



**THE BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPSSM & MUSEUM AND THE
GREATER BOSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HONOR
THE 247TH BOSTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY (DEC. 16, 2020)
WITH A SPECIAL, FREE VIRTUAL COMMEMORATION**

*PLUS, New 'Tea Talk' Offered in December 2020 by the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
Focuses on the Boston Tea Party Stories*



*Images: Photo of a past Boston Tea Party Annual Reenactment at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
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BOSTON (December 10, 2020) - This December 16 marks the 247th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and, due to the COVID pandemic, this year's live annual reenactment of the Boston Tea Party, one of the largest historical, theatrical performances in the United States, will not be taking place in Boston. Instead, the **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**, a floating museum dedicated to accurately reliving and representing this key time in history (1773-1775), and the **Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau** are honoring this 'single most important event leading up to the American Revolution' with a **FREE** one-hour virtual Boston Tea Party commemoration that can be enjoyed from the comfort and safety of viewers' homes.

Two NEW 'Tea Talks,' presented by the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, will also be offered in December highlighting the making of the annual reenactment, in addition to the dramatic Boston Tea Party story in full (\$15/talk). All Tea Talks are included as part of the GBCVB's Live Boston Classroom initiative.

"Due to the COVID pandemic through which we all continue to navigate, we have had to pivot efforts to bring the commemoration the 247th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party virtually this year," says Shawn P. Ford, Executive Director of the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum. "This December, our creative team has done a superb job creating a virtual commemoration of this important moment in history that helped shape our country, in addition to two new 'Tea Talks' highlighting interesting and engaging virtual discussions about interesting aspects the Boston Tea Party."

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247th Boston Tea Party Anniversary Virtual Commemoration 2020/2

“We are so proud to be a supporting partner in the 247th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and the tremendous efforts made by the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum to create virtual programming to commemorate this event,” said Martha J. Sheridan, President & CEO of the GBCVB. “This annual event is one of Boston’s most iconic occasions.”

FREE 247TH BOSTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY VIRTUAL COMMEMORATION

This special one-hour online commemoration of the 247th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party via Zoom will feature a dramatization performed by costumed Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum actors of first person accounts in addition to highlighting letters and newspapers from the time of the Boston Tea Party. There will also be a live discussion and Q&A session hosted by the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum Creative Team, led by Creative Manager Evan O’Brien. This special presentation is made possible by the generous support of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau’s experiential educational programming inviting guests to explore, learn and discover with Boston as a virtual destination classroom (#livebostonclassroom). Only one date/time available:

- Wed., Dec. 16, 2020: 7 p.m. EST

How to register:

- Participants must register for this FREE event at <https://virtual.bostontepartyship.com/>. Click ‘247th Boston Tea Party Anniversary Special Online Event’ and follow through the checkout process.
- Once registered, participants will receive an email with the link and password to access this free online commemoration.

NEW ‘TEA TALKS’

The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is also an offering in-depth, live and interactive monthly series highlighting the myths, truths, and untold stories of the Boston Tea Party. These one-hour specialized Zoom webinars, led by a Boston Tea Party expert at Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, are designed to be informative, engaging and fun, and ideal for curious minds of all ages -- from parents with kids at home, seniors, history buffs and folks looking to learn and expand their horizon with regard to American history. In December 2020, the following NEW ‘Tea Talk’ will be presented:

“Boston Harbor, a Teapot Tonight!” - The Boston Tea Party Story

This December 16 commemorates the 247th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party that was described by John Adams as, “the most magnificent movement of all.” Experts at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum discuss the dramatic details of the Boston Tea Party and the lasting legacy of this iconic event. Available date/time:

- Sat., Dec. 12, 2020: 2 p.m. EST

Each ‘Tea Talk’ costs \$15 and lasts one hour. Participants must register at <https://www.bostontepartyship.com/virtual-museum>. Additional ‘Tea Talks’, covering an array of topics highlighting various stories of the Boston Tea Party, will be announced for the 2021 season.

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

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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.bostontepartyship.com or call 1-855-(TEA)-1773. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is located at on the Congress Street Bridge at 306 Congress St., Boston, MA.

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