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## City Splash 2015: Swim the Charles this Tuesday afternoon!

**WHAT:** [The Charles River Conservancy \(CRC\)](#), in partnership with the [Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation \(DCR\)](#), invites you to [City Splash 2015](#), a community swim in the Charles River on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs [Matthew Beaton](#) will join swimmers at 4 p.m. to take his own jump into the Charles River. Beaton will be the first Cabinet-level member of any administration since then-[Governor William Weld took an unannounced running leap into the River](#) in August of 1996, just moments after he signed the [Rivers Protection Act](#), to swim in the Charles River.

The Charles River Conservancy's first Community Swim on July 13, 2013 marked the first public swim in the Charles River in more than fifty years. Recreational swimming has been prohibited in the Charles since the 1950's, when a growing awareness of the health risks posed by pollution in the Charles caused the beaches and bathhouses lining the river to close. After years of environmental health initiatives, most notably the [Clean Charles Initiative](#), swimming is now allowed through permitted events such as the Charles River Conservancy's Community Swims and the annual Charles River Swimming Club's One-Mile Swim Race, which began in 2007.

[Sign-up](#) to ensure you get your chance to swim the Charles.

Event partners include: the Charles River Watershed Assoc. (CRWA), the Charles River Swimming Club, Community Boating, Mass. Water Resource Authority (MWRA), and the Mass. Department of Public Health (DPH).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
(Back-up Date is Tuesday, August 4, same time, same location.)

**WHERE:** [Esplanade's Fiedler Dock in Boston.](#)

**IMPORTANT:** Swimmers must be 10 years or older, and youth swimmers under the age of 18 must provide documented proof of their ability to swim.

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**About the Charles River Conservancy:** The Charles River Conservancy is dedicated to the stewardship, renewal, and enhancement of the urban parklands along the Charles River, for the enjoyment of all. The Conservancy promotes the active use and vitality of the parklands, increases recreational and cultural opportunities, and works to ensure the beauty and integrity of this extraordinary public resource.

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