



FACT SHEET

<p>OPENING</p>	<p>The new Boston Tea Party Ships_{SM} & Museum opened to the public on June 26, 2012.</p>
<p>LOCATION</p>	<p>Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is located on the Congress St. Bridge on the Fort Point Channel, in the same body of water where Griffin's Wharf was upon which the Boston Tea Party took place on December 16, 1773.</p>
<p>ABOUT</p>	<p><i>"The Boston Tea Party – the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution"</i></p> <p>The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum provides a unique immersion and experience in history by representing a key time in history (from 1773 to 1775), through live actors, tea throwing reenactments, high-tech interactive exhibits, authentically restored tea ships and an award-winning multisensory film, <i>Let it Begin Here</i>. The Museum tells the story of the Boston Tea Party and immediate aftermath that led to the beginning of the American Revolution. The tours, which run every 30 minutes, last 1 hr.</p>
<p>ACCOLADES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Certificate of Excellence - <i>TripAdvisor</i> • 'Best of the New 2012' - <i>Boston Globe Magazine</i> • 'Best New Museum' - <i>Yankee</i> '2012 Best of New England Issue'
<p>THE EXPERIENCE: ACT I – THE MEETING HOUSE & TEA PARTY REENACTMENT</p>	<p>Tours begin in the Meeting House where actors, with the help of visitors who are assigned names of actual historic participants of the Boston Tea Party, tell the story leading up to that fateful night on December 16, 1773. Here, visitors hear Samuel Adams speech protesting the tax on tea then march to Griffin's Wharf where guests board the ships and help toss tea crates into the water. Visitors then explore the vessels, meet the captain and see what life was like aboard an 18th century tall ship.</p>
<p>HISTORIC SHIPS – <i>BEAVER</i>, <i>ELEANOR</i> & <i>DARTMOUTH</i></p>	<p>The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum currently features two (of the three) historically accurate replica tall ships, the <i>Beaver</i> and the <i>Eleanor</i>, which took part in the Boston Tea Party. The third ship, the <i>Dartmouth</i>, will begin construction in 2014 in Gloucester, Mass.</p> <p>Fun facts about the <i>Beaver</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fir planks used on the decking of the <i>Beaver</i> are 100-year-old wood reclaimed from a factory in Fall River, Mass. • The 400 sheets of copper on the sides of the <i>Beaver</i> were from the Paul Revere Copper Company, founded by Revere in 1810 and still in operation. • It took 22,000 bronze nails to install the copper.

<p>THE EXPERIENCE: ACT II – GRIFFIN’S WHARF, THE DAY AFTER</p>	<p>Guests are then guided indoors where through innovative holographs they hear the perspectives of two women - one a Tory and one a Patriot - who get into a heated discussion about the truths and consequences of their own views at Griffin’s Wharf the next morning.</p>
<p>ROBINSON HALF TEA CHEST</p>	<p>On display in the next phase of the tour is the Robinson Half Chest, one of only two known tea chests still in existence from the original Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773. The story is told of how the chest has been protected and preserved for more than two centuries and its’ ‘homecoming’ back to Boston. John Robinson, a young apprentice, found the chest in the sand just off Dorchester Heights and carried it home. His mother knew that having anything in their possession from the Tea Party was considered treason and could have dire consequences for their family. The chest was kept safe by Robinson and his wife who brought the chest to New York where it was passed down through generations. This tea chest now lies over the same body of water in which it was thrown overboard.</p>
<p>THE DEBATE BETWEEN KING GEORGE III AND SAM ADAMS</p>	<p>While King George III and Sam Adams never met in real life, visitors hear their actual heated written correspondence come to life through state-of-the-art portraits hanging in the portrait gallery that come to life.</p>
<p>THE EXPERIENCE: ACT III – THE MINUTEMAN THEATRE</p>	<p><i>Let it Begin Here</i> – the final segment of the tour, guests watch an award-winning, emotionally charged epic short film that authentically recounts the events and participants that led up to the American Revolution and the “shot heard round the world”. <i>Let it Begin Here</i> has won numerous awards including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bronze Winner, History/Biography Documentary - 33rd Telly Awards 2012</i> • <i>Award of Excellence, History/Biography - The Indie Fest Awards 2012</i> • <i>Award of Merit, Direction - The Indie Fest Awards 2012</i>
<p>ABIGAIL’S TEA ROOM</p>	<p>Named after Abigail Adams, local resident (Quincy, Mass.) and wife of the second President of the United States, John Adams, the tea room (seats 120), offers beautiful waterside views and serves visitors a selection of hot and cold teas, lemonade, cider (seasonal) and colonial blend coffee along with an assortment of pastries and baked goods such as scones, muffins, cinnamon shortbread and cookies including button, chocolate chip, gourmet peanut butter, triple chocolate chip and sugar. Guests also can gossip with Patriot women (servers) about life in Boston in 1773. \$2.00 - taste sample 5 teas - some of which were the same blends thrown overboard during the Boston Tea Party. \$5.95 - includes a limited ceramic limited edition souvenir mug</p>

