



# Pilot for the historic Boston Light Swim in 2023!

Since 1907, intrepid swimmers have relied on knowledgeable boaters to help them complete the 8-mile Boston Light Swim, one of the premier marathon swim events in the world. We are asking for your support with this year's event to be held on **Saturday, August 19, 2023.**

The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Little Brewster Island, and pilots will meet escort boats at **6:30 a.m.** at the Boston Harbor Yacht Club docks to motor out to the starting line.

**We need a total of 32 escort boats for solo swimmers and relay teams, as well as 6 course safety boats.**

While it's ultimately the swimmers' responsibility to arrange support, we are reaching out to area yacht clubs and boaters to build a pool of potential pilots that we can match with swimmers seeking support.

Boat piloting for the BLS is a volunteer position, but we ask swimmers to provide their boat pilots with a **\$550 or more "donation"** for their time and effort. Swimmers have been advised of this intention, but please communicate with your swimmer in advance of the event regarding your expectations. (BLS staff cannot be directly involved with any arrangements made between the swimmer and the boater per our agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard.)

We attempt to increase the safety of the swimmers and boaters every year. Therefore, we'll be contacting all of the yacht clubs in the Boston Harbor area to inform them of the

**The Boston Light Swim is the flagship event of the Massachusetts Open Water Swimming Association, a mission-driven non-profit organization seeking to make a meaningful difference in the community through swimming-related endeavors.**

event and the schedule of where and when swimmers will be in the water. This event is sanctioned and insured by the Massachusetts Open Water Swimming Association (MOWSA) and is permitted by the United States Coast Guard. All swimmers must sign a liability waiver that protects all organizers, participants, and volunteers (including escort pilots).

**If you're interested and available to pilot on Saturday, August 19, please send a message to [boats@massowsa.org](mailto:boats@massowsa.org)** and we'll match you with a swimmer in need of an escort. Please feel free to pass this message on to anyone else who might be interested in escorting a swimmer.

**For more information visit: [massowsa.org/event-info-boaters](https://massowsa.org/event-info-boaters)**

