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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 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. 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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