

# **Cuttyhunk and Elizabeth Islands-Dual Island Tour 2016**

**Penikese and Cuttyhunk two-island tour departs:  
September 4,11,18 & October 2 from 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Meet at Patriot Party Boats dock at  
180 Scranton Ave, Falmouth, MA. (Directly across from the Admiralty Apartments)**

**Check In Time: 8:30AM at the dock!!!**

**\*\*\*Park** in the free public parking lot located between 180 Scranton Ave and the hatch shell. Patriot Party boats has assured us that the “Permit Parking Only” signs can be ignored, as at this time of year most of the tourists have left and there is plenty of parking.

## **Directions from the Bourne Bridge:**

Take Route 28 South to Falmouth; follow signs to downtown Falmouth, about 12 miles from the bridge. 1 mile after the Village Green there will be a 7-11 on the right, take a right onto Scranton Ave. just after the 7-11. 180 Scranton Ave. will be on your left.

## **Directions from Hyannis:**

Take Route 28 North to Falmouth, follow signs to downtown Falmouth. After the Stop & Shop drive another 1/2 mile until you see a 7-11 on the left, take a left onto Scranton Ave just before the 7-11. 180 Scranton Ave. will be on your left.

## **Special Instructions:**

Please wear comfortable walking shoes, take sun screen and a water bottle. Plan to bring a bag lunch with a drink, and a water bottle. Retail facilities are limited on the islands and their hours are unpredictable. *If the venues are open*, food and gifts may be available at the dock or at the General Store.

## **Cancellation Policy:**

If you cancel your reservation 5 days or more before the trip you will be issued a full refund. If you cancel less than 5 days before the trip, you will be charged, however you will still have the option of re-scheduling another trip in the 2015 season at no additional cost.

## **The Tour:**

Welcome aboard the Patriot Party Boat!! The one and a half-hour boat trip which leaves from Falmouth Harbor will take us through Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay along the Elizabeth Islands. Experienced Mass Audubon naturalists will provide commentary focusing on landmarks, geology, wildlife, and the history of the quiet, protected islands. Along the way, we'll look for endangered Roseate Terns and other species of seabirds and waterfowl.

We'll spend 1.5 hours on Penikese discovering the unique and storied history of this wind swept place including the leper colony, Penikese Island School for Boys and the amazing Common and Roseate Tern colony. We will then visit Cuttyhunk Island, enjoying the quaint village, harbor, and scenic views from the top of Lookout Hill, 150 feet above sea level. We will spend time exploring the islands habitats for migratory songbirds and watching from Lookout Hill for passing raptors, on their journey southward for the winter.

Mass Audubon Leaders: Ian Ives -Sanctuary Director, Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary and Chris Walz - Property Manager, Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary

## **Agenda**

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Arrive at Party Boat Dock in Falmouth and sign in with Mass Audubon Staff</b>
<b>8:50-9:00</b>	<b>Captains welcome and boarding</b>
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Tour Vessel Departs from Scranton Ave Dock</b>
<b>9:10-10:55</b>	<b>Cruise along the Elizabeth Island chain, on our 16-mile voyage to Penikese</b>
<b>11:05</b>	<b>Arrive at Penikese Island. <u>To use our time on Penikese more efficiently, please use the restrooms on board the boat before arrival.</u></b>
<b>11:05- 12:25</b>	<b>Tour of Penikese Island</b>
<b>12:25</b>	<b>Depart for Cuttyhunk Island</b>
<b>12:40</b>	<b>Arrive at Cuttyhunk Island Harbor</b>
<b>12:40-3:10</b>	<b>Naturalist lead Tour of Cuttyhunk Island</b>
<b>3:20pm sharp</b>	<b>Depart Cuttyhunk Harbor</b>
<b>5:10pm</b>	<b>Arrive at Falmouth Harbor</b>