

Thank you for your interest in joining us for Pitch a Blanket Day, our effort to reclaim the Boston Harbor for the people, and defend public access policies that have been in place for centuries. Your help is incredibly appreciated, and below we have some necessary information on what we're doing, and how best to participate.

**So what are we doing exactly?**

Pitch a Blanket Day is our way of reminding people that they are entitled to public space along Boston Harbor, and remind developers that they are violating regulations when they restrict access to that space. The Harbor has shaped the City of Boston since our founding, and for the first time in our history it faces a serious threat of being walled off by developers that seek to market it as an amenity. The truth is: the Harbor *is* an amenity – one that belongs to every citizen of Boston. We should not let rope lines and private parties dominate the Harbor while there are residents of Boston's outer neighborhoods who have never been there before. There are centuries of precedent as well as a set of regulations called Chapter 91, so on Pitch a Blanket Day, we're going to reclaim our space in the best way possible: by using it.

**Sounds great, where will we be?**

We have three locations:

1. The Intercontinental Hotel
2. Public Green – see location below



3. Fan Pier Park – see location below



Each location will have one Location Captain who is in charge of overseeing the day's activities. Look for the person wearing a CLF cap if you have any questions or concerns.

**Here are some do's and don'ts for the event:**

- **DO have fun.** This event is an effort to remind people that Boston Harbor is theirs. They don't need a reason to hang out with their families, soak up some sun, or enjoy the water. It's your space!
- **DO invite your friends and family.** We want to show people utilizing the space as it was intended, so if you have someone looking for a nice day by the harbor, bring them!
- **DON'T hesitate to contact your location captain if you feel uncomfortable.** Do you feel like you are being intimidated by the presence of staff or security at your location? Let us know. We have trained staff at every location specifically for this stuff.
- **DON'T escalate a situation.** Again, we have people who will know what to do in the event that someone tries to intimidate us or shut things down. They are violating policies that stretch back centuries, so we've got you covered.
- **DO take a selfie.** This is as much fun as it is advocacy, so share what you're doing and why you're doing it to your friends. More Bostonians need to know that this is their space as much as the Common or Public Garden are their space, so help us spread the word by tagging us or using the hashtag #PeoplesHarbor.

If you are interested in participating, have any additional questions, or would like more information, please contact Amanda Yanchury at 617-850-1762 or email her at [ayanchury@clf.org](mailto:ayanchury@clf.org).