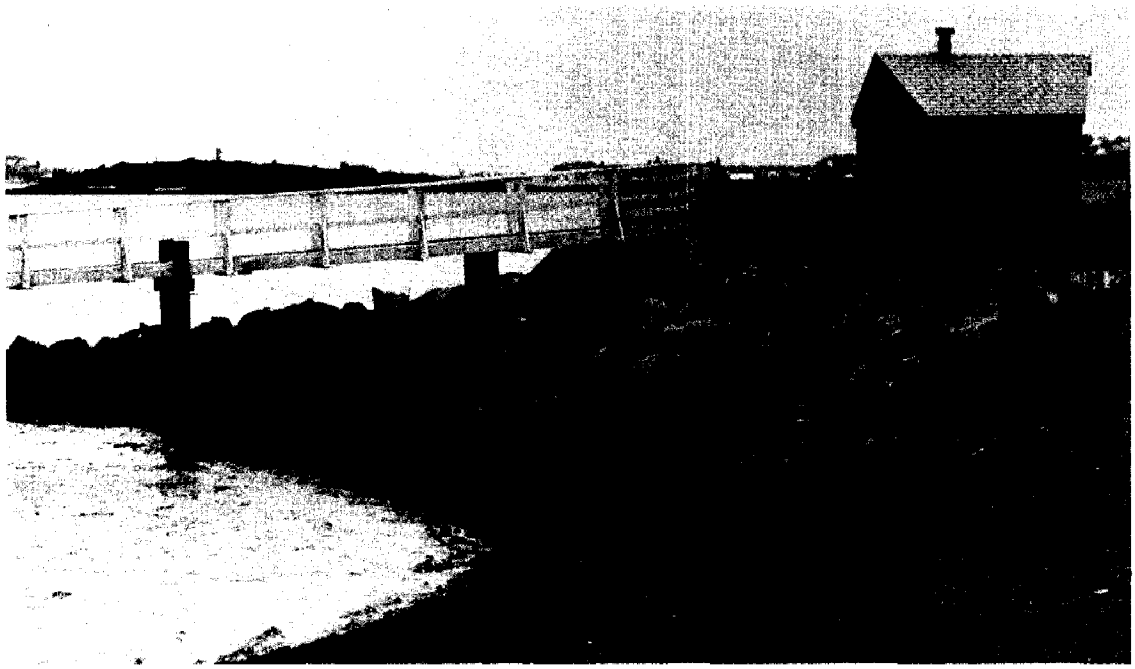
A recent addition to the Boston Harbor Islands State Park is the 36 acre peninsula known as Webb Park. Boasting a colorful history including use of the site as a seasonal campground by native Americans and storage of Nike Missiles in the fifties, the park is now a good choice for discovering Weymouth's waterfront. The views are exceptional; the park comes to a high point overlooking the bay and is marked by a memorial to the Weymouth resident for whom it was named. Recommended for picnicking and walking.

Wessagusset Beach

Locally referred to as Old Wessagusset Beach to the north, and New Wessagusset Beach to the south, the areas are divided by the rise of Great Hill Park. Wide and sandy with calm waters, these beaches are understandably popular during the summer months. Parking is restricted to town residents with stickers, and nearby streets are ticketed. Swimming floats and lessons are available for kids. Both beaches have seasonal lifeguards.

Great Hill Park

Local legend has it that Abigail Adams sat here to watch as the Battle of Bunker Hill was being waged across the bay in Charlestown. Today Boston's skyline dominates the horizon and the view is spectacular. The park itself has lush vegetation and open grassy areas facing the water. A lovely spot to picnic.

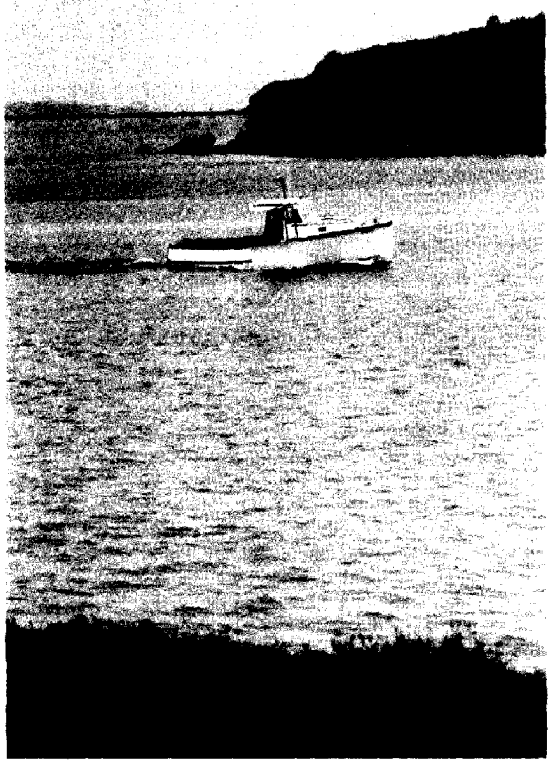


Great Esker Park

The park provides biking, canoeing and hiking through 237 acres of almost completely unaltered land. Canoes are available from the park's headquarters and are free to Weymouth residents. Swimming (albeit unsupervised) is also part of the experience at the park's "reversing falls" — a tidal pond which rises and falls with the Back River. The area is particularly unique in its wilderness qualities — decidely a place for exploring and getting away from it all. Headquarters and parking areas are located at the end of Julia Road off Green Street.

