



PBCB's *Friend* Floating Classroom Charter Trips

Cost: \$500/boat trip (your group should plan for ~90 minutes to include boarding time)

Maximum capacity per boat trip: 28 individuals max, but we find that limiting trips to 25 adults at most is more comfortable, in terms of space

- The *Friend* is a wonderful platform perfect for anything from club “field trips” to gatherings among family and friends. We welcome groups of all shapes and sizes to inquire about chartering the vessel
- Please note that drugs and alcohol are not permitted on any of PBCB's vessels

Scheduling: Our season runs May - September:

- We typically book trips Monday through Thursday, leaving Friday as a make-up date in case any trips need to be rescheduled on a given week (we will operate in rain or moderate wind, but will reschedule if thunderstorms or heavy winds are predicted). We are the most flexible in late August/September.
- Our start and end dates are limited by our dock launch. It's very possible that we'll have the dock earlier than predicted, in which case we will expand openings!
- The boat and dock are fully accessible, and the boat is quiet and stable while underway. This is a great option for a wide variety of people—including participants with mobility aids and/or anybody that may be nervous about boating.
- Reach out to [Registrar Ellen Peterson](#) with booking inquiries!

Trip Content

Pleasant Bay is one of Cape Cod's most enchanting natural treasures — a shimmering coastal lagoon where barrier beaches, salt marshes, and tidal flats converge in a landscape that feels almost untouched by time. Stretching across four towns — Chatham, Orleans, Harwich, and Brewster — it is the largest estuary in Massachusetts, home to harbor seals, striped bass, native crabs and lobsters, and dozens of migratory bird species.

The *Friend* is a 37-foot solar-powered pontoon boat and PBCB's beloved floating classroom. Powered by two quiet electric motors and a roof full of solar panels, she glides across Pleasant Bay virtually silent and emissions-free. With seating for up to 28 passengers, a central table for picnics, art, or science projects, and a long bow ramp for landing on sandbars and islands, she's built for adventure and comfort in equal measure. She's fully wheelchair- and mobility-aid accessible, making Pleasant Bay reachable for guests of all ages and abilities.

Every charter includes an experienced Captain and first mate.

No two trips are exactly alike — the bay sets the agenda. Depending on tides, winds, and the time of year, your charter may include:

- Watching harbor seals haul out on the outer bars
- Visiting surrounding islands like Sipson Island and Strong Island
- Pulling a lobster trap to discover native crabs and lobsters up close
- Bird watching for osprey, great blue herons, and migratory shorebirds
- Water quality testing and other hands-on science activities
- Scenic sightseeing around the bay
- A floating picnic in the heart of Pleasant Bay
- Sunset cruises as the bay turns golden

Trip Add-ons

Island Exploration: We're also able to include island landings on one of Pleasant Bay's islands as part of your experience. We recommend this option for groups with a minimum of 2.5 hours available to board, travel to the island, beach and disembark, enjoy a 45 minute - 1 hour walk, and return to PBCB. Because of time constraints and USCG capacity limits on the vessel, this option is only available for groups of 28 total passengers or fewer. If your group has more than 28 people that would like to participate, you're welcome to schedule trips across more than one time slot/date. Participants should prepare to get their feet wet! There is a \$100 add-on cost for this experience, which covers the additional staff time.

Contact Registrar [Ellen Peterson](#) to inquire today!