

## THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

### From the Volunteer Coordinator

Our **park user counting study** is in full swing! We have already done two full days of spring counting and have found it interesting where people live and how many are using the different entrances in the park. We still need volunteers to count people for 2-3 hour shifts between 7am-7pm on **Saturday, May 5th, and/or Wednesday, May 9th**. If you, or a group you are involved with, are interested in helping us with this important count study please contact Jen Roy at 617-227-0365. We will also be doing four more days this summer in July and August.

**Summer internship opportunity!** We are still looking for a supervisor for our Teen Leadership Program this summer who can work for us from June 1-August 31, 2007. We are looking for someone who has previous experience working with teens, is highly organized, and has a passion for building leadership and urban park stewardship skills. Please contact Jen Roy for more info or email your resume to [jroy@esplanadeassociation.org](mailto:jroy@esplanadeassociation.org)

### M.V.P. of the Month-8th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup Volunteers

Over **2,500** people participated in the April 21st cleanup, and 600 of these volunteers were on the Esplanade! It was, by far, our largest participant turnout and river-wide we were able to collect over 30 tons of garbage! Thank you to all of you who got dirty on the beautiful sunny morning. We pulled up a bike, tires, lots of glass, and other river pollutants and the park's river banks look incredibly clean now! Over 600 volunteers who were part of the **8th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup** are our **Motivated Volunteers for the Park** for April. Save the date for next year's cleanup, Saturday April 26, 2008!



### Upcoming Events

**THIS Saturday-May 5, 7am-7pm,**  
**Park User Counting Day**

**Wednesday-May 9, 7am-7pm,**  
**Park User Counting Day**

**Wednesday-May 9 & May 23,**  
**6pm-8pm, Boston Model Sailing**

**Saturday-May 12, DCR's Park**  
**Serve Day**, for more info visit:  
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>

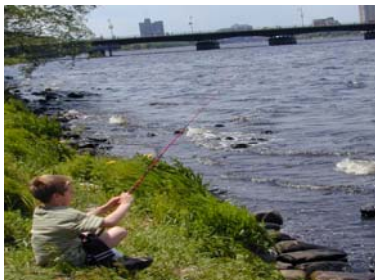
**Sunday-May 13 & May 20,**  
**3pm-5pm, Boston Model Sailing**

### Ongoing Opportunities

[Group Volunteering](#)  
[Administrative Help](#)



### Spotlight: *The Charles River Gets a "B+" Rating From The EPA*



For the third consecutive year, the lower Charles River has attained its highest-ever grade from EPA, a B+, reflecting that efforts by government and local groups to restore the river to ecological health by reducing bacteria in the river are on track. The grade is based on the number of days the river meets boating and swimming standards during the previous calendar year, and is based on measurements of bacteria levels. For 2006, the Charles met boating standards 90 percent of the time, and swimming standards 62 percent of the time according to data collected by the **Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA)** between Watertown Dam and Boston Harbor. "The hard work that has gone into cleaning the Charles River is no magic trick," said Robert W. Varney, regional administrator for EPA's New England office. "The improved water quality is the direct result of work and investment by State, federal and municipal governments, as well as environmental groups and a host of individuals committed to providing new life to this urban river."

*(information provided by the Charles River Watershed Association)*

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