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DURHAM, N.H. -- Get your hands wet while whetting your sense of wonder. Come aboard the University of New Hampshire research vessel the Gulf Challenger for a fun and educational tour of the Great Bay Estuary or the Isles of Shoals.

Explore the culture, history, science and beauty of coastal New Hampshire in an informal educational setting. The UNH Marine Docents make learning fun aboard the Gulf Challenger as they guide you through activities like catching plankton and capturing water samples for analyzing temperature, salinity, and oxygen content. Get a close look at the crabs, sea stars and sponges that call this environment home. There's plenty of time to enjoy the sights, chat with a friendly docent or visit the captain in the pilothouse to learn about the latest in electronic navigation.

For more information or to make a reservation, call UNH Sea Grant Extension at 603-749-1565 or email Barbara.Pinto@unh.edu. Reservations will be taken on a first come-first serve basis and should be made at least five days prior to cruise date. Children 10 and older are welcome with an adult. Cruises leave from the Portsmouth Fish Pier.

Cruises are sponsored by UNH Sea Grant Extension with support from the Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET). In the Seacoast, tune to Great Bay Area Radio 1610 AM to learn more about CICEET, coastal environments, the UNH Marine docents and educational programs or contact UNH Sea Grant at 603-749-1565. Great Bay Area Radio listeners may be eligible to win two free

passes on a Discovery Cruise by filling out a short survey. Find the survey at <http://www.seagrant.unh.edu> and click on the Great Bay Radio sign.

**Isles of Shoals Discovery Cruise dates for 2001:
(includes a stop at Appledore Island and Shoals
Marine Laboratory)**

Saturday, July 7
Saturday, August 4
Saturday, August 11
Monday, August 20
Sunday, August 26
October date TBA

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Admission: \$20

**Great Bay Discovery Cruise dates for 2001:
(includes a stop at Jackson Estuarine Laboratory)**

Friday, June 29
Sunday, July 22
Tuesday, July 24
Tuesday, August 7
Sunday, August 12
Sunday, October 14

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Admission: \$15

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