

Boston Harbor

Boston, Massachusetts

Coordinates: N42° 21.649 W071° 03.004

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Boston has long been considered the first and most important trading post in coastal New England. Beginning with the Northwest fur trade in the 1630s, to the China and East India trades, through the whaling period and Don McKay's famous clipper ships of the 1800s, Boston has been used continuously for trade and commerce in New England.

According to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority: it was only a little over 20 years ago that Boston Harbor was known as the "dirtiest harbor in America." Today, it's "a Great American Jewel." The \$3.8 billion invested in the treatment facilities at Deer Island have proven to be a great success and the harbor clean-up is widely recognized as one of the nation's greatest environmental achievements.

Learn more about this area:

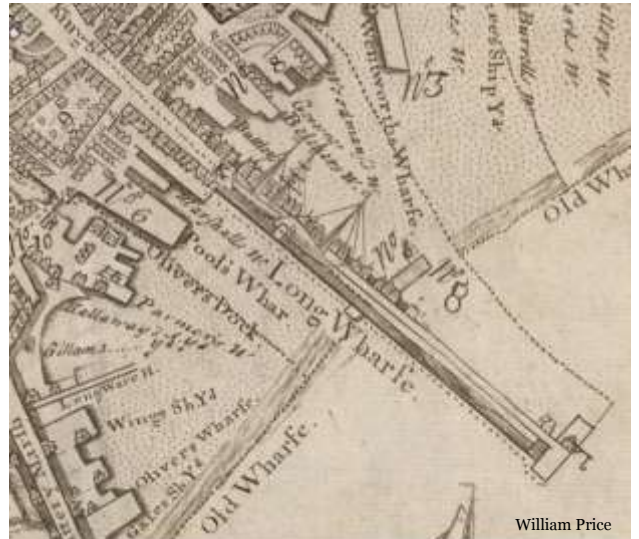
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Thank you to:

Prassede Vella (MA Office of Coastal Zone Management)

Passport Question:

- Name the oldest—and longest—wharf in America—the historic "nucleus of maritime trade" and take a photo of your gps on this wharf



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The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at www.gulfofmaine.org



Did You Know: In 2001, the Gulf of Maine Council presented an award to **Vivien Li**, who as the executive director of The Boston Harbor Association, has played a defining role in considering all interests while advocating a clean and accessible waterfront, and has advanced educational, marine debris clean-up and beach improvement program