

Star Island Open House - Important Info

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2025 Open House Details



STAR ISLAND OPEN HOUSE – FINAL DETAILS

17 Sunday, September 14, 2025

We're so excited to welcome you for a beautiful day on Star Island! Here's everything you need to know to make the most of your visit.



Arrival & Boarding



Isles of Shoals Steamship Company

315 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

- Please arrive by 11:45 a.m.

- Boarding begins at 12:15 p.m.

 Parking is limited. Carpooling is encouraged! If the Steamship lot is full, use the Foundry Parking Garage, just a short walk away.

New This Year: A Bar on the Island!

We're thrilled to announce that for the first time ever, there will be a full bar on Star Island during the Open House!

 Enjoy drinks with a view: beer, wine, and cocktails.

 Drink tickets available for purchase at check-in

 Cash and credit cards accepted

 Bring your ID if you plan to purchase drink tickets

This is a fun new way to relax and celebrate with friends on the island!

Raffle & Drink Tickets

Raffle and drink tickets will be available on the island.

 Cash and credit cards accepted

 Bring your ID if purchasing drink tickets

 Raffle prizes include:

- A 2-night stay for two on Star Island
- A day trip with lobster rolls
- A Portsmouth night out with a sailing experience

Watercolor Workshops

Led by artists-in-residence Cheryl Sager and Sandy Hazelton

 Session 1: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

 Session 2: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

 Space is limited. Reserve your spot here!

Island Tours (2:30 & 4:00 p.m.)

Choose from three tour options:

-  Introductory Tour – What it's like to be a guest on Star Island
-  Sustainability Tour – Explore power, water, gardens, and more
-  History Tour – Learn the story of the Isles of Shoals

No advance signup needed, meet your tour guide at the designated time from the map you will receive at registration check-in.

Ongoing Activities

Enjoy all-afternoon fun for all ages:

-  Face painting
-  Tie-dye station (bring something white!)
-  Lawn games
-  Sustainability Scavenger Hunt with the Environmental Services Team
-  Live music by The Back Porch Development on the Oceanic Hotel porch

What to Bring

- ✓ Light layers (warm days, cool evenings)
- ✓ Picnic blanket (optional; tables are available)

- ✓ Something white for tie-dye
- ✓ Valid ID (for drink ticket purchases)
- ✓ Cash or credit card (raffles, drink tickets, gift shop)

Food & Dining

Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

 Featuring Fink's BBQ, served out of the dining room

 Includes non-alcoholic beverages

Relax & Enjoy

Do everything, or do nothing at all.

Grab a drink, pull up a chair on the porch, and soak in the ocean breeze with great music and company.

Questions?

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Schedule

Sunday September 15th



12:50 PM - Thomas Loughton leaves Portsmouth

2:05 PM - Arrive on Star Island to enjoy live music and lawn games on the lawn

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Session 1 Tours & Workshops:

- Tour of Star Island **meet on front porch**
- Sustainability tour **meet at well house on the front lawn**
- History tour with **meet at flag pole**
- Environmental services scavenger hunt **meet by the playground**
- Acrylic painting workshop **meet in Elliott Hall**

4 PM - 5 PM Session 1 Tours & Workshops:

- Tour of Star Island **meet on front porch**
- Sustainability tour **meet at well house on the front lawn**
- History tour **meet at flag pole**
- Environmental services scavenger hunt **meet by the playground**
- Watercolor painting workshop **meet in Elliott Hall**

5:30 PM - Raffle Drawing

6 PM - Thomas Loughton boarding on the pier

6:15 PM - Thomas Loughton departs back to Portsmouth

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