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# 2005 Summer FRED Event

## FRED's Lobsterbake Cruise on Boston Harbor

Boston, Massachusetts

Tuesday, July 26 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Hosted By:



On Tuesday, anticipation surrounded the evening as the sold out crowd of more than 470 OPASTCO convention attendees prepared to depart for FRED's Lobsterbake Cruise on Boston Harbor. Guests arrived at Rows Wharf and boarded the Odyssey cruise ship, one of the largest, fine dining cruise ships on Boston Harbor. The climate-controlled ship was newly renovated and provided a singularly-unique and elegant atmosphere reminiscent of the classic ocean liners.

Just for the kids, there were chicken tenders, fries, macaroni and cheese, and mini-pizzas-along with their own personal lobster! During dinner, they enjoyed playing twister, putting puzzles together and creating craft projects. They also had the opportunity to take an official tour the ship and met the captain.

Following dinner attendees mixed and mingled inside while listening to either the jazz trio or the DJ. Those who ventured up to the sky deck took in magnificent 360-degree views of Boston and the Harbor just as the sun was setting. The weather was beautiful with a calm breeze on the water and no threat of rain. After 2 full hours of cruising, the ship pulled back into the dock and the guests disembarked for the return trip to the hotel.

A special thanks goes out to all of the individuals who attended, to the sponsors that provided financial support and to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly before and during the event. OPASTCO members will benefit from all of their participation as more than \$40,000 was raised for programs in rural areas.

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