<p>GIFT SHOP</p>	<p>Visitors, exiting from the museum and/or the tea room, make their way into the retail store where they have the opportunity to purchase memorabilia, souvenirs and keepsakes relating to colonial Boston and the Boston Tea Party of December 16, 1773.</p>
<p>HOURS & TOUR PRICING</p>	<p><i>Museum Winter/Spring Hours:</i> <i>Daily - 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. (last tour begins at 4 p.m.)</i> <i>Tours: run every 30 minutes and last approx. 1 hr.</i></p> <p><i>Museum Summer/Fall Hours:</i> <i>Daily - 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. (last tour begins at 5 p.m.)</i> <i>Tours: run every 15 minutes and last approx. 1 hr.</i></p> <p><i>Online pricing:</i> Adult - \$22.50 Child - \$13.50 Students/Seniors/Military - \$19.80 Children under 4 – Free</p> <p><i>At the door pricing:</i> Adult - \$25.00 Child - \$15.00 Students/Seniors/Military - \$22.00 Children under 4 – Free</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum Congress Street box offices or via the Web site - http://www.bostontepartyship.com.</p>
<p>'HOMETOWN PASS' PROGRAM</p>	<p>Any current Massachusetts resident is eligible for a free ticket to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum when they bring along someone who buys a full price adult ticket (\$25). Mass. Residents must sign-up for the program by going to www.hometownpass.com then print out the Hometown Pass and bring it to the Museum. A valid driver's license, government issued ID or voter's registration must be shown at the ticket booth in conjunction with the Hometown Pass. The accompanying adult guest ticket must be purchased at the Museum ticket booths. Tickets may not be purchased online and may not be purchased using any other discounts or coupon. The Hometown Pass Programs is valid indefinitely.</p>
<p>VICE PRESIDENT and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – SHAWN P. FORD</p>	<p>A 26-year veteran with Historic Tours of America®, Shawn started his career with the company as a tour conductor with Old Town Trolley Tours® of Boston. In 1989, Shawn was named general manager of the Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum. Shawn created Historic Tours of America's International and Domestic Sales Department where he represented the company in the tour and travel industry with the American Bus Association, the National Tour Association, U.S. Tour Operators Association and United States Travel Association. Shawn is the past president of the Boston chapter for SKÅL and has served on numerous tourist industry related boards and commission.</p>

MASTER SHIPWRIGHT – LEON POINDEXTER	<p>Leon Poindexter, the architect and contractor for the <i>Beaver, Eleanor and Dartmouth</i>, is a master shipwright of several historic vessels and replicas and consultant to maritime museums. He builds, repairs and restores large traditionally-built historic wooden sailing vessels and their rigs. Some of his vessels are on the National Register of Historic Places. Leon learned his trade from some of the last of the “old timers” who worked in the famed shipyards of Essex and Cape Ann, Mass. He has also worked on many important vessels including the <i>USS CONSTITUTION</i> and the <i>USS MASSACHUSETTS</i> and was master shipwright for and created the <i>HMS Surprise</i> used by the Academy Award-winning movie “Master and Commander” starring Russell Crowe. He has more than 30 years experience in this trade and is based in Gloucester, Mass.</p>
TEA MASTER – BRUCE RICHARDSON	<p>Bruce Richardson, the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum’s tea master, is a leading tea expert involved in tea’s American renaissance for more than 20 years. A writer/author, photographer, tea blender, and frequent guest speaker, Bruce spends much of his time educating Americans in the art of celebrating the communal cup of tea. He has appeared on television, radio and as a guest speaker at professional seminars such as World Tea Expo. He is a member of the editorial board for <i>Fresh Cup</i> magazine, is a columnist for <i>TeaTime</i> magazine and a contributing editor for <i>TEA</i> magazine.</p>
PARKING	<p>Farnsworth Street Garage - 17 Farnsworth St. Boston, MA Stillings Street Garage - 11 Stillings St. Boston, MA Weekdays - Museum visitors receive a discounted rate of \$18 per visit before 5 p.m. with museum validation Weekends - Museum visitors receive a discounted rate of \$13 per visit (Farnsworth Garage only) with museum validation. Evenings - Museum visitors receive a rate of \$10 per visit after 5 p.m. (and before 5:30 a.m.) with museum validation.</p>
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