

December 16th 1773



AMERICANS INVITED TO SEND LOOSE TEA TO BE THROWN INTO BOSTON HARBOR AS PART OF 246th BOSTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY & ANNUAL REENACTMENT - DEC. 16, 2019

Hundreds of Reenactors Bring to Life The Boston Tea Party in Annual Reenactment Beginning at Old South Meeting House and Culminating at Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum on Boston's Historic Harbor



WHAT: The Boston Tea Party comes alive every December **with one of the largest, historical, theatrical performances in the United States.** Taking place at Boston's Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, the 246th Boston Tea Party Anniversary & Annual Reenactment is an opportunity for the public to experience one of America's most iconic public protests on Mon., December 16, 2019, the actual Boston Tea Party anniversary.

Invitation to general public to participate and send loose tea to be thrown into Boston Harbor as part of the 246th Boston Tea Party Anniversary & Annual Reenactment.

More than 100 reenactors tell the story of the infamous Boston Tea Party and theatrically recreate the evening of December 16, 1773 which sparked the American Revolution. It all begins with a fiery tea tax debate at Old South Meeting House, the actual historic hall where the colonists gathered 246 years ago. Then, the public joins a procession to the waterfront and witnesses the Sons of Liberty destroy actual loose tea from the general public (**#tossthattea!**)

HOW TO SEND TEA: *Send dried loose leaf tea (NO used tea bags) to: Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, 306 Congress St, Boston, MA 02210. Include name, address, e-mail & phone number.*
An official certificate of participation will be sent to each partaker sending tea. Deadline to send tea: December 1, 2019.

EVENT INFO: **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 - Actual Boston Tea Party Anniversary!**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

EVENT TIME: **6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
The Meeting of the Body of the People - TICKETED PORTION (Ticket also

**LINE: includes access to reserved seating to view the Destruction of the Tea)
Old South Meeting House - 310 Washington Street**

Ticket holders join an authentic, spirited and theatrical colonial debate at Old South Meeting House to protest the tax on tea and demand liberty from the British crown, just as colonists gathered in this very building 246 years ago. Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere and other Patriot leaders join in a heated debate with crown-loving Loyalists in this final attempt to peaceably resolve the crisis before the midnight deadline. Visitors are encouraged to join the debate, letting their voices be heard in the very place where Boston's most famous act of rebellion began.

7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Huzzah for Griffin's Wharf! - FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Procession from Old South Meeting House to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum - Milk St to Congress St to Pearl St

Led by booming fife and drums and accompanied by colonial reenactors, the public is invited to march from Old South Meeting House to Boston's historic waterfront where Griffin's Wharf once stood along the same route the Sons of Liberty took to Boston Harbor to destroy the tea in 1773!

8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Boston Harbor, a Tea Pot Tonight! - FREE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Destruction of the Tea at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum - 306 Congress St on the Congress St Bridge

The public is invited, along with the re-enactors, to line the shores of Boston Harbor and watch as the Sons of Liberty storm aboard the Brig Beaver and destroy chest after chest of tea, just as colonists did 246 years before. In this fully narrated program, the Sons of Liberty board the ship, opening the hold and hoisting tea chests on deck. As they witness the dramatic conclusion of the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution, viewers are encouraged to cheer "Huzzah!" as tea chests are broken open and tea sent from the general public is spilled into Boston's historic waters.

TICKETS: General Admission pricing - \$30/per person

To purchase tickets go to: www.December16.org or visit Old South Meeting House at 310 Washington St, Boston, MA.

Tickets include admission to the Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House and access to an exclusive reserved viewing area on Boston's Harborwalk for the Destruction of the Tea. All ticket proceeds support Old South Meeting House, a non-profit National Historic Landmark. This event takes place rain, sleet, snow or shine.

NOTES: Both Old South Meeting House and Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum will be free and open to the public on Mon., December 16, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ABOUT OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE:

Old South Meeting House is a non-profit museum and National Historic Landmark dedicated to continuing its proud tradition of free speech and assembly. Built in 1729 as a Puritan meetinghouse, this historic site is a living symbol of our country's quest for freedom and justice. It was here, in this famed National Historic Landmark that liberty found its allies and the American Revolution gained its voice. Within the walls of Old South Meeting House, meeting by meeting, vote by vote, a revolution began. Explore the rich history of the Meeting House through rare artifacts, such as a vial of tea from the Boston Tea Party and a 3-D historic model of Colonial Boston. Open seven days a week, the museum's hours are 9:30 am - 5 pm from April 1 - Oct. 31, and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. from Nov. 1 - March 31. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit www.osmh.org or call 617-482-6439. Old South Meeting House is located at 310 Washington St., Boston, MA 02108.

ABOUT BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM:

The Boston Tea Party, "the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution," occurred the night of Dec. 16, 1773. Opened in June 2012, The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, owned and operated by Historic Tours of America, is dedicated to accurately reliving and representing a key time in history (1773-1775). Through actors, tea throwing reenactments, high-tech interactive

exhibits, authentic replica ships: the Beaver and the Eleanor, and an award-winning multisensory film, *Let it Begin Here*. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is open 7 days/week from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Summer/Spring) and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Fall/Winter). Tours run every 30 minutes in fall/winter and every 15 minutes in spring/summer and last 1 hr. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum was voted 'Best Historical Experience' in *Yankee* '2017 Best of New England', #1 'Best Patriotic Attraction' in *USA Today*'s 10Best Readers' Choice Awards 2016, 'Best New Museum' by *Yankee* in 2012 and 'Best of the New 2012' by *Boston Globe Magazine*. To learn more visit www.bostonteatpartyship.com or call 1-855-(TEA)-1773. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is located on the Congress Street Bridge at 306 Congress St., Boston, MA.

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