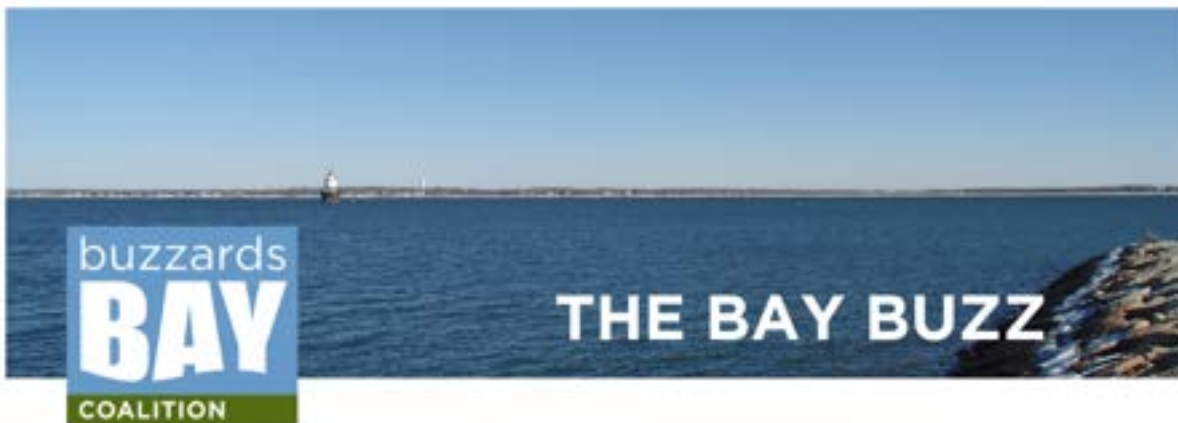


The Bay Buzz: Douglass Christmas Tree Farm Protected, Guide to Summer and Septic Systems, and more



### **Fairhaven's Douglass Christmas Tree Farm Protected**

In December, the Coalition purchased 26 acres of land on Sconticut Neck in Fairhaven that will safeguard water quality and coastal habitats in the face of sea level rise, preserve the scenic beauty of "The Neck," and preserve farmland.

[Read more](#)



## How-to guide released: Installing a nitrogen- reducing septic system

The process of installing a nitrogen-reducing septic system can be daunting and expensive. Our guide walks you through the installation process, provides contacts for local engineers, and updates you on available financing tools. [Read More](#)



## Your guide to summer 2024 at the Onset Bay Center

Onset Bay Center Summer Camp registration is officially open! Find the best activities for your young adventurers in this comprehensive summer guide. [Read More](#)

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## BBC in the News

Over 300 participants plunged into Onset Bay at the [New Year's Day Polar Plunge](#), raising funds for the Coalition and the Onset Bay Association.

Local media joined Brendan Annett, Vice President of Watershed Protection, on a tour of the protected land included in the [Mattapoissett River Valley Drinking Water Resilience Project](#).

Fun107 visited the Onset Bay Center for a bi-weekly [Cold Water Wellness](#) session, continuing through the spring.

The International Yacht Restoration School has made great progress on the [25-foot replica lifeboat](#) that when finished will be permanently housed in the Horseneck Point Life Saving Station.

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management awarded just over \$80,000 toward a [study of the tidal marshes west of Mattapoissett Neck Road](#), which will lead to a salt marsh habitat restoration. This project is being conducted in partnership with the Mattapoissett Land Trust, the Town of Mattapoissett, Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project, Plymouth County Mosquito Control and

the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management's Coastal Habitat and Water Quality program.

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## Staff Spotlight: Devon Bolt



Devon Bolt, student at Northeastern University, reflects on her time as a Research Assistant with the Coalition as part of Northeastern's Co-Op program.

Click below to read more about Devon's work monitoring Buzzards Bay's salt marshes.

[Read More](#)

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## Upcoming Events





## Buzzards Bay Swim

Saturday, June 22nd

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a one-of-a-kind scenic point-to-point open water swim across outer New Bedford Harbor.

Supported by a robust safety patrol, swimmers navigate 1.2 miles through the harbor and channel, and are greeted at the Fort Phoenix finish line with a beach party featuring music, pancakes cooked to order, gourmet coffee, and local beer.

Want to support the Swim without getting in the water? You can [volunteer](#), become an event [sponsor](#), or [donate](#) to a swimmer.

Registration is opening soon - sign up for our Events emails and be the first to know!

## Sign Up



## Seal and Seabird Cruise

February 3rd | March 16th | April 6th | May 4th | June 1st

Embark on an amazing adventure with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Cuttyhunk Ferry Company! Witness wintering seals and seabirds on the waters of Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, and explore scenic Cuttyhunk Island.

The next cruise departs on [Saturday, February 3rd!](#)

Tickets are \$50 per person, \$35 for children under 12.

# Book Your Cruise

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## January Bay Adventures

Temperatures may be colder, but there is still so much of Buzzards Bay to explore! Join us on an upcoming free [Bay Adventure](#).



### Beachcombing

Chapoquoit Beach, Falmouth  
Sunday, January 14th, 2:45pm



### Itty Bitty Bay Adventure

Hamlin Crossing, Acushnet  
Wednesday, January 17th, 1:00pm



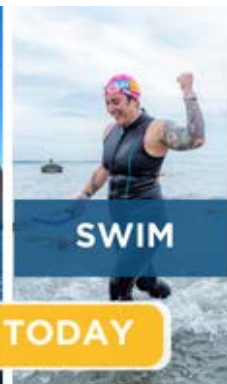
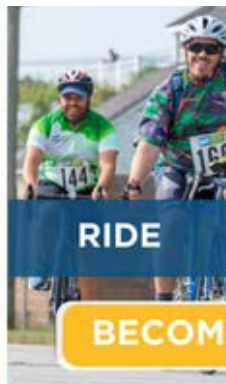
### Full Moon Hike

Gooseberry Island  
Thursday, January 25th, 5:30pm



### Morning Hike

Carvalho Farm, Fairhaven  
Sunday, January 28th, 10:00am



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