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Charlestown Marina

A slip of your own in Boston Harbor

marina
of the
month

► **WHY GO** If you are a history buff and like cityscapes, this is the place for you. Very close to Boston's North End, the marina is in a section of what was the Charlestown Navy Yard from 1800 to 1974. When the Navy closed the shipyard in 1974, Boston carved out 30 acres to create a historical park, which is home to the USS *Constitution* (Old Ironsides) and museum. The marina, at Pier 8, is nearby and is easily accessible from Logan International Airport (a 15-minute water shuttle ride away).

► **NEW ON THE MARINA SCENE** Vast sections of Boston's harborfront were long-neglected but the city is putting a lot of effort into redesigning the public waterfront, which is superb for walking and bicycling. An expanded water-taxi system is helping the rebirth of once-forgotten areas. Charlestown Marina's owners, Chuck and Ann Lagasse, rebuilt dilapidated piers and inaugurated the

first section of their full-service marina, a short water-taxi ride from Bunker Hill and the Freedom Trail, in May 2015.

► **BIG-BOAT FRIENDLY AND GROWING** A 900-foot steel and concrete breakwater shelters yachts from the outer harbor traffic and 10-foot tides. New floating docks are divided into single- or double-occupancy slips up to 70 feet long, and for bigger vessels, there are side-tie options plus a face dock that welcomes boats up to 400 feet with a 35-foot maximum draft. The 350-slip marina has parking, shower and laundry facilities, plus stores and restaurants nearby. It offers free pump-out service and WiFi, plus metered electrical service. A fuel delivery service is available at the slip, in addition to a fuel dock located right across the Charles River.

By 2017, the marina will have 110 additional slips and 900 linear feet of new docks dedicated to megayachts.

Daily rates are \$5 per foot for yachts 50 feet and longer. Seasonal dockage is also available.

► **SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS** Summer and fall are great times to visit Boston. With its views of the skyline, this marina is a prime location to enjoy the fireworks on July 4th and Labor Day, or the many summer street festivals and great Italian food in the vibrant "North End." Red Sox baseball games at Fenway Park are also a big draw.

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WHEN TO GO:

Now! Charlestown Marina is a great spot to enjoy the fireworks on the Fourth of July.

AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE...

GET SOME IRON

► Pay your respects to the USS *Constitution* while she is in drydock. When she is relaunched next year after her restoration, the three-masted frigate that defended the young United States from her enemies and earned the nickname Old Ironsides will be 220 years old and...new.



MANGIA, MANGIA!

► The North End is Boston's oldest neighborhood. The English Puritans settled here in the 1600s. Irish and Jewish immigrants shaped the old district, but it's the Italians who left the largest footprint starting in 1860. Known as Little Italy, the area has authentic trattoria and summer street festivals.



MONKEY SEE

► The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston is incredibly diverse but is especially known for its rich collection of Japanese art. To mark the Year of the Monkey, a special exhibit that runs through October 10 showcases the importance of the animal in Japanese culture through prints and postcards.

