

## Point Allerton US Lifesaving Station Interactive Tours

Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station, constructed in 1889, was home to Captain Joshua James and his crew, America's greatest lifesavers, renowned for saving hundreds of shipwrecked mariners from peril in Boston Harbor.



The tour begins with a brief history of organized lifesaving, emphasizing the contributions of volunteer lifesavers, continues on to the Galley where children learn about daily life at the station, then, on to the Boat Room to see the treasure of the museum collection – the storied surfboat *Nantasket*. Children will have the chance to view first-hand the lifesavers' surfboat and rescue equipment, while hearing true tales of amazing courage and heroic rescues. The fun culminates in the museum's loft where children of all ages enjoy "setting sail" on the climb-on boat, dressing up in period clothes, learning to tie a new knot, and standing watch in the museum cupola, with stunning views of Boston Light, Boston Harbor, and Fort Revere Park.

### CHILDREN'S GUIDED TOUR FEE

Tour: \$5/child. Teachers and 1 chaperone per 8 children are admitted free.

Tour with Breeches Buoy drill: \$6/child

Please contact [Mike McGurl](#) to inquire about additional hands-on activities for children's tours, including:

**Simple Machines at Sea:** Learn about simple machines (levers, wheels, pulleys) used in lifesaving, and experiment with our Lego Education Simple Machine Kits.

**Why Do Boats Float?:** Learn about concepts such as buoyancy, displacement and boat design through fun water activities.