Newell Playground

This site is tucked away in a heavily residential area and is used primarily as a baseball field, although a children's playground is located there also. The view from the site is of General Dynamics Shipyard, the old Boston Edison Plant and the Fore River.



Weymouth

Boating

Boat Launch
State Boat Ramp
River Street (off Neck Street between Route 3A and Weymouthport)

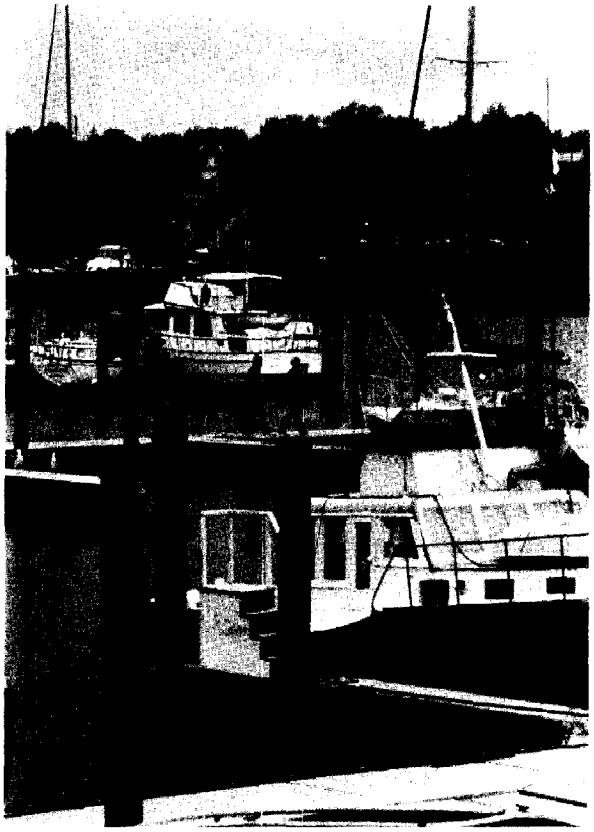
Public services:
Asphalt ramp with moderate pitch, 23' wide; not recommended for use at low tide

Yacht Clubs
Wessagusset Yacht Club
Wessagusset Road, Weymouth (on the Fore River) (335-9800)

Public services:
gas

Marinas
Tern Harbor Marina (on the Back River)

Public servics:
gas, repairs, store, boat lift



Weymouth

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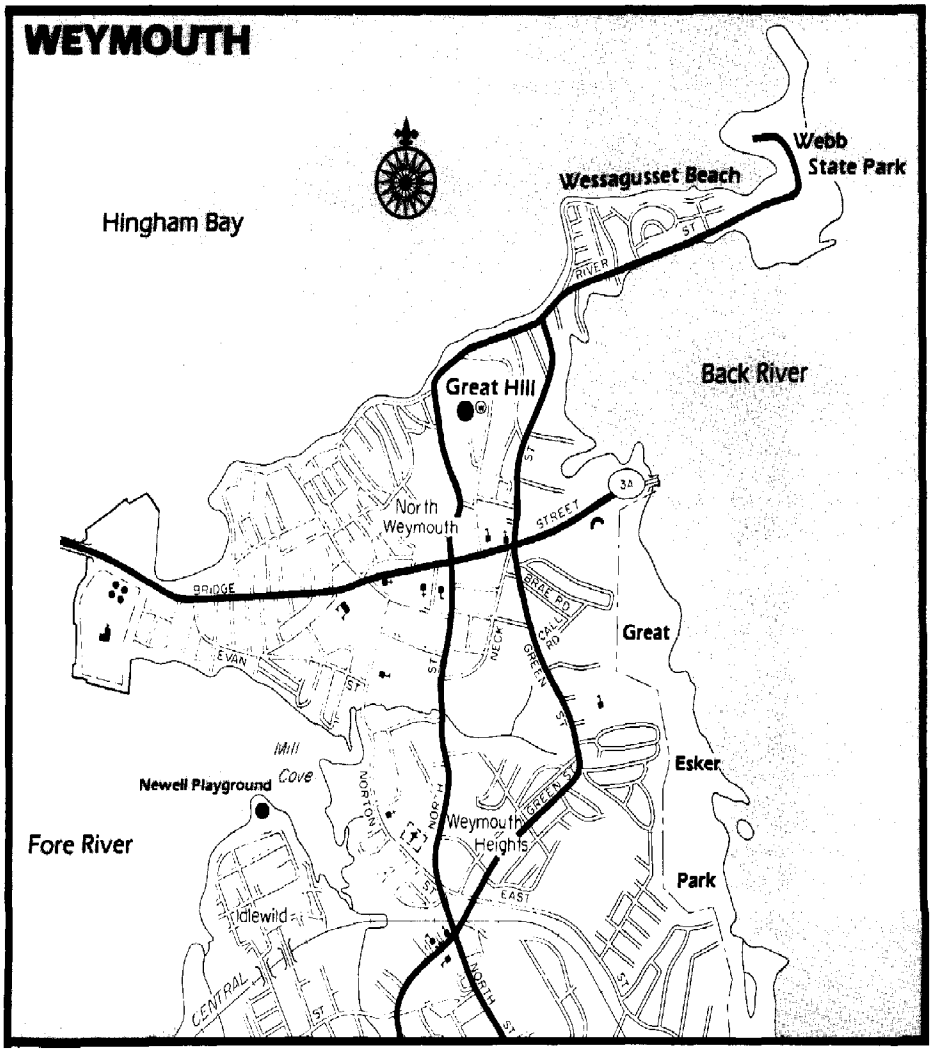
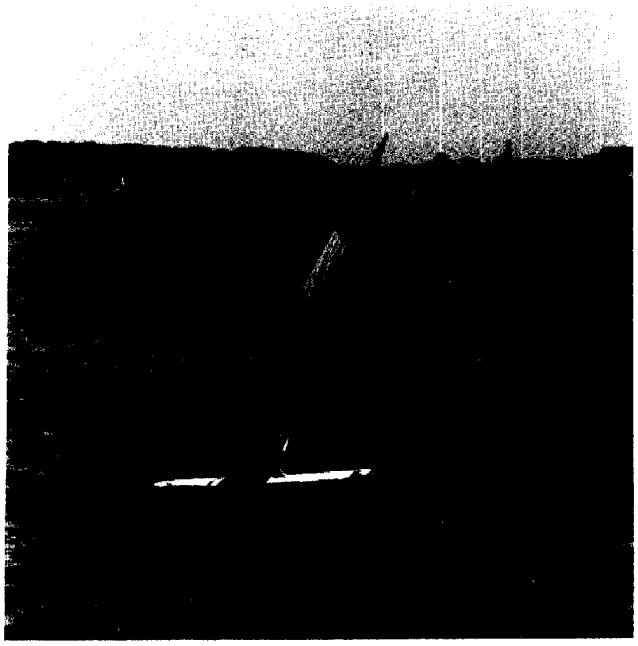
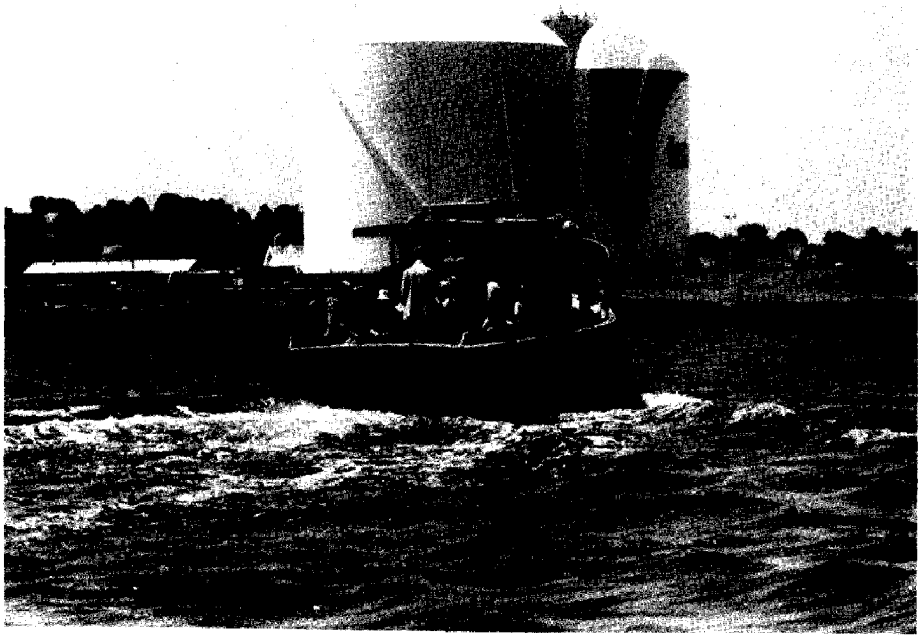
Newell Playground					•						•	Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus
Wessagusset Beach	•	•	•					•	•	•		Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus
Great Hill Park										•		Red Line (Quincy Center) Quincy Center/East Weymouth
Great Esker Park		•								•		Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus
Webb State Park		•				•		•	•	•		Red Line (Quincy Center) Hingham No. 220 Bus







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