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## Join UNH on a Discovery Cruise to Explore the Isles of Shoals and Great Bay Estuary

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**Members of the media are invited to join any cruise (see schedule below). Contact Barbara Pinto-Maurer at 603-749-1565 or e-mail [barbara.pinto@unh.edu](mailto:barbara.pinto@unh.edu) for more information.**

DURHAM, N.H. -- Join the University of New Hampshire Marine Docents this summer for a Discovery Cruise through the Great Bay Estuary, or to the Isles of Shoals aboard the university's research vessel, the Gulf Challenger.

Marine Docents will answer questions about the area's history and coastal environments while guiding you through activities such as catching plankton and testing water clarity. Hold a crab in your hand and see creatures like anemones and sea stars up close. Find out what UNH researchers are learning about marine and estuarine environments.

The cruises are informal, allowing time for both education and relaxation. You'll be able to take photographs of the sights, chat with a docent, or visit the captain in the pilothouse.

Great Bay Discovery Cruises travel up the Piscataqua River into Little Bay/Great Bay Estuary, with a stop at Adams Point for a tour of the Jackson Estuarine Laboratory. The Isles of Shoals Discovery Cruises stop at Appledore Island, with a tour of the Shoals Marine Lab. Both cruises leave from the Portsmouth Fish Pier.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call NH Sea Grant at 603-749-1565, or e-mail [barbara.pinto@unh.edu](mailto:barbara.pinto@unh.edu). Reservations will be taken on a first come-first served basis and should be made at least five days prior to cruise date. Children 10 and older are welcome with an adult.

Discovery Cruises are sponsored by NH Sea Grant, the UNH/NOAA Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET), and UNH Cooperative Extension.

**Great Bay Discovery Cruise dates for 2003:  
(includes a stop at Jackson Estuarine Laboratory)  
From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Admission: \$15**

Saturday June 14  
Thursday June 26  
Sunday June 29  
Wednesday July 2  
Tuesday July 8  
Saturday July 19  
Saturday August 2  
Wednesday August 6  
Friday August 8  
Saturday September 27  
Sunday October 12  
Monday October 13

**Isles of Shoals Discovery Cruise dates for 2003:  
(includes a stop at Appledore Island and Shoals Marine  
Laboratory)  
From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Admission: \$20**

Saturday July 12  
Sunday July 27  
Sunday August 3  
Saturday August 9  
Sunday August 10  
Saturday August 23  
Sunday August 24  
Sunday August 31

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