

# Auxiliary Boston Light Historical Interpreter (Tour Guide) Description

## U.S. Coast Guard Light Station Boston, Little Brewster Island

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### Overview

Historical Interpreters (tour guides) are Auxiliarists who have been trained to participate in the Boston Light Augmentation Program, providing assistance to Coast Guard Light Station Boston and National Park Service (NPS) Rangers in providing tours to Little Brewster Island. Note: The Friends of Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI) also provide volunteers for this program.

### Objective for Training Auxiliary Interpreters

To establish a cadre of trained volunteers to augment the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area's effort in providing quality programs and enjoyable experiences for tourists visiting Little Brewster Island.

### Requisites to be an Auxiliary Interpreter

- be a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in good standing
- wearing the ODU properly and with pride with sew-on **member** devices
- available for 2 trainings: (1) mainland/classroom in May and (2) "on-island" orientation in June
- available for a minimum of **3-Interpreter days** per season on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
- willingness to be mentored
- willingness to be transported to Boston Light via NPS chartered vessel from Boston
- committed to developing appropriate/effective interpersonal skills for interacting with the diverse population that visit the island and with other Interpreters (Rangers, Auxiliary, Friends of Boston Harbor Island), Keeper, Assistant Keepers, and Coast Guard personnel
- willingness to stay for the entire day on the island (i.e., arriving at the departure location in Boston at 0930 and returning approx 1630)
- committed to acquiring a working knowledge as to where to find the information in the *Boston Light Interpreter Training Guide* regarding tasks listed on the *Interpreter Qualification Check-sheet*
- willingness to develop a minimum of one lesson or activity and to share this information with visitors while on Interpreter Duty
- willingness to submit 7029 and 7030 mission hour reports (AUXDATA) to support the efforts of this program

### Auxiliary Interpreter Qualifying Process

1. Attending an "ashore" 4-hour training consisting of historical significance, contents of the *Boston Light Interpreter Training Guide*, relationship with the National Park Service (NPS), Island Alliance (IA), and the Friends of Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI)
2. Attending an "on-island" orientation to become familiar with the island. (Note: The "Orientation" does not count toward the 3-day obligation of Interpreter Duty.)
3. Completing the "Interpreter Qualification Checklist" with an assigned Mentor
4. "Shadowing" a seasoned Interpreter during the first scheduled Interpreter Duty
5. Developing a lesson plan/activity for approx 10-minutes in duration
6. Performing 3-Interpreter Duties (Note: the first day of "shadowing" is considered one of the 3 duties)

### Maintaining Interpreter Qualification

1. Performing a minimum of three (3) Interpreter days per season
2. Attending the annual *Update* held in the spring for the purpose of briefing Interpreters for the season, to distribute current year's schedule and procedures, and to provide the opportunity to scheduled three duty dates.