

Hull Lifesaving Museum

Home Waters

Home Waters translates the on-the water skills and character traits of the storied lifesavers of Boston Harbor into fun, vigorous year round rowing programs across the breadth of Boston Harbor Islands National Park. Home Waters stages from two sites, the Boston Rowing Center, in the port's historic Fort Point Channel, and Windmill Point, at the tip of the town of Hull. The museum divides its fleet of 14 big, traditional rowing boats between the two sites, allowing rowers to operate both in the middle of the industrial harbor and at the harbor's remotest regions in familiar boats with familiar coaches and coxswains.

Home Waters' parallel core activities are year-round, fixed-seat/open-water rowing in Boston Harbor, academic support, and cultural enrichment. Our on-the-water adventures, strong and consistent adult and peer leadership, and delightful intellectual content inspire excitement about learning. While Home Waters is effective as a dropout prevention/stay in school model, an early intervention/diversion program, and a support for sobriety, for many, Home Waters simply offers simply a happy and safe oasis

The Hull Lifesaving Museum has a long-standing, primary commitment to serving girls and boys, ages 10-to-21, in Boston Public Schools, particularly those lacking athletic programs. In addition, the program serves proven-risk and underserved metropolitan youth who are adjudicated, struggling with substance abuse, living in public housing, dropouts or at risk of dropping out, from neighborhoods throughout the city. Home Waters serves approximately 200 young people annually in season-long sessions through in-school and after-school programs.



Program Statistics (Annually): (feel free to add more or alter statistics categories)

Number of Participants	200
# Staying in school & advancing a grade level	200
Size of Budget	\$187,500
Number of Employees	2 FT; 6 PT
Number of Volunteers	25

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Maritime Apprentice Program (MAP)

The Maritime Apprentice Program (MAP) of the Hull Lifesaving Museum is an intensive, multi-year program that prepares Boston’s most proven-risk youth for adult responsibilities and careers in the technical trades. MAP provides intensive hands-on, skills-based training, in combination with counseling and work readiness preparation in our Seaport Boatshop in downtown Boston. MAP’s apprentices are referrals from the DYS and Probation. These notorious youth are heavily gang involved, have histories of gun, drug trafficking, and the highest levels of potential violence in the city. Their incarceration histories range from 2-5 years. This group, while small, drives the street violence in Boston.



As apprentices’ personal, social, and technical skills develop, program activities become progressively more complex and rewarding. Apprentices are paid an hourly wage and are required to co-enroll in GED or diploma-granting programs as a condition of MAP participation. Those with high school certificates continue on to college, advanced training, certification programs, internships, or work. MAP offers an extraordinarily personalized approach to addressing pervasive unemployment, under-education, and recidivism. The staff of professional tradespeople, teachers, and social workers provide apprentices with a lifeline and sanctuary of safety and support. In a very real sense, MAP is an adoptive family for its apprentices.

MAP is designed to provide concrete skills, choices, and hope to young men who are striving for a non-criminal life, but who are caught in cycles of violence and failure. MAP’s signal, short-term goals are to help apprentices stabilize otherwise highly volatile behaviors and relationships, to begin building concrete, transferable skills, and to discover and risk building trusting relationships and hope in the future. Our longer-term goals are to effect a major transformation in apprentices’ sense of themselves and their place in society. Through intensive, long-term skills training, education, counseling, and other essential support services – and most importantly, by never giving up – MAP helps apprentices recognize and persist in the pursuit of engaged, healthy lives.

Program Statistics:

Number of Participants	20-24
% Not Reoffending since starting MAP	79%
% School Dropouts Receiving a HS diploma or GED, or staying in school	89%
% Dropouts Pursuing advanced training & education, employed, and/or accepted into trade unions	61%
Size of Budget	\$490,000
Number of Employees	4 FT; 3 PT
Number of Volunteers	25

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The Museum – Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station

The Hull Lifesaving Museum tells stories of shipwrecks and lifesaving in Boston Harbor. Housed in the 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station, the museum is located on the shoreline of Boston's outer Harbor, directly facing Boston Light. Our core exhibits interpret the extraordinary history of coastal lifesaving in the town of Hull and the region during the 19th century, examining themes of location, community, leadership, and volunteerism. Hull's lifesavers were the most renowned in the nation, and were led by Captain Joshua James, the most famous lifesaver in U.S. history - the Father of the Coast Guard. HLM tells its stories through an unparalleled collection of images, stories, and artifacts, and is the region's premier resource for U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime, and Small Craft scholarship.



HLM is a prized resource in our community. Year-round programs and activities for kids and adults include tours, workshops, interactive "breeches buoy" rescue reenactments, art programs, lectures, exhibit openings, and special events throughout the year. Our annual "Illumination of the Harbor" honors and celebrates our heritage, people, and place.

Program Statistics:

Number of Participants	12,000
Founded	1978
Size of Budget	\$150,000
Number of Employees	3 FT; 10 Seasonal and PT; 25-100 volunteers
Number of Volunteers	200